

Centre should hold talks with farmers immediately, unconditionally...



AS FARMERS CONTINUE TO PROTEST AGAINST NEW AGRI LAWS FOR THE FOURTH DAY

THUMBNAILS



Birds sitting on a lamp post during a hazy day, in the Capital on Sunday.

SUBRATA DUTTA

Narrow escape: Andhra Pradesh minister for transport and information Perni Nani narrowly escaped an attempt on his life when a man attacked him with a trowel at his residence when he came out to meet the people who had gathered. Fortunately, the trowel with a sharp tip got thwarted by the metal buckle of the leather belt of his trousers. The next time the intruder tried to stab the minister his security personnel overpowered him and handed him over to the police.

SNS

Ballia firing case: Family members of a man shot dead allegedly by a local BJP leader last month at a meeting attended by administration and police officials over allotment of ration shops in a Ballia village sat on a fast on Sunday to demand justice.

PTI

Cong MP Karti flays 'hero worship' of Rajiv case convicts

CHENNAI, 29 NOVEMBER

Congress MP Karti Chidambaram on Sunday opposed 'hero worship' of Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convicts and wondered why there was no talk about those who were killed alongside the former Prime Minister in 1991.

Karti, referring to the seven convicts said, "do not make them heroes, they are not heroes," and asked whether the 15 other victims were not Tamils.

Also, he sought to know, "what about justice for them?"

Tagging a clip of his interview to News18 Tamil Nadu channel on his Twitter handle, Karti regretted that the so-called pro-Tamil outfit that support the release of the seven convicts have never spoken about the victims.

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Shah accuses Owaisi of defending Rohingya, Bangladeshi infiltrators

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, 29 NOVEMBER



Union home minister Amit Shah addressing a public meeting in Hyderabad on Sunday.

IANS

in development.

"The Majlis (AIMIM) is the partner of TRS and the former

encourages illegal constructions and that is why the city was flooded. The chief minister was never seen

when the city got flooded nor was Owaisi," he alleged.

Akash about Owaisi's dig saying what was the home minister doing if there were so many infiltrators in old city area as BJPs leaders alleged the presence of Rohingyas in the electoral rolls.

Shah said: "When I take action they do 'hai-touba' in Parliament. Didn't you see that? Let them write to me once about evicting Bangladeshis and Rohingyas. I will do it. You cannot talk about it only in election speeches. When there is a debate in Parliament who takes their sides? Every one has watched on live television," said Shah.

Owaisi also hit back immediately. "He is the first minister in history who needs an MP's letter to do his job. His own party created

these imaginary illegal intruders in Hyderabad and now he wants my approval to go after them? Like '400k termites' in Assam they exist only in Shah's childish imagination and only for election," tweeted Owaisi.

Mr Shah accused the AIMIM chief of entering a secret understanding with TRS while denying an alliance publicly.

"You have a secret pact with Majlis (AIMIM). We are not against it. In democracy anybody can ally but why do you resort to such secrecy? Why don't you have the guts to do it openly? Why do you say ILU, ILU (love you) in closed doors and share seats?" he said.

He took a dig at chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao for not going to Secretariat and hence unaware

of the statistics. Approximately the Centre has given Rs 500 crore for the purpose of flood relief.

"We want to free Hyderabad from all those who had made it a mission to go to Pakistan, the Nizami culture and provide a developed city." He said no election was considered small those who are talking about galli (bylanes) election have forgotten to clean them and hence facing a problem. He also dismissed the chief minister's proposed political front saying that the last time Chandrasekhar Rao went around to other states he lost half of his seats.

Earlier in the day Shah had visited the Bhagyalakshmi Temple beside the Charminar and took part in a road show at Secunderabad.

2 arrested for murder of their mother, sister

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
BALLIA (UP), 29 NOVEMBER

Two brothers belonging to a Dalit community were arrested here on Sunday in connection with the murder of their mother and sister, who was suspected to be in an illicit relationship, police said.

Superintendent of Police Devendra Nath said Jairam and his brother Chhotak have been arrested in connection with the murder of their mother Surajati Devi (55) and their sister Rani (22) after tracking their call details, and interrogating them. Both men were arrested on Sunday, he said.

"The brothers suspected that their sister was involved in an illicit relationship, and hence they killed her, and also killed their mother to give another twist to the case," he said.

The bodies were found in their house on Friday with head injuries, the SP added.

NIA rejects reports of seizing Stan Swamy's sipper as 'false & mischievous'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, 29 NOVEMBER

The NIA on Sunday dismissed as "false, incorrect and mischievous" reports which alleged the premier investigation agency has seized human rights activist Father Stan Swamy's straw and sipper, and that it has sought 20 days from a court to respond to his plea for the drinking aid.

The 83-year-old was arrested from his residence in Ranchi on 8 October for his alleged involvement in the Elgar Parishad case and is lodged at the Taloja Jail in Mumbai.

A National Investigation Agency (NIA) spokesperson said Swamy is a hard-core activist of the banned CPI(Maoist) and was charged on 9 October along with seven other accused for his involvement in the Bhima Koregaon Elgar Parishad case.

The case relates to an

Nearly after a month on 6 November, Swamy filed an application at the NIA court in Mumbai for getting back his straw and sipper, which he falsely claimed to have been kept by the NIA, the official said.

The court asked the NIA to file its reply on the next date on 26 November. The NIA duly filed its reply in the court on the scheduled date, stating that it had conducted his personal search in the presence of independent witnesses and no such straw and sipper were found, the spokesperson said.

The court then rejected Swamy's application and issued necessary direction to the jail authorities on 26 November to provide him straw and sipper.

As the accused was in judicial custody, the matter was between him and the jail authorities, which come under the Maharashtra state administration, the NIA official said.

on electrification.

The minister flagged off the first train on the newly electrified 34 km-long Dhigawara-Bandikui rail section.

He said after the entire line from Rewari to Ajmer has now been electrified with the electrification of this stretch.

Dausa MP Jaskaur Meena, GM-NWR Anand Prakash and other public representatives and railway officials were present in the function.

Environment-friendly 'kulhad' to replace plastic tea cups at railway stations

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
JAIPUR, 29 NOVEMBER

Tea will be sold in environment-friendly 'Kulhads' (earthen cups) in place of plastic cups at all railway stations in the country today, and in future, it is our planning that tea will be sold only in 'Kulhads' at all the railway stations in the country. Railway minister Piyush Goyal said on Sunday.

Speaking at an event organised at the Digawara railway station in Rajasthan's Alwar district, the minister said the initiative will be the contribution of the Railways towards

a plastic-free India.

"Kulhad" saves the environment and lakhs of people get employment from it, he said.

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Goyal said 65 underpasses were constructed from 2009-14 while 378 underpasses have been constructed from 2014-September 2020. He said only four overbridges were constructed in five years till 2014 whereas 30 such bridges have been constructed from 2014 to September 2020.

The minister said electrification of railway lines across the country will save

the environment as engines will run on electricity produced in the country, saving fuel, money and time.

Also, the speed of trains will also be increased, he said. "This will also help farmers who will be able to take their crops to any part of the country (through rail freight transport) in less time," he added.

Goyal said the prime minister is very concerned about the environment and therefore emphasis is being given



last 30 years after the electrification of Delhi-Mumbai route.

He said the investment by Railways and infrastructure development projects in Rajasthan have increased multiple times between 2014-

