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Annamalai in Delhi to meet BJP top brass

By The BoldLens AI

When asked about the various rumours circulating on social media claiming that he is planning to leave the party and start a new political party, he said, "Please wait. We will sit down and talk in two days." His remarks come amid intense discussion on social media over his next political move. Posters featuring slogans like "Our Leader, Come and Lead Us" have been put up along key roads and streets in the city ahead of Annamalai's birthday on June 4. This comes just after the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, which marked a historic shift in state politics as TVK won 108 seats in its debut election, ending

Shivakumar sworn in as new Karnataka CM.

By The BoldLens AI

Taking a leaf from Rahul, Shivakumar held the Constitution on one hand and took his oath in the name of his spiritual guru, Veera Gangadhara Ajjaya. ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ಮೊದಲ ಬಾರಿಗೆ ಇಂತಹ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮ ನಡೆಯಿತು. ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್ ಅವರು ತಮ್ಮ ಸಂಗೀತ ಕರ್ಮಣಿ || pic.twitter.com/VEIVFR1U3M — DK Shivakumar (DKShivakumar) June 3, 2026 Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra took oath as a minister in the Shivakumar-led government. The composition of the Cabinet so far shows a Siddaramaiah imprint with many of his loyalists retaining and finding

Can Speaker accept TMC rebel faction's LoP? Sena split aftermath suggests Mamata may win battle, lose war

By The BoldLens AI

While there is no official confirmation from the office of the West Bengal Assembly Speaker, in a press conference held after the meeting with the Speaker, Ritabrata said that more than two-thirds of the MLAs elected on the Trinamool Congress symbol had submitted their claim to the Speaker, "and the claim has been accepted". "This two-thirds strong legislative team of the Trinamool Congress inside the 18th West Bengal Legislative Assembly does not believe in 'I', it believes in 'we'. Whatever norms are framed out, we have followed every norm, and that's why we have been accepted as the principal opposition in the 18th West Bengal Legislative Assembly," Ritabrata told reporters. Without claiming to be the real TMC, he urged Mamata Banerjee to be their "chief adviser" and give them "advice that will help us in strengthening our position as the opposition". Also Read: Bengali film industry is switching sides after BJP's win. New scripts on Hindu causes However, experts assert that the Speaker is only supposed to 'recognise' the LoP suggested by the political party, not the legislative party—which comprises a party's elected representatives in the House. "In the Indian context, the Speaker has to merely recognise names suggested by the party. He has no other thing to do," says con-

to Achary, the political party will suggest the name of the leader of the legislature party and the Speaker only has to recognise it. "That is the process, but here if there is a split in the party, they should go to the Election Commission and decide which faction is the real party," he tells ThePrint, adding, "It is not for the Speaker to decide that." "How can the Speaker recognise the person who has not been suggested by the party?" he asks. Constitutional expert Prof. Faizan Mustafa says that if the Speaker accepts the nominee of the dissident faction, he would basically be recognising the split in a way, by accepting the nominee of the faction with two-thirds of the members of the legislative party. However, he also points out that under the anti-defection law, the provision relating to a split talks about such a split in a political party, not the legislative party, as is the case in West Bengal or in Raghav Chadha's case. Last month, TMC general secretary Abhishek Banerjee had submitted a letter to the Speaker, announcing the party's decision to appoint Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay as the LoP. However, two TMC MLAs, Ritabrata Banerjee and Sandipan Saha, filed a complaint with the Speaker, alleging that the TMC general secretary had forged multiple signatures in the letter. An FIR was then registered



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party for anti-party activities. In a matter of a couple of days, at least 58 TMC MLAs declared themselves the principal Opposition, while other party members have been resorting to social media and sharing the letters sent to the Speaker to recognise Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay as the LoP. "After the elections, the first thing that the party does is to select the leader of the legislative party. Every party does that. And then the legislative party, which is a wing of the political party, functions under the leadership of that person. The party decides it on the basis of their own constitution," Achary explains. He asserts that the Speaker does not have to look into which faction has a two-third majority within the legislative party. If he does think that there is a dispute going on in the party, the Speaker "should

things become clear". "He (the Speaker) does not have to make a decision immediately. Until the matter is settled, the Speaker does not have to immediately rush in and recognise the person suggested by the faction with a two-thirds majority. Two-thirds majority of a party is not a legal requirement for recognising the Leader of Opposition," Achary asserts. He says that if a Speaker receives a petition to disqualify someone from the political party, then he gets the jurisdiction to decide that issue. "Otherwise, the Speaker does not interfere in any political party's internal affairs," Achary says. Also Read: Did SIR help BJP? What data reveals about fiercely-contested West Bengal election The Supreme Court had, in May 2023, clarified pertinent legal questions in context of the political imbroglio that

Hooda leads pushback as Haryana Congress MLAs fume at 'permission' diktat for protests, press meets

By The BoldLens AI

Speaking to the media in Chandigarh on Wednesday, Hooda said that the order does not apply to MLAs holding protests in their constituencies on local issues, but only for state-level protests, dharnas and press conferences. "Party discipline is important," Hooda told The Print on Thursday. "And whenever there is a state-level demonstration, protest or press conference, it should be coordinated. But it should not apply for such events at the district or the constituency level." "The MLAs and MPs have to raise issues of their constituents. They can't be stopped from raising the issues of their constituents," he added. The directive listed three specific compliance requirements: complete details of any proposed programme must be submitted in advance to the HPCC office; prior approval from the HPCC must be obtained before any public announcement or execution of an event; and coordination with district and state leadership must be ensured at all levels. Hariprasad cited the need for "proper coordination, organisational discipline, message uniformity, media management and effective political strategy" as the rationale. The copy was marked to the PCC President, the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) leader and the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee, Haryana. Ashok Arora, Con-



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expressed in the media. "I spoke about my reservations and Roshak MLA Bharat Bhushan Batra also spoke about it," Arora said. "The letter said that the MLAs could not hold a press conference or a protest without permission. However, the Congress Legislature Party leader Bhupinder Singh Hooda made it clear that MLAs and MPs could hold such events to raise the issues of their constituents." Batra echoed Arora's sentiments. Speaking to ThePrint on Thursday, Batra said while party discipline was sacrosanct, MLAs can't be stopped from raising concerns of their constituents. Hariprasad, who has since transitioned to take charge as Karnataka Congress president, did not respond to ThePrint's calls or messages. State leaders defend order State Congress chief Rao Narendra Singh, however, was categorical in his

discipline in the party, and no one has opposed the directions issued in it," he told ThePrint. He framed the directives as continuation of an earlier exercise, the training session for AICC-appointed DCC presidents at Kurukshetra in March, where Rahul Gandhi had addressed them. "The DCC presidents were told that all events of the party in the district would be held under their banner alone in future," he said. Rao said the intent was to prevent the return of a pattern where different factions ran their own parallel programmes, at both the district and state levels, presenting a fractured face of the party in public. "The only aim of the letter was to ensure that the old system where different factions held their own party programmes didn't return and the party presented a united face during protests and other events," he

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Following the FIR against the alleged rapist, he was granted bail by a Dwarka court. Bharadwaj had criticised the bail to the accused and alleged that there was no strict police action being taken in the case. According to the FIR against Bharadwaj accessed by ThePrint, he had allegedly disclosed de

Rijju says minority affairs budget 'doubled' under PM Modi, hits out at Oppn's persecution claim

By The BoldLens AI

The remarks come against the backdrop of persistent criticism, domestically and internationally. For instance, Human Rights Watch, in its World Report 2024, had said that the BJP-led government's policies had "led to increased violence against minorities, creating a pervasive environment of fear". Similarly, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom had said that year that religious freedom conditions in India had "continued to deteriorate", citing the government's failure to address communal violence affecting Muslims, Christians, Sikhs and Dalits. For the Opposition within the country, minority rights have been a central line of attack. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has repeatedly alleged the BJP is against Dalits, minorities and the poor. The INDIA bloc, formed ahead of 2024 general elections, had vowed to defeat what it called "hatred and violence being manufactured against minorities". The BJP, in turn, has accused the Congress of minority appeasement and communal politics. Also Read: Govt to notify

intact Rijju attributed the gap between the government's record and public perception to a one-sided media environment and a political campaign aimed at damaging the country's image abroad. "Don't lie, don't spread misinformation," he said Thursday, directly addressing the Opposition. "Criticism of the government, be critical of government policies—no problem. But don't lie." He said some political leaders were trying to weaken Prime Minister Narendra Modi's position by tarnishing the country's image abroad. "Some political leaders in India are supporting that campaign." On why the ministry has not done more to counter the sense of persecution felt within minority communities, Rijju said, "Every day thousands and thousands of outreach programmes are being arranged by the government. But good news does not become news, and bad news becomes the big news." Ministry Secretary Srivatsa Krishna framed the problem as one of data versus perception. "Look at data. Is this government against minorities? When a road gets built, when training happens, is that being targeted at a majority

inform"—and that the last part remained the hardest. One of the ministry's flagship programmes is PM Vikas, or Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan—a skilling initiative targeted at minority youth for vocational training in trades ranging from tailoring to electronics repair. Thursday's event saw the ministry sign an agreement with EkStep Foundation, co-founded by Infosys co-founder and Aadhaar architect Nandan Nilekani, to use artificial intelligence to match PM Vikas graduates with jobs close to their homes, so that trainees do not have to migrate to distant cities for work. The ministry also demonstrated AI chatbots, built with Gnan and Sarvam—two sovereign AI companies empannelled by the government—that can answer queries about ministry schemes in multiple languages. A full roll-out is expected within six months. On the Waqf portal—a centralised digital registry launched a year ago under the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025, requiring all state Waqf boards to upload details of properties held in religious trust—Rijju said roughly 50-55 percent of properties had been up-



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thousands of acres are shown on paper—on the ground, it's not there. It's a laborious exercise. It will happen." The Waqf Amendment Act—passed amid protests and criticism by Muslim groups and opposition parties, who called it an attack on minority property rights—remains one of the most contested legislative moves of the Modi government's third term. Additionally, on the issue of scholarships—the ministry's largest budget item, covering pre-matric, post-matric and merit-cum-means support for students from Muslim, Christian, Sikh,

the scheme had been hobbled by ongoing CBI cases across multiple states involving large-scale fraud in minority institution disbursements, where scholarships were drawn in the names of students who did not exist. "I wish the scholarship cases had not happened. Whatever has happened, I want it to reach closure quickly so we can move ahead," he said, calling it an "unfinished task". Regarding the Munambam dispute in Kerala—where several Christian farming families on the coast near Kochi have been fighting eviction after state Waqf board claimed own-

58% NDA voters want Dharmendra Pradhan to quit over NEET mess, NTA dismantled—Cvoter survey

By The BoldLens AI

Support for his resignation was 58.2 percent among NDA voters, as against 72.1 percent among non-NDA voters. Concerns surrounding the NEET paper leak and CBSE introducing On-Screen Marking (OSM) digital evaluation system for the Class 12 board examination, have made NDA-supporting voters back major reforms and express dissatisfaction with the current examination system, according to the Team Cvoter snap poll conducted on 28 May 2026. The findings are based on a survey conducted via computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI). The survey covered 1,346 respondents aged 18 to 55+ years, from across India. The respondents were classified by gender, age group, social group, voting preference in

rural to facilitate subgroup analysis. The survey found that 60.6 percent of respondents said the National Testing Agency (NTA), which is facing intense scrutiny after the NEET controversy, should be dismantled, and the country should return to the previous system of conducting entrance examinations. What makes the finding politically notable is that support for dismantling the NTA extends beyond non-NDA voters. Among respondents who admitted to voting for the NDA in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, 58.2 percent replied "yes" when asked if they were in favour of dismantling the NTA. This figure was 68.1 percent among non-NDA voters. Findings of the survey also pointed to growing dissatisfaction with the broader educa-

Yuva Yuga, farmer welfare & punchlines: DK Shivakumar's first day as Karnataka chief minister

By The BoldLens AI

Peppering his first media address with well-thought-out punchlines, Shivakumar's first day in the sun was full of subtle messaging and substantial announcements, centering around youngsters who dominated the thinking behind his initial announcements. After the meeting, Shivakumar announced six initiatives, centered around youngsters, farmers, reforms and governance, emphasising 'Yuva Yuga', or new generation. The Congress party has largely relied on its flagship guarantees since its first day in office. The pressure was high on Shivakumar, however, to move beyond the rhetoric of guarantees—associated with his predecessor Siddaramaiah—and carve out a place of his own. Free bus passes for

exchange, setting up youth organisations, one-time relaxation for home-owners, conversion of property papers and an additional Rs 2,000 crore to fix the dilapidated condition of Bengaluru roads. Additionally, Shivakumar promised a big announcement for farmers, making up for the fact that there are no women in his Cabinet yet. Shivakumar made a targeted outreach to a diverse section of society, trying to project his vision over the image he has of a businessman, tactful politician and ruthless leader. Also Read: Shivakumar sworn in as new Karnataka CM. Siddaramaiah's son, many loyalists in his 13-member team Shivakumar's first announcement was free bus passes for all students in the state. Since the launch of Shakti (free public bus rides



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excluded men. "Every time I interacted with students, the boys asked me about bus passes stating that the government has allowed girls to move around for free. What happens to us?" he said. The chief minister said he

name the scheme but announced that it will apply to all students in the state, including those pursuing higher education. The second was to fix the problem of unemployment by setting up a private employment exchange

would give youngsters an opportunity to think beyond government jobs. The third is setting up 10,000 units of Bharat Jodo Yuwakara Sangha (loosely translated to Bharat Jodo Youth Associations) that would encourage sports, cultural activities among youngsters to help identify and nurture leadership qualities in them. Shivakumar even promised to set aside Rs 1,000 crore (Rs 10 lakh per unit) for the new initiative. Naming the scheme after Rahul Gandhi's country-wide march was the kicker. Shivakumar also said that he would stem growing migration from rural areas to urban settings for employment and education. ಸಾಧಿಸಿ ಸರ್ವತೋಮುಖ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೇ ನಮ್ಮ ದ್ಯೇಯ! ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಗೆ ಹೊಸ ವೇಗ ನೀಡುವ ಸಂಕಲ್ಪದೊಂದಿಗೆ,

ಕೈಗೆತ್ತಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲಾಗಿದೆ. - ಶಾಲಾ-ಕಾಲೇಜು ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಗೆ 10,000 ಬಸ್ ಪಾಸ್ ಘೋಷಣೆ. - 56,000 ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳ ಭರ್ತಿಗಾಗಿ... pic.twitter.com/f6pTeqBXja — DK Shivakumar (DKShivakumar) June 4, 2026 First-time voters and impressionable students, whose aspirations and expectations differ from older voters, have become a key focus area for political parties. Actor-turned-politician Vijay Joseph's victory in Tamil Nadu is largely credited to Gen Z voters. More recently, the way the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) has captured the imagination of the young underlines this trend. As a relatively younger leader, Shivakumar has a large following among youngsters who have witnessed his rise from a student leader to the state's highest office. The an-

Question is not whether PM's educated, Malviya says as Kejriwal asks 'does India need an educated PM?'

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Amid cockroach buzz, what BJP chief Nitin Nabin told Nepal's RSP delegation about Gen-Z potential

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ties between India and Nepal, rooted in shared civilisational heritage, cultural bonds and strong people-to-people relations. He said such interactions help strengthen democratic dialogue and deepen party-to-party engagement between BJP and RSP," Chauthaiwale added. Nabin, Chauthaiwale pointed out, also shared insights into the BJP's journey, ideology, organisational structure and its people-centric approach to political engagement, including an explanation of the BJP's organisational model from the national level to the booth level while highlighting the importance of BJP karyakartas in maintaining a direct and continuous connect with people at the grassroots. Speaking to ThePrint, Lok Sabha MP Praveen Khandewal who attended a lunch interaction with the delegation along with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, MP Manoj Tiwari, Bansuri Swaraj, MoS Harsh Malhotra and Ramvir Singh Bidhuri told ThePrint that emphasis was laid on strengthening the friendship that the two countries enjoy. "They had a very positive outlook as far as India is concerned. Discussion took place on how socio-economic relations between the two countries can be improved further. One of the Members of Parliament emphasised how India and Nepal share similar culture and tradition," Khandewal added. According to a statement issued by the BJP, the RSP delegation was keen to know about BJP's membership process, candidate selection system and the party's



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BJP leader Arun Singh, the party's national general secretary, Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, and Vijay Chauthaiwale, in-charge of the BJP's foreign affairs department, among others. (Edited by Viny Mishra) Also Read: Nepal ruling party head Lamichhane in Delhi at BJP invite for party-to-party talk amid border tensions Sources in the BJP maintained that while there was a discussion on the role of Gen-Z, but the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) was not mentioned. The Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founded by a Boston-based Indian student, Abhijeet Dipke, has shaken up politics in India, with parties curiously and keenly watching the response of Gen-Z on social media. The CJP got over 22 million followers on Instagram within days. Opposition leaders look at it as an indicator of Gen-Z's disillusionment with the Modi government. On Monday, Dipke took to X and Instagram to announce his return to India on 6 June to launch a "peaceful protest"

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Senior connect: How BJP plans to engage its silver-haired veterans no longer in power centre periphery

By The BoldLens AI

Tripathi, who has served as the regional organisation secretary ('Kshetriya Sangathan Mantri') for Bihar and Jharkhand, will now be based in Delhi. Many within the BJP view this appointment as an extension of the party's outreach to "senior karyakartas" of the party. According to party sources, a team will assist Tripathi and is likely to carry out visits across the country to connect with veteran leaders, collect feedback and apprise the central leadership of any grievances they may have. A BJP leader recounted how Modi, while interacting with Varanasi party workers way back in 2019 too had urged BJP workers to draw up a list of old and senior party workers and establish a connection with them. "This appointment must be seen in context; work on it was going on for quite some time. PM Modi has been stressing on the fact that senior party leaders and veterans who have toiled hard and given their youth to the party are in fact the backbone of the BJP. The PM has been regularly directing the party cadre to stay connected with them, seek their guidance, and honour their contributions," said a senior party leader. He added that the latest appointment aims to bridge the gap. "Aise kayi varisht neta aur karyakarta hai jo

from their experiences too," remarked another senior party leader. A BJP functionary told ThePrint: "At the national level, the BJP organisationally is becoming a party of the young, but it is important not to lose touch with the seniors who have made the party what it is today." Political analyst Badri Narayan said this was a good move by the BJP. "Nagendra Tripathi is a very tall grassroots worker. He has brilliant command over north India and understands the region very well. He will now interact with senior party workers, many of whom are not active but have a lot of experience and have seen the party from the start. He will ensure that their feedback reaches the central BJP and that the advice of veteran party workers is taken in the organisation," he told ThePrint. Nagendra Nath Tripathi, who comes from an RSS background, is viewed as one of the few organisational leaders who have worked for years behind the scenes to strengthen the party. Before he was tasked with the responsibility of the Bihar-Jharkhand region, he served as the organisational secretary of the Uttar Pradesh BJP for nearly eight years. In 2002, he was deputed from RSS to BJP and appointed general secretary (organisation) of the UP unit. Tri-

pathi, which was carved out of Basti district. During his school years in Basti, he came in contact with the RSS. Active in the Sangh for a long time, he worked as a pracharak and strengthened ideological and organisational activities among the youth. In 2011, he became the organisational secretary of the Bihar BJP. In Uttar Pradesh, he focused especially on expanding the organisation down to the booth level, training workers, as well as election management. Tripathi has also handled key responsibilities in the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), the student wing of the RSS where he became known as a skilled organiser. Explaining Tripathi's role, a senior party leader said that at the national level, he will be responsible for establishing direct contact with senior party leaders and workers in various states. "He will act as a strong bridge, carrying the experiences, suggestions, and concerns of senior workers within the organisation to the central leadership. Although this is not a constitutionally mandated post, earlier in 2020, V Satish ji was appointed for the first time to a newly created post of 'Organiser'. He was at that time joint general secretary (organisation). Satish ji was tasked with coordination

Rajnath, Brij Bhushan to Sanjay Sinh's kids, BJP's gen-next is raring to take plunge into UP politics

By The BoldLens AI

Neeraj Singh, the younger son of Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, has been drawing considerable attention in political circles lately. While he has been active in Lucknow for several years and often represents his father at public events and party functions in his absence, discussions are now centred around the possibility of a larger role for him within the Uttar Pradesh BJP. People close to him say that a constituency in Lucknow has been considered for Neeraj. At the same time, there is also speculation that if Neeraj is not fielded in an election, he could be accommodated in the party organisation. आज पाठद श्री संजय सिंह राठौर जी द्वारा मालिक टिबर चौराहा, गोमती नगर में आयोजित विशाल भंडारे में सम्मिलित होकर प्रसाद वितरण किया। pic.twitter.com/9DnZ0SjYp — Neeraj Singh (NeerajSinghSays) May 30, 2026 A graduate of the University of Leeds in the United Kingdom, Neeraj describes himself on social media as a "dedicated BJP worker". His X profile bio also highlights more than two decades of service to the organisation. He prefers to project himself as a grassroots leader from Lucknow, incorporating the phrase in his X handle. In Lucknow, he is considered the 'go

remains some uncertainty, however, over whether the BJP leadership would be willing to greenlight a third member (after Rajnath and Pankaj Singh) of the same family in electoral politics. Abhinav Sinha, son of Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, is once again in the spotlight in Ghazipur district of eastern Uttar Pradesh. Speculation about his electoral debut had also surfaced before the 2024 general elections, but that never materialised. BJP functionaries in the state now claim that Ghazipur Sadar could emerge as a possible option if the party decides to field him. A technocrat by profession, Abhinav has steadily increased his public visibility through social and organisational activities. He frequently participates in district training programmes, Swachhta Abhiyan (cleanliness campaigns), and party events. रवतीपुर मंडल में पं. दीनदयाल उपाध्याय मंडल प्रशिक्षण महाभियान के अंतर्गत आयोजित प्रशिक्षण शिविर में सहभागिता की। पार्टी के "इतिहास एवं विकास" विषय पर अपना विचार रखा।ऐसे शिविर संगठन को सशक्त बनाने के साथ कार्यकर्ताओं में नई ऊर्जा व स्पष्ट दिशा का संचार करते हैं। pic.twitter.com/HkQv65wFCq — Abhinav Sinha (AbhinavSinhajp) April 4, 2026 Sources within the BJP say

Balwant, who had contested from the constituency as the BJP candidate in 2022, was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2024. As a result, the BJP is also exploring new faces for the seat. Pictures of Abhinav participating in both the joys and hardships of local residents are regularly shared on social media. He also has a website that describes him as a passionate worker and youth leader. In addition, he is frequently seen at district-level party training programmes and events associated with cleanliness drives and public outreach campaigns. Another closely watched name is Karan Mahana, son of Uttar Pradesh Assembly Speaker Satish Mahana. A businessman and member of the BJP Yuva Morcha's national executive, Karan has become increasingly active in Maharajpur, the constituency represented by his father. BJP insiders say Satish Mahana had explored the possibility of contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, a move that could have opened the door for his son's electoral debut through a bypoll. Those plans did not fructify. Attention has now shifted to the Assembly elections, where the party will have to decide whether to field Karan or retain the senior Mahana in the constituency. In Bareilly district, Shruti Gangwar, daughter of Jharkhand



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considered a potential contender during the 2024 Lok Sabha elections but did not secure a ticket. This time, political observers are closely watching the Baheri seat, where the BJP may be looking for a new Kurmi face following recent political developments. In this Muslim- and Kurmi-dominated constituency, Chhatrapal Gangwar contested the 2022 Assembly election and now represents Bareilly in the Lok Sabha. Now the BJP is looking for a new Kurmi face for the seat. आय समाज खड़ा रामनगर भोपतपुर, तहसील बहेड़ी, जनपद बरेली के 90वें वार्षिकोत्सव में मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में सम्मिलित होने का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ। इस अवसर पर वैदिक उपदेश एवं भजनों का श्रवण कर आध्यात्मिक ऊर्जा एवं कैवलीक नेमाण प्राप्त हुई।

With Santosh Gangwar continuing to wield considerable influence in the Rohilkhand region, Shruti's frequent appearances at public functions and outreach programmes have fuelled speculation about her electoral prospects. Shruti's social media activity also suggests that she has been consistently engaging with people on the ground. In her father's absence, she is often seen attending public functions and events across Bareilly to which he is invited. Shalini Singh, daughter of former legislator Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, has also emerged as a prominent political face in Noida. A lawyer, author and social activist, Shalini has openly expressed her desire to enter electoral politics. As working

Broken Bengaluru, fiscal fix, regional skew,

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Karnataka Chief Minister-designate DK Shivakumar meets and takes blessings from his mother, Gowramma, ahead of his oath-taking ceremony, in Bengaluru on Wednesday | DK Shivakumar Office/ANI Arguably, Shivakumar's biggest challenge is fixing the deep-rooted problems of Bengaluru, the state's growth engine and India's Information Technology capital. Long before Shivakumar helmed affairs in Bengaluru, the city had become synonymous with traffic conges-

Telangana's road to 2028: Top challenges that lie ahead for Revanth Reddy as his govt hits halfway mark

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The success of the Socio-Economic, Educational, Employment, Political, and Caste Survey (SEEEPC)-based development could be the springboard for Rahul Gandhi in the 2029 general election. Restraining his cabinet colleagues from exercising their personal and political power and reigning in errant party leaders who initially opposed his meteoric rise are counted as Revanth's personal victories in his largely self-made political career since he joined the Congress in 2017. With the deputy chief minister, industries and commerce, and irrigation ministers all belonging to a different vintage, Revanth's first year in office was spent largely learning how to administer, senior bureaucrats shared. Prof Nageshwar, a former MLC who also taught at Osmania University, pointed out that amidst all the criticism over the guarantees, the 'Praja Palana' (Abhayastam) governance programme helped people identify the Congress and Revanth Reddy as their welfare champions. "A political party's essential job is that of identification... identifying with

believe the government understands them and is on their side," he said. In March, Revanth Reddy launched the '99-day Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika', to accelerate development and welfare schemes in the state. It was also a platform where people could come and air their grievances about the government's functioning and its schemes. Although many of Revanth Reddy's ideas look like a replica of his mentor and Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu, political observers said. Even Congress old-timers, who were part of the late chief minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy's cabinet, unenthusiastically agree that Revanth's non-confrontational approach towards the Centre has helped him score the right political goals. In contrast to former chief minister and Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) founder K. Chandrashekar Rao, who prided himself on not adhering to state protocol, Revanth has always toed the line when the Prime Minister visited Hyderabad. Senior Congress leader and former MP K. Keshava Rao told ThePrint: "Very early, Revanth learnt to distinguish politics

confrontational partisanship. If the Centre has not been interfering in his governance, he sees no reason to be antagonistic. He understands that development is his concern; the developmental projects could come from the Centre." This explains why most of the government's schemes have been centred around welfare and little on capital expenditure. However, much like his neighbours in the South, finances are the greatest predicament. The Congress government that swept the Telangana election and came to power in December 2023, was carrying an outstanding public debt of Rs 3.50 lakh crore, with the broader state liabilities and guarantees amounting to Rs 3.89 lakh crore as per the Reserve Bank of India and the Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG). The government has announced medium and large-scale irrigation projects such as the Palamuru-Rangareddy lift irrigation scheme, Prahanita-Chevella lift irrigation scheme, and the Sita Rama lift irrigation scheme, among others, totalling around Rs 1 lakh crore, but they are at various stages of completion.

Trinamool dissolves all West Bengal committees; to undergo introspection, performance review

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"After careful consideration, it has been decided that all committees of the All India Trinamool Congress in West Bengal, as well as all its frontal organisations, shall stand dissolved with immediate effect," the AITC post reads. The party further said it will "undertake a comprehensive internal exercise" involving introspection, performance review and organisational assessment at all levels. "The party will undertake a comprehensive exercise of introspection, performance review and organisational assessment at every level. Based on the findings of this exercise, the organisational structure of the parent body and all frontal organisations will be reconstituted and announced in due course," AITC post reads. Reiterating its commitment to organisational strengthening, AITC said the move is aimed at preparing the party for future challenges. "The party remains committed to strengthening its organisation and preparing it to meet future challenges with renewed vigour and purpose." On Wednesday, several of the alleged rebel faction

objection to Mamata Banerjee naming Sobhandeb Chattopadhyay as the Leader of Opposition. Speaking to reporters on the nomination of West Bengal Assembly LoP, TMC MLA Mustafizur Rahman said, "We don't know the exact figure... I am hearing from outside that 59 signatures have been received. I am hearing this. I have also signed..." Another TMC MLA Priya Paul played her cards close to her chest saying, "I am going inside (Assembly), after the meeting, I will tell." On Monday, the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) expelled two of its MLAs, Sandipan Saha and Ritabrata Banerjee, from primary membership with immediate effect over allegations of anti-party activities. The political escalation comes amid a sharp attack by the Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, who targeted the TMC leadership over the ongoing controversy related to alleged forged signatures and internal communications. Earlier addressing a press conference, Adhikari said the law will take its own course under the Bharatiya

will be spared." Detailing the sequence of events, Adhikari said that on May 9, the AITC National General Secretary had sent a letter to the Assembly Speaker proposing Shovondeb Chattopadhyay as the Leader of the Opposition, Nayana Bandyopadhyay and Ashima Patra as deputy leaders, and Firhad Hakim as chief whip. He added that this was followed by another letter on May 20 bearing 70 signatures. However, the process came under dispute after two TMC MLAs, Ritabrata Bandhopadhyay and Sandipan Saha, filed a formal complaint alleging that no such resolution had been adopted by the legislative party. Following intervention by the Assembly Speaker, an FIR was registered at the Hare Street Police Station, and the case was subsequently transferred to the CID. The developments indicate a deepening political churn within the Trinamool Congress (ANI) This report is auto-generated from ANI news service. ThePrint holds no responsibility for its content. "After careful consideration, it has been decided that all com-

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