

Ready for another language war: Stalin

Convenes all-party meet on March 5 to discuss Lok Sabha delimitation issue

PTI, CHENNAI: Amid the ongoing Hindi imposition row, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Tuesday

said the state was 'ready' for 'another language war' and also announced convening an all-party meet on March

5 to discuss the Lok Sabha delimitation issue. Tamil Nadu was facing the "threat" of losing 8 seats

as the state has successfully implemented the family planning programme that led to population control,

he said while addressing reporters after chairing a Cabinet meet at the Secretariat here.

About 40 political parties registered with the Election Commission of India have been invited for the all-party meeting, he said and appealed for unity, overcoming political differences.

Responding, BJP state president K Annamalai said Stalin was now trying to "shift the narrative" with the "imaginary fear" regarding delimitation as people of the state had rejected his argument on the three-language policy. He indicated that the BJP may not attend the all-party meet.

Asked if the March 5 meeting will discuss the three-language policy, a bone of contention between the NDA-led Centre and the Tamil Nadu government in light of the National Education Policy (NEP), Stalin said that to raise voice in the Parliament on issues like NEP, central funds and NEET, adequate number of MPs was required.

"Because, in the name of delimitation, a sword is hanging over southern states," he said.

The state was leading in all development indices, but now faced the "threat" of losing out on the Lok Sabha seats post delimitation as the process would be based on the state's population.

"Tamil Nadu succeeded in population control

through the family planning programme. Just because population is less, there is a situation of the Lok Sabha seats being cut down (in TN). We stand to lose 8 seats and as a result, we would be having only 31 MPs, and not the 39 (present number)," he added.

"Our representation (in Parliament) will reduce, Tamil Nadu's voice is being stifled. This is a matter of Tamil Nadu's rights. All leaders and political parties should jointly speak across party lines on the issue," the CM added.

Responding to a query if the Centre was "sowing the seeds for another language war," in light of the alleged Hindi imposition, Stalin replied, "Yes, certainly. We are ready for it."

The ruling DMK has been opposed to the three-language policy and has been insisting Tamil Nadu was content with Tamil and English, and has accused the BJP-NDA government at the Centre of "imposing Hindi," a charge denied by the union government.

The "language war" refers to the DMK's anti-Hindi agitation in 1965, when the Dravidian party successfully campaigned against the alleged imposition of the language on the Tamil people.

In a copy of the invitation for the all-party meeting uploaded on his 'X' page, Stalin highlighted the various issues the state was facing, including central fund allocation.

SP leader Abdullah Azam Khan walks out of jail

PTI, HARDOI (UP): Samajwadi Party leader Abdullah Azam Khan walked out of the Hardoi jail in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday on bail after spending 17 months behind bars, with his party's leaders and supporters flocking outside the prison to welcome him.

Abdullah Khan is a former MLA from the Suar constituency in Rampur and the son of incarcerated veteran SP leader and former state cabinet minister Azam Khan.

Around noon, Abdullah, wearing a white kurta-pyjama with a dark-coloured sleeveless waistcoat and sporting a neatly made ponytail, was escorted out of the prison complex by security personnel.

While Abdullah Khan did not speak to the media, his lawyer, Satnam Singh Nattu, said, "As the entire country knows, Mohammad Azam Khan and his family were persecuted and imprisoned. Today, we thank God, Allah and Waheguru for paving the way for Abdullah Bhai's release. He will finally walk free and return home today."

As news of the former

MLA's release spread, his supporters started gathering outside the prison, along with Moradabad MP and SP leader Ruchi Veera.

After being released from prison, Abdullah Azam Khan along with the convoy of his supporters reached his residence on Jail Road at 4.10 pm and greeted his supporters. When reporters tried to talk to him, he replied that he would speak to them later.

MP/MLA special magistrate trial court Judge Shobhit Bansal recently granted Abdullah Azam Khan bail in a case related to enemy property registered in 2020. Over the years, 45 cases, including one related to machine theft, have been registered against Abdullah Azam Khan, and he has secured bail in all of them.

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY

RAQUELINHA RATO e SOUZA (RACHEL)
PRAIAS, ANJUNA

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mother Raquelinha on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 7.30 am at St. Michael's Church, Anjuna followed by prayers and blessings at the grave, offered by her sorrowful Family.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

MONTH'S MIND

FELICIANO CARDOZO

Born: 13/06/1996 Died: 27/01/2025

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Feliciano on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 7.15 a.m. at Our Lady of Mother of Poor Church Tilamol.

Offered by sorrowful wife Sebastian, Sister Fransisca / late Antonio, Joanta/Martino, Conceicao/Mariano.

MONTH'S MIND

In loving memory of **SOCORRINA ANDRADE E ANTAO**
MORAILEM - CURCHOREM.

"Deep in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday"

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved MOTHER on 27th Feb, 2025 at 8.00 a.m. at Guardian Angel Church Curcholem followed by prayers at the grave, OFFERED BY HER SORROWFUL CHILDREN AND FAMILY.

Relatives & Friends, kindly accept this as the only intimation

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In everloving memory of **MARTINA FERNANDES**
(DOVANDEM - MARGAO)

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother Martina on Thursday, 27th February 2025 (tomorrow) at 8:00 am at Holy Spirit Church, Margao, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband late Sebastiao, children late Rosarina (Baby)/Heclido Gracias, Paulo/Juliana, Joao/Rosada, Agnelo/Daisy, Josefina/late Braz D'Costa, Lucas Roy/Suorina, Jose (Hilly)/Dumelina, Severino, Vellary/Menino Dias, late Artimisa/late Pedro, Angela/Rosario, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

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LORD I AM COMING HOME

LUIS CAETANO FERNANDES
(Sisorda, Loutolim)

Born: 16/01/1973 — Died: 25/02/2025

Husband of Ruby Fernandes
Son of Late Constantino and Santana Fernandes. Son-in-law of Late Antonio/Maria Aleluia Fernandes. Brother/Brother-in-law of Piedade Fernandes/ Andrew Fernandes, Marquinha Fernandes/ Sebastiao Fernandes, Late Rosalina Silveira (Rosa)/ Late Alfred Silveira. Uncle of Alifa Fernandes/Judas Colaco, Shanaz Fernandes & Andria Silveira. Nephew of Sabin Faleiro & Milagrina Faleiro.

Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Wednesday, 26th February 2025, at 3:15 pm to Saviour of the World Church, Loutolim for Eucharistic Celebration followed by burial.

Relatives, neighbours & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

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FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

In Cherished Memory Of

Hermenegildo (Gil) J. F. A. Silveira

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved GIL on Thursday, 27th February 2025 at 7.45 a.m. at St. Inez Church-Panjim, followed by prayers at the grave. Offered by his bereaved family.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY

A year has gone by but your legacy lives on. Today we light a candle in your memory knowing that your spirit dances among the stars.

Mena da Gama
19.02.1927 - 26.02.2024

Beloved wife of (Late) Lloyd da Gama
Mother/mother-in-law of Roy & Sybil, (Late) Vivian
Grandmother of Liane & Savio.

GOAN RITES 9822136397

DEATH

NATALINA (Natty) DE SOUZA FERNANDES
(Ex-Kuwait) Arpora - Assonora

Born: 10-4-1938 Died: 25-02-2025

Beloved Wife of late Sebastian Fernandes
Dearest Mother/Mother-in-law of Curcino / Josefina (France - UK) with family, Philo / Dass (Assonora)
Loving Sister of Late Dr. Cajetan de Souza (Arpora) with family
Loving Sister-in-law of Anna Christie (Canada) and family
Doting Aunt to Dr. Thomas Paul de Souza (Arpora) & family
Savio (US), Selwyn (Canada), Steven (Canada) with families.

Funeral cortege will leave her residence at 09:15 am on 26/02/2025 Wednesday for Eucharistic celebration at 10:00 am for Church of Santa Clara, Assonora, Bardez.

Relatives, neighbours & well wishers please accept this as the only intimation.

THREE YEARS WITH THE LORD

in loving memory of **PEDRO RODOLFO FERNANDES (DHO)**
Bella vista - Raia

On this day, we commemorate your 3rd Death Anniversary, remembering the incredible person you were.

"If our tears could build a stairway, and our memories a lane, We would walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken, no time to say goodbye; You were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. Our hearts still ache with sadness, and tears still flow, What it meant to lose you, No one will ever know..."

Rest in Eternal Peace
A loving Husband,
tender Father, kind Brother & a Friend.
You are still living in our hearts; for nothing loved is ever lost.

Please note, there will be a Eucharistic celebration to pray for the soul of our beloved Rodolfo (Dho) on Thursday, 27 February 2025, at 7.30 am at Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia, followed by prayer at the grave.

Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

RETURNED TO THE LORD

Born: 14-01-1952 Died: 24-02-2025

ANTONIO JOAQUIM JOSE DIAS (JOSEPH)
Lotinto - Loutolim

Loving Son of late Luis Caitano and late Ana Rita
Doting husband of Ana Francisca Dias (Franskin),
Caring father/father-in-law of Lerisa/ Cedric & Loyce/ Mac
Cherished granddad of Alzira, Averty, Liam, Luke, Myles
Brother/brother-in-law of : Marcus/ Magna, Late Adolf/ Sebastian, Daria/ late Agnelo Milly/ late Vincent, Late Mary/ Franco Antonett / late Michael, Felly/ Joe

Funeral services will be held at Saviour of the world Church, Loutolim on 27th February 2025 at 9.30am

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

A MONTH WITH THE LORD

In loving memory of **Filomena Maria Terexa De Souza**

01 July 1940 - 29 January 2025

"I am the resurrection and life. the one who believes in me will live, even through they die;"john 11:25

THERE WILL BE A EUCHARISTIC MASS FOR THE SOUL OF OUR BELOVED MUMMY ON 27th FEB 2025 AT 8.30 am AT OUR LADY OF MIRACLES CHURCH, BADEM ASSAGAO OFFERED BY HER SORROWFUL FAMILY...

Loving Wife of: Late Antonio Simao De Souza
Loving Mother/mother-in-law of: Zacarias Victor De Souza, Lucy Bastin e De Souza/ Goretti De Souza wife of Antonio De Souza / Late Aquila De Souza, Leo Andro De Souza (Micheal), Lynette De Souza
Loving grandmother of: Nadia D'Souza, Fenelina D'Souza, Kevin D'Souza, Leolyn Aquila De Souza

Lord I am coming Home

Bernardo Xavier Francisco Furtado (Ben)
(Sinquetim, Navelim)
24/09/1954 - 24/02/2025

Son of Late Bruno & Antonieta Furtado
Husband of Fatima Furtado.
Father of Blossom/ Eustace, Brunhilde/Sajid & Bellina
Brother of Fraser/Yvette, Sylvia/ Alvaro, Sintia/ Peter, Sandra/ Elson, Sofia/ Agnel.
Uncle of Khezia, Keegan, Rhys/Shelby, Abigail & Jaden.
Grandfather of Zayne & Zidaan

A Funeral service will be held at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Navelim on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 3:00PM
Months mind service is on the 3rd March, at 8.15 am

Relatives, friends & neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

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MONTH'S MIND

In Everloving Memory of **MARY FILOMENA DIAS (FLORY)**

One month has quickly passed. The pain of your loss will forever last. Deep in our hearts. You will always stay, loved and remembered every minute of the day.

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mary Filomena Dias (Flory) at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, 27th February 2025 (Tomorrow) at Holy Cross Church, Cavelossim, followed by prayers at the grave, offered by her sorrowful husband, daughter and family.

Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

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79th Birthday Remembrance

CAMILO FERNANDES

We remember your 79th birthday in heaven with love & tears, Wished God could have spared you for a few more years, Missing you each and every day. In our hearts your memories will always stay.

Prop. of CAMILSON'S BEACH RESORT, Sernabatim, Colva

If we could write a story, it would be the greatest ever told Of a kind and loving husband / father, who had a heart of gold.

We could write a million pages, but there's just one thing We would like to say, how much we love and miss you Every single day." Happy Birthday.

Fondly remembered by
Wife: Barta Fernandes, Children & Grandchildren.

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