

TMC Makes MLA Attendance Mandatory Ahead of Mar 16 RS Polls

With the Rajya Sabha elections scheduled for March 16, the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) has begun tightening its organisational strategy to ensure a smooth and coordinated nomination process. The ruling party in West Bengal has issued strict instructions making the presence of all its MLAs in the Assembly mandatory on key dates ahead of the polls. According to party sources, MLAs have been directed to remain present in the West Bengal Legislative Assembly on February 26, February 27 and March 2 to sign as proposers for the party's Rajya Sabha candidates. The move is being seen as a calculated effort to avoid any last-minute complications and to demonstrate numerical strength in a disciplined manner. As per election rules, each Rajya Sabha candidate requires the signatures of at least 10 proposers.



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Mamata questions centre over 'Bangla' proposal after Kerala renamed 'Keralam'



MI News Service, Kolkata. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Tuesday welcomed the centre's decision to rename Kerala as 'Keralam' but sharply criticised the Union government for not approving West Bengal's long-pending proposal to change its name to 'Bangla'. She alleged discrimination against Bengal and claimed that the entire cleared Kerala's proposal due to an understanding between the BJP and the CPM. The Union cabinet approved the proposal to rename Kerala as Keralam at its meeting on Tuesday. Political observers expect the move to be implemented ahead of the coming Kerala Assembly elections. The proposal had been sent to the state by the Kerala Assembly in 2024. In contrast, the West Bengal assembly had passed a resolution in 2018 seeking to rename the state as 'angla'. The state government later accepted 'Union Home Ministry's suggestion to adopt a single name — 'Bangla' in all languages instead of keeping three different names. Despite compliance with all clarifications sought by the Centre, the proposal has remained pending for five years, said the issue, Banerjee said. "We are happy at Kerala has been renamed Keralam. My feelings to the people of Kerala. But why has Bengal's proposal not been cleared?" The Centre had proposed corrections two and three times, and we did everything they said for five years, they haven't approved Bengal's name. She argued that the name 'Bangla' reflects the state's cultural and educational heritage and also pointed out that it is alphabetical order, representatives from West Bengal are often listed at national events, adding that a

Air ambulance crashed in J'khand all 7 passengers killed



Security officials and locals gather near the wreckage of a Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd Beechcraft C90 air ambulance that crashed near Simaria, in Chhattrapada district, Jharkhand. All seven people on board were killed after the aircraft went down shortly after taking off from Ranchi for Delhi, according to officials.

MI News Service, Ranchi. All seven persons on board an air ambulance were killed after the aircraft crashed near Simaria in Jharkhand's Chhattrapada district on Monday night. Informing this official sources today said the Beechcraft C90 air ambulance, operated by Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd, was en route to Delhi from Ranchi when it crashed last night in the Bariatu Panchayat area of Simaria, located deep inside a forest, killing all seven onboard, including two pilots. "We have brought all the seven bodies for post-mortem at Sadar Hospital, Chhattrapada. The crash is being investigated," a government official said adding that the crash took place shortly after the aircraft took off from Ranchi airport.

On 23 February, Redbird Airways Pvt Ltd Beechcraft C90 operating medical evacuation (Air Ambulance) flight on sector Ranchi-Delhi crashed in Kasaria Panchayat of Chhattrapada district, in Jharkhand. There were seven people on board, including two crew members.

In a statement, the DGCA said the craft went missing around 7:30 pm. It crashed at Bariatu Panchayat area in Simaria and the site of the crash is located deep inside a forest. SDFO Subham Khajuria also said the bodies of all the seven persons on board have been retrieved. They have been identified as Captain Vivek Vikas Bhatnagar, Captain Saurabh Singh, Sanjay Kumar, Dr Vikas Kumar Gupta, Sachin Kumar Mishra, Archana Devi, and Dhuru Kumar.

According to the DGCA website, Delhi-based non-scheduled operator Redbird has six aircraft in its fleet, including the one that crashed. Anand Sinha, CEO of Devkaman Hospital in Ranchi, informed that the air ambulance was arranged by one of

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SC asks Calcutta HC to deploy more judicial officers for SIR hearing

MI News Service, New Delhi/Kolkata. In yet another unprecedented direction, the Supreme Court on Tuesday moved to quickly to swell the ranks of judicial officers deployed to staff the Election Commission of India (EC) in the West Bengal Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process, even alerting neighbouring Odisha and Jharkhand to spare their judges. A Special Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant convened urgently after receiving a letter from the Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court detailing the perils of the "enormous exercise".

The Supreme Court on Tuesday allowed the Election Commission to publish West Bengal's final electoral roll on February 28 despite the large-scale voter verification process remaining incomplete. It also permitted the deployment of additional judicial officers, including from Jharkhand and Odisha, to fast-track the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise. Taking note of the "enormity" of the revision process involving nearly 80 lakh names and objections related to "logical discrepancies" and unmarked votes, the bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Jaymyala Bagchi and Vikram Patil said the statutory deadline for



Calcutta High Court building

level judicial officers engaged, disposal of the caseload could take over 80 days if each officer handled 200-250 cases daily. To accelerate the process, the bench permitted the High Court to deploy civil judges with more than three years' experience and, if required, requisition serving or retired judicial officers of smaller rank from neighbouring Jharkhand and Odisha. The Election Commission will bear travel, accommodation and related expenses for any

officers brought in from other states. Accepting the poll body's submission that the SIR could continue until the last date of elections, the court directed that supplementary electoral rolls be issued on a continuous basis as soon as pending verification is completed. It clarified that names included in such lists after February 28 would legally be treated as part of the final roll published on that date.

The court also addressed concerns expressed by the ruling Trinamool Congress in West Bengal that document retention in the massive exercise. Aadhaar cards, Madhyamik (Class 10) admit cards and passing certificates would be accepted as valid proof if submitted physically or uploaded within the notified window. It placed the onus on Electoral Registration Officers and District Election Officers to demonstrate that documents were reviewed, even if not digitised due to portal crashes or heavy volume. The order aims to ensure that the voter roll revision proceeds "on a war footing" without disrupting the electoral calendar while expanding judicial capacity to clear the unprecedented backlog of claims and objections in West Bengal's SIR process.

Youth Congress chief held for shirtless protest at AI-Summit

MI News Service, New Delhi. Delhi Police on Tuesday arrested Indian Youth Congress president Uday Bhanu Chib in connection with the shirtless protest by a group of youth wing members at the recently concluded AI Impact Summit here, official sources said. Police have also stepped up security across key locations in the capital in anticipation of possible protests following Chib's arrest, which took the total number of people held in the case to eight.



Indian Youth Congress (IYC) national president Uday Bhanu Chib is taken into police custody after a hearing at Patiala House Court in connection with the AI Impact Summit protest case, in New Delhi.

Police had earlier arrested seven Indian Youth Congress (IYC) workers, including three from Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, for the protest at the Bharat Mandapam last Friday. They have been identified as Jitendra Yadav, Raj Gujjar and Ajay Kumar. In addition, IYC's Uttar Pradesh general secretary Rukh alias Monty Shukla has been detained from Lalitpur in the state.

Senior officers said additional force has been deployed at the sensitive points, particularly in New Delhi, a hotspot for political demonstrations. "Security has been tightened around the Tilak Marg police station, where Chib is presently held, while barricades have been put up at the strategic points, with anti-riot teams on standby. Quick Reaction

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Man held with Rs 20 crore worth charas in UP

MI News Service, Lucknow. In a record seizure of contraband, the Uttar Pradesh police arrested a man at Maharajganj area on Sunday with 48 kilograms of charas, worth over Rs 20 crore in the international market.

Describing this as perhaps one of the highest recorded seizures of contraband from a single location in the world, a senior police officer said this afternoon that the accused, identified as Rakesh Yadav (35), also a resident of Maharajganj, was arrested by a special team of state police from Parsa Malk station during a routine name-checking of vehicles. Giving further details, Additional Superintendent of Police Siddharth said, Yadav was travelling in a private car from Thudharia to Nautanwa on Saturday night when police, purely on the basis of suspicion, stopped his vehicle for checking and recovered 48.686 kilograms of charas, concealed in 59 packets from near the India-Nepal border in the district. Yadav was immediately taken into custody for further interrogation and was later arrested. During the search, police recovered the huge consignment of charas, concealed in 59 neatly

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Abhishek to Play Key Role in India's New Parliamentary Friendship Groups

MI News Service, Kolkata. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has constituted Parliamentary Friendship Groups with over 60 countries, marking a significant step in expanding India's legislative diplomacy. Among the prominent names included in this initiative is Abhishek Banerjee, national general secretary of the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC), giving the development a strong political dimension in West Bengal. In a post on X, Birla said the move follows the success of "Operation Sindoore" and a proposal by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to strengthen parliamentary diplomacy. He added that the groups have now been formally constituted by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.



Abhishek Banerjee

Following the success of #OperationSindoore, Honble PM Shri @narendramodiji had proposed the formation of Parliamentary Friendship Groups to enhance engagement between India & other nations. Honble Speaker Shri @ombirlakotaji has now constituted those groups with more than 60 countries, strengthening global democratic ties. Birla wrote. According to parliamentary sources, these friendship groups aim to strengthen India's engagement with countries across Asia, Europe, Africa and the Americas through structured dialogues between lawmakers. By facilitating direct interaction between Members of Parliament and their foreign counterparts, the initiative seeks to deepen cooperation beyond conventional diplomatic channels. TMC sources confirmed that the Parliament Secretariat has already informed members about the formation of the

Nepal poll results to be out within 24 hours of March 5 poll

MI News Service, Kathmandu. Nepal's Acting Chief Election Commissioner Ram Prasad Bhandari said on Tuesday that the results of March 5 general elections will be announced within 24 hours of collecting the ballot boxes. A total of 19 million eligible voters will exercise their franchise to elect 275 members of the House of Representatives (HoR).

While 165 lawmakers will be elected through direct voting, 110 will be elected under the proportional voting system that allows for the representation of minorities and smaller parties in the parliament. Bhandari said the printing of all necessary ballots for the House of Representatives' elections has been completed. The ballot printing task assigned by the Election Commission was finished on Monday evening. Packaging has begun, and the ballots will be dispatched to the respective provinces starting today. A total of 20,300,000 first-past-the-post ballots were printed in 40 days, two days ahead of the 42-day schedule. The Centre printed between 1,300,000 and 1,500,000 ballots daily and aims to deliver them to all districts within 10 days. The Commission has already distributed 1 million specimen ballots, while the dispatch of 20,830,000 proportional representation ballots is ongoing. Ballots have reached Kathmandu and Sudurpashchim, with distribution to other regions underway. The race is still nearly half of the candidates contesting the poll in Kathmandu are yet to open mandatory and bank accounts. Out of 250 candidates who filed nominations across the capital's 10 constituencies, only 120 have

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Vance or Rubio? Trump tests 2028 waters before midterms



MI News Service, Washington (DC). 79-year-old US President Donald Trump is privately asking his advisers whether JD Vance or Marco Rubio should inherit the MAGA mantle and run for the President in 2028. Trump poses the question calmly but increasingly frequently, the Vice President Vance (41), the Secretary of State Marco Rubio (54), against each other. President Trump currently favours Vance, but he is yet to cup his mind and seems content to keep both men guessing, Washington insiders report said. Vance-Rubio is the President's "hot bet"—and to be clear, that's not top," said a Trump adviser. The President recently polled succession scenarios. The ad-

I've got three years to go, so it's something I don't have to worry about. JD is fantastic, and Marco is, I think, really both fantastic. I think, really. He's got a lot of hoop praise on Rubio for his address at the last week's Munich Security Council. And I think Marco did a great job in Munich. Trump doubled down at the inaugural meeting of his "Board of Peace" on Thursday.

"Marco, you're really did yourself proud two days ago in Munich," he said, adding, "Don't do any better than you did, please. Because if you do, you're outta here." As for Vance,

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Ray of Hope for End-Stage Liver Patients: Manipal Hospital Bhubaneswar Sets New Benchmarks in Liver Transplant

MI News Service, Bhubaneswar: Manipal Hospital Bhubaneswar has set a new benchmark in liver transplantation for end-stage liver disease patients. The hospital, known for its advanced medical services, has successfully performed several liver transplants, marking a significant milestone in its medical history.

Dr. Raj Shekhar K. said, "Liver transplantation is the best treatment for patients with end-stage liver disease when medications are no longer enough. Today it is a very successful surgery with more than 95 percent survival rate. Today it is a very successful surgery with more than 95 percent survival rate. Today it is a very successful surgery with more than 95 percent survival rate."

Police find new motive in Lucknow murder case Accused drives 21 km with father's severed head

MI News Service, Lucknow: A 21-year-old of murder during his father in a train Pradip Singh. Police claim that it is believed that the accused had planned to shoot his father to death and hide the body to destroy evidence. He drove his father's head for 21 kilometers in his car. Such are the various claims made by investigators in the Lucknow murder case.



The accused Pradip Singh

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MI News Service, Haranya: Allegations of a major bank fraud in the country worth 590 crore missing from Haranya government's account (IDFC Bank Fraud). There was a huge uproar after the news came out on Tuesday.

Kerala got clearance to change name due to Modi-Vijayan's 'friendship'! Mamata alleges Ram-Left collusion

MI News Service, Thiruvananthapuram: The proposal to change the name of Kerala was passed in the state assembly in 2024. By suddenly giving a government proposal in the face of the vote, the Narendra Modi government at the center gave a kind of masterstroke.



Staff: Although there is no open alliance, allegations of undeclared understanding or strategic understanding have been flying for quite some time.

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