

LS delimitation: Stalin moots Joint Action Committee of MPs

PTI, CHENNAI: Stepping up the pressure on Centre, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin on Wednesday proposed that the 1971 Census be the basis for delimitation of Parliamentary constituencies for 30 years starting 2026 and favoured a Joint Action Committee (JAC) involving all southern states to press for related demands.

At an all-party meeting on delimitation here that was attended by main opposition AIADMK among others, Stalin, moving a resolution, said that in the event of increase in the number of seats in Parliament, the 1971 Census should be the basis for it and that appropriate Constitutional amendment should be done.

BJP state unit chief K Annamalai wondered what was the basis for DMK's compulsion to hold the all-party meeting, boycotted by the saffron organisation, saying the Centre has clarified no state would be affected due to delimitation.

Stalin also asserted that the 1971 population data should be the basis for delimitation of LS seats for 30 years from 2026 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi should make an assurance in the Parliament.

The JAC is to take forward such demands and create awareness among the people and the meet unanimously opposed delimitation exercise based on population, which will be a "threat to federalism and the rights of southern states to political rep-



Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin with Ministers K N Nehru and Thangam Thennarasu before an all-party meeting at the Secretariat in Chennai, on Wednesday

resentation." Tamil Nadu's present representational percentage in Parliament, which is 7.18, should not be changed under any circumstances.

Resolutions, supported by parties including the Edappadi K Palaniswami-led AIADMK, were passed in the meeting to urge the Centre to accept the demands of Tamil Nadu on the issue. One of the key points underscored in the meeting was that there shall not be any reduction in the number of LS seats.

The meet underscored that Tamil Nadu is not against delimitation of Parliamentary constituencies. However, the proposed exercise must not become a punishment for implementing well the socio-economic welfare measures during the past 50 years.

The Centre declined to heed

Maanila Congress (Mooparar).

The ruling DMK has been staunchly opposing the delimitation exercise, with party president and chief minister Stalin claiming it

will lead to reduced LS seats in TN. He has wondered whether the state was being punished for effective implementation of population control measures over the years.

DEATH
CONSTANCIO SALVADOR MASCARENHAS
Ganapoga - Raia
Born: 05-09-1959 Died: 05-03-2025
Son of Late Pedro & Late Rosada Mascarenhas, Husband of Elva Mascarenhas, Father/ Father-in-law of Swezel/ Bryne Fernandes, Neshvil, Brother/ Brother-in-law of Anthony/ Antonette Gaddin/ Eliza, Paul/ Late Juliet, Bibiana/ Evangelist Pinto, Son-in-law of Late Estaque & Rquesinha Barreto, Brother-in-law/ Sister-in-law of Melcy/ Aurelio Barreto, Dimple/ Alex Fernandes, Late Juliana/ Leão Pereira, Grandfather of Blake & Bliss Fernandes. Funeral cortege will leave his residence Today, 6th March 2025 at 3:30 pm to Our Lady of Snows Church, Raia for Eucharistic celebration followed by burial. Relatives and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

DEATH
JOSE PEREIRA
(PWD, WOI (Bigds) Junta House Panaji) ~ Segundo Bairro, Santa Cruz ~
Born: 23/10/1958 - Died: 05/03/2025
"Blessed are those who die in the Lord; For they will rest for their hard work; For their good deeds follow them."
Son of late Joao Manuel Pereira and late Marianinha Ana Rego. Beloved Husband of Eremita Azavedo. Father of Monisha Pereira. Loving Brother/brother-in-law of late Camilo Ruzario Pereira/ late Maria Sebastiao Betta Gonsalves, Rita Pereira/ late Domingos Rodrigues, Agnes Pereira/ Leandra Lourenco, Rosa Pereira/Alex Fernandes, Baptista Azavedo/Fatima Fernandes. Uncle of Franskin, Frieda, Agnel, Carol, Joe, Valanka, Manuel, Kayden, Kingston. Funeral cortege will leave his residence on Thursday, 6th March 2025 for Eucharistic celebration to Holy Cross Church, Santa Cruz at 3:30 p.m. followed by burial. Relatives and friends please accept this as the only intimation.

"He who believes in me will live, even though he dies" John 11:25
AMY GOMES
Born: 27/07/1934 Died: 05/03/2025
Kalina, Mumbai / Home in the Woods, Porvorim
Wife of Late Joseph Gomes, Loving Mother of Maria / Tyrone, Frances / Ketan, Anthony / Sydel, Paul / Elizabeth, Nirmala / Jason. Loving Grandmother of Keith, Kevin, Aarti, Sherwyn, Kryzel, Michaela, Malaika, Keenan & Keneisha. Dating Great grandmother of Zali & Zaylen. Expired peacefully on 5th March 2025. Funeral Cortege will leave the residence TODAY Thursday 6/03/2025, at 3.45 pm for Eucharistic celebration at Holy Family Church, Alto Porvorim followed by burial. Relatives, & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

In Loving Memory of
Manuelinho Crasto
(Artist)
(Assolna/Vasco/UK)
25/09/1940 08/02/2025
Beloved Husband of Fatima Crasto, Father/Father-in-law of Late Lennie/Troy, Flavy/Romeo, Genifa/Glen & Vilma/Patrick. Grandfather of Orenda, Oriel, Gezana, Dazzler & Archie. Funeral will be held on 7th March 2025 at 11.00 am. at Holy Family Catholic Church, Swindon, UK. & thereafter for the burial at Kingsdown Cemetery

~ RETURNED TO THE LORD ~
MARIA SILVA ALDA FERNANDES
GINA-MAINA, CURTORIM
Wife of Santana de Melo, Mother of Nelson Rogerio Inacio de Melo & Celso Leonel de Melo. Sister-in-law of Esperanca Cesar Fernandes & Filomena Fernandes. Funeral cortege will leave her residence on Thursday, 6th March 2025 at 9:45am for Eucharistic celebration at 10:00am at St. Rita's Church, Maina Curtorim followed by burial. Relatives, friends, neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

263 illegal rat-hole coal mines detected in Assam: Minister

PTI, GUWAHATI: The Assam government on Wednesday said that at least 263 illegal rat-hole coal mines have been detected in the central part of the state under the jurisdiction of two autonomous councils.

The government also informed the assembly that it has seized over 25,630 tonnes of illegal coal in the last three years.

In a written reply to a query from Independent MLA Akhil Gogoi, Mines and Minerals Minister Kaushik Rai said that 248 rat-hole mines have been found in North Cachar Hills Autonomous Council (NCHAC), comprising Dima Hasao district.

In Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, comprising East Karbi Anglong and West Karbi Anglong districts, 15 such rat-hole mines have been found, he added.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had banned rat-hole mining in 2014. However, coal is still extracted through this dangerous method in the Northeast.

Rai further said that coal is extracted in Di-

brugarh, Tinsukia and Charaideo districts as well, but did not share details of rat-hole mining in those areas.

Responding to another question from Congress MLA Jakir Hussain Sikdar, Rai said there are seven coal fields in Assam across Tinsukia, Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong districts.

Tirap Coal Grant, Lekhapani-Tipongpani, Ledo-Borgaloi, Ledo OCP and Namdang Coal Grant are in Tinsukia, while AMDC (Garampani Coal Extraction Project) and Koilajan are located in Dima Hasao and Karbi Anglong respectively, he added.

"Out of these, permission is there for only Ledo-Borgaloi at present," the minister said without elaborating.

At least nine labourers were trapped inside the illegal 3-Kilo Coal Quarry in Umranago area on January 6 after a sudden gush of water flooded the site. Partially decomposed bodies of all miners were retrieved after several days from the rat-hole mine.

Maha: Oppn seeks Gore's resignation

PTI, MUMBAI: Opposition parties in Maharashtra on Wednesday demanded the resignation of BJP minister Jaykumar Gore over allegations of harassing a woman and sending objectionable photos to her, while he dismissed the charges and asserted that he was already acquitted by the court.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Gore, who represents the Man assembly constituency in western Maharashtra's Satara district, is Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj. Gore was earlier with the Congress and joined the BJP in 2019. In January 2017, he had been arrested for sending lewd messages and his own objectionable photos to a woman in Satara. Amid the allegations against him, Gore warned of moving a notice of breach of privilege against those who raised the issue again, and said he would also file a defamation complaint against them.

The demand for his resignation came a day after NCP leader Dhananjay Munde stepped down as a minister in the wake of the arrest of his close aide Walmik Karad in an extortion case linked to the murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh in Beed in December last year.

Opposition parties targeted Gore over the allegations and sought his resignation.

ONE YEAR MEMORIAL MASS
FRANCIS XAVIER RODRIGUES
If love is as sweet as a flower, then my father is that sweet flower of love
To commemorate the First death anniversary of our beloved father FRANCIS XAVIER RODRIGUES. There will be an Eucharistic Celebration on Friday 7th March 2025 at 7.45am at Our Lady of Rosary Church, Fatorda followed by prayers at the grave. Fondly remembered by his children- Malcolm, Monica/Ivo and Diana and grandson Ethan. Costy's Ads, Chinchinim, Navelim, 9850473904

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
Maria Estela Piedade Cota e Martins
Born: 03/11/1938 Died: 07/03/2022
Murda - Grande, Nuvem
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved mother on 7th March 2025, (Friday) at 7:30am at Jesus Maria Jose Church, Nuvem, followed by prayers & blessing at the grave, offered by her sorrowful children & grandchildren. Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of
LEOCADIA PEREIRA
CARAMOROD - CHINCHINIM
Three years may have passed, but your memory continue to live on in our hearts.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Mother at 8.00am on Friday 7th March 2025 (Tomorrow) at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim, followed by prayers & blessing of the grave. Offered by her sorrowful daughters /son-in-laws Edith / Zeferino Dias, Jennifer / Rosario Barreto, Loretta / Henry Gomes, Olga / Ignatius Alvares, Premla / Sunny Gomes. Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

MONTH'S MIND
Josefina A. De Souza
AGARWADDO, CALANGUTE-GOIA
Eternal rest grant to her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul rest in peace.
There will be Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved Josefina on Friday, 7th March 2025 at 7:45 am at St Alex Church, Calangute followed by prayers & blessings at the grave, offered by her husband Augustino De Souza and Family. Relatives, neighbours and friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Ever-Loving Memory of our beloved
DIOGO ROSARIO GOMES
(Arossim, Cansaulim)
(Ex-Postmaster, Majora / Ex-Postman, Camronia)
24 July 1951 - 07 Mar 2024
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Diogo on 07th March 2025 at 8.00 am at St. Thomas Church, Cansaulim, followed by prayers and blessing at the grave, offered by his sorrowful Wife, Children and Grandchildren. Relatives, Neighbours & Friends Kindly accept this as the only intimation

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In everloving memory of our dearest Daddy
ROMANO DE CRISTO PEREIRA
PALMAGRANDE - CHINCHINIM
Sadly missed along life's way quietly remembered every day no longer in our life to share but in our hearts, you're always there.
There will be a Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Daddy on 7th of March 2025, (Tomorrow) at 8.00 am at Our Lady of Hope Church, Chinchinim followed by prayers and blessings at the grave. Offered by his sorrowful wife Maria Elfim Pereira, Children and grandchildren. Relatives, friends and neighbours kindly accept this as the only intimation

THIRD DEATH ANNIVERSARY
In Everloving Memory of
MERRICK RODRIGUES
Shotokan Karate (2nd Dan Black Belt) (Ambol - Vasvaddo, Benaulim)
Born: 07.10.1995 - Died: 07.03.2022
Your life was a blessing, Your memory is a treasure, You are loved beyond words And missed beyond measure.
Dearly beloved son of late Agnelo C. Rodrigues / Marta Leita. Loving brother of Milagrina. Grandson of Rosada Fernandes. There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of Merrick on Friday, 7th March 2025 at 7:00 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, Benaulim, followed by prayers and blessing of the grave. Relatives & friends kindly accept this as the only intimation.

FIRST DEATH ANNIVERSARY
SIMON TRINIDADE
Aucht Vaddo, Sangolda-Bardez/Auckland, New Zealand
5/10/1965 - 9/3/2024
Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.
There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul of our beloved Simon, on Saturday, 8th March, 2025 at 8.30 am at St. Diogo's Church, Guirim - Sangolda, Bardez, Goa offered by his sorrowful family. Relatives & Friends kindly accept this as the only intimation