



SC Judge Justice B V Nagarathna during a southern zone regional conference on 'Family: The Basis of Indian Society', in Bengaluru, Karnataka



Gyanesh Kumar, CEC, being welcomed on his arrival for an interaction with school volunteers (Who worked in LS and Jharkhand Vidhan Sabha-2024), in Ramgarh district



Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar addresses a press conference, in Ramgarh district



Akali Dal leader Sukhbir Singh Badal addresses the media after he was re-elected as Shiromani Akali Dal President, at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar

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A devotee dressed as Lord Hanuman takes part in a 'Shobha Yatra' on the occasion of Hanuman Jayanti, at Shalimar Bagh in New Delhi, on Saturday

Perpetrator of Jalandhar grenade blast held from Delhi: Punjab Police

CHANDIGARH: The main perpetrator of the hand grenade blast at the residence of BJP Manoranjan Kalia in Jalandhar has been arrested from Delhi, a top Punjab Police officer said on Saturday. Saidul Ameen, a resident of Amroha in Uttar Pradesh was nabbed with the support of central agencies and Delhi Police from the national capital, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said. Addressing the media in Jalandhar, Yadav said Ameen was apprehended after an intensive multi-state manhunt. "We achieved a major breakthrough with the arrest of the main perpetrator from Delhi in the case," said Yadav. "A police team is bringing him back, and then we will investigate to find the larger conspiracy -- who were his handlers and who provided financial support to him," Yadav said. A hand grenade was hurled at Kalia's Jalandhar home, shattering glass panes and damaging vehicles. No one was injured in the blast. Police later arrested two persons in connection with the incident and said it was the conspiracy of Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang to create communal tension in Punjab.

Five of family including couple, two children drown after SUV falls into river in Uttarakhand

NEW TEHRI: Five people of a family from Faridabad drowned when the SUV they were travelling in fell into a river in Tehri district of Uttarakhand early on Saturday, police said. A Mahindra Thar carrying six people crashed near Bagwan village on the Badrinath National Highway at around 6 am and fell into the Alaknanda river, Devprayag Station House Officer Mahipal Singh Rawat said. One woman was rescued by the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF). According to the SHO, the family from Faridabad were on their way to attend a marriage in Gauchar in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district, when the accident happened. The deceased have been identified as Sunil Gusain (44), his wife Meena, their son Dhairya (14) and daughter Sujal (12), and Aditya (16), son of Madan Singh Gusain.

SC limits Governor's discretion on bills

Says State can move SC if President withholds assent on bill sent by Governor for consideration

PTI, NEW DELHI: State governments can directly approach the Supreme Court if the President withholds assent on a bill sent by a governor for consideration, the top court has said in a landmark verdict on a plea of Tamil Nadu alleging delay in grant of consent to bills passed by assembly.

A bench comprising justices J B Pardiwala and R Mahadevan on April 8 gave a huge relief to the DMK-led Tamil Nadu government and cleared 10 state bills which were stalled and reserved by Governor R N Ravi for President's consideration, and also set a timeline for all governors to act on the bills passed by state assemblies.

Justice Pardiwala, writing a 415-page judgement for the bench, dealt and delivered findings on the judicial review of the exercise of power by the Governor under Article 200 and by the President under Article 201 of the Constitution.

"Where the Governor reserves a bill for the consideration of the President and the President in turn withholds assent thereto then, it shall be open to the State Government to assail such an action before this Court," the verdict said

Article 200 deals with situations with regard to passage of bills by the state assembly and subsequent options available to the governor on grant of assent, or withholding of assent or sending the bill to the President for reconsideration.

Article 201 deals with the bills reserved for the President's consideration by the governor.

The court referred to various situations and held the actions of governors and the President regarding state legislation are subject to judicial scrutiny under certain circumstances.

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state government can move the high courts.

"Where the reservation of a bill by the Governor for the consideration of the President is on the grounds of peril to democracy or democratic principles or on other exceptional grounds as mentioned in M P Special Police (supra) and Nabam Rebia (supra) then the Governor would be expected to make a specific and clear reference to the President properly indicating the reasons for entertaining such a belief by pinpointing the specific provisions in this regard and the consequent effect that may ensue if such a bill were to be allowed to become a law," the bench said.

The governor while making such a reference should also indicate his subjective satisfaction as to why the consequences that may ensue cannot be possibly curtailed or contained by taking recourse to the constitutional courts of the country, it said.

The bench then provided the grounds on which the

Not undermining Guv's office: SC

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has said it is not undermining the office of the governor in fixing a timeline for their actions under Article 200 but they must act with due deference to the settled conventions of parliamentary democracy.

A bench of Justices JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan which was critical of the act of Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi sitting over bills passed by the legislative assembly without any action, held that governors act according to Article 200 of the Constitution in a time-bound manner in a period ranging from one to three months.

Article 200 empowers the governor to give assent to the bills presented to him, withhold the assent or to reserve it for the consideration of the president.

The bench said, "We are in no way undermining the office of the Governor. All we say is that the Governor must act with due deference to the settled conventions of parliamentary democracy; respecting the will of the people being expressed through the legislature as well as the elected

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— Supreme Court

government responsible to the people. He must perform his role of a friend, philosopher and guide with dispassion, guided not by considerations of political expediency but by the sanctity of the constitutional oath he undertakes."

The bench, in its 415-page long verdict though pronounced on April 8 but uploaded on Friday night, said in times of conflict, the governor must be the "harbinger of consensus and resolution, lubricating the functioning of the State machinery by his sagacity, wisdom and not run it into a standstill. He must be the catalyst and not an inhibitor. All his actions must be impelled keeping in mind the dignity of the high constitutional office that he occupies".

NIA grills Rana for 2nd consecutive day

PTI, NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) questioned Mumbai attacks conspirator Tahawwur Hussain Rana for the second consecutive day to probe larger conspiracy behind the dastardly terror strikes of 2008, sources said Saturday.

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They said Rana is being probed by a team of NIA officials to ascertain his exact role behind the attacks.

Rana is said to be grilled on the basis of various leads gathered by the probe agency during the course of its investigation including a large number of phone calls between him and his co-conspirator David Coleman Headley alias Daoud Gilani.

He would also be quizzed

about individuals he met, especially an alleged key contact in Dubai who is said to be aware about the plans on carrying out Mumbai terror strikes, the sources said.

Rana was brought to the NIA headquarters early Friday morning after a Delhi court granted 18-day custody to the probe agency, following his extradition from the US.

He is kept in a highly-secured cell, inside the anti-terror agency's head office at CGO complex here, being guarded by security personnel round the clock, the sources said.

He would also be questioned on his suspected links with the officials of Pakistan spy agency Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) and his association with terrorist group Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), which had orchestrated the attacks.

FIERY DEVOTION



People light camphor on the Dharmaraya temple street ahead of the Karaga festival procession in Bengaluru, Karnataka, on Saturday. The Karaga procession will start from the temple late night and end on Sunday morning

JK: Two terrorists killed Junior Commissioned Officer dies in encounter

PTI, JAMMU: Two terrorists were killed in an ongoing operation in a snow-bound area of Jammu and Kashmir's Kishtwar district, while a Junior Commissioned Officer (JCO) lost his life in a gunfight with infiltrating terrorists in the Akhnoor sector, officials said on Saturday.

With this, the number of terrorists neutralised in the operations in the Chhatru belt of the hilly district in the past two days has risen to three. One terrorist was eliminated by the security forces on Friday morning.

Official sources said the slain terrorists were affiliated with the Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) outfit and included a top commander, Saifullah, who was active in the Chenab valley region for the past year.



Bgr J B S Rath and DIG Shridhar Patil address a press conference on Kishtwar encounter, in Doda, on Saturday

Commander of 5 Sector Assam Rifles Brigadier J B S Rath and Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban Range Deputy Inspector General of Police Shridhar Patil said the operations, started on April 9, are continuing with an aim to maintain peace and stability, as they reaffirmed the resolve to completely root out terrorism from the region.

"A total of three terrorists were eliminated in the operations while the troops displayed great tactical acumen and swiftness, and ensured zero casualties on our side."

"Despite the weather and night-time challenges, the troops displayed great professionalism and also gave

the topmost priority to the security of the local population," Brigadier Rath told reporters in Kishtwar.

He said the operations also brought to the fore the seamless coordination between the Indian Army and police, especially its Special Operations Group (SOG).

"After the first contact on April 9, rapid reinforcements were deployed in terms of special forces with the help of the Indian Air Force, and also to carry out real-time surveillance of the area the Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, drones and the night visions were employed basically to ensure that terrorists do not escape from the area," the army officer said.

3 Naxalites killed in Chhattisgarh

PTI, BIJAPUR: Three Naxalites, one of them carrying a reward of Rs 5 lakh, were killed in an encounter with security forces in Chhattisgarh's Bijapur district on Saturday morning, the police said.

It was the first encounter in the state after Union home minister Amit Shah last week appealed to the Naxalites to lay down arms and join the mainstream.

A gunfight broke out on a forested hill in the Indravati National Park area around 9 am on Saturday when a joint team of security personnel was out on an anti-Naxalite operation, Inspector General of Police (IG), Bastar Range Sundarraj P said.

Personnel of the District Reserve Guard (DRG) units of the police from Bijapur and Dantewada districts, Special Task Force (STF) and the 202nd and 210th battalions of CoBRA (Commando Battalion for Resolute Action, an elite unit of the CRPF) were involved in the operation, the official said.

The bodies of three Naxalites were recovered from the spot afterwards, he said.

Telangana's 'tree man' Ramaiah no more

PTI, HYDERABAD: Padma Shri awardee **Daripalli Ramaiah**, popularly known as green crusader 'Vanajeevi' Ramaiah, died in Khammam district of Telangana on Saturday.

He was 87. He suffered a heart attack at his house in Reddipalli village in Khammam district, family sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, his Andhra Pradesh counterpart N Chandrababu Naidu, and several other leaders condoled the demise of Ramaiah.

Despite lacking formal education, Ramaiah, a potter by profession, came to be known as a 'Man of Trees' for his relentless mission of afforestation.

Such was his dedication to the cause of expanding tree cover that he used to wear a board around his neck, with 'Vriksho Rakshati Rakshitah' (save trees then trees will save you) written on it, whenever he stepped out of his house.

Not only Ramaiah, his wife Janamma followed



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suit, sharing her husband's life mission.

Undaunted by his poverty, Ramaiah carried the mission for over five decades and is estimated to have planted more than one crore saplings during his lifetime.

He received the Padma Shri award in 2017 in recognition of his noble contribution to the cause of

environment conservation. Paying homage to the departed soul, PM Modi said Ramaiah's life is devoted to planting and protecting lakhs of trees.

"Daripalli Ramaiah Garu will be remembered as a champion of sustainability. He devoted his life to planting and protecting lakhs of trees. His tireless efforts reflected a deep love for nature and care for future generations. His work will keep motivating our youth in their quest to build a greener planet. My thoughts are with his family and admirers in this sad hour. Om Shanti," Modi said on X.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy described Ramaiah's demise as an "irreparable loss" to the society.

"Ramaiah launched plantation as an individual and

influenced the entire society," Revanth Reddy said, adding the Padma Shri awardee inspired the youth by dedicating entire life to environmental protection.

In his message, Union Minister Kishan Reddy said Ramaiah planted over one crore saplings during his lifetime and was at the forefront of protecting and furthering nature and the environment.

Chandrababu Naidu said Ramaiah's contribution of planting one crore saplings is a source of inspiration and that the green crusader's death is an irreparable loss to the environment conservation movement.

Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar said Ramaiah's death is a loss to Telangana and the cause of nature.

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NOTICE INVITING OPEN E-TENDER

On behalf of Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., Deputy Chief Engineer/Works/ Karwar has invited following **open tender** through **ireps.gov.in** portal. **Name of Work:** Extension of Executive Lounge at Udupi Railway Station in Karnataka State. **(Tender No:** KR-KW-OL-W-2025-20-CB). **Cost of the work in Lakhs:** ₹ 27.71 Lakhs Excluding GST. **Date & time of closing of tender:** 25/04/2025 at 15:00 Hrs. For further details, contact Office of Deputy Chief Engineer, Works, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd. Karwar. For more details visit (<https://www.ireps.gov.in>)