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Mourners gather in Iran for Ayatollah's death

NEW DELHI

Iran begins public mourning for Ayatollah killed in February Iran begins public mourning for Ayatollah killed in February Ali Khamenei's body will lie in state in Tehran's Grand Mosalla from Friday ahead of days-long funeral events. »» PAGE 2

Ukrainian suspect sought after Monaco

NEW DELHI

Monaco Bombing: Ukrainian Suspect Allegedly Disguised as Male Authorities are on the hunt for a Ukrainian individual linked to a bomb attack in Monaco, believed to have been disguised as a man during the incident. Investigators suspect that this suspect may not have operated independently, as preliminary findings suggest they spent several days surveying the area prior to the explosion. Details surrounding the attack remain murky, but officials are focusing on the suspect's movements leading up to the event. The investigation is »» PAGE 2

Tewari's Struggles Spark Congress Rift Debate

Manish Tewari's recent actions ignite tensions within Congress as voices question loyalty and meritocracy.

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NEW DELHI

Manish Tewari's recent involvement in government-led global initiatives has reignited internal strife within the Congress party, drawing parallels to the challenges faced by fellow party member Shashi Tharoor. Sources indicate that Rahul Gandhi has expressed displeasure towards Tewari's actions following Operation Sindoor, suggesting a backlash against independent voices within the party. On Thursday, Tewari took to social media platform X to convey his sentiments, stating, 'I wish I had an antidote for the insecurities of individuals and institutions! Having said that INCIndia has given me enough over the past 45 years and I have also devoted my entire adult life in the service of the Indian National Congress over the decades. Whatever will be, will be…' Tewari's longstanding loyalty to the Gandhi family is noteworthy; he has held key positions under Indira and Rajiv Gandhi and served as the party's national spokesperson and Information and Broadcasting Minister under Manmohan Singh. The BJP has seized upon Gandhi-Vadra family. Chugh criticized the current power dynamics within Congress, asserting that 'Merit, integrity and independent thinking have become liabilities in the Congress. Time for Manish Tewari to understand that today's Congress rewards only those who perform parikrama around the Gandhi-Vadra family.' In response to the turmoil, Congress has defended its recent organizational changes, claiming they are essential for strengthening its electoral strategy ahead of the upcoming Punjab elections. The party has appointed new working presidents and established various committees aimed at election management, campaign strategy, and coordination. Key

KEY POINTS

- Manish Tewari's recent actions have sparked controversy within the Congress party.
- Rahul Gandhi has reportedly expressed displeasure over Tewari's independent stance.
- The BJP has criticized Congress for its internal dynamics and loyalty to the Gandhi family.
- Congress is implementing organizational changes to strengthen its electoral

The recent situation surrounding Manish Tewari mirrors the challenges faced by Shashi Tharoor, highlighting a rift within Congress as Tewari appears to be facing backlash for

have retained their leadership roles, while former Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi has taken the lead of the campaign committee. The Congress party has a rich history of internal debates and conflicts, especially when it comes to leadership and decision-making. This internal strife often reflects broader ideological divides within the party, which has struggled to maintain a unified front in the face of changing political landscapes in India. The party's challenges have been exacerbated by the rise of regional parties and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has effectively capitalized on Congress's vulnerabilities. Tewari's situation is members who express independent views or challenge the status quo often find themselves at odds with the party leadership, leading to questions about the future direction of Congress. Historically, the Congress party has been a bastion of Indian politics, with its roots tracing back to the struggle for independence. However, in recent years, it has faced significant electoral setbacks, prompting a reevaluation of its strategies and leadership structures. The internal conflicts, such as the one involving Tewari, highlight the ongoing struggle between traditional party loyalty and the need for reform and adaptation in a rapidly evolving political envir-

Manish Tewari's Actions Ignite Congress Debate on Punishing Independent Voices Amid Rift

The internal rift in Congress deepens as Manish Tewari faces backlash for his recent actions.

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NEW DELHI

Manish Tewari's recent actions have reignited a significant debate within the Indian National Congress, particularly regarding the treatment of independent voices within the party. Following his participation in government-led global initiatives post-Operation Sindoor, Tewari appears to be facing backlash, with reports indicating displeasure from Rahul Gandhi. On Thursday, Tewari expressed his sentiments on X, stating, "I wish I had an antidote for the insecurities of individu-

KEY POINTS

- Manish Tewari's loyalty to the Gandhi family spans decades, having served in various key roles.
- The BJP is leveraging Tewari's situation to criticize Congress's internal dynamics.
- Congress is making organizational changes in preparation for upcoming elections, focusing on strengthening its electoral strategy.
- The party's recent appointments aim to enhance leadership and campaign effectiveness ahead of the Punjab elections.

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given me enough over the past 45 years and I have also devoted my entire adult life in the service of the Indian National Congress over the decades. Whatever will be, will be…" Tewari's loyalty to the Gandhi family is significant; he has held key positions under Indira and Rajiv Gandhi, and served as the party's national spokesperson and Information and Broadcasting Minister under Manmohan Singh. The BJP has seized upon Tewari's situation, with Tarun Chugh, the party's national general secretary, accusing Congress of a "complete surrender" to the Gandhi-Vadra family. Chugh criticized the current power dynamics within Congress, suggesting that merit and for Manish Tewari to understand that today's Congress rewards only those who perform parikrama around the Gandhi-Vadra family." In light of the ongoing turmoil, Congress has defended its recent organizational changes as necessary for strengthening its electoral strategy ahead of the upcoming Punjab elections. The party has appointed new working presidents and formed various committees focused on election management, campaign strategy, and coordination, aiming to bolster its position in the electoral landscape. Key figures such as Amarinder Singh Raja Warring and Pratap Singh Bajwa have retained their leadership roles, while former Chief Minister

POLISH PM

Tusk says Poland is preparing for "various" scenarios after media reports of a planned Russian attack.

Keiko Fujimori Wins Peru's Presidential Election After Lengthy Counting Process

Keiko Fujimori's victory comes nearly four weeks after a fiercely contested election, reshaping Peru's political landscape.

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In a dramatic turn of events, Keiko Fujimori, the daughter of former president Alberto Fujimori, has been officially declared the winner of Peru's closely contested presidential election, nearly four weeks after the ballot took place. This announcement marks a significant moment in a race characterized by intense competition and uncertainty, reflecting the deep divisions within Peruvian society. Fujimori's victory has sparked considerable attention and debate, as it brings to the forefront the complex political landscape in Peru, shaped by historical grievances and the its past, Keiko Fujimori's presidency poses both challenges and opportunities for the future, with many citizens divided over her family's political legacy. The election was marked by allegations of fraud and irregularities, leading to a prolonged counting process that heightened tensions among supporters of both candidates.

Fujimori's campaign focused on economic recovery and security, resonating with voters concerned about crime and instability in the country. Opponents, however, have raised concerns about her commitment to democratic principles and the potential for authoritarian governance, given her father's history. In her victory speech,

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- The election was marred by allegations of fraud and irregularities, leading to a lengthy counting process.
- Fujimori's campaign focused on economic recovery and security, appealing to voters concerned about crime.
- Her presidency may impact regional politics in South America, with the international community closely watching.

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need for national unity and pledged to work for all Peruvians, regardless of their political affiliations. The international community is closely monitor- the situation, as Fujimori's presidency could have significant implications for regional politics in South America. As Peru moves forward, the challenges

Congress Calls for Ram Temple

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NEW DELHI

The Congress party is ramping up its criticism of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) following allegations of misappropriated donations intended for the Ram Temple. Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra expressed her dismay, stating, 'It's really tragic. People from all over the country, those who believe and those who have faith, made donations and now those donations have been stolen.' Vadra emphasized the trust's responsibility to safeguard contributions, particularly for women and the underprivileged. She called for a thorough inquiry into the situation, demanding transparency and accountability from the government. Jairam Ramesh, another prominent Congress figure, escalated the party's attack by referencing a famous line from the Hindi film 'Upkaar': 'Dete hain bhagwan ko of accountability, stating that for those who manipulate faith and patriotism, promises are merely empty words. During a press conference in Delhi, Congress spokesperson Akhilesh Prasad Singh called for a comprehensive investigation led by a sitting Supreme Court judge, asserting that the alleged corruption runs deep within the trust. He demanded the immediate arrest of trust members facing serious allegations and insisted that the trust be dissolved, claiming it has lost the trust of its devotees. Singh questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the issue, urging him to facilitate a transparent investigation to uphold public faith in the temple. He further alleged that the trust had disregarded recom-

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RSS Demands Accountability in Temple Donation

The RSS calls for swift action and transparency after theft of Ram Temple funds.

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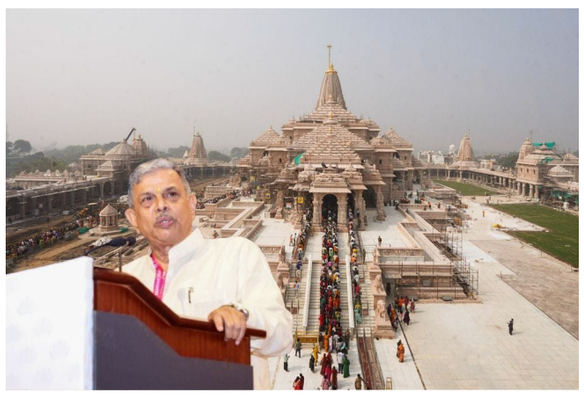
NEW DELHI

The controversy surrounding the theft of donations intended for the Ram Temple erupted on June 7, prompting public outrage and the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) by the Uttar Pradesh government, led by Yogi Adityanath. The SIT, tasked with investigating the theft, has been given 15 days to report its findings, and authorities have so far arrested eight individuals connected to the incident. Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) leader Dattatreya Hosabale addressed the situation, urging the Hindu community to remain patient and vigilant against what he termed 'conspiracies of anti-Hindu and anti-national forces' that could exploit the controversy. significance as a site of faith for Hindus, shaped by the sacrifices of countless devotees over generations. He noted that the establishment of the SIT was initiated at the 'earnest request of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust,' which oversees temple affairs and is now under scrutiny by the SIT. The RSS leader called for the Trust to take the incident seriously and implement measures to enhance management and operations, ensuring the unwavering faith of devotees in the Ayodhya temple. In his statement, Hosabale expressed confidence that through proper financial management and transparent operational systems, the Trust could strengthen the faith and trust of Hindu society. Alok Kumar, head of the RSS's affiliate Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP), echoed these



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distress over the theft and calling for an expedited investigation. Kumar also advocated for the appointment of a CEO to oversee the temple's daily operations to prevent future incidents. Meanwhile, the Ayodhya Bar Association has lodged a complaint with law enforcement, seeking action against key figures within the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, including general secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra, in relation to the alleged theft of donations. The Ram Temple in a focal point of Hindu devotion and a symbol of cultural identity for many years. Its history is deeply intertwined with the socio-political landscape of India, particularly since the late 20th century when it became the center of a significant movement advocating for the temple's construction on what many Hindus believe to be the birthplace of Lord Ram. This movement has seen various phases of activism, legal battles, and communal tensions, culminating in in November 2019, which allowed the construction of the temple on the disputed site. The Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust was established to oversee the temple's construction and management, reflecting the aspirations of millions of Hindus. The trust's formation was seen as a pivotal moment in the long-standing dispute, and it has since been tasked with ensuring that the temple not only serves as a place of worship but also as a cultural and spiritual

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- Eight individuals have been arrested in connection with the incident.
- RSS leaders are calling for improved management and transparency within the Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust.