



People block railway tracks during a protest, in the South 24 Parganas district, West Bengal



Candidates being frisked before they appear for the Karnataka Common Entrance Test (KCET) 2025, in Chikkamagaluru, Karnataka



Bhujjan Samaj Party (BSP) President Mayawati presides over a meeting of senior party leaders from Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, in Lucknow



Police personnel on the spot after a city bus hit several vehicles, killing at least three and injuring many others, in Rajkot

'Very disturbing': Supreme Court on violence over anti-Waqf law protests

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the violence occurring during protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 is "very disturbing". A bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justices Sanjay Kumar and K V Viswanathan made the observation while hearing the pleas challenging the constitutional validity of the newly-amended law on waqf.

"One thing that is very disturbing is the violence that is taking place. If the matter is pending here then it should not happen," the CJI said. Echoing a similar sentiment, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre, said, "They (protesters) think they can pressurise the system by this."

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for a Muslim organisation, opposed the submissions of the law officer and said, "Who is pressuring who



People stage a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) Act 2025, in Kolkata

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we don't know." The CJI then said there were "positive points in the bill" that should be highlighted.

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2025 LAW INFRINGES RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF MUSLIMS TO MANAGE THEIR WAQFS, ARGUES KAPIL SIBAL

PTI, NEW DELHI: Senior advocate Kapil Sibal on Wednesday argued in the Supreme Court that the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025, infringed upon the religious freedom of Muslims in managing their religious and charitable institutions. Arguing before a bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justices Sanjay Kumar and K V Viswanathan, Sibal referred to the contentious provisions and listed out the objections of Muslim bodies and other petitioners. The top court, during the course of the hearing, proposed to stay certain key provisions of the Act including the power to denotify properties declared waqf by courts and inclusion of non-Muslims in central Waqf councils and boards. "How can the state decide whether and how, I am a Muslim or not, and hence, eligible to create a waqf?" Sibal asked. The new law says a person has to be a practising Muslim for the last five years to create a waqf, he added. Sibal referred to Article 26 of the Constitution, saying subject to public order, morality, and health, every religious denomination has the right to establish and maintain institutions for religious and charitable purposes and manage its own affairs in matters of religion. He said Muslims have the right to own and acquire property as waqfs and legally administer them. "These are fundamental rights and any law impinging on essential religious practices or property rights must be reasonable and proportionate," he added.

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The Calcutta High Court recently ordered the deployment of central forces in violence-hit Murshidabad district.

At least three people were killed and hundreds

were rendered homeless in communal violence in parts of Murshidabad district, mainly Suti, Samserganj, Dhulian and Jangipur, on April 11 and 12 during protests against the Waqf (Amendment) Act.

Odisha: Man dies in jail, family alleges murder

PTI, ROURKELA: A man, arrested for allegedly selling illicit liquor, died at a jail in Odisha's Sundergarh district on Wednesday, following which his family claimed that he was murdered.

Rajesh Kujur, a resident of Dalki village in Raiboga police station area, sustained a head injury due to a fall at the special jail in Rourkela, officials said.

He was immediately admitted to the Rourkela Government Hospital, where he died, they said.

His wife Amrita alleged that her husband was murdered in judicial custody.

GRAINS OF TOIL



Labourers put wheat crop in a grain cleaning cum grading machine, in Patiala, Punjab

West Bengal teachers stage protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar

PTI, NEW DELHI: A group of teachers and non-teaching staff from West Bengal, who lost their jobs following a Supreme Court verdict in a case on irregularities in their recruitment process, staged a protest at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on Wednesday, demanding to be reinstated.

The teachers, who have been agitating in West Bengal, staged the protest here under the banner of "Jogyo Shikkok Shikkhika Adhikar Manch", a platform advocating for the reinstatement of those who had cleared the exam on merit.

The protesting teachers and non-teaching staff said the SSC failed in distinguishing between fraudulent and legitimate candidates, leading to a blanket cancellation of



Teachers from West Bengal who lost their jobs following a Supreme Court verdict stage protest at Jantar Mantar under the banner of 'Jogyo Shikkok Shikkhika Adhikar Mancha', in New Delhi

appointments, adding that they have urged the state government and the commission to devise a mechanism to reinstate the deserving candidates.

Chinmoy Mondal, one of the teachers appointed in 2019, following the examination held in 2016 that is under the scanner, said they have come to Delhi to

make an appeal to President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding their situation.

"We want to tell the people of the country how we are suffering. The education system is collapsing in our state and our rights are not being protected," Mondal told PTI.

Bomb threat to Palakkad RDO office via email was hoax: Police

PTI, PALAKKAD (KERALA): A bomb threat received via email at the Office of the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) here on Wednesday turned out to be a hoax, as no explosives were found during an inspection by the bomb and dog squads, police said.

"Nothing was found during the inspection carried out by the bomb disposal and dog squads. So, it was a hoax," a senior police officer told PTI.

He further said the Cyber Cell division of the police is trying to identify the source of the email.

Earlier in the day, after receiving the threat, the staff and general public were evacuated from the RDO office premises.

Subsequently, fire force personnel, the bomb dis-

posal unit, and the police dog squad were deployed to search the entire premises, as shown in visuals aired on TV channels.

Police said similar emails were received in other districts of the state as well. The content of the email, as shown on the TV channel, claimed that an RDX explosive had been planted at the RDO office and would detonate at 1.30 pm.

The email allegedly claimed the explosion was timed to coincide with the "elimination" of AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami. Last month, bomb threats were also received via email at the district collector offices in Thiruvananthapuram, Pathanamthitta, and Wayanad-all of which turned out to be hoaxes.

SC junks PIL for gender-neutral dowry harassment, maintenance sections; says it's up to Parliament

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court Tuesday dismissed a PIL for making dowry harassment and maintenance provisions "gender neutral" to prevent their "misuse", saying courts cannot legislate law and it was up to the Parliamentarians to look into it.

During the hearing in the PIL filed by an NGO, its counsel submitted that there were instances of the provisions being misused to harass the husbands and their family members.

The bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice N Kottiswar Singh, however, said, "We understand this would make a spicy news item, but tell us which provisions in law are not being misused?" It added that instead of the NGO, the aggrieved persons should have approached the court.

The PIL had sought making section 498A of IPC (dowry harassment) and section 125 of CrPC for payment of mainte-

nance "gender neutral". Dismissing the plea, the apex court bench said no sweeping statements could be made that the provisions meant for the protection and empowerment of women were "misused".

Observing that every case needs to be decided based on its own facts and circumstances, Justice Surya Kant said, "Where the husband or his family has been victimised, the law must take its course

accordingly. If a woman has been harassed, the law must also to her rescue also. So what is wrong with the provision?"

"We see no reason to interfere with the legislative policy/mandate behind Section 498A IPC, now read as Section 84 of the BNS," the bench said.

The plea that such provisions were violative of Article 14 is wholly misconceived and misdirected, it said, adding Article 15 of the Constitution explicitly

empowers Parliament to enact a special law for the protection of women and children.

"The allegation that the provision was being misused is vague and evasive as no opinion with respect thereto can be formed while exercising jurisdiction under Article 32 of the Constitution. Suffice it to observe that such an allegation can be examined on a case-to-case basis," the Supreme Court bench said.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, John Victor, residing at D-201, St. Augustine Towers, Old Goa, Goa- 403402 would like to correct my name from John Victor John Samuel to John Victor, herein after in all my dealings and documents I will be known by my new name John Victor.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANJAY VISHWANATH PRABHU KHANOLKAR R/O SA-1, Riddhy Plaza, Shantinagar, Near Dangui Bakery Ponda, PONDRA, North Goa, 403401. Holder of Indian Passport No. M7992160, hereby change my name from SANJAY VISHWANATH KHANOLKAR, to SANJAY VISHWANATH PRABHU KHANOLKAR. Here after in all my dealings & document I will be known as SANJAY VISHWANATH PRABHU KHANOLKAR. If anybody has any objection they should inform to Passport Office within 15 days from the Publication of this Notice.

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GRAM SABHA MEETING NOTICE

All the Gram Sabha Members of Village Panchayat Betalbatim, Saltete, Goa, are hereby informed that the Gram Sabha Meeting of Betalbatim Village Panchayat will be held on 27th April 2025 at 10.00 a.m. in the Dr. Jose L. Cota Memorial Hall, Betalbatim, to transact the following business on the Agenda:

AGENDA.

1. To read and confirm the proceedings of the previous Gram Sabha Meeting. 2. To discuss any beneficiaries of various Government Schemes. 3. To approve various committees formed during fortnightly meeting. 4. To discuss the developmental proposals/ suggestions received from the Gram Sabha members, if any.

Sd/- (Minu Antonio Fernandes) Sarpanch, V.P. Betalbatim.

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 23/04/2025). iii) Application that fit the Section (6) of The Goa Panchayat Raj Act, 1994 will only be considered for discussion during the Gram Sabha.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public/Company/Financial institutions and is hereby cautioned not to enter into any form of agreement or any other document with Mrs. Sebastiana Silveira E Rodrigues or any person claiming through her as my client Mr. Ashraf Ali, Son of Nashir Ahmad, resident of Flat No. LG-4, Building Shiv Smriti Apartment, Near Paulo Garage, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, has executed an Agreement for Sale with possession dated 05th day of June 2017 with Mrs. Sebastiana Silveira E Rodrigues, daughter of Late Caitano Francisco Avelino Rodrigues, resident of H.No. 971/A, Opposite Malini Garage, Escrivao Vaido, Candolim, Bardez, Goa, with respect to the Flat bearing No. VF-S2 located on the Second Floor of the building known as VENOR PLAZA, Phase-1 having built up area of 83.25 Sq.Mts. including other area situated at Survey No. 166/2-C of Village Calangute, Bardez, Goa, and the litigation with respect to the same is pending before the Court of Civil Judge Junior Division at Mapusa bearing Regular Civil Suit bearing No. 21/2019/E.

The general public / Company / Financial institutions entering into any transaction shall be liable for the consequences/loss that may follow and any further transactions which may occur with respect to the said property shall be per say illegal.

Sd/- ADV. PRAVIN C. NAIK BUILDMORE BUSINESS PARK, Office No.8, Sixth Floor, Near Mapusa Police Station, Mapusa, Bardez, Goa, 403 507. PH: 9764242425 Email: naikpravinadvocate@gmail.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule-I (First Property) from MR. SHEIKH GAUSE alias SHAHK GAUS alias GAUSE XEC alias SHEIKH and his wife MRS. KHATJIA BI SHEIKH alias KHATJIA BI GAUSE and the property described in Schedule-II (Second Property) from their children MISS SHIFA SHEIKH and MR. ABDUL CAFFER SHEIKH.

Any person claiming any right, title and/or interest in the below described properties or having any objection to the sale of such properties, may intimate in writing to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of publication of this notice, giving complete details of the nature of the claim and the name and address of the objector. If no valid objection is received within the said period, my client shall assume that there are no objections to the said transaction and my client shall be free to proceed with the said purchase.

SCHEDULE-I

(Description of the First Property) All that Plot of Land independently surveyed under SURVEY NO. 133/6-C of village Benaulum of Salcete Taluka, South Goa District, State of Goa, admeasuring 885 sq.mtrs, bounded on the east by S.No. 130/8, on the west by S.No. 133/5, north by S.No. 130/8 and on the south by S.Nos. 133/6-B-1, 133/6-B and 133/6-I.

SCHEDULE-II

(Description of the Second Property) All that Plot of Land independently surveyed under SURVEY NO. 133/6-B of village Benaulum of Salcete Taluka, South Goa District, State of Goa, admeasuring 1900 sq.mtrs, bounded on the east by Survey No. 134/2 now the eastern bypass, on the west by Survey No. 133/6-B-1 and 133/6, on the north by Survey No. 133/6-C and eastern bypass and on the south by Survey No. 133/6.

Both the above properties are separated portions of the larger known as REBODA, the first addition identified in the Record of Rights as REBOR, which is situated at Village Benaulum, Taluka and Sub-District of Salcete, District of South Goa and State of Goa, within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Cota-Benaulum and described in the Land Registration Office of Salcete under No. 9045 at Folio 146 overleaf of Book B-23 of New Series and enrolled in the Taluka Revenue Office of Salcete under nature No. 512.

Sd/- PRITAM DA PIEDADE MORAIS BSc.LLM. ADVOCATE

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