



Locals protest over the death of a 17-year-old boy due to stabbing on Thursday evening, at Seelampur area, in New Delhi



People take part in a heritage walk on World Heritage Day at Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), in Bhopal



Firemen participate in the annual drill fire competition to showcase their skills, at the Byculla Fire Brigade headquarters



Women light earthen lamps during Manasa Puja, at the Rani Sapori Manasha Mandir in Kamrup district, Assam

Guv defies Mamata, meets riot victims amidst tensions

NHRC, NCW teams visit Malda relief camps

PTI, MALDA/KOLKATA: Teams from the NHRC and NCW on Friday visited Malda relief camps to meet Murshidabad riot victims, even as West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose defied Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's appeal to defer his visit and interacted with the displaced, prompting the TMC to allege political provocation.

During the Governor's visit, inmates of the Parlapur High School relief camp in Baishnabnagar, Malda - where few hundreds have taken shelter since the April 11-12 clashes - staged protests alleging "police-imposed censorship, denial of access to visitors and inhumane living conditions".

"This camp feels worse than a prison. Police are not allowing us to meet anyone and narrate our ordeal," a camp resident told reporters.

Bose, who left for Malda this morning despite a request from the CM to postpone his trip "in the interest of maintaining calm," said he wanted to independent-



West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose arrives at Malda Town railway station to visit a relief camp to meet those displaced by the violence that erupted during a protest against the Waqf (Amendment) act, 2025, in Malda

ly verify ground reports. "I am going to the field," Bose told reporters before boarding a train from Kolkata.

"I will meet the victims and verify the reports we have received. I will visit hospitals, residences of victims and the relief camps. Central forces and state police are working together to restore normalcy. After meeting the victims, I will submit my rec-

ommendations." At the camp, the Governor was seen interacting with children and patiently listening to the grievances of displaced families. "The women said miscreants came and attacked their houses, looted their property and were forcibly evicted," he said after the meeting.

Asked about the complaints about inhumane living conditions, he said he will seek a detailed report and talk to the administration. Raj Bhawan officials accompanying him took note of the complaints. "Tensions escalated briefly when angry camp residents broke barricades and surrounded district officials, accusing police of not letting them speak to the media or meet visiting relatives.

Kanpur airport bomb hoax: 21-year-old arrested

PTI, KANPUR: Panic gripped the Chakeri Airport in Kanpur briefly on Friday after it received a hoax call threatening to blow up a 72-seater flight. Police have arrested a 21-year-old man identified as Mohit Singh, who confessed to making the "prank call".

According to ACP Sumit Sudhakar Ramteke, an airport staff named Satendra Singh received the hoax call, in which the caller claimed that a bomb had been planted on a 72-seater aircraft which would explode upon landing. Alarmed by the call, a bomb disposal squad along with an anti-sabotage check (ASC) team searched the airport premises, but nothing suspicious was found, the officer said.

A surveillance unit with the assistance of local police traced and arrested the caller, Mohit Singh, a resident of Yashoda Nagar locality in the city, within two hours, Ramteke said.

Over 1 lakh Muslims protest Waqf Act in Karnataka

PTI, MANGALURU: In what is deemed as one of the largest public gatherings by the Muslim community in Karnataka in recent times, over one lakh people assembled under the banner of the Karnataka State Ulema Co-ordination Committee to protest the Waqf Amendment Act, 2025 here.

The demonstrators voiced strong opposition to provisions in the amended law that, according to them, erode the autonomy of Waqf institutions and threaten the community's rights over religious and charitable endowments.

Addressing the gathering, the Committee's president, Sheikhullah Taqwa Ustad, said the changes made to the Waqf Act signify a deeper attempt to "weaken" the institutional foundations of the Muslim community.

The Muslim community has faced oppression in the past, but this time, through the amendment to the Waqf Act, there appears to be an underlying effort to diminish the importance of Waqf, he stated. He urged the community to uphold the nation's multicultural and democratic spirit while firmly assert-



People take part in a protest against the Central Government over Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, near Charminar in Hyderabad

ing their legal and constitutional rights.

Former secretary of the Karnataka Waqf Board, Shafi Saedi, alleged that the amendment was part of a broader political agenda.

We are exposing the fascist forces that are ruling this country, and on May 5, we believe the Supreme Court will vindicate our stand, he said.

Stressing that the protest was neither against any particular community nor political ideology, he said, Our fight is about safeguarding our culture, our endowments, and the religious purpose behind

Waqf. This is not new we demonstrated the same unity and spirit during the Shah Bano case in 1985.

A key concern raised by the scholars and clerics was over the classification and control of Waqf properties under the new legislation. They questioned the rationale behind placing religious institutions such as Idgahs, mosques, cemeteries, and madrasas under government control through various provisions of the amended Act particularly Sections 3K, 14, and 40 which, they argued, allow for coercive acquisition of Waqf properties.

India rejects comments by Bangladeshi officials on violence in West Bengal

PTI, NEW DELHI: India on Friday rejected remarks by Bangladeshi officials on violence in West Bengal and asked Dhaka to focus on protecting the rights of its minorities instead of indulging in "virtue signalling".

We reject the remarks made by the Bangladesh side with regard to the incidents in West Bengal," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

"This is a barely disguised and disingenuous attempt to draw a parallel with India's concerns over the ongoing persecution of minorities in Bangladesh where the criminal perpetrators of such acts continue to roam free," he said.

Jaiswal was responding to media queries regarding comments made by Bangladeshi officials on the developments in West

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Bengal.

"Instead of making unwarranted comments and indulging in virtue signalling, Bangladesh would do better to focus on protecting the rights of its own minorities," he said.

Shafiqul Alam, the press secretary to Bangladesh Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, on Thursday called on New Delhi and the West Bengal government to take "all steps to fully protect the minority Muslim population".

"We condemn attacks on Muslims causing loss of lives and properties," he

had said.

"We urge the government of India and West Bengal to take all steps to fully protect the minority Muslim population," Alam had added.

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There has been a sharp downturn in India-Bangladesh relations after deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina fled Dhaka last August in the face of a massive anti-government protest.

The relations nosedived dramatically after the interim government headed by Yunus failed to contain attacks on minorities, especially Hindus, in that country.

DIVINE BLESSINGS



Sikh priests sit around the Guru Granth Sahib, the religious text of Sikhism, amid prayers on the occasion of the birth anniversary of the ninth Sikh Guru Tegh Bahadur, at the Golden Temple, in Amritsar

SC irked over Dubai court order restricting child's travel in matrimonial dispute

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has criticised an order of a Dubai court restricting the travel of a minor child in a matrimonial dispute and called it "atrocious" and "violative of human rights".

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh has issued notice on a habeas corpus plea of the child's father, who is a citizen of Ghana and resides in Dubai, UAE, on the limited aspect of visitation rights.

"Issue notice for the limited purpose of granting visitation rights to the petitioner along with other ancillary reliefs, returnable on April 28, 2025," the bench ordered April 17.

During the hearing, the bench observed that imposing a travel ban by a court in a matrimonial dispute

would virtually amount to "house arrest".

The father alleged that his estranged wife, a resident of Bengaluru, took away their son from Dubai to India despite orders from a court in Dubai and claimed it was illegal confinement.

Taking note of the facts, Justice Surya Kant told senior advocate Nikhil Goel, appearing for the petitioner, "It was alleged that she (wife) was virtually being held in confinement. You secured a court an 'atrocious' order which was in complete violation of human rights. How can a court issue a travel ban on a child in a matrimonial dispute".

The bench said any court, which believes in human rights will not

like to pass any such order as this would amount to putting someone in house arrest without holding them guilty.

The top court, which also questioned the jurisdiction of the Dubai family court in passing a decree of divorce and noted that both husband and wife were Christians and not bound by Shariah law.

Goel submitted that both parties were married in Dubai and were residing there.

The bench said it would go by the fact that welfare of the child was paramount and noted that the decision of the Karnataka High Court was correct in leaving it to the local family court to decide the issues related to the dispute.

Violence mars JNUSU polls, election process indefinitely suspended

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) elections were indefinitely suspended on Friday following back-to-back incidents of violence and vandalism at the Election Committee (EC) office in the last two days over multiple extension of deadline for withdrawal of nominations.

The EC announced the decision to halt the process citing a serious breakdown in security and a hostile environment on campus.

In a statement, the EC said, "Due to recent incidents of violence and vandalism at the EC office and against EC members, the election process has been seriously disrupted. Until the safety of EC members is ensured by the administration and student organisations, the entire process, including the release of the final candidate list, has been put on hold."

The situation spiralled after the EC extended the nomination withdrawal deadline multiple times. Originally set for April 16, the final candidate list was delayed and a withdrawal window was kept open till 4 pm on April 17, which was later extended to 4.30 pm.

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) strongly opposed the extensions, calling them undemocratic. Protests by the ABVP and counter-protests by Left-affiliated groups such as the Students' Federation of India (SFI) and the Birsra Ambedkar Phule Students' Association (BAPSA) led to clashes, damage to property and heightened tensions.

Following continued unrest, the EC provided another window on April 18 from 2 pm to 2.30 pm, prompting further protests. During the chaos, barricades were removed, glass panes at the EC office were shattered and several committee members reported feeling unsafe.

The EC has demanded that the JNU administration take immediate action against those involved in the violence and ensure security before the elections resume. It also accused the administration of not responding adequately to earlier requests for protection.

The political landscape this year is also marked by a breakdown of the long-standing United Left alliance, which had dominated JNU student politics since 2016.

EE (Main) 2025 session 2 results on April 19: NTA

PTI, NEW DELHI: Results of the second edition of engineering entrance JEE (Main) will be announced by April 19, NTA officials said on Friday. The final answer keys will be notified by Friday, they added.

"The final answer keys of JEE (Main), 2025, Edition-II will be available for download on the JEE (Main) website on April 18. The results of JEE (Main), 2025, will be declared latest by April 19," a senior National Testing Agency (NTA) official said.

The exam was conducted on April 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8.

1 killed as rain, thunderstorm hit coastal Odisha

PTI, BHUBANESWAR: One person was killed as a thunderstorm, accompanied by heavy rains, struck coastal Odisha on Friday morning, officials said.

State capital Bhubaneswar received 26.2 mm rainfall between 10 and 11.30 am, with strong winds uprooting trees in several areas, they said.

Waterlogging was reported from several low-lying areas of Bhubaneswar and Cuttack, they said. More than 100 trees were uprooted in Cuttack's Banki area, blocking the road to



A vendor tries to hold his umbrella while getting caught in sudden rain, in Ranchi, Jharkhand

Bhubaneswar, they added. Chintamaniswar, Chandrasekharpur, Gajapati Nagar, Behera Dhaba and

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