

# Adverse US travel advisory an embarrassment for India: Congress

New Delhi, June 24 (IANS) The Congress on Tuesday trained its guns on the government for what it called a deterioration in the country's global standing as reflected by the US administration's recent advisory warning its citizens, especially women, against travelling to India.



Addressing mediapersons at the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters, National Spokesperson for Congress Supriya Shrinete said that despite the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts over the past 11 years to travel across the globe and interact with world leaders, the country's foreign policy has failed, with India's image deteriorating from bad to worse.

Delhi's foreign policy, Shrinete said, "We are the fourth-largest economy, but the US is not sparing any opportunity on the world stage to embarrass us." "Another reflection of the government's diplomatic failure is the grand treatment offered to Pakistan Army chief Asim Munir in the White House," she said, referring to US President Donald Trump's lunch hosted for the Field

Marshal. Referring to the Level-2 advisory issued by the US government on India, Shrinete said women have been advised not to travel alone to India, and American government officials have been barred from travelling to India without permission.

Hitting out at the 'blow' delivered to the country's image and its impact on tourism and the jobs in the sector, the Congress leader shared excerpts of the latest travel advisory issued by the US, which said: "Exercise increased caution in India due to crime and terrorism. Some areas have increased risk." "Country Summary: Violent crime and terrorism occur in India. Rape is one of the fastest growing crimes in India; violent crimes, including sexual assault,

happen at tourist sites and other locations and terrorists may attack with little or no warning. They target: Tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls and government facilities," the advisory said.

She said the shocking aspect of the US government's latest move is that Pakistan's travel advisory has not been revised, while the one on India has been made more serious.

Calling the US advisory an embarrassment for the country, she said we demand answers on what we have gained from gimmicks like 'Howdy Modi', 'Namaste Trump' and 'Ab ki bar Trump Sarkar'? "You claim that America is our friend, but it is issuing an adverse travel advisory against you and hosting your enemy for lunch," said Shrinete.

# SC summons UP's DG, Prisons, Ghaziabad Jail Superintendent for not releasing accused despite bail

New Delhi, June 24 (IANS) The Supreme Court on Tuesday summoned the Uttar Pradesh Director General (DG) of Prisons and the Senior Superintendent of Ghaziabad District Jail over non-release of an accused from custody on the ground that a sub-section of the anti-conversion law under which he was booked was omitted in the bail order.



Termed it a "travesty of justice", a Bench of Justices K.V. Viswanathan and N.K. Singh ordered the Senior Superintendent of Ghaziabad District Jail to appear in person before the top court at 10.30 am on Wednesday, and asked the DG, Prisons, to appear through the video-conferencing facility. After the accused, Aftab, was denied release by the district jail administration, he moved a miscellaneous application before the apex court seeking modification of the bail order to specifically include Sub-section (1) of Section 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful

Conversion of Religion Act, 2021. As per the application, filed by advocate Abhishek Singh, the release order issued by the Ghaziabad Additional District and Sessions Judge was returned by jail authorities on the ground that the case details as recorded in the jail register reflect "Case Crime No. 2/24, under Section 366 IPC and Sections 3/5(1) of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, Police Station - Wave City, District - Ghaziabad," did not match the particulars mentioned in the release order. Taking a very stern view of the alleged viola-

tion of judicial orders, the apex court hinted at initiating contempt proceedings against the jail officials if the contents of the petitioner's application are found to be true.

At the same time, the Justice Viswanathan-led Bench cautioned the petitioner of serious action, including recall of the bail order, if the averments made against jail authorities are found untrue.

In an order passed on April 29, the Supreme Court had granted bail to the accused, in view of the fact that his parents are Hindu and Muslim, and the marriage was performed as per Hindu rites and customs. Allowing the criminal appeal, the then CJI Sanjiv Khanna-led Bench had directed the accused to released on bail during the pendency of the trial in connection with criminal case registered under Section 366 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), 1860 and Sections 3 and 5 of the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021.

# Mother-son murdered in Bihar's Khagaria; land dispute suspected behind attack

Patna, June 23 (TSIT) In a shocking case suspected to be linked to a land dispute, a mother and son were found murdered inside their home in Mahddipur village under Pasraha police station in Khagaria district on Monday morning. The victims have been identified as Phul Devi (60) and her son Pankaj Kumar (35). Both were shot dead and the accused also used a sharp-edge weapon to slit Kumar's throat.

According to preliminary investigations, the incident is believed to be connected to an ongoing dispute over 8 bighas of land. The victim's daughter, Savita Kumari, told police that the attack occurred while her mother and brother were asleep. "There has been a longstanding land dispute. My father, Saatan Singh, is already in jail related to this matter. The accused may have targeted my mother and brother to avenge an earlier incident in which the opposing party's relative was killed," she said.

# Kejriwal trying to run Punjab like 'East India Company': Akali Dal

Chandigarh, June 24 (IANS) Shiromani Akali Dal on Tuesday condemned the Aam Aadmi Party-led Punjab government's move to clandestinely recruit 22 outsiders in the Punjab Development Commission to run 10 key state departments, asserting that AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal is trying to run the state like the East India Company.



In a statement, SAD President Sukhbir Singh Badal said not only was the AAP high command taking over the entire governance by formation of this illegal and unconstitutional Punjab Development Commission (PDC) but was also plundering Punjab's treasury by hiring outsiders at salaries ranging from Rs 3.30 lakh per month for advisors to Rs 2.65 lakh per month for digital and communication officers. He said that these departments are Agriculture, Jobs, Economy, Education and Skilling, Health and Social Welfare, Power, Infrastructure, Culture and Tourism, State Finances, Governance and

Monitoring Evaluation and Learning. He said that shockingly, the notification omitted any requirement for Punjabi proficiency or preference for Punjabis, "clearing the path for recruitment of AAP cronies." He said this was the same pattern of Delhi-based appointments of Punjab Chief Minister's advisors and chairpersons of corporations and boards, all loyal to AAP convener Kejriwal and his loyalist Manish Sisodia. Badal said "puppet" Chief Minister Mann, who had already been stripped of all authority with key powers being transferred to the Chief Secretary, had completely surrendered Punjab to looters.

# Gujarat ministers, officials to join hands for 3-day 'Shala Praveshotsav' drive

Ahmedabad, June 24 (IANS) The Gujarat government is set to launch the annual 'Shala Praveshotsav' (School Enrollment Campaign) for the academic year 2025-26, to be held across the state from June 26 to 28. The decision was announced by government spokesperson and Minister Rushikesh Ganeshbhai Patel, following a high-level Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel in Gandhinagar.



This year's campaign will take place in all government primary schools, grant-in-aid secondary and higher secondary schools, along with Gyan Shakti Residential Schools and Raksha Shakti Schools, reinforcing the state's commitment to universal access to education. As part of the state-wide drive, more than 400 senior government officials and ministers, including the Chief Minister himself, will actively participate.

CM Bhupendra Patel is scheduled to enroll students personally in Mahisagar on June 26, Gandhinagar on June 27, and Kutch on June 28. Other senior ministers and officials will be deployed across districts to oversee enrollment activities, ensuring

ing a widespread and inclusive outreach. Minister Patel emphasised the long-term impact of the Shala Praveshotsav in reducing school dropout rates. In 2001-02, dropout rates were alarmingly high, as much as 20.50 per cent for students in Classes 1 to 5, and 37.22 per cent for Classes 1 to 8.

However, sustained efforts through initiatives like the Praveshotsav have brought these numbers down to just 1.07 per cent and 2.42 per cent, respectively, in the 2023-24 academic year.

The 2025-26 campaign aims to build on this progress by placing increased focus on secondary and higher secondary enrollment, where dropout rates have historically been more chal-

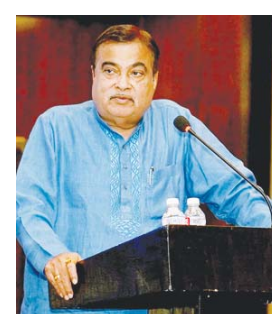
lenging to reduce. The enrollment drive will also include admissions for children in Anganwadis, Balvatikas (pre-schools), Class 1, Class 9, and Class 11, ensuring continuity from early childhood education to higher secondary education. Each participating dignitary will be assigned one primary and two secondary or higher secondary schools, and in cases where such schools are limited, Gyan Shakti or Raksha Shakti Schools will be chosen based on geographic suitability. Additionally, due to local festivals like the Rath Yatra and Kutchi New Year, enrollment activities in Kutch and certain urban areas will be coordinated accordingly, with events held on June 26 and 28.

A major innovation in recent years has been the integration of the state health department's birth and immunisation data with the education department's Child Tracking System (CTS).

This integration, initiated in 2019-20 for Class 1 and expanded to Balvatikas in 2023-24, ensures that every eligible child is tracked and enrolled, including children of migrant workers.

# Tunnel projects worth Rs 3 lac cr to be built in next 10 yrs as part of big infra push: Gadkari

Pune, June 24, (IANS) Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday said that the government has drawn up plans to build tunnel projects worth Rs 2.5 to Rs 3 lakh crore over the next 10 years as part of the country's infrastructure development.



Speaking at the inauguration of the International Workshop on 'Sustainable Tunnelling for Better Life' at MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU) here, the minister said, "India is entering a golden era of infrastructure development, with tunnels playing a crucial role in connectivity, safety, and sustainability."

The minister highlighted that there was a need to reduce construction costs without compromising quality. "That means using new technologies and sustainable fuels like CNG, ethanol, hydrogen, and electric alternatives to diesel. We should also refurbish old tunnelling machines, import used ones from European countries like Austria, Norway, and Spain, and eventually manufacture our own," he explained. He pointed out that India's geology varies by region, so research and training are essential.

Industry experts and experienced engineers should guide students along with faculty. "My ministry is ready to support with equipment and training. Together, with innovation, research, and commitment, we can make India self-reliant in tunnelling technology and infrastructure development," Gadkari said.

He also lauded MIT-WPU for taking the first step towards research in sustainable tunnelling technology, which is the need of the hour for a developing country like India. In a bid to boost sustainable infrastructure development, Gadkari, on Tuesday, inaugurated the International Workshop on 'Sustainable Tunnelling for Better Life' at MIT World Peace University (MIT-WPU). The two-day event was organised in collaboration with the International Tunnelling and

Underground Space Association's Committee on Education and Training (ITA-CET). The two-day workshop has brought together global experts from India, Europe, the UK, and the US. A key highlight of the event was the inauguration of the Centre of Excellence for Tunnelling and Underground Construction at MIT-WPU, India's first-of-its-kind facility featuring a Tunnel Monitoring Laboratory and a Drilling and Blasting Laboratory. The Centre of Excellence, set up in collaboration with Sandvik and Tata Projects Ltd, aims to support advanced research and training in underground construction technologies. The workshop featured technical sessions, keynote addresses, and panel discussions led by eminent experts such as Arnold Dix (Past President, International Tunnelling Association) and other eminent experts from the field. Dix said, "This Centre of Excellence is of global importance, as it addresses the disconnect between engineering expertise and the practical skills. Too often, young workers are placed at risk because they lack the training needed to safely construct what has been so carefully designed."

# Committee demands to establish free kidney and liver transplant centers

Bengaluru : Members of the National Organ Donation Awareness Committee met Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao and discussed increasing organ donation in the state. The committee members requested the minister to create more awareness about organ donation across the state and requested that organ retrieval centers be started in all medical colleges/hospitals in the state and run successfully. They advised the authorities to give priority to informing the family about organ donation immediately if brain death occurs



in the hospital. Expensive organ transplants have become unaffordable for patients in the Kalyan Karnataka region suffering from kidney and liver failure. In the interest of public health, the members of the committee demanded the Minister to establish free kidney and liver transplant centers

such as Nephro-Urology (INU) and Institute of Gasco Enterology Science, Organ Transplant (IGOT) centers in Kalaburagi division on the model of Kidwai and Jayadeva hospitals. Responding positively to the demands of the committee, Health Minister Dinesh Gundurao said that steps are already being taken to establish organ retrieval centers in all district hospitals to increase organ donation. The Minister also instructed the Health Department officials to take necessary steps to increase organ donation in the state.

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# Increase in mob violence in Bengaluru: Home Minister Parameshwar says violence will not be tolerated

BENGALURU, JUNE 24 : Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwar has taken the case of a group of mobs abusing a woman in Mailasandra, Anekal seriously and warned that the government will not tolerate such acts. Speaking to reporters, he said that the police department exists to take action against such incidents. The accused have already been arrested. Such acts are considered severely in the society, he said.



I have noticed a report in the media about the police failings in the stampede case during the RCB victory celebration. I do not know what they meant, I will check it and respond later, he said.

**ANANT KUMAR HEGDE DID NOT ATTACK:** A complete investigation needs to be conducted into the attack on a family by former Union Minister Anant Kumar Hegde and his supporters. Salan and his family have complained that they were attacked while coming on the highway. Anant Kumar Hegde did not attack. The driver and

the gunman did. The police have explained to them that they will investigate whether Anant Kumar Hegde instigated the attack. They said that they will wait and see what elements come to light in the investigation.

**THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT BANKRUPT:** It has been misunderstood that I said that there is no money for government works.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has presented a budget of Rs 4.9 lakh crore. He said that there is no shortage of money for anything. An action plan of Rs 22 thousand crore for irrigation and Rs 50 crore for each assembly constituency has been instructed to prepare. I mentioned all this in my

speech. I have made it clear that there is no financial problem in our government. There is no financial crisis.

A work means a detailed plan should be prepared. It may cause delays, there may be delays in the release of money. Apart from that, I would like to reiterate that our government does not have any financial problems.

If my statement is misunderstood, I will reiterate it again. I have noticed the statements made by some MLAs. Raju Kage said that Rs. 25 crore has not been released for the project. The reason for this is the delay in the preparation of the project, not the lack of funds. When the mind is upset, some words come to mind.

# 300 Bengal workers 'unnecessarily' languishing in Rajasthan jails: Mamata Banerjee

Kolkata, June 24 (IANS) Around 300 migrant workers from Itahar in the North Dinajpur district of West Bengal are "unnecessarily" languishing behind bars in Rajasthan just because their mother language is Bengali and are being suspected as Bangladeshis, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Tuesday.

As the Chief Minister was in the Assembly on the last day of the monsoon session of the House, she was informed by her party legislators from Itahar, Masaraf Hussain on the development that 300 workers from that constituency are being kept behind bars on suspicion of being Bangladeshis.



# Seemant Kumar Singh instructs police to patrol on foot

Bengaluru, June 24- City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh has instructed the police to patrol on foot throughout the city in the morning and evening. Speaking at a press conference, he explained that personnel have been appointed for the Beats and that the police will be on duty in Hoysala and Cheetah vehicles. To strengthen the trust of the public and increase police presence, he said that he has already instructed the Beat personnel, Hoysala and Cheetah vehicle personnel

and Sub-Inspector Srinivas officers to patrol on foot in their respective police stations, he said. This new scheme to curb crime and rowdy activities has been implemented on a pilot basis in the East and West divisions, and it has received a good response from the public, he said.

The personnel are patrolling in Cheetah and Hoysala vehicles. But he said that crimes can be controlled by being present at the spot and patrolling in sensitive areas and circles by stopping vehi-

cles. If our personnel patrol on foot, especially in the evenings and on weekends, in places where there is a large crowd of people such as places of worship, malls and markets, there are no clashes or illegal activities. If any such incidents happen, they can be prevented immediately, he explained. When the public calls our existing 112 number, it is received immediately. He said that it helps the public to report their grievances and get help from the police.

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