



Police detain the expelled employees of Maruti Suzuki company during a protest at Mini Secretariat, in Gurugram, Haryana



Search and rescue work underway after a boat capsized after being hit by another in the Ganga river in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh



Devotees pray as they have a glimpse of the Holy relic at the Hazratbal shrine on the Friday following Shab-e-Meraj, on the outskirts of Srinagar



Policemen check vehicles at a checkpoint on Delhi-Gurugram Expressway ahead of Delhi Legislative Assembly elections, near Delhi-Gurugram border, in Haryana

Sonia Gandhi's 'poor thing' remark on Prez Murmu sparks controversy

Rashtrapati Bhavan says unfortunate and 'unacceptable'

PTI, NEW DELHI: Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's "poor thing and very tired" remarks about President Droupadi Murmu after the latter's hour-long address to Parliament on Friday snowballed into a huge controversy, with the Rashtrapati Bhavan saying they were in "poor taste, unfortunate and unacceptable."



Congress MP Sonia Gandhi during the Budget session of Parliament, in New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also tore into the Congress, accusing its 'shahi parivar' (royal family) of insulting the President, who hails from a tribal background, and claiming that the party has always undermined the progress of those who come from marginalized communities.

The Rashtrapati Bhavan came out with a statement to say the remarks clearly hurt the dignity of the high office.

As several BJP leaders condemned Sonia Gandhi's remarks, party chief J P Nadda said they were "deeply disre-

spectful", and underscored the opposition's "continued disregard" for the dignity of the highest constitutional office. Parliamentary Affairs minister Kiren Rijiju demanded an apology from the former Congress president.

The Congress hit back and

said every person in India has respect and empathy for President Murmu but claimed that the BJP leaders cannot digest Sonia Gandhi's "empathy" for her health.

Soon after the President concluded her customary address to a joint sitting of Parliament

to mark the start of the Budget session, Sonia Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, also a party general secretary, were seen discussing the speech in the Parliament complex.

"The poor lady, the President, was getting very tired by the end... she could hardly speak, poor thing," Sonia Gandhi was heard saying in a video doing the rounds on social media.

During the discussion, Rahul Gandhi also heard asking his mother if the President's speech was "boring".

When asked to comment on Sonia's comments, Priyanka Gandhi said her mother has the utmost respect for the President and that it is very unfortunate her remarks have been allegedly "twisted by the media".

She also hit out at the BJP's demand for an apology over the issue, saying it should first apologise for "ruining the country".

Cong slams Prez Murmu's speech as political

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Congress on Friday described President Droupadi Murmu's address to both Houses of Parliament as a "clear-cut political speech" and claimed that it had no acknowledgment of what an ordinary citizen of the country is experiencing day after day.

In her address, Murmu said the government has worked with a strong determination to lift the economy out of a state of "policy paralysis", despite global concerns, such as the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic and war-related uncertainties.

Addressing a joint sitting of Parliament, signalling the start of the Budget session, Murmu said the BJP-led government's third term is seeing work being done at thrice the speed of previous administrations, citing decisions on issues such as Waqf boards and "One Nation, One Election".

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said it is very sad that the Narendra Modi government is making the president read the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) pamphlet.

"In this 10-year laundry list, the Modi government has exaggerated even the smallest schemes as if they have achieved a big feat. This has been recurring in the President's address in past years also," Kharge said.

CHANGE IN NAME

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I, Dumiana Pereira, resident of House No. 1387, Damon (West), Raia, Salcete, Goa, would like to change my name from Dumiana Pereira e Fernandes to Dumiana Pereira. Hereinafter in all my future dealings and document I will be known as Dumiana Pereira Sd/- Dumiana Pereira

GOVERNMENT OF GOA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WORKS DIVISION-III

E-Tender notice No. PWD/D.III(WS)/ASW/2024-2025/18 dated: 31/01/2025

- Last date on online bid submission of tender is: 17/02/2025 upto 15.00 hrs.
- Date and time of opening of online tender 19/02/2025 at 11.00 hrs.

For more details please contact the office of the Executive Engineer, Works Division-III(WS), PWD, St. Inez, Panaji-Goa. Website: <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in>

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The EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE SPORTS AUTHORITY OF GOA (SAG) on behalf of Governor of Goa invites online percentage bids in TWO BID SYSTEM from the reputed Contractors.

Name of Work:- Development of Government Village School Playground at Curca, Talaulim in Tiswadi Taluka.

TENDER SCHEDULE

- ONLINE SUBMISSION of Tender is 12/02/2025 upto 15:00 hrs.
- The Tender will be OPENED on 13/02/2025 at 15:00 hrs.

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No. D.Tpt/EST/1493/2012/Part File-A/293 Dated: 31/01/2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS, in accordance with Rule 50 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, the affixation of High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) is mandatory for all motor vehicles; AND WHEREAS, during field inspections, it has been observed that several vehicle owners have not yet complied with this requirement;

NOW, THEREFORE, all vehicle owners are hereby directed to ensure the affixation of HSRP on their vehicles at the earliest. To facilitate this process, the Department has authorized vehicle dealers to undertake the affixation of HSRP. Orders for HSRP can be placed through the official portal of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) at www.siam.in.

Failure to comply with this directive shall attract strict action, including penalties as prescribed under the applicable provisions of law.

Sd/-

(P. Pravimal Abhishek, I.A.S.)

Director of Transport

Place: Panaji-Goa

Date: 31/01/2025

DI/ADVT/1881/2025

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Blank Tender Forms are available with The Purchase Office, which can be collected on any working day from the hotel between 10.00 am to 6 pm. We prefer certified vendors who could comply with ISO & FSSAI standards with proper certifications. Sealed Tenders indicating the rate for each item along with all applicable details and copies of certificates should be marked to the attention of the Finance Manager and sent to the following address by 28th February, 2025.

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Funding shortfall may prompt reworking of climate targets: India

PTI, NEW DELHI: The lack of funding from developed countries to mitigate climate change in the Global South may prompt developing countries to "rework" their climate targets, India said on Friday.

In the Economic Survey

2024-25 tabled in Parliament, the government said the new financial package agreed at the 2024 UN climate conference (COP29) in Azerbaijan to support climate action in the developing world "presents little optimism".

With countries required

to submit their next round of Nationally Determined Contributions or climate plans for the 2031-2035 period this year, the economic survey said the "funding shortfall may lead to a reworking of the climate targets".

According to the Par-

is Agreement signed in 2015, countries are encouraged to strengthen their climate targets every five years.

India's Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said domestic resources will be the key to climate

action amid the lack of support from developed countries.

Therefore, resources for meeting development challenges may be affected, undermining progress toward sustainable development objectives and "compromising the

integrity of international climate partnerships", he said.

Nageswaran said the small mobilisation target of USD 300 billion annually by 2035 is just a "fraction" of the estimated requirement of USD 5.1-6.8 trillion by 2030.

Delhi polls: Over 900 cases of violation of MCC registered

PTI, NEW DELHI: More than 900 cases of alleged violations of the Model Code of Conduct (MCC) have been registered ahead of the February 5 Delhi Assembly polls, an official said.

The cases were lodged between January 7, when the MCC came into force, and January 30.

A total of 29,172 people have been arrested during this period under various legal provisions, including those under the Excise Act, according to a statement.

Ahead of the polls, the police have intensified vigilance at border checkpoints and conducted crackdowns on illegal activities, including the smuggling of arms, liquor and drugs.

Delhi Police has recorded 916 cases of alleged MCC violations and confiscated 426 illegal firearms and 487 cartridges with 439 people

The police have also seized 99,285 litres of liquor and arrested 1,194 people, 166.993 kg of drugs worth over Rs 75.4 crore with more than 1,200 banned injections and arrested 162 people so far

arrested under the Arms Act, the statement said.

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Polling for the 70-member Delhi Assembly will be held on Feb 5, with the votes set to be counted on Feb 8.

7 AAP MLAs quit party days ahead of Delhi polls

PTI, NEW DELHI: In a setback to the AAP, seven of its outgoing MLAs resigned from the party on Friday, with only five days to go for the Delhi Assembly polls.

Sources said these MLAs were disgruntled after being denied tickets for the February 5 polls and were in touch with other parties.

Most of the MLAs shared their resignation letters on social media and slammed the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over corruption and other issues.

Madan Lal, the outgoing MLA from Kasturba Nagar, said seven AAP legislators, including him, have quit the party's primary membership.

He said they have also sent their resignation letters to Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel.

Besides Lal, the AAP

MLAs who have resigned are Bhavna Gaur (Palam), Naresh Yadav (Mehrauli), Rohit Mehraulia (Trilok-puri), Pawan Sharma (Adarsh Nagar), B S Joon (Bijwasan) and Rajesh Rishi (Janakpuri).

"The seven MLAs were anguished over being given a cold shoulder by the party and its leaders, despite working honestly for years. We will soon share our future strategy," Lal told PTI.

In her resignation letter addressed to party supremo Arvind Kejriwal, Gaur said, "I hereby resign from the primary membership of the Aam Aadmi Party as I have lost faith in you and the party." She is a two-time MLA from Palam.

Slamming these MLAs, AAP's national spokesperson Reena Gupta said a survey conducted by the party had revealed

that all of them were unavailable to the public in their respective constituencies and that is why they were denied poll tickets.

"We did not give them tickets because of the unfavourable results of the survey. The fact that they are now attending another party after being refused tickets is not a huge deal. It is a part of politics," Gupta said.

Later, the AAP said in a statement that some MLAs were denied tickets for the February 5 polls, leading to "dissatisfaction". Over the last few weeks, under Kejriwal's leadership, the party has given poll tickets to ordinary individuals from humble backgrounds, the statement said.

The AAP has replaced 16 of its incumbent MLAs with new faces for the February 5 polls.

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Ref.No: VP/N/2251/2024-25/26, Date:31/01/2025.

GRAM SABHA MEETING NOTICE

All the Gram Sabha Members of Village Panchayat Navelim, Salcete, Goa, are hereby informed that the Ordinary Gram Sabha Meeting of Navelim Village Panchayat will be held on 09th February 2025 at 10.00 a.m. in the premises of Village Panchayat Hall at Buticas Navelim, to transact the following business on the Agenda:-

AGENDA

- To read and confirm the proceedings of the previous Gram Sabha Meeting.
- To place the audit report for the year 2023-24.
- To place and approve the budget for the year 2025-26.
- To place and approve the Annual Development Plan (GDP Plan) for the year 2025-26.
- To place memorandum/circulars received, if any.
- To consider developmental proposals/suggestions received from the Gram Sabha Members, if any.

Sd/- (Minguel Cardozo)

Sarpanch, V.P. Navelim.

N.B. i) In case there be no quorum, as required under section 5(3) of the Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994, the same shall stand adjourned for half an hour after fifteen minutes from the appointed time for the original meeting and the adjourned meeting, shall be held soon thereafter to transact the business on the agenda of the appointed meeting irrespective of the quorum. ii) If any member of the Gram Sabha desires to submit his/her proposal for the consideration of the Gram Sabha, he/she, may do so in writing, so as to reach the undersigned four days before the date of the Gram Sabha Meeting (i.e. on or before 05/02/2025 by 12.30 p.m.)

tract Medical and Health Officer of Siddipet told PTI that the case has not come to the notice of the administration.

The GBS outbreak in Pune and surrounding ar-

reas is likely linked to contaminated water sources. Campylobacter jejuni, a bacteria found in contaminated food and water, is believed to be the reason for the outbreak.

Telangana woman diagnosed with GBS disease, first known case in state

PTI, HYDERABAD: A woman from Siddipet district in Telangana has been diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS), a rare nerve disorder, that is currently prevalent in some parts of Pune and surrounding areas, making it the first known case in the state.

According to a statement issued by KIMS Hospital here on Friday, the patient has no travel history to Pune.

"A 25-year-old woman from Siddipet, Telangana, is currently admitted and is put on a ventilator support treatment at KIMS Hospital after being diagnosed with GBS," it said.

According to Consultant Neurologist Dr Praveen Kumar Yada, "Despite the high prevalence of this disease in Pune, Maharashtra, the patient has no history of travel to Pune, nor does anyone in her family have a

CHHATTISGARH REPORTS FIRST CASE OF HMPV; 3-YEAR-OLD BOY TESTS POSITIVE

PTI, BILASPUR: A three-year-old boy admitted to a hospital in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur city has been diagnosed with the human metapneumovirus (HMPV), marking the state's first such infection, health officials said on Friday. The boy, who hails from the neighbouring Korba district, was admitted to a private hospital here for a cold and cough on January 27. Chief Medical and Health Officer of Bilaspur Dr Pramod Tiwari said. Suspecting it to be a case of HMPV, his swab samples were sent to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Raipur for examination, he said. After tests confirmed HMPV infection, the child was moved to an ICU, separated from other patients, in the hospital, he said. However, the child has shown no signs of improvement since admission, and we are considering shifting him to AIIMS Raipur for further treatment, he said.

history of this condition. The GBS occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks its own nervous system after fever or loose motions."

The woman initially received treatment at another hospital for a

week, but as her condition worsened, she was shifted to KIMS Hospital for advanced medical care. Due to the severity of her condition, she is currently being treated entirely on ventilator support.

When contacted, the Dis-

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TENDER NOTICE

(ELECTRONIC MODE ONLY) Date: 31/01/2025

Imagine Panaji Smart City Development Limited (IPSCDL), Headquarters Patto Panaji - Goa, invites online Percentage Tenders from approved and eligible Contractors of State PWD, Goa, registered in Appropriate Class and Categories for the work: "Supply, Installation and Commissioning of Octagonal Poles and Smart Streetlight Luminaries at IPSCDL Project at Patto, Panaji". Tender Ref No. IPSCDL/P.S.Electrical/1255/1473.

Interested Contractors may register and then download the Tender Documents and Detailed Tender Notice from the website <https://eprocure.goa.gov.in>.

The last date of submission of bids shall be 10th February 2025 up to 17:00 hrs.

MANAGING DIRECTOR & CEO