



President Droupadi Murmu with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iran Abbas Araghchi during a meeting at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi



Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari addresses the 4th International BBB Summit and Expo on Bioenergy Value Chain, in New Delhi



Vice Admiral V Srinivas, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command, on the return of IOS SAGAR from the south-west Indian Ocean region, at Naval Base, Kochi



Former BJP MP Sadhvi Pragya Singh Thakur leaves the special NIA court after a hearing on the 2008 Malegaon blast case, in Mumbai

Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan among states on high alert

Leave cancelled, schools shut

PTI, CHANDIGARH/JAI-PUR: Amid escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, many states have announced the closure of schools, blackouts in border districts, and cancellation of leave of police personnel and administration officials.

The stringent measures were taken by Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Delhi, Gujarat, West Bengal and Bihar after India struck terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan Occupied Kashmir in retaliation for the April 22 Pahalgam massacre that killed 26 people.

Punjab shares a 532-km border with Pakistan, Rajasthan about 1,070 km and Gujarat around 506 km. West Bengal shares a 2,217-km border with Bangladesh.

In Punjab, the leave of all police personnel has been cancelled while the state government has shut schools in six border districts, officials said on Thursday.

"Leaves should be granted only in special circumstances with the approval of the competent authority," an order issued by the DGP's office said.

All schools in six border districts of Punjab — Ferozpur, Pathankot, Fazilka, Amritsar, Gurdaspur and Tarn Taran — have been shut until further or-

ders. A blackout was enforced in several districts, including Pathankot, Amritsar, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Mohali, and Gurdaspur in Punjab and the Union Territory Chandigarh on Thursday evening, officials said.

"Punjab shares a 532-km border with Pakistan. Therefore, the role of the Punjab government becomes extremely crucial during any military tension. All districts near the border have been placed on high alert," Punjab minister Aman Arora said on Wednesday.

In neighbouring Haryana, the leave of state police personnel and those working in the health department has been cancelled till further orders.

According to a communication to the civil surgeons of all the districts across Haryana, it has been mentioned that all officials will have to remain present at their current places of posting and shall not leave the district headquarters.

The Delhi government also cancelled leave of all its employees till further orders due to the escalating hostilities.

No leave will be granted to any official of Delhi government till further orders given the prevailing situation and preparedness for any emergency, said an or-



(Above) A resident inspects his house damaged by Pakistani artillery shelling, in Poonch and (right) police personnel and others standing near metal debris of what locals claim to be parts of a missile in Amritsar, Punjab, on Thursday

der issued late evening by the Services Department of the government.

All district magistrates in the national capital are holding meetings with their subordinates to review health and disaster management preparedness in case of any emergency situation, officials said.

In Himachal Pradesh, which shares a border with Punjab, security has been beefed up in bordering districts, including Hamirpur, Una and Bilaspur.



The Rajasthan government too has cancelled

leave of administrative and police personnel deployed near the International Border and closed schools in five bordering districts.

With a high alert sounded in the border districts of western Rajasthan, a blackout has been instituted in these areas.

In Operation Sindoore, nine terror camps were destroyed in Pakistan and PoK and a good number of terrorists were killed. However, if anyone tries to take advantage of this restraint, they will face quality action. We are fully prepared for such responsible responses in the future as well — **Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister**

First of all, it is Pakistan that has escalated on April 22 (Pahalgam attack). We are only responding to that escalation. If there is an attempt at further escalation by Pakistan, it will be responded to in an appropriate domain. And therefore, the choice is entirely that of Pakistan to make — **Vikram Misri, Foreign Secretary**

It is not our intention to escalate this situation. However, if there are military attacks on us, there should be no doubt that it will be met with a very very firm response — **S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister**

Delhi court defers hearing against Sonia, Rahul

PTI, NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Thursday deferred the hearing in the National Herald money laundering case involving Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi to May 21 and 22.

all proposed accused persons in terms of its previous order.

The judge, however, said, "Since the notice has purportedly been served upon an alternative email ID upon the proposed accused 4 (Sam Pitroda) only today, it is appropriate that submissions on the aspect of cognisance are heard on the next date of hearing."

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Dr. Shilpa Suresh Mhambrey R/O 4th Floor F. 2 El- Capitan Center Feira-Alto Mapusa - Goa 403507 States that my Name is changed from Dr. Shilpa Vijaykumar Kamat to Dr. Shilpa Suresh Mhambrey for the purpose of Passport.

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given to the general public, that my client intends to purchase from Mr. DOMINIC MARIAN D'SOUZA, 43 years of age, son of Marian D'Souza, resident of Aradi, Candolim, Bardez-Goa.

CHANGE OF NAME
I Kavita Rawat (old name) residing at Palacio De S G H complex, Bldg A1, Flat No S/2, 2nd floor, Gogal, Margao, Goa 403601 (as per Aadhaar card), hereby declare that I have changed my name as Kavita Jasod Singh Rawat (as per Aadhaar card) D/o Jasod Singh Rawat. So I am called as Kavita Jasod Singh Rawat in all present and future correspondence

Any person's, bank's, financial institution's or any entity having any valid right, claim, title of interest in/over the said property by way of purchase, inheritance, gift, lease, mortgage or any other legally enforceable right of whatsoever nature or any objection to the proposed sale may intimate to the below mentioned address, with documentary proof in support of such claims within 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which it shall be deemed that there are no claims/objections from anyone to the proposed sale and my clients shall thereafter be free to complete the sale.

Nipah virus case confirmed in Kerala

PTI, MALAPPURAM (KERALA): A case of Nipah virus has been confirmed in Kerala's Malappuram district, health officials said on Thursday.

State Health Minister Veena George said the infection was found in a 42-year-old woman from Ward 2 of Valanchery municipality.

She is currently being treated at a hospital in Perinthalmanna.

The woman first visited a private clinic on April 25 with a fever. On May 1, she was admitted to the hospital after her doctor advised further treatment.

Initial tests in the state pointed to Nipah, and this was later confirmed by the virology lab in Pune.

Twenty-one samples from seven people who had close contact with the patient, including family members, have all tested negative for the virus, according to the Minister.

After the case was confirmed, George visited the district on Thursday.

6 killed as helicopter crashes in Uttarakhand



Rescue and relief work underway after a helicopter carrying devotees to Gangotri Dham crashed near Gangnani in Uttarkashi district, Uttarakhand, on Thursday

PTI, UTTARKASHI (U'KHAND): A helicopter on its way to the Gangotri temple crashed near Gangnani in Uttarkashi district on Thursday, killing six people, including the pilot, and leaving a man seriously injured, officials said.

tarkashi's Superintendent of Police (SP) Sarita Dobhal said. Bhaskar, who sustained serious injuries, was brought in an air ambulance from the crash site to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh for treatment. His wife, Vedanti (48), was also among the five other deceased women.

The lone survivor of the crash was Maktur Bhaskar (51), a resident of Anantpur in Andhra Pradesh, Ut-

crashed over the Rishikesh-Gangotri

national highway at around 8:45 am and fell into a gorge about 200-250 metres deep, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) said.

The helicopter had left the Sahasradhara helipad in Dehradun for the Kharsali helipad. It was on its way to Gangotri from there when it crashed, an official said.

District Magistrate Meharban Singh Bisht said six people died on the spot. One of the passengers on the helicopter - M Bhaskar (51) from Andhra Pradesh - was seriously injured in the crash and was airlifted to the AIIMS, Rishikesh, the DM added.

Three on board the helicopter were from Mumbai, two from Andhra Pradesh and one each was from Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat. Those killed were identified as Kala Chandrakant Soni (61), Vijaya Lakshmi Reddy (57), Ruchi Agrawal (56), Radha Agrawal (79), Vedanti (48) and Captain Robin Singh (60), the pilot.

The SP said it took hours to extract the bodies from the remains of the helicopter, pull those out of the gorge and up to the road. The bodies were sent to the Uttarkashi district hospital for post mortem.

CHANGE IN NAME
I, Mr. Joaquim Francisco Mariano Gomes, R/O. H. No. 191/3, Dmello Ward, Carmona, Salcete South Goa, would like to change my name on my Indian passport No. E-5367827 from "Mariano Pedro GomesJoaquim Francis" to "Joaquim Francisco Mariano Gomes" as per my Birth Certificate and Aadhaar Card. Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name "Joaquim Francisco Mariano Gomes".
Sd/-
Joaquim Francisco Mariano Gomes

IN THE COURT OF THE JOINT MAJLADAR-III OF TISWADI TALUKA AT PANAJI
Case No. TNC/DCL/4/97/JM-III
1. Shri. Minguel Almeida (Since Deceased Through LR's)
1(a) Mrs. Sebastiana Almeida Gomes R/O Near Topocila Factory, Borim, Ponda Goa.
1(b) Mrs. Elvira Almeida Dias
1(c) Ms. Judith Almeida
Both r/o H. No. 142, Kerant Caranzalem, Goa.
1(d) Mrs. Lourinda Almeida
1(e) Mr. Dominic Vincente,
Both r/o Near Shell Top Hotel, Taleigao, Tiswadi Goa
1(f) Ms. Filomena Almeida
1(g) Mr. Francisco Domingos Almeida
Both r/o H. No. 142, Kerant Caranzalem, Goa.
2. Maria Branda Almeida R/O Chinchon, Caranzalem Goa ...Applicant
Vs
1. Agnes Teresa D'Costa (Since Deceased Through LR's) a. Anthony D'Costa
b. John D'Costa (Since Deceased Through LR's) (i) Smt Rosalia D'Costa (ii) Shri. Peter D'Costa (iii) Smt. Milany D'Costa (iv) Shri. Paul D'Costa (v) Smt. Hazel D'Costa (vi) Shri. Adrian D'Costa (vii) Smt. Charlene D'Costa (viii) Shri Roland D'Costa
All r/o 36, Kathleen Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex, U.K.
c. Estrella D'Costa
d. Lucy D'Costa
All R/O H. No. 1293 Auchtivaddo, Tivim Bardez Goa. ...Respondents

NOTICE
To, The Respondents
Notice under Order 5 of Rule 20(1-A) of Civil Procedure Code, 1908.
Whereas the above applicants have made an application in this court under section 7 of the Goa, Damam and Diu Agricultural Tenancy Act 1964.
And whereas the notices issued to the Respondents returned unserved with postal endorsement "No such person in the address, Return to sender".
And whereas the applicant has prayed wide application dated 15/01/2025 for substitute service by publication on any Local newspaper as the applicant is not aware of the any other addresses of Respondents.
Therefore, notice is hereby given under Order 5 of Rule 20(1-A) of Civil Procedure Code, 1908 to appear in this Court in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all such questions 12/06/2025 at 3.00 PM.
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the date and time mentioned above, the matter will be heard in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court on this 29th day of April, 2025.
Sd/- (Ramkrisna S Salgaonkar)
Jt. Mamatadar - III of Tiswadi Taluka Panaji - Goa.

'Not as fragile as flowers': SC raps BJP Nishikant Dubey for 'scandalous' remarks on judiciary, CJI

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has rapped BJP MP Nishikant Dubey for his remarks against it and Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna, saying they tend to "scandalise" and lower the authority of apex court.

The top court, in a way, put an end to recent political debates as to who is supreme whether Parliament or the judiciary.

"It is the Constitution that is higher than all of us. It is the Constitution which imposes limits and restrictions on the powers vested in the three organs. The power of judicial review is conferred by the Constitution on the judiciary. Statutes are subject to judicial review to test their constitutionality as well as for judicial interpretation. Therefore, when the constitutional courts exercise their power of judicial review, they act within the framework of the Constitution," a bench of CJI and Justice Sanjay Kumar said.

The top court, which spared the lawmaker

"We have examined the contents of the assertions made by respondent 4 (Dubey), which no doubt tend to scandalise and lower the authority of the Supreme Court, if not interfere or tend to interfere with the judicial proceedings pending before this Court, and have the tendency to interfere and obstruct the administration of justice — **Sanjiv Khanna, Chief Justice of India**

from the contempt proceedings by dismissing a PIL, made scathing observations against Dubey for his remarks against it and the CJI following the hearings on a batch of petitions challenging the validity of 2025 Waqf law.

Dubey sparked a row when he said, "(the) Supreme Court is taking the country towards anarchy" and that "Chief Justice of India Sanjiv Khanna is responsible for the civil wars taking

place in the country".

"We have examined the contents of the assertions made by respondent 4 (Dubey), which no doubt tend to scandalise and lower the authority of the Supreme Court, if not interfere or tend to interfere with the judicial proceedings pending before this Court, and have the tendency to interfere and obstruct the administration of justice," the CJI said in the order.

The bench further said, "We are of the firm opinion that courts are not as fragile as flowers to wither and wilt under such ludicrous statements."

The comments were stated to be "highly irresponsible", reflecting a penchant to attract attention by casting aspersions on the Supreme Court of India and its judges.

The bench on May 5 heard a plea for contempt action against Dubey over his remarks and said they were the ones who heard the petitions against the amended Waqf law.

