



Lt Col Prasad Purohit addresses a gathering during an event on the Army Day, in Nagpur, Maharashtra



Former AGI K K Venugopal being felicitated at the release of a book 'Lawyers in the Freedom Struggle and in Independent India' authored by Lalit Bhasin (R), in New Delhi



General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Eastern Command Lt General Ram Chander Tiwari at Armed Forces Veterans' Day and Army Day event, in WB



Bhujana Samaj Party chief Mayawati addresses a press meet during her birthday celebrations at the party office, in Lucknow

CLAT 2025 RESULTS CONTROVERSY

SC may transfer pleas to one High Court

PTI, NEW DELHI: In a significant development, the Supreme Court on Wednesday said it may transfer all petitions challenging the 2025 Common Law Admission Test results to one high court, preferably the Punjab and Haryana HC.

The Common Law Admission Test (CLAT), 2025, conducted on December 1, 2024, determines admissions to undergraduate law courses in National Law Universities in the country and several pleas were filed in different high courts on the allegations alleging several questions in the exam were wrong.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khan and Justice Sanjay Kumar issued notices on transfer petitions filed by the Consortium of National Law Universities (CNLUs), seeking to consolidate multiple

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— Supreme Court

cases pending in the HCs. HCs of Delhi, Karnataka, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Bombay, Madhya Pradesh, and Punjab and Haryana are hearing the petitions. The bench said it was in favour of sending the cases to one high court, preferably the Punjab and Haryana HC, for an authoritative judgement on the row. The CJI said transferring all petitions to a single high court would ensure an expedited and consistent adjudication. He pointed out the first

petition over the CLAT results was filed in the Punjab and Haryana HC and underlined its 'commendable' case disposal rate, which was 'higher than other courts'.

"The writ petitions pending in different courts should be dealt with one high court, as it would be expeditious. Issue notice returnable in the week commencing Feb 3, 2025," the bench said in the order.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta represented the CNLUs, which filed its plea through advocate Pritha Srikumar Iyer.

Mehta was in agreement with the transfer of the cases but suggested choosing the Karnataka HC. The bench however remained inclined toward the Punjab and Haryana HC, citing its efficiency and prior jurisdiction over the matter.

111 farmers join Dallewal on fast-unto-death

PTI, CHANDIGARH: Ramping up the pressure on the government, a group of 111 farmers began a fast-unto-death on Wednesday in solidarity with their leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, and vowed they won't relent until their demands are met.

Farmer leaders said the new 'jatha', who are all in black attire, sat on the Haryana side of the border -- Dallewal has been sitting on the hunger strike since November 26 last year at the Khanauri border point on the Punjab side -- and arrangement are being made for tents and blankets as the temperature dips in the region.

The jurisdiction of Haryana's Jind district begins after Khanauri. The Haryana Police has enhanced security on its side of the border and imposed Section 163 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, banning gathering of five or more people.

The protesting farmers have expressed concern over Dallewal's "deteriorating" health, saying the

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— Surjit Singh Hardojhande, farmer leader

70-year-old risks "multiple organ failure" because of the prolonged fasting.

The group of 111 farmers who joined the fast on Wednesday was led by farmer leader Surjit Singh Hardojhande who targeted the Centre for not accepting farmers' demands.

"For the past 51 days, Dallewal has been on the fast. The Centre is not accepting our demands and his health is deteriorating," he said. "If our family head (Dallewal) is going to die then we thought we should also lay down our lives."

"Our jatha is going (for an indefinite fast) to press

the Centre to initiate talks and accept our demands," said Hardojhande.

The fast will continue till the government accepts our demands, he asserted.

After the 111 protesters began their fast, farmer leader Kata Singh Kotra said, "We have told the Haryana police we will sit in a peaceful manner."

Jind Deputy Superintendent of Police Amit Bhatia said police have asked the farmers not to do anything which vitiates law and order and disturbs peace.

"Section 163 is already in force and farmers have been informed about it. We are keeping utmost restraint and our effort is to deal with it in a peaceful manner. We have told them the terms and conditions for a peaceful demonstration," he said.

The DSP said the stretch of the land where the farmers began their fast on Wednesday falls under Haryana. "Our jurisdiction is 590 meters from the naka (police barricading)," said the DSP.



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GET DIASPORA CHAMPS TO PROMOTE GOA: KEITH VAZ

Vaz spoke fondly of the personal connection he feels when landing at Dabolim. "There's an amazing feeling when you land at Dabolim Airport, hop into a taxi or car, and head towards South Goa. That feeling is more about the heart than the mind," he remarked, underscoring the emotional bond he has with the airport and its surroundings.

While acknowledging the growing presence of Mopa Airport, Vaz shared his perspective on Goa's evolving air connectivity.

"I've not used Mopa yet, but I did drop my son there. The roads leading to Mopa are incredible, probably the best roads in Goa," Vaz said. However, he believes both airports can coexist and thrive. "This great State can certainly manage two functioning airports, but I am disappointed that direct flights are not arriving at Dabolim. We must preserve Dabolim and ensure it continues to reflect its heritage and tradition."

Vaz also highlighted the challenges that arise from the increasing crowds in North Goa, particularly along its popular beach belt. "The fact is, it gets very crowded up there (the North Goa beach belt). A lot of people were enjoying themselves at the beach that I used to go to earlier. However, the beach has changed and that's a planning issue that the people need to be aware of," he commented. Reflecting on the contrast between North and South Goa, he added, "South Goa remains a different experience. For me, it's more of an emotional connection than anything else."

Vaz also took a moment to commend the role of journalism in keeping politicians accountable. "I want to pay tribute to the work that Herald has done over the past 125 years," he said. With a candid smile, he added, "Of course, you upset politicians. I'm a politician, and I'm always upset with newspapers!"

VIOLENT CLASHES DISRUPT FESTIVAL AT PORIEM TEMPLE

Amid escalating violence and with police struggling to control the situation, Poriem MLA Deviya Rane and North Goa SP, Akshat Kaushal, IPS, arrived at the scene to intervene. The authorities worked to calm the situation, and by the afternoon, the temple was reopened for both communities.

This incident follows similar unrest in December, when clashes over temple rights led to the imposition of prohibitory orders, temporarily halting religious ceremonies. During those protests, villagers blocked the Sankhali-Chorla road, pelted stones at police, and injured a Police Sub-Inspector, leading to the temporary closure of the temple and restrictions on gatherings of more than five people.

The situation had been resolved after discussions between the various groups, and the prohibitory orders were lifted, allowing the ceremonies to resume. However, Wednesday's clash highlighted that underlying tensions remain, particularly as both communities attempted to enter the temple's sanctum sanctorum.

SP Kaushal confirmed that an offence had been registered against 38 individuals under multiple sections, including assault and unlawful assembly. Police are also reviewing video footage and photographs to identify other participants involved in the violence.

The Valpoi police have also written to the Sattari Deputy Collector, requesting action against 12 individuals who violated bond conditions by taking part in the violence on Wednesday. These individuals had previously signed bonds on December 18, 2024, agreeing not to get involved in any unrest.

HC STAYS BANYAN TREE TRANSLOCATION AT PORVORIM

"Destroying these trees is akin to harming the very foundation of our tourism industry," Miranda said.

The case pertains to a PIL filed by Fernandes, who raised concerns about the impact of moving the trees to low-lying areas at Socorro. Fernandes warned that this could lead to waterlogging during the monsoon, root rotting, and damage to the trees, particularly due to the cutting and transportation process, which did not preserve the crown of the trees.

affidavit detailing the protective measures taken during the translocation of the trees, which are being moved to facilitate the construction of a six-lane elevated corridor in Porvorim. The Goa Green Brigade is looking to meet Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, during his upcoming visit to Goa to plead for the realignment of the elevated corridor.

META SORRY FOR ZUCKERBERG'S INDIA POLL REMARKS, CALLS THEM AN 'ERROR'

We would like to apologise for this inadvertent error. India remains an incredibly important country for @Meta and we look forward to being at the heart of its innovative future."

Appearing on the Joe Rogan podcast, Zuckerberg had said that in elections around the world in 2024, most incumbent governments, including the one in India, had been voted out of power.

"There is some sort of global phenomena, whether it was inflation because of the economic policies to deal with Covid or just how the governments dealt with Covid, seems to have this effect that is global, not just the US, but like a very broad decrease in trust, at least in the set incumbents and maybe, in sort of these democratic institutions overall," he had said.

After the apology, Dubey said he would treat the matter as closed. "A Meta India official has finally apologised for the mistake. This is a victory of the common citizens of India," Dubey said in a post on X.

RAHUL SLAMS BHAGWAT'S 'TRUE INDEPENDENCE' REMARK AS 'TREASON'

Bhagwat, he claimed, had said that the Constitution was not the symbol of our freedom.

"Mohan Bhagwat has the audacity to say to the nation what he thinks about the independence movement and the Constitution. In fact, what he said yesterday is treason... Because he is stating that the Constitution is invalid and everything, the fight against the British was invalid.

"He has the audacity to say this publicly. In any other country, he would be arrested and tried. That is a fact," Gandhi said at the inauguration of the Indira Gandhi Bhawan.

"To say that India did not get independence in 1947 is an insult to every single Indian person. And it is time to stop listening to this nonsense that these people think they can keep parroting out and shouting and screaming," he said.

"Mohan Bhagwat's audacious comment that India didn't gain true independence in 1947 is an insult to our freedom fighters, every single Indian citizen and an attack on our Constitution," Gandhi later said in a post on X.

The former Congress president said the party has worked with the Indian people and built the success of this country on the foundations of the Constitution and that is what the new Congress headquarters symbolises.

ED GETS MHA NOD TO PROSECUTE KEJRIWAL IN EXCISE POLICY CASE

The development comes ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls slated to be held on February 5.

The agency is now seeking such sanction against all accused political leaders, ministers and bureaucrats under Section 197(1) of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) against whom it has filed chargesheets or is about to file.

This came after the Supreme Court's November 2024 ruling which said such a procedure has to be undertaken by the ED like the CBI.

Kejriwal has been made an accused in his personal capacity as well as in the capacity of being the national convenor of the AAP.

KEJRIWAL FILES NOMINATION FOR DELHI POLLS

Sunita Kejriwal's total assets are worth of Rs 2.5 crore, with over Rs 1 crore as movable assets, including 320 grams of gold worth Rs 25 lakh and one kilogram of silver worth Rs 92,000, and Rs 1.5 crore in immovable assets. Kejriwal's wife owns a house in Gurugram and a small five-seater car, the affidavit said. The couple has a net assets worth Rs 4.23 crore.