



Venezuelan migrants deported from the United States arrive at Simon Bolivar International Airport in Maiquetia



A firefighter looks on as the California Branch wildfire burns in New Jersey's Wharton State Forest



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# Canada's PM and his opponent kick off poll campaign

## Leaders urge Trump to respect country's sovereignty

**PTI, TORONTO:** New Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney and his Conservative opponent said US President Donald Trump must respect Canada's sovereignty as they kicked off their election campaigns Sunday against the backdrop of a trade war and annexation threats from Trump.

Carney announced there will be a five-week election campaign before the vote on April 28.

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Trump's almost daily attacks on Canada's sovereignty have infuriated Canadians and led to a surge in Canadian nationalism that has bolstered Liberal poll numbers.

The election campaign for 343 seats or districts in the House of Commons will last 37 days. Although other parties are running, the Liberals and the Conservatives are the only two that have a chance to form a government. The party that commands a majority in Parliament, either alone or with the support of another party, will form the next government and its leader will be prime minister.

# Israeli strikes kill scores in Gaza as Egypt offers new ceasefire proposal

**PTI, JERUSALEM:** Israeli strikes across the Gaza Strip have killed more than 60 Palestinians, including women and children, the Gaza Health Ministry said on Monday, nearly a week after Israel ended its ceasefire with Hamas with a surprise bombardment.

Meanwhile, officials say Egypt has introduced a new proposal to try and get the Israel-Hamas ceasefire back on track.

Hamas would release five living hostages, including an American-Israeli, in return for Israel allowing humanitarian aid into the Gaza Strip and a weeks-long pause in the fighting, an Egyptian official said on Monday. Israel would also release hundreds of Palestinian prisoners.

A Hamas official said the group had responded

positively to the proposal, without elaborating. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorised to brief media on the closed-door talks.

Here's the latest: 61 dead in the last 24 hours, Gaza Health Ministry says The Gaza Health Ministry said on Monday the bodies of 61 people killed by Israeli strikes have been brought to hospitals over the past 24 hours.

Hospitals also received 143 wounded, it said in its daily report.

The overall Palestinian death toll from the Israel-Hamas war rose to at least 50,082, the ministry said. Another 113,408 have been wounded, it said. Its figures do not distinguish between civilians and combatants.

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### ASI SLAMS BRAKES AT OLD GOA CONSTRUCTION SITE

Speaking on behalf of the ASI, Assistant Superintendent Archaeologist Kishore Raghubans said, "During the excavation process, cannonballs were discovered at the site. Consequently, the ASI instructed the Department of Tourism to stop the work to allow proper documentation through photography, drawings and reports."

This process is ongoing and is expected to take some time, he said, adding that documentation including drawings and photographs will take another two to three months before the way forward can be figured out.

Meanwhile, Director of Tourism Kedar Naik has denied that a mall was coming up in the area, as claimed by the agitators. "The project focuses solely on three components - enhancing visitor facilities, including the development of a parking area for 100 cars and 200 two-wheelers, an information centre, and improved lighting for the monument under Centrally-sponsored PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation And Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Scheme. All necessary permissions including the office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, North Goa Division; technical clearance by the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department and the National Monument Authority (NMA) have been duly obtained, and work had commenced in accordance with the required guidelines," Naik said.

When it was pointed out that the Se Old Goa village panchayat had not issued NOC to the department, Naik clarified that an application for the NOC had been submitted, and all necessary permissions will be obtained before construction starts.

"We had two meetings with stakeholders including Church authorities, village panchayat, ASI and TCP and also modified our plans. We have followed all ASI guidelines. ASI told us to replace steel benches with wooden benches and we did it," Naik said.

Meanwhile, Quepem MLA Altone D'Costa tabled a calling attention notice in the Assembly site and urged the government to halt the project. Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte has stated that he will reply to the calling attention notice on Tuesday.

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### P'YAT 'CLUELESS', BUT GOVT SAYS PERMISSIONS IN PLACE

"There's no question of breaching the buffer zone. Old Goa is a heritage site, there's no question of anybody building any structure within 100 metres. Those who have cut down trees at the site will face action," he said.

However, speaking to the media outside the Assembly, Rane said, "It is GTDC's project. Permission has been given for the government project, not for a private project. GTDC has already developed facilitation centre for exposition and other infrastructure on the property of the church. Whatever has been developed has been done after getting permission from the ASI."

Raising the issue in the Assembly, AAP MLA Venzy Viegas countered Rane, claiming that the TCP had given NOC to the Tourism Department in 2023 and the NOC must be revoked.

"We were told that no permission has been granted for structures at Old Goa. But NOC was given by the TCP Department to the Tourism Department on May 12, 2023. If it has been given then it should be revoked," Viegas said.

Tourism Minister Rohan Khaunte said, "PRASAD scheme was launched in 2019. It was to support the exposition in terms of parking, interpretation centre for the pilgrims and other facilities. All the works have been done in consultation with the church authorities who have approved the works. Now someone says that a mall is coming up. Tourism Department is in talks with the church authorities and the issue will be resolved in the interest of the people. The Tourism Director will hold talks with the Church and take an appropriate decision."

However, Ambar Amonkar, Acting Sarpanch of Se Old Goa Village Panchayat, said, "The panchayat has not been informed about the project nor has the panchayat given any clearance for it. We will send a letter to the Tourism Ministry asking it to give a detailed presentation of the project before the people. We will also seek to know whether the construction is happening within the buffer zone because we are clueless about it."

"We will also send a letter to the ASI to understand if

they will take possession of the land and the cannons which have been found there. One year back a presentation was made before the panchayat and we had asked the tourism department to make changes in the proposals but we have not received any communication so far. We have received two complaints from the social activists," he said.

Social activist and Old Goa resident Glean Cabral said, "A board has been put up mention project under PRASAD scheme which we had rejected earlier. It had come to the Gram Sabha around a year back. Then we had told that we have no issue with the basic amenities but we will not allow any commercial building in the buffer zone area."

Cabral said he has written to the Department of Archeology requesting it to stop the illegal construction in the prohibited zone of the state protected monument, convent of Santa Monica and Chapel.

Peter Viegas, Coordinator of Save Old Goa Action Committee, asked who had given permission to the authorities to carry out digging and cutting of trees using JCB machines at a site which has articles of historical importance.

"Not only digging was carried out but some articles were taken away to unknown places. This is nothing but daylight robbery. Tourism Department must clarify where it had got permission from to carry out all these activities," he said.

The Goa Green Brigade has also lodged a complaint with Se Old Goa Village Panchayat urging it to issue stop work order against digging, soil excavation and building at the UNESCO protected site at Old Goa.

Meanwhile, the Village Panchayat of Se Old Goa has written to the Director of Tourism requesting for clarification on alleged illegal activities in survey number 154/1,2 and 3 of Se Old Goa Village. In a letter written to the Director, Acting Sarpanch Ambar Amonkar has said, "I am writing to you on behalf of the village panchayat of Old Goa in response to multiple complaints we have received from concerned individuals and organisations. These complaints alleged that illegal digging, soil excavation and construction activities are being carried out in the survey no 154/1, 2 and 3 which is recognised as an archaeological and UNESCO-protected site."

"The complainants have raised significant concerns regarding the impact of these activities on the historical and cultural integrity of the site. As this area is of immense historical importance and is protected under UNESCO guidelines, any violation of such regulations poses a grave threat to the heritage of our region," he said.

The panchayat has sought to know whether any permission or approvals have been granted for any excavation, soil removal, or construction activities in the survey numbers, the extent of any such activities and whether they adhere to the legal framework protecting archaeological and UNESCO sites and any evidence or documentation that violates the legality of these operations, if indeed they are authorised."

### SCHOOLS UNLIKELY TO OPEN ON APRIL 1

While disposing of the writ petition, the Court left open the petitioners' right to challenge any new notification, should it be deemed illegal or unconstitutional.

This ruling effectively halts the reopening of schools in Goa on April 1, with the exact date to be determined after the government considers the feedback received. Advocate Rodrigues lauded the Court's order, describing it as a victory for the petitioners and the broader community, emphasizing that the decision upheld the principles of transparency, accountability, and the rule of law.

### NAGPUR RIOTS: HOUSE OF 'MASTERMIND' DEMOLISHED

While Khan's house was razed prior to the court's intervention, officials stopped work on the illegal structures at Sheikh's home following the directive.

Both Khan and Sheikh had appealed to the High Court earlier on Monday, requesting an urgent hearing against the demolition orders.

A division bench comprising Justices Nitin Sambre and Vrushali Joshi questioned why the property owners were not given an opportunity for a hearing before the demolition of the allegedly illegal constructions.

Advocate Ashwin Ingole, representing Khan, stated that the court had ordered a response from governmental and civic authorities, with the next hearing scheduled for April 15.

The bench indicated that if determined that the demolition was conducted unlawfully, the authorities might be liable for damages, Ingole claimed.

Khan, the leader of the Minority Democratic Party (MDP), is currently in jail and facing charges of sedition in connection with the March 17 riots.

### 12 HELD FOR RANSACKING MUMBAI SHOW VENUE GET BAIL

Police arrested 12 people, including Kanak - all affiliated to the Shinde-led Sena - earlier in the day and produced them before the magistrate's court in Bandra.

The court remanded the accused to 14-day judicial custody following which they applied for bail. The magistrate allowed their plea and released them on a cash bond of Rs 15,000.

As per police, Kamra used a modified version of a Hindi song from the 1997 movie 'Dil Toh Pagal Hai' to mock Shinde over his 2022 rebellion against then-Chief Minister and Shiv Sena president Uddhav Thackeray.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 9) Dixit Gedam said two separate offences were registered at the Khar police station - one against Kamra over his comments and the other against vandals.

"It is not about taking any law in your hands. It is purely about your self-respect. When it comes to elders or respectable citizens of the country when your elders are targeted, you will target someone of that mentality," Kanak told reporters before his arrest.

"Abhi tak toh ye trailer hai, picture abhi baki hai. Whenever you are in Mumbai, you will get a good lesson in Shiv Sena style," the Shiv Sena functionary warned Kamra.

Kanak said they had told the owner (of Habitat set) that there had been six FIRs against the place (over hosting controversial shows).

The CPI (M) condemned the targeting of Kamra and the vandalism of the studio over his alleged defamatory remarks against Shinde.

The CPI (M) said this demonstrates that "mob violence is the only law" for BJP-led alliance regimes. The Left party said it stood with Kamra and his right to freedom of expression.

The studio in which Kamra filmed his show was on Monday demolished by Mumbai's civic body for alleged building violations.

A Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation official said the temporary shed and other structures comprising the studio, which was created in the basement of the hotel, have been razed.

"It was removed as there is no civic permission to create a studio in the basement. The BMC will check the hotel to see if everything is as per the allowed plan," the official said.

Earlier in the day, Habitat Studio announced they were shutting down after Shiv Sena workers vandalised its premises.

In an Instagram post, the studio said, "We are shocked, worried and extremely broken by the recent acts of vandalism targeting us."

The studio said artists are solely responsible for their views and creative choices.

The BJP-led Mahayuti government wants to turn Maharashtra into a "Taliban-like" state, state Congress chief Harshvardhan Sapkal said.

"The attackers belong to a ruling party. Do they not trust their own government, the Constitution, the law and home department? Why did they take law into their own hands? Why did they resort to this attack when Kamra did not name Shinde," Sapkal asked.

Shiv Sena legislator Murji Patel said the party workers will not allow Kamra to move on the streets if he doesn't apologise to Shinde in two days.

Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray slammed the Shinde-led Sena workers for the vandalism.

### WATER CRISIS: DAM BURSTS IN ASSEMBLY, MLAS TRAIN GUNS ON GOVERNMENT OVER SUPPLY

From Taleigao's frustratingly minimal water supply to Usgeo's untreated water problems, Porvorim's dry pipes, Anjuna's water scarcity, and Assagao's residents manually pumping water - the situation is both diverse and troubling. Despite the mounting evidence, authorities continue to ignore the urgent pleas of Goa's residents, failing to address the man-made factors fueling this crisis.

Sardesai referenced records from the Public Works Department (PWD) which indicate a shortfall of 91 Megalitres per day (MLD) of water, though he suggested the actual shortage might be even higher, based on the visible movement of water tankers across various towns. He called for the government to make water harvesting mandatory and for seasonal audits of water storage and infrastructure to be conducted.

The Aldona MLA criticises the government for approving large-scale projects with swimming pools in areas already facing water shortages.

In his reply, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant defended the government's actions, citing the growth in industry, trade, and population, both local and migrant. He stated

that efforts are being made to meet future water demand. Sawant added that the PWD is working to enhance water supply schemes, construct new water treatment plants with a combined capacity of 248.6 MLD, and build new reservoirs and pipelines. The government is also prioritising the replacement of old pipelines.

Sawant argued that while the state's total water requirement is 695 MLD, there is currently a shortage of 50 MLD. He acknowledged that water scarcity is a recurring issue every year during April and May but assured that potable water is provided in areas facing shortages. He claimed that the situation is not a major crisis, except in cases of pipe breakages.

### CASH-AT-HOME ROW: DELHI HC JUDGE TAKEN OFF CASES

They also called for impeachment proceedings against the judge. The lawyers also abstained from judicial work after the lunch break.

The association further demanded a review of judgements delivered by the judge.

"All the judgements delivered by Justice Yashwant Varma during his tenure of a judge at Allahabad High Court and Delhi High Court be reviewed in order to inspire confidence of people at large to regain public faith in the judicial system."

But some legal experts termed the demand as "preposterous", "premature" and "unjustified".

"So far as the review of all his (Justice Varma) judgements is concerned, it can only be sought by the parties concerned... this is not open for all," senior advocate Ajit Sinha said.

"I don't agree. It's too premature for anything," said another senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan.

Speaking to media-persons in Prayagraj, Tiwari referred to a number of resolutions adopted by the AHCBA.

"The High Court Bar Association opposes any proposed transfer of Justice Yashwant Varma to Allahabad High Court or its Lucknow bench or to any other High Court," read one resolution.

Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna had constituted a three-member panel to probe the discovery of "four to five semi-burnt sacks" of Indian currency notes after the fire incident. This followed an inquiry report submitted by Chief Justice of Delhi High Court Justice D K Upadhyaya.

The alleged cash discovery happened following a fire at Justice Varma's Lutyens Delhi residence at around 11.35 pm on March 14, prompting the fire officials to rush to the spot and douse it.

The Justice Upadhyaya report contained photos and videos of the cash allegedly discovered at a storeroom at Justice Varma's house during the fire-fighting operation aside from his response.

Justice Varma has "unequivocally" denied the any cash being placed in the storeroom either by him or any of his family members while "strongly denouncing the suggestion that the alleged cash belonged" to them. He said the allegations of cash discovery from his official residence clearly appeared to be a conspiracy to frame and malign him.

AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said the alleged cash discovery is a big issue and that people's trust in the judiciary has been damaged.

P Sandosh Kumar of the CPI said Justice Varma should be impeached.

### CENTRE NOTIFIES 24% HIKE IN SALARIES FOR MPS

Instead they sought an increase in the MP Local Area Development Fund (MPLADS).

"This is a normal process which is conducted at a regular period. However, considering the inflation, I feel this is not enough," Samajwadi Party MP Anand Bhaduriya said.

Bharat Adivasi Party MP Raj Kumar Roat said, "I welcome the move to hike salaries of MPs. The MPs had demanded an increase in funds of MPLADS but the government has increased salaries of the MPs."

BJP MP Malvika Devi said she was glad that the salaries have been increased but she would have been happier had the MPLADS been increased as well.

The daily allowance too has been increased from Rs 2,000 to Rs 2,500, the notification said. MPs can draw daily allowances while attending Parliament sessions and meetings of parliamentary committees.

The pension for former members of Parliament has been increased from Rs 25,000 per month to Rs 31,000 per month.

The additional pension for every year of service in excess of five years has been increased from Rs 2,000 per month to Rs 2,500 per month.

