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AIADMK EC meet on May 2

**Chennai:** Days after reviving ties with the BJP for the 2026 Assembly polls, the principal Opposition AIADMK has convened its Executive Meeting on May two. The meeting will be presided over by Party Presidium Chairman Dr A Tamilmagan Hussain. All the EC members, Headquarters Secretaries, District Secretaries and Secretaries from other States, AIADMK MPs and MLAs and Women's Wing Members are requested to attend the meeting to be held at AIADMK headquarters "MGR Maaligai" in the city, Party General Secretary and Leader of the Opposition in the Tamil Nadu Assembly Edappadi K Palaniswami said in a statement here on Tuesday.

Three killed in road accident in Bihar

**Chapra:** At least three people were killed in separate accidents at different places in Saran district of Bihar. Police sources said here on Tuesday that Naitik Kumar (02), son of Chandan Kumar, died after being hit by an uncontrolled e-rickshaw in Ami Chauhan Patti village of Dighwara police station area. The villagers handed over the e-rickshaw driver to police. Sources said Shyam Kishore Singh (38), son of Awadhesh Singh, a resident of Chandpatti Thahara village, was hit by an unknown vehicle and was killed near Haranbagha Dhala on National Highway 722 in the Maker police station area of the district.

Three killed, 20 Injured in accident in Maharashtra

**Buldhana:** At least three persons were killed and 20 injured in a collision between a Madhya Pradesh Transport Corporation Bus and a brick-laden truck on Tuesday. According to the sources, the accident took place on the Khamgaon-Nandura road in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra. The collision was so severe that the front portions of both truck and bus were badly damaged. According to eyewitnesses, both truck and bus were travelling at high speed at the time of the incident. The critically injured were hospitalised in Akola.

Two nabbed in Manipur

**Imphal:** Two militants were apprehended by security forces in two separate operations during the last 24 hours. Police said on Tuesday that an active cadre of PREPAK (Pro) was nabbed from Ningthoukhong Kha Khunou Ward No. 4 under Bishnupur-PS, Bishnupur District. From his possession, large numbers of empty cases were recovered from him. Another cadre of the same outfit was nabbed from Bidya Nagar under Jiribam-PS, Jiribam District.

Three of a family electrocuted in TN

**Chennai:** Three members of a family died of electrocution in the southern Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu on Monday evening. Police said Tirupathi (28), a mike set owner, was tying a loudspeaker in connection with a temple festival at Kaariseri village, when the wire he was connecting to it came into contact with a electric transformer. His wife Lalitha (25) and Grandmother Bagyam (65), who tried to save him, also suffered shock and died on the spot. Two people, Kavin and Dharmar, who tried to save them suffered injuries and were admitted to hospital. Police have registered a case and are investigating.

NIA chargesheets 4 more in Nettaru murder case

**Bengaluru:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Tuesday chargesheeted four more people, including three absconders, in connection with the brutal 2022 murder of BJP Yuva Morcha member Praveen Nettaru by cadres of the banned Popular Front of India (PFI), the agency said on Monday. With the filing of this second supplementary chargesheet, the total number of accused chargesheeted in the case has risen to 27, including six who remain absconding. The four named in the latest chargesheet are Abdul Nasir, Naushad, Abdul Rahaman and Ateeq Ahmed. Among them, Nasir, Naushad and Rahaman are still on the run.

Caste census will be a death warrant for PM Modi: Reddy

**Hyderabad (UNI)**  
Telangana Chief Minister A Revenath Reddy on Tuesday said that the caste census will be a 'death warrant' for Prime Minister Modi.  
Addressing the CLP meeting at a hotel here, Revanth Reddy said the SC categorization has become a stumbling block for Modi.  
He said the Congress government in the state, on Dr BR Ambedkar's birth anniversary, issued the gazette notification along with the four GOs on rules governing implementation of the Telangana Scheduled Castes (rationalization of reservations) Act, 2025.  
Telangana became the first state in the country to implement the revolutionary decision of "SC Sub Categorisation".  
Modi is facing trouble after the '



People's Government launched a slew of big schemes such as — Solved the 100-year old problem through the caste census, enacted laws to provide 42 per cent reserva-

tion in education, employment and also provide political opportunities, SC classification; flagship Indiramma housing scheme and Fine rice distribution, the Chief Minister said and adding "this is a testament to our transparent governance".  
"Big debates on the Telangana development model are taking place across the country", he claimed, and said it is the reason, BJP and BRS joined together to create trouble for the Congress government in Telangana.  
The opposition is spreading false propaganda using artificial intelligence on HCU (University of Hyderabad) lands, and believing the opposition campaign is true, Prime Minister Modi also made bulldozer comments, he alleged.

Ragesh appointed as CPI(M) Kannur district secretary

**Kannur:** Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan's Private Secretary and CPI(M) State Committee member K K Ragesh has been appointed as the party's Kannur district Secretary on Tuesday.  
The present Kannur district secretary M V Jayarajan was included in the CPI(M) State secretariat, recently, and this led to his replacement, in the district meeting held today.  
The District Committee meeting was held at the District Committee (DC) office here in the presence of State secretary M V Govindan and Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.  
Vijayan proposed the name of Ragesh and he was appointed as district secretary unopposed and M V Govindan announced the decision of the meeting .

Assam govt makes Assamese compulsory official language across state except Barak Valley, BTR districts

**Agencies, Guwahati**  
Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday announced that Assamese will be the compulsory official language for all government notifications, orders, acts, etc. across Assam, while Bengali and Bodo will be used respectively in the districts of Barak Valley and Bodoland Territorial Region (BTR).  
This decision will come into force from today, i.e. April 15.  
CM Sarma took to social media post on X to make this announcement.  
"Beginning this Bohag, Assamese will be the compulsory official language for all government notifications, orders, acts, etc. across Assam. In the districts of Barak Valley and BTR, Bengali and Bodo languages



shall be used respectively," Himanta Biswa Sarma wrote in a social media post on X.  
According to the official notification of the Assam Government, the Governor of Assam has issued directives to implement Assamese as the

AIADMK stages walk out from TN Assembly



**Chennai (UNI)**  
Members of the main Opposition staged a walk out from the Tamil Nadu Assembly after Speaker M Appavu refused them permission to raise some issues on Tuesday.  
Soon after the Question Hour when Chief Minister M K Stalin rose to make a statement under Rule 110, AIADMK members led by Deputy

Leader of the Opposition R B Udhayakumar sought to raise some issues.  
But the Speaker refused permission saying the Chief Minister has sought permission to make a Statement under Rule 110 and that the AIADMK Deputy Leader would be given a chance to speak after that.  
However, the AIADMK members did not accept it and were on their feet insisting that they should be allowed to speak.  
Noisy scenes prevailed for some time as the AIADMK members remained unrelenting in their demand, before staging a walk out from the House. The Speaker also expunged all the remarks made by the AIADMK members from the House records.

SP will be wiped out in 2027 assembly polls: Keshav Maurya

**Prayagraj (UNI)**  
Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Tuesday claimed that the Samajwadi Party (SP) will be wiped out in the Assembly elections 2027.  
Before leaving for Lucknow, the Deputy CM met party officials and workers at the Circuit House and advised them to strongly join the preparations for the upcoming district panchayat and assembly elections to be held in 2027.  
He said that SP chief Akhilesh is nervous due to the fear of his party being wiped out in the Assembly elections 2027.  
"Due to this, he is making a malicious attempt to break the social fabric by making baseless statements," he said.  
Maurya said that the BJP is doing positive work very seriously on the mantra of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'



under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, whereas the SP always believes in 'development of its family with the support of some'. "The SP has never liked the develop-

ment of the poor, backward, and Dalits," he claimed.  
He said that it is certain that this policy of his (Akhilesh) will prove to be Bhasmasur for his party.  
"The historic public support received by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on the birth anniversary of Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on Monday is also not being digested by the SP. It has lost its digestion. The fake PDA balloon of the SP has burst. Despite this bitter truth, it is still far away from the ground reality," he said.  
In an attack on the Congress, the Deputy CM said that the history of politics is a witness that the Congress itself has been punctured by doing the politics of Muslim appeasement for decades.  
"The truth is that there is no other way left for them except to drag themselves on the crutches of re-

Supreme Court slams UP Govt over child trafficking Orders Fast-Track trials across India



**New Delhi (UNI)**  
While criticising the Uttar Pradesh government's handling of child trafficking cases, the Supreme Court on Tuesday laid down stringent guidelines for the prevention and expedited trial of such offences across the country.  
A bench comprising Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadevan directed that all High Courts call for the status of pending child traffick-

ing cases from trial courts and issue directions to ensure that trials are concluded within six months.  
The top court also mandated that such cases be heard on a day-to-day basis to prevent delays in justice.  
The court's strong observations came while hearing a case involving a trafficked newborn who was allegedly sold to a couple in Uttar Pradesh for Rs 4 lakh. The couple reportedly desired a male child and knowingly accepted the stolen baby.  
While cancelling the anticipatory bail granted to the accused, the Supreme Court criticized the Allahabad High Court and the Uttar Pradesh police for their lax approach. "This is a case of cancellation of anticipatory bail, but we delved into the larger issue of child trafficking," Justice Pardiwala remarked.

Caster survey: K'taka Minister accuses BJP of hypocrisy

**Bengaluru:** Karnataka Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy on Tuesday hit back at the BJP and JDS over their criticism of the caste survey, accusing them of hypocrisy and political convenience.  
Speaking to media, Reddy said opposition parties, including BJP leader Vijayendra Yediyurappa, were calling for discarding the caste survey report though they remained silent when the process was underway.  
"From 2019 to 2023, who was in power in Karnataka? Who nominated Kantharaju to head the Backward Classes Commission? It was the Congress. But Mr Jayaprakash Hegde was appointed by the BJP government. Why didn't they raise any objections during their tenure? What were they doing all these years?" Reddy asked.

UP govt transfers 9 IAS officers

**Lucknow (UNI)**  
In a minor reshuffle the Uttar Pradesh government has transferred nine Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers, an official spokesman said here on Tuesday.  
The spokesman said that Secretary Social Welfare Department, Sameer Verma, has been transferred as IG Registration. Secretary Public Works Department (PWD), Bhupendra S Chaudhary, has been posted as Commissioner Food and Civil Supplies.  
State Nodal Officer, Prime Minister Agriculture Irrigation Scheme (PMIAS), Dr Heeralal, has been shifted as Commissioner and Registrar, Cooperative Societies.  
Secretary Irrigation Department Naveen Kumar GS has been given

additional charge of PMAIS.  
Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Real Estate Regulatory Authority (UPRE-RA), Pramod Kumar Upadhyaya has been posted as Cane Commissioner in place of Prabhu N Singh, who has been put on the waiting list.  
Secretary Home Department Vaibhav Srivastava has been transferred as Managing Director Pradeshi Cooperative Dairy Federation (PCDF). Secretary Women Welfare B Chandrakala has been relieved from the additional charge of Panchayati Raj Department.  
Special Secretary Urban Development Department Amit Kumar Singh has been posted as Director Panchayati Raj.



Sameer Verma

Court allows MUDA probe to continue, setback for CM Siddaramaiah



May 7, when it will decide on the closure report following the submission of a full investigation report by the Lokayukta police.  
During the proceedings, presiding judge Santosh Gajanan Bhat noted that the scope of the inquiry

should not be limited to the four individuals initially named but should extend to all parties implicated in the case.  
The case revolves around allegations of corruption in land allotment by MUDA, with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and his family at the centre of the controversy.  
Earlier this year, the Lokayukta police submitted a preliminary report clearing Siddaramaiah, his wife Parvati, and others of any criminal wrongdoing, stating that there was insufficient evidence to proceed with prosecution.  
However, the closure report has now been challenged by both the ED and Krishna, who argue that key aspects of the case were overlooked or inadequately investigated.

Seat sharing not main issue of RJD- Congress meeting: Nikhil

**Patna:** The National General Secretary of the BJP OBC Morcha, Nikhil Anand said that the core issue of the meeting between RJD and Congress in Delhi was not seat sharing but talks on political conditions arising due to involvement of Kanhaiya Kumar and independent MP Pappu Yadav in the activities of Bihar Congress.  
While reacting to the meeting of Congress-RJD held in Delhi on Tuesday, Anand said here that it is obvious that RJD is uncomfortable with the involvement of Kanhaiya Kumar and an independent MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav in the activities of Bihar Congress. He said that Pappu Yadav attended the Congress session in Ahmedabad as an independent candidate, whereas RJD's discomfort with Kanhaiya Kumar's political Yatra in Bihar is well known.