

'MENTALLY DISTURBED' MAN HELD FOR KILLING 3 NEIGHBOURS IN MUMBAI



A 54-year-old man was arrested by the D B Marg police in south Mumbai for allegedly killing three persons, including a senior citizen couple. The police said Chetan Gala, who is "mentally disturbed", allegedly attacked five of his neighbours on Friday afternoon of which two persons are grievously injured and are recuperating at a hospital. According to the police, the incident took place around 3.30 pm at the Parvati Mansion building. Deputy Commissioner of police Abhinav Deshmukh (zone II) said, "He lives separately from his family because they left him two months ago and were living with his wife's family in a nearby residential building. It appears that Gala has been mentally disturbed since they left him." Gala has a wife, three daughters and a son. On Friday afternoon, one of Gala's daughters went and gave him lunch at his second-floor residence at the Parvati Mansion building on Grant Road. They live in the same area, said the police.

Around 3.34 pm, Gala stepped outside his house with a knife in his hand. He initially went and attacked his neighbours Jayendra (77) and Ilabai Mistry (70) and stabbed them several times.

He then came out of their house and saw that a person named Prakash Waghmare (garbage collector) was sleeping in the common passage. "As soon as Gala started running towards him to stab on his stomach, Waghmare sensed something amiss and placed his pillow on his stomach due to which he did not sustain a deep injury," said a police officer, adding, he is currently out of danger and recuperating at Nair hospital.

When Snehal Bramabhat, a resident of the first floor and a friend of Gala's wife, heard a commotion, she went to the second floor to investigate, but Gala stabbed her as well.

Snehal's daughter Jenil also followed her to the second floor and she too was attacked," said an officer, adding, "Jenil has succumbed to her injuries while her mother Snehal is critical and is being treated at HN Reliance hospital."

CENTRE HIKES DEARNESS ALLOWANCE FOR GOVT STAFFERS BY 4%



The dearness allowance for government staffers and dearness relief for pensioners has been hiked by four percentage points to 42 per cent from the existing 38 per cent. The central government has hiked the dearness allowance (DA) for government staffers and pensioners by four percentage points to 42 per cent from the existing 38 per cent. The decision was taken at the meeting of the Union Cabinet led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday. The revised rate will be considered with effect from January 2023. The combined impact on the exchequer on account of both dearness allowance and dearness relief would be Rs 12,815.60 crore per annum. This will benefit about 47.58 lakh. Dearness Allowance is provided by the central government for its employees to adjust to the inflation-like situation. Pensioners also get dearness relief same as the amount received by the employees of the central government. Central government employees and 69.76 lakh pensioners. This increase is in accordance with the accepted formula which is based on the recommendations of the 7th Central Pay Commission. The government announced the last hike in dearness allowance in September last year when the DA was hiked from 34 to 38 per cent.

MUMBAI CRIME: VIDEO SHOWS MAN ON STABBING SPREE IN GRANT ROAD BUILDING: 3DEAD, 3 SEVERELY INJURED

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In a bizarre incident, a 54-year-old man went on a stabbing spree on Friday afternoon, killing three of his neighbours and injuring two others seriously. The shocking incident occurred on Lamington Road near Apsara Cinema in a chawl called Parvati Mansion. Passers-by were shocked to see Chetan Gala chase and stab his neighbours with a knife in his hand. Some of them shot the video of the violent acts, which occurred at 3.30 p.m., on their mobile phones. The videos later went viral. Hearing the commotion, personnel from the nearby DB Marg police station rushed to the scene of the crime, disarmed the remorseless killer, and placed him under arrest. The police rushed the victims, who were all profusely bleeding, to the Reliance Hospital, where three of them succumbed to their injuries. This is the second grisly crime to be committed in the city in the course of the past fortnight.

On March 15, Kalachowkie police arrested a woman for allegedly murdering her mother, dismembering her with a marble cutter, and storing the body parts in her home for more than two months. According to information received from DB Marg police, the arrested accused, Chetan Gala, who lives in the Parvati Mansion building near Apsara Cinema, suddenly attacked his neighbours in the afternoon. Gala began stabbing people in the neighbourhood with a kitchen knife, seriously injuring five people.

According to police, the incident occurred in the afternoon while people were passing by, and Gala was clearly seen attacking with a knife. The police said that there was marital discord in the alleged killer's family, following which his wife moved out of the chawl and started living separately in rented premises nearby two months ago with her children. The Galas have three daughters and a son. One of the daughters is married. According to the police, those injured in the incident were sent to the HN Reliance Hospital and the Nair Hospital. Gala suspected that his neighbours had instigated his wife and took revenge on them by going on a stabbing spree.

AMRITPAL BOARDED BUS FROM AMBALA, DRIVER TELLS COPS

SOURCES IN THE DELHI POLICE SAID THAT SEVERAL UNITS OF THE SPECIAL CELL HAVE BEEN ASSISTING PUNJAB POLICE IN ASCERTAINING AMRITPAL'S WHEREABOUTS IN THE CAPITAL.

Wanted Waris Punjab De Chief Amritpal Singh allegedly boarded a Haryana roadways bus from Ambala and got down at Kurukshetra's Pipli, a roadways bus driver at Kashmir Gate told the Delhi and Punjab Police who are on the lookout for Singh.

Sources in the Delhi Police said that several units of the Special Cell have been assisting Punjab Police in ascertaining Amritpal's whereabouts in the capital.

"We found a driver of a Haryana roadways bus in Kashmir Gate bus terminal and he informed us that Singh boarded his bus from Haryana's Ambala and got down at Kurukshetra's Pipli. Suspecting that Singh might have fled to Delhi, Punjab Police had informed Delhi Police regarding the same, sources said.

A senior officer said both the driver and the conductor are being examined. "We are scanning CCTV footage around Kashmir Gate...we suspect that Singh was accompanied by an aide," said the officer.

A lookout circular and a non-bailable warrant has been issued against Singh, an alleged pro-Khalistan leader who has been changing his hideouts and vehicles to evade arrest by the Punjab Police. Police had since March 18 launched a crackdown on Singh and his associates.

The police had earlier arrested a 30-year-old woman, **Baljeet Kaur**, from Haryana for allegedly providing shelter to Amritpal and his aide Papalpreet at her house in Kurukshetra's Shahabad for a day where Amritpal changed his clothes.

AHEAD OF KARNATAKA POLL, PM MODI TO INAUGURATE NEW METRO LINE IN BANGALURU TODAY

IN POLL-BOUND KARNATAKA, PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI WILL BE INAUGURATING THE NEW SECTION OF BANGALURU METRO PHASE 2 TODAY (25 MARCH).

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL INAUGURATE THE 13.71 KM STRETCH FROM WHITEFIELD (KADUGODI) METRO TO KRISHNARAJAPURA METRO LINE OF THE REACH-1 EXTENSION PROJECT UNDER BANGALORE METRO PHASE 2, AT WHITEFIELD METRO STATION.

THE 13.71 KM STRETCH HAS A TOTAL OF 12 STATIONS. ACCORDING TO A TIMES NOW REPORT, THE OFFICIALS OF THE NAMMA MATRO OFFICIALS CHANGED THE NAMES OF SIX METRO STATIONS.

THE NAME OF THE KR PURAM STATION HAS BEEN CHANGED TO KRISHNARAJAPURA (KR PURA); MAHADEVAPURA HAS BEEN RENAMED TO SINGAYAPPANAPALYA; HOODI JUNCTION CHANGED TO HOODI; KADUGODI METRO STATION WILL NOW BE CALLED KADUGODI TREE PARK HAS; CHANNASANDRA'S NAME CHANGED TO HOPEFARM CHANNASANDRA, AND WHITEFIELD IS RENAMED WHITEFIELD (KADUGODI), RESPECTIVELY.

THE PRIME MINISTER WILL ALSO INAUGURATE THE SRI MADHUSUDAN SAI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH. ANNOUNCING IT ON TWITTER, PM MODI WROTE ON FRIDAY, "I WILL BE IN KARNATAKA TOMORROW, MARCH 25.

CONGRESS ANNOUNCES FIRST LIST OF 124 CANDIDATES FOR KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

THE CONGRESS PARTY ON SATURDAY ANNOUNCED THE FIRST LIST OF 124 CANDIDATES FOR UPCOMING KARNATAKA ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS DUE IN MAY.



The Congress party on Saturday announced its first list of 124 candidates for upcoming Karnataka assembly elections due in May. "Here is the first list of Congress candidates finalised by the CEC for the forthcoming Karnataka assembly elections," the party said on Twitter, sharing a list of the candidates. Names of former chief minister and leader of opposition Siddaramaiah, and state party president DK Shivakumar are present in the first list. The party has decided to field the former CM from the Varuna assembly seat in Mysuru, which is his home constituency, and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar from Kanakapura. "The CEC has selected the following persons as Congress candidates for the forthcoming elections to the Legislative Assembly of Karnataka," the AICC press release said.

Other names in the list included Congress leaders Satish Jarkiholi from Yemkanmardi, Lakshmi Hebbalkar from Belgaum Rural, Priyank Kharge from Chitapur, Rizwan Arshad from Shivajinagar, Dinesh Gundu Rao from Gandhinagar, Tanveer Sait from Narasimharaja, BZ Zameer Ahmed Khan from Chamrajpet, former deputy CM G Parameshwara from Koratagere and former minister KH Muniappa from Devanahalli, among others. The party's Central Election Committee (CEC), chaired by Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, cleared the first list of candidates after a meeting held in Delhi on March 17, along with notable leaders like Rahul Gandhi. The Congress is the second party to release its candidates' list for the crucial elections in Karnataka after the Aam Aadmi Party, which released its first list, comprising 80 candidates, on Monday.

The Election Commission is yet to announce the dates for the assembly polls. **'MODI MEANS CORRUPTION', BJP LEADER'S TWEET GOES VIRAL AFTER RAHUL GANDHI'S CONVICTION, DISQUALIFICATION**

Yahan #Modi wahan #Modi jahan dekho #Modi..lekin yeh kya?? Har #Modi ke aage #bhrashtachaar surname laga hua hai..toh baat ko no samjho..#Modi mutlab #bhrashtachaar..let's change the meaning of #Modi to corruption..suits better.#Nirav #Lalit #Namo = corruption..👉👉👉👉👉

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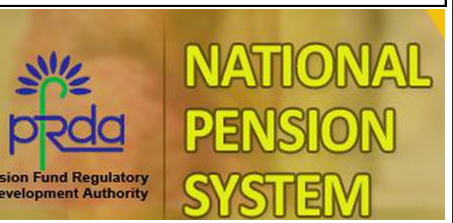
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Following Rahul Gandhi's suspension from the Lok Sabha due to his conviction in a 2019 defamation case, an old tweet by BJP leader and National Commission for Women member Khushbu Sundar has gone viral. In a tweet from 2018, Sundar criticised the prevalence of corruption among those with the Modi surname, suggesting that the word "Modi" should be redefined as "corruption". Several Congress social media accounts have shared the tweet and questioned whether Purnesh Modi, a Gujarat minister, will file a case against Sundar. However, Sundar has not commented on the tweet or deleted it. Rahul Gandhi was sentenced to two years in jail for his Modi surname comment, which led to his disqualification from the Lok Sabha. The decision has triggered opposition parties, who have condemned it as a political vendetta. The Congress has announced a nationwide agitation against Gandhi's disqualification, while the party will challenge the Surat court order in a higher court. Gandhi's counsel did not ask for mercy in court but defended that the comment was not intentional and did not hurt the complainant Purnesh Modi. A similar defamation case was brought against Gandhi in Patna by Sushil Modi, who claimed to have been hurt by the comment. Regarding Gandhi's suspension, Khushbu Sundar commented that "he had said a few days back that he is, unfortunately, a parliamentarian. His words have come true. Moral of the story: think positive. Negativity takes you nowhere". She also noted the irony that Gandhi's disqualification came from the same judgement that he tore into pieces when Manmohan Singh proposed an ordinance on it in 2013. Indian-American lawmaker Ro Khanna said on March 24 that Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's disqualification as a member of Parliament is a deep betrayal of the Gandhian philosophy and India's deepest values.

GOVERNMENT TO SET UP PANEL TO 'IMPROVE' NATIONAL PENSION SYSTEM

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on March 24 announced the constitution of a committee to propose changes to "improve" the National Pension System (NPS) for government employees in a way that balances their aspirations with fiscal prudence while steering the Finance Bill's passage in the Lok Sabha amid Opposition sloganeering. The development assumes significance as five Opposition-ruled States have already switched employees hired post-2004 to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) which guaranteed pensions, while the BJP-Shiv Sena alliance government in Maharashtra is toying with the idea of exiting the NPS. The Minister signalled that a new approach will be designed "for adoption by both Central and State Governments". "Representations have been received that the National Pension System for government employees needs to be improved. I propose to set up a committee under the Finance Secretary [T.V. Somanathan] to look into this issue of pensions and evolve an approach which addresses the needs of the employees while maintaining fiscal prudence to protect the common citizens," Ms Sitharaman said. Earlier, when the Lok Sabha convened for the day, it was adjourned for an hour in less than a minute, as Opposition members started shouting slogans to demand a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) probe into the Adani Group. Speaker Om Birla then adjourned the House until noon. When the proceedings resumed and after papers were laid on the table of the House, Rajendra Agarwal, who was presiding over the proceedings, asked the Finance Minister to move the Finance Bill for passage.

INDIA SEEKS DEPORTATION OF KHALISTANI SEPARATISTS INVOLVED IN THE ATTACK ON THE HIGH COMMISSION IN LONDON: REPORT

Harjeet Singh, Manroop Singh, Mandeep Singh, and Rajinder Singh are recognised by British authorities in London. These four also hold Indian passports in addition to their British ones, and have lived in the country for some years while actively supporting the secessionist agenda, the News 18 report said.



The Indian government has told the UK administration that people involved in the acts of attack and vandalism against the Indian High Commission building in London last week should be deported, as per a report in news 18.

Some of those have Indian passports and had applied for asylum in the UK under the pretext of 'political persecution.' They are implicated in attacks on people from the Indian diaspora in the UK and elsewhere and are members of the Khalistani movement. Avtar Singh Khanda, one of the Khalistanis, has lived in the UK for several years and is a significant leader of the separatist movement. He requested sanctuary in the UK, claiming political harassment in India.

Khanda was arrested in London for attacking the Indian High Commission building. Khanda, on March 19, climbed onto the balcony of the Commission, brought down the Indian national flag and tried to install the Khalistani flag.

He is a close associate of Khalistani terrorist Parmjit Singh Pamma and is behind the radicalisation of Sikh youths overseas. It also said that he is the 'main handler' of 'Waris Punjab De' chief and radical Sikh leader, Amritpal Singh. He is in fact, the link between Amritpal and Pakistan's (Inter-Services Intelligence) ISI, as per reports.

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They were instrumental in planning the most recent demonstrations and encouraging violence against the Indian government.

They have been teaching live classes in Glasgow and Brihngam on how to construct improvised explosive devices (IEDs) using common chemicals.