



PM Modi urges Telangana voters to choose BJP for state development



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## SC raps SBI over electoral bonds case

Asks It to Disclose All Information by March 21



dia upload on its website the details received from the SBI forthwith upon their receipt.

Last week, the same Constitutional Bench, comprising Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, JB Pardiwala, and Manoj Misra, heard the plea of the Election Commission, which sought to return the sealed documents containing details of electoral bonds fur-

nished earlier to the court as they had not retained any copies of the said documents.

During last week's hearing, the five-judge bench stressed the need for the State Bank of India (SBI) to disclose the alphanumeric number corresponding to each electoral bond, along with the details it has already disclosed regarding the purchase and redemption of the bonds.

Accordingly, the Apex Court issued notice to the SBI and directed the matter to be posted for hearing on Monday, March 18.

The CJI said, "In the judgment, we had specifically asked the State Bank of India to disclose 'all details.' That includes the bond numbers as well. The bank cannot be selective in disclosing all details. Do not wait for the orders of this court."

Senior Advocate Harish Salve, appearing for the State Bank of India, said, "if the numbers are to be given, we will give them. That's no problem." He defended the bank by saying that the current status of the disclosure was based on its understanding of the court's interim directive in April 2019. To this end, the chief justice reiterated, when we say, 'all details,' it includes all conceivable data.

This interim order has merged with our final judgment. We will clarify that and say that the State Bank of India will not only file the bond numbers but also ask it to submit an affidavit saying that it has not suppressed any details, he said.

## ECI orders removal of home secys in 6 states, also West Bengal police chief

New Delhi (UNI)

The Commission has directed the West Bengal government to remove Director General of Police Rajeev Kumar from his present charge and appoint him for non-election duty.

**Vivek Sahay appointed as new WB DGP**

Kolkata: Vivek Sahay, a 1988 batch IPS officer, was appointed as the new West Bengal Director General of Police (DGP) on Monday, hours after the Election Commission removed Rajiv Kumar from the crucial post, government notifications said.

Sahay replaced Rajiv Kumar, who was removed by the ECI earlier in the day to ensure transparent, free, and fair Parliament elections in the state.

Kumar had also been removed from the post of Kolkata Police Commissioner in 2016 prior to 2016 Assembly poll in the state.

## PM Modi twisting my 'Shakti' remark: Rahul Gandhi

New Delhi (UNI)

After facing sharp criticism on his 'Shakti' remark, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Monday alleged that the Prime Minister was twisting the meaning of his 'Shakti' remark because Modi ji knew 'I was speaking only the truth'.



On social media post X, Rahul Gandhi said, "Modi ji does not like my words, and he keeps trying to twist the meaning of my words. He knows that I have spoken the truth. The 'Shakti' that I have mentioned and whom the Congress is fighting is mask of Modi ji".

He said that this 'Shakti' has taken the voice of India, country's institutions, CBI, IT, ED, Election Commission, media and

which breaks their courage, the Congress leader said.

Gandhi alleged that even the media is saluting to the same 'Shakti' day and night and suppressing the truth.

He further said that the Prime Minister is the slave of that 'Shakti' which had imposed GST on the poor and not controlling inflation.

## Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan resigns



Hyderabad (UNI)  
Telangana Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry Dr. T. M. Tamilisai Soundararajan, tendered her resignation here on Monday with immediate effect.

The resignation has been submitted to President Droupadi Murmu, a press communiqué from Raj Bhavan said here.

However, the reasons for her resignation are not known.

According to sources, she is likely to contest the upcoming Lok Sabha polls

from Central Chennai (Tamil Nadu) or Puducherry as a BJP candidate.

Interestingly, Dr. Tamilisai's resignation comes shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's stay at Raj Bhavan during his 3-day poll campaign in Telangana on March 15. In September 2019, the 62-year-old Dr. Tamilisai took to the office of the Telangana governor and is the first woman to hold the office of the state.

She was also given additional charge of Puducherry (union territory) on February 16, 2021, and is the fifth woman to hold the office of Union Territory.

She was the National Secretary and Tamil Nadu State Unit President of the BJP prior to this appointment.

## SC dismisses Satyendra Jain's bail plea, asks him to surrender

New Delhi (UNI)

The Supreme Court on Monday dismissed Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Satyendra Jain's bail plea and asked him to surrender in connection with a money laundering case.



A bench comprising Justice Bela M. Trivedi and Justice Pankaj Mithal said, "All the appeals are dismissed. Mr. Satyendra Jain has to surrender forthwith."

Former Delhi Health Minister Satyendra Jain was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in May 2022 in the mon-

ey-laundering case. Jain remained in jail for a year before procuring interim bail from the Supreme Court on medical grounds in May 2023. The bail was later extended by the Apex Court, and Jain is outside jail as of now.

Jain was denied regular bail from the Delhi High Court in April 2023, on the grounds that Jain was an influential person and cannot be said to have satisfied the twin conditions for bail under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

## IAF successfully lands aircraft on ELR on NH-16 in AP

Bapatla (Andhra Pradesh) (UNI)

The Indian Air Force on Monday successfully landed aircraft on the 'Emergency Landing Runway (ELR)' on the Kolkata-Chennai National Highway 16.

Bapatla District Superintendent of Police Vakul Jindal told the media that the IAF successfully carried out a trial emergency landing of aircrafts on the National Highway at Pichikalagudipadu village in Korisapadu mandal.

He said that two aircrafts, AN-32 and Dornier landed on the highway and the trial landing of aircraft was carried out

successfully. Jindal, along with Indian Air Force officials, monitored the landing of aircrafts on the national highway. The trial of aircraft landing on the highway was conducted between 9 am to 1 pm.

The 4.1 Kilometers 'Emergency Landing Runway (ELR)' strip on the Chennai-Kolkata National Highway-16 was constructed to enable aircrafts landing during emergency situations.

The SP said during the time of floods, natural calamities and other emergency situations, aircrafts can be landed on the highway using it as a runway.

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