

## Rahul Gandhi meets Cong MPs after Lok Sabha revokes suspension

**New Delhi,** Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday met Congress MPs whose suspension from the House was revoked on Tuesday and shared tea and coffee with them in New Delhi. The informal meeting came a day after the Lok Sabha withdrew the suspension of eight Congress MPs following a proposal moved by Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Kiren Rijiju, in the House.

The revocation followed an expression of regret by the Congress leadership over the conduct of some of its members during the proceedings earlier in the Budget Session. Party sources said LoP Gandhi interacted with the MPs after the decision and discussed the developments surrounding the suspension and its withdrawal. The MPs also briefed him about the events that had taken place in the House during the period of their suspension. The suspended



MPs included Amrinder Singh Raja Warring, Manickam Tagore, Gurjeet Singh Aujla, Hibi Eden, C. Kiran Kumar Reddy, Prashant Yadao, S. Venkatesh and Dean Kuriakose, all of whom belong to the Congress party. The eight MPs had been suspended on February 3 for the remainder of the Budget Session over allegations of disrupting proceedings and throwing papers towards the Chair during a heated exchange in the Lok Sabha. Reacting to the development, several Congress MPs welcomed the revocation of

the suspension and thanked the party leadership and the Speaker for resolving the issue. At the same time, they maintained that the Opposition would continue to raise public issues and protest against what they described as discrimination against Opposition members in Parliament. The MPs said the Opposition has an important role in a parliamentary democracy and stressed that their participation in debates and discussions was necessary to ensure that the concerns of the public are raised in the House. Movies

## K'taka govt tables 'Iva Nammava Iva Nammava Bill' to curb 'honour' crimes (Ld)

**Bengaluru,** The Karnataka government tabled the "Iva Nammava Iva Nammava (He is ours, he is ours)" Bill in the Assembly on Wednesday, which aims to curb "honour killings" and violence arising from caste-based objections to inter-caste or inter-community marriages.

It may be noted that the government decided to introduce the Bill following the rising incidents of violence related to inter-caste marriages, particularly the brutal killing of a pregnant woman, Manya Patil, by her father and relatives in Hubballi for marrying a person belonging to the Scheduled Caste community.

The proposed legislation guarantees the freedom of consenting adults to marry, offering protection from family or community coercion, with strict penalties -- minimum five-year imprisonment -- for offenders.

State Minister for IT, BT and Rural Development and Panchayat Raj (RDPR) tabled the Bill in the Legislative Assembly. The Bill will be taken up for discussion later.

The bill is named after a 12th-century Kannada vachana (philosophical verse) by social reformer Basavanna,



which means "He is ours, he is ours", encouraging equality and rejecting discrimination.

It mandates 24-hour helplines and safe houses for couples facing threats from families or communities. The bill covers more than just murder, defining "honour crimes" to include physical harm, forced marriage/divorce, social boycotts, and performing "thithi (death rituals)" for living couples.

Offences are categorised as cognisable and non-bailable, with harsh penalties including life imprisonment for certain violent acts. The legislation aims to empower individuals, particularly in inter-caste, inter-community, or inter-religious marriages, to choose their partners without fear of violence. It can be recalled that Manya Patil was hacked to death in Hubballi taluk of Karnataka in December 2025, allegedly by

her father and other close relatives, for marrying a Dalit. Police had arrested the father and two others in connection with the case.

Police stated that Manya Patil, a Lingayat, had married Vivekananda, a Dalit. Both hailed from the same village. They knew each other and fell in love while pursuing their graduation. They became closer through Instagram and later developed a relationship. The couple got married on June 19, 2025, at the registrar's office in Hubballi.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Manya Patil had earlier threatened to commit suicide if Vivekananda did not marry her. After the marriage, the police had called both families and brokered a compromise. Manya and Vivekananda later shifted to Haveri. They returned to their village on December 8, 2025, believing their relationship would be accepted as Manya was pregnant.

However, tensions resurfaced between the two families. The Hubballi Rural police again called the families and instructed the elders not to trouble each other. Despite this, Manya Patil's father and relatives allegedly barged into her house in the village and hacked her to death.

## Senior advocates, academicians seek action against Kejriwal over allegations against Delhi HC judge

**New Delhi,** A group of senior advocates, academicians, former police officials and members of the Bar have written to the Chief Justice of India (CJI), expressing concern over allegations made by former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal against a sitting judge of the Delhi High Court and seeking initiation of suo motu proceedings to protect the dignity of the judiciary.

The representation, addressed to CJI Surya Kant, comes against the backdrop of Kejriwal's plea before the Supreme Court challenging the Delhi High Court's refusal, on the administrative side, to transfer the CBI's revision petition in the Delhi excise policy case from the Bench of Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma.

The signatories said the allegations levelled against a sitting judge are "unprecedented" and raise serious concerns about judicial propriety and institutional integrity.

"It is a settled principle that a litigant cannot choose the Bench or the Judge before whom their case is to be heard," the representation stated, adding that "openly attributing bias or motives to a sitting Judge, without any substantiated basis, strikes at the very foundation of judicial propriety, ethics, and discipline." The signatories cautioned that permitting such



judges discharge their constitutional duties impartially, without fear or favour," the representation said. Referring to the law on criminal contempt under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, the members of the Bar said that imputing motives to judges, which scandalises the court, lowers the authority of the judiciary, or interferes with judicial proceedings, amounts to criminal contempt.

"It is therefore deeply concerning that attempts appear to have been made to publicly question the impartiality and integrity of a sitting judge," the representation added.

The signatories said that if such actions remain unaddressed, litigants may attempt to pressure courts or discredit judges whenever judicial orders do not favour them. "The strength of our democracy lies in the respect we accord to constitutional institutions, and the judiciary must remain above political contestation or public vilification," the representation said. Among those who signed the representation are senior advocate Pinky Anand, former Director General of Police (Jharkhand) Nirmal Kaur, Gujarat University Vice Chancellor Neerja Gupta, former Nalanda University Vice Chancellor Sunaina Singh, and former Delhi High Court Bar Association president Kirti Uppal, among others.

## BJP to announce Assembly poll candidates on March 18: Assam CM

**Guwahati,** Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma, on Monday said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will release its complete list of candidates on March 18 for the upcoming Assam Assembly elections to be held on April 9.

Speaking to reporters here, CM Sarma stated that the party will announce all its nominees in a single list, signalling that the BJP has largely finalised its strategy for the crucial polls.

"The BJP will release the list of all its candidates on March 18. The entire list will be declared together," Sarma said.

Sarma is travelling to New Delhi today to hold key discussions with the central leadership of the BJP regarding the finalisation of candidates for the upcoming Assembly polls.

The Chief Minister also indicated that he will file his nomination for the upcoming Assembly elections on March 20. CM Sarma on Monday visited the Durga temple at Rani on the outskirts of Guwahati and offered prayers before leaving for New Delhi.

The Chief Minister sought blessings at the temple as political activities intensify ahead of the election. The announcement comes hours after the Election Commission of India recently declared the schedule for the Assam Assembly elections.

Polling for the 126-member Assembly will be held in a single phase on April 9,



while the counting of votes will take place on May 4. With the poll schedule already announced, political activities have intensified across the state as parties gear up to select candidates and finalise campaign strategies.

The BJP, which currently leads the government in the state, will contest the polls in alliance with its partners — Asom Gana Parishad (AGP) and Bodoland People's Front (BPF).

According to sources, the seat sharing formula among the coalition partners was finalised and the BJP will probably contest 90 seats in the 126-member Assembly. The rest of the seats will be given to its allies — AGP and BPF.

Over the past few weeks, Sarma and other BJP leaders have been holding multiple organisational meetings to assess the party's preparedness and evaluate potential candidates across constituencies.

The announcement of candidates is expected to trigger a major political push, with rival parties also stepping up preparations. The Opposition Congress has already begun releasing its lists of nominees and intensifying its campaign across the state.

## After Bordoloi's exit, Gaurav Gogoi could be next to quit Congress: Nishikant Dubey



**New Delhi,** After Assam Lok Sabha MP Pradyut Bordoloi quit the Congress and joined the BJP, Nishikant Dubey, BJP MP from Jharkhand, on Wednesday said that one should not be surprised if more Congress leaders resign from the party in the coming days. He hinted that even Gaurav Gogoi could step down in the future.

Speaking to reporters outside Parliament, Dubey questioned the current state of the Congress. "Is there anything left in Congress? Yesterday, as you saw, Congress members did not take their seats, did not engage, and did not even protest; the party has neither the strength nor the capability to debate effectively," he said.

He added that after an understanding was reached with the Speaker to maintain decorum, the absence of Congress members was noticeable. "Have you seen any member on the Congress benches? The party is nearing its end. Today, Pradyut Bordoloi has left, and if Gaurav Gogoi resigns in the future, it will not be a big surprise," Dubey remarked.

BJP National Spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla also criticised the Congress, claiming that the party is fragmenting. "The Congress is breaking into pieces. No one has faith in Rahul Gandhi anymore. Assam MP Pradyut Bordoloi and party vice president Navajyoti have both resigned, citing lack of coordination, communication, and consideration," he said.

Senior BJP leader Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi echoed similar sentiments, stating that the Congress leadership has failed to manage its internal affairs. "You are unable to manage your own house, protect your limited resources, or earn the trust of your members," he

## Piyush Goyal to reach Chennai tomorrow as AIADMK-BJP seat-sharing talks near finalisation

**Chennai,** With the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections formally announced, political activity across the State has intensified, with alliance negotiations and campaign strategies gathering pace. In this context, Union Minister and Tamil Nadu BJP election incharge, Piyush Goyal, is set to arrive in Chennai on March 19.

Piyush Goyal's arrival will mark a crucial phase in the ongoing seat-sharing discussions between the BJP and its ally, the AIADMK. Sources indicate that negotiations between the AIADMK and BJP have entered the final stages and are likely to be concluded within the next one or two days.

The talks are being closely watched as both parties attempt to strike a balance that reflects their electoral strengths and strategic priorities ahead of the high-stakes polls.

As part of the ongoing consultations, AIADMK General Secretary Edappadi K. Palaniswami is expected to meet Tamil Nadu BJP



president Nainar Nagendran today.

The meeting is seen as crucial in ironing out the remaining differences and finalising the contours of the alliance agreement. Reports suggest that a formal seat-sharing pact between the AIADMK and BJP could be signed on March 20.

With the nomination process scheduled to begin on March 30, political parties are under pressure to finalise

alliance arrangements and announce candidates without delay.

According to sources, the BJP is likely to secure at least 30 seats as part of the alliance. The party is also keen on contesting several high-profile urban constituencies in Chennai, including Velachery, Mylapore, and T. Nagar, which are considered politically significant due to their demographic composition and electoral visibility.

The arrival of Piyush Goyal is being viewed as a decisive step towards sealing the alliance structure and ensuring coordination between the BJP's central leadership and its Tamil Nadu unit. His visit is also expected to energise the party's campaign efforts and provide strategic direction in the run-up to the elections. With timelines tightening and political stakes rising, all eyes are now on Chennai, where key decisions on seat allocation and alliance dynamics are expected to be finalised within days, setting the stage for an intense electoral contest.

## 'Class traitor' jibe boomerangs on CPI(M) amid wave of defections

**Thiruvananthapuram,** The frequent use of the term "class traitor" by the CPI(M) in Kerala is now drawing sharp scrutiny, as a series of recent defections exposes what critics describe as a deeply inconsistent political stance.

In the past few weeks, the phrase has been repeatedly invoked by party leaders and cadres after veteran figures such as V. Kunjikrishnan and T.K. Govindan, both known for their unwavering loyalty spanning over five decades, walked out of the CPI(M), alleging sustained injustice and neglect within the party.

Their exit was swiftly met with the familiar ideological branding, portraying them as having betrayed the very class politics they once upheld. Also witnessed was angry party cadres walking down the streets shouting slogans against their own former dear leaders, who were seen and addressed with huge respect.

The same thing happened when former two-time veteran State Minister G. Sudhakaran announced his decision to contest as an Independent candidate from his home turf, Ambalappuzha, and the Congress party is all set to extend its support to him and the two other veterans.

Then came three-time legislators S. Rajendran and Aiysha Potti, who switched sides, joining the Bharatiya



Janata Party and the Indian National Congress, respectively.

Both leaders have since been fielded as candidates by their new parties, intensifying the political heat in an election season already marked by churn and recalibration.

However, it is this selective application of ideological rhetoric that is now being questioned.

Critics point out that the CPI(M), while quick to brand its outgoing members as "class traitors", adopts a markedly different tone when inducting leaders from rival camps, particularly from the Congress-led UDF.

In such instances, the narrative shifts from condemnation to acceptance, often projecting these entrants as individuals who have embraced progressive politics.

The party's recent track record reinforces this perception.

Leaders such as K.P. Anil Kumar and Dr Sarin, both former Congress figures, were welcomed into the CPI(M), with the latter even being swiftly fielded as a candidate soon after his defection in 2024.

Adding to this, reports on Wednesday suggested that Abduhman Randathani, a senior leader from the Indian Union Muslim League, is being considered for a CPI(M) ticket in Malappuram.

As Kerala heads into a crucial electoral battle, the CPI(M)'s contrasting responses to defection condemnation on one side and accommodation on the other have sharpened the debate over whether ideological consistency is yielding to electoral expediency.

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