

## UDDHAV THACKERAY WARNS RAHUL GANDHI AGAINST INSULTING VEER SAVARKAR



Shiv Sena (UBT) president Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday warned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi against insulting Hindutva ideologue Veer Savarkar, saying that he and his party won't tolerate it. The Shiv Sena (UBT), the Congress and the NCP are part of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance in Maharashtra.

Stating that though his party joined the Congress leader's 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' in a bid to save democracy, Uddhav said Rahul should avoid making statements that will create a rift between the Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Congress. "I want to tell Rahul Gandhi that we walked with you in your 'Bharat Jodo Yatra' as it was for the fight to save democracy. But I want to openly tell Rahul Gandhi that Savarkar is a God-like figure for us and we will not tolerate his insult.... We are together in the fight to save democracy. But do not make statements or take steps that will create fissures (between the Sena (UBT) and the Congress). They (BJP) are trying to provoke you.

If we missed the timing today, then our country will surely go towards autocracy," Uddhav said while addressing his Shiv Garjana rally at Malegaon on Sunday evening.

Reiterating Savarkar's role and sacrifice during the freedom movement, he said that what Savarkar did and suffered was unimaginable.

Pointing out the woes of farmers and the issues faced by them, Uddhav strongly criticised the administration of the Eknath Shinde and Devendra Fadnavis-led government.

He also hit out at the BJP and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying that the BJP and the PM were not India and that criticising Modi was not an insult to the country, as claimed by party leaders. "Criticising Modi doesn't mean it's an insult to the country. How can it be an insult to the country if there is criticism of Modi? Modi is not India," Uddhav said. Uddhav also slammed the BJP for misusing central agencies and "inducting corrupt people into said that the BJP has roped in all opposition party leaders by making corruption allegations against them. the party" and asked the BJP to change its name.

## 'THEY WANT TO KILL ME': GANGSTER ATIQ AHMED BEFORE LEAVING GUJARAT JAIL



Gangster Atiq Ahmed, who had expressed fear that he may be killed in a fake encounter by the Uttar Pradesh Police, reiterated the same as he was taken from Sabarmati jail in Gujarat to Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj on Sunday.

"Murder, murder," Atiq Ahmed told reporters outside the Sabarmati jail in Ahmedabad while being whisked away in a police vehicle by security personnel.

"Mujhe inka programme maloom hai. Hatya karna chahte hain (I know their programme. They want to murder me)," the gangster was quoted as saying by the news agency PTI.

A team of Uttar Pradesh Police reached the Sabarmati jail in Ahmedabad city in the morning and left the premises with Atiq Ahmed amid tight security around 6 pm.

He is to be produced before a court on March 28 in a kidnapping case. He is named in more than 100 criminal cases, including the recent Umesh Pal murder case.

Atiq Ahmed has been lodged in the Sabarmati central jail since June 2019. He was shifted there from his home state as per a Supreme Court's order.

On March 1, he moved the Supreme Court saying the Uttar Pradesh Police in all likelihood will seek his transit remand and expressed apprehension that he may be eliminated during this transit period.

## 2 PEOPLE INJURED IN SHOOTING AT GURUDWARA IN US: REPORT

THERE WERE AN ESTIMATED 44,000 GUN-RELATED DEATHS IN THE US LAST YEAR, ABOUT HALF OF THEM MURDER CASES, ACCIDENTS AND SELF-DEFENCE, AND HALF OF THEM SUICIDES, ACCORDING TO THE GUN VIOLENCE ARCHIVE DATABASE.



Two people were shot at in a Gurudwara in the US on Sunday, local media reports said quoting the police. The incident is not related to a hate crime, they said.

The shooting took place around 2:30 p.m. at the Gurdwara Sacramento Sikh Society in Sacramento County of California.

Both of the victims are in critical condition, as per reports.

"Two people shot at a Gurudwara in Sacramento County, California. Both of the victims are in critical condition. The shooting is not related to a hate crime, it is a shootout between two men who knew each other," Sacramento County Sheriff's Office said, according to ANI.

Three people were involved in a fistfight that escalated into a shooting. Sacramento County Sheriff's Office spokesperson Amar Gandhi said "suspect 2" was down when "suspect 1" shot suspect 2's friend. Suspect 2 then shot suspect 1 and ran off. All participants in that altercation seemed to have known each other. This seems to have stemmed from something far before this," he added.

One of the suspects is described as an Indian male while the other suspected shooter is in the hospital, the police official said. There were an estimated 44,000 gun-related deaths in the United States last year, about half of them murder cases, accidents and self-defense, and half of them suicides, according to the Gun Violence Archive database. The rise in gun violence in the country has prompted President Joe Biden to sign an executive order that seeks to increase the number of background checks conducted during gun sales.

## MUMBAI 'CHARGE SHEET FILED; CRIME: EXTORTIONISTS DESTROYED EVIDENCE'

SION POLICE SAY THE ACCUSED ARE ANIMAL ACTIVISTS BUT DIDN'T TAKE CARE OF THE DOG THEY ILLEGALLY TOOK INTO CUSTODY FOR MONETARY PROFIT

The Sion police have filed the charge sheet in a case against the former city head of People for Animals, an organisation founded by BJP leader Maneka Gandhi, and her two associates. The trio were arrested last year for illegally taking custody of dogs from their owners by threatening a police case for animal cruelty.

Lata Parmar, the main accused, and her associates Bimlani Navani and Mohit Chawre have also been charged with evidence destruction. The Sion police have added Section 201 (causing the disappearance of evidence of an offence or giving false information to screen offenders) in the case.

In the 176-page charge sheet submitted before a court, police mention that Jackie (a dog of Dalmatian breed), whose custody was illegally taken from his owner Akshay Zade on March 3, died on April 21 in the absence of proper medical treatment. Parmar used Gandhi's name and a forged police letter to secure Jackie's custody and moved him to Stan Foundation in Thane, it added.

Cops took the help of officials from Facebook, where the accused had posted a photo of Jackie claiming they had rescued him, to trace and arrest Parmar, states the charge sheet. They cited WhatsApp chats and call records to establish equal involvement of Navani and Chawre in the crime.

"Parmar forged the document with a police stamp and sub inspector's signature for making money by selling Jackie. All three accused, Parmar, Bimlani Navani and Mohit Chawre are animal activists but they didn't take care of the dog and kept the dog anywhere for their monetary profit," police stated in the charge sheet.

## BHOJPURI ACTRESS AKANKSHA DUBEY DIES BY SUICIDE IN VARANASI HOTEL

BHOJPURI ACTRESS AKANKSHA DUBEY DIES BY SUICIDE IN A HOTEL ROOM ON SUNDAY IN VARANASI. IN THE SARNATH AREA, SHE WAS FOUND HANGING IN HER HOTEL ROOM. SHE WAS IN VARANASI TO SHOOT A MOVIE.

THE POLICE HAVE ALREADY INFORMED HER FAMILY ABOUT THE DEATH OF THE YOUNG ACTOR.

BEFORE HANGING HERSELF, SHE UPLOADED A VIDEO TO INSTAGRAM ON A SATURDAY NIGHT. SHE SHOWED HER BELLY DANCING SKILLS TO THE BEAT OF THE BHOJPURI SONG 'HILORE MARE'. SHE WAS SEEN DANCING IN FRONT OF A MIRROR, SPORTING A BLACK CROP TOP AND BLUE JEANS.

ON THE DAY THAT 'YE AARA KABHI HARA NAHI', HER MUSIC VIDEO, WAS SET TO BE RELEASED, THE TRAGIC NEWS OF AKANKSHA'S PASSING BROKE.

RECENTLY, THE ACTRESS MADE HEADLINES OVER A MONTH AGO WHEN SHE TOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO ANNOUNCE HER ROMANCE ON VALENTINE'S DAY. SHE HAD SHARED PHOTOS WITH CO-STAR SAMAR SINGH. 'HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY', AKANKSHA DUBEY WROTE ALONG WITH THE PICTURE.

POLICE OFFICIALS HAVE REFUSED TO SPEAK ON THE INCIDENT AND ARE AWAITING MORE INFORMATION.

# INDIA LOGS HIGHEST DAILY COVID CASES IN 149 DAYS; DELHI, MUMBAI BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS

## THE NATION REGISTERED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF DAILY COVID INFECTIONS IN THE LAST 149 DAYS.



At 1,890, India logged the highest number of daily Covid infections in the last 149 days. The active cases, too, have increased to 9,433, according to the Union Health Ministry data updated on Sunday.

The country recorded 2,208 cases in a single day on October 28 last year.

The death toll has increased to 5,30,831 with seven deaths in the past 24 hours. While two deaths each were reported by Maharashtra and Gujarat in a span of 24 hours, three were reconciled by Kerala, the data updated at 8 am stated.

The daily positivity was recorded at 1.56 per cent while the weekly positivity was pegged at 1.29 per cent. The Covid case tally was recorded at 4.47 crore (4,47,04,147).

The active cases now comprise 0.02 per cent of the total infections, while the national Covid-19 recovery rate has been recorded at 98.79 per cent, the ministry said. The number of people who have recuperated from the disease surged to 4,41,63,883, while the case fatality rate was recorded at 1.19 per cent.

According to the ministry's website, 220.65 crore doses of Covid vaccine have been administered in the country so far under the nationwide vaccination drive and 1,21,147 corona tests were conducted in the last 24 hours. Amid rising cases of Covid and seasonal influenza, the government is planning a nationwide mock drill on April 10 and 11 to take stock of hospital preparedness.

According to a joint advisory issued by the Union Health Ministry and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) on Saturday, both public and private health facilities in all districts are expected to participate in the exercise aimed at taking stock of the availability of medicines, hospital beds, medical equipment and medical oxygen.

## DALAI LAMA BOWLS A GOOGLY AT CHINA, APPOINTS MONGOLIAN HEAD OF BUDDHISM



The 14th Dalai Lama is a frail 87-year-old who believes that he will live up to the biological age of 113 and has no immediate plans to announce his reincarnation as head of the influential Gelugpa school of Tibetan Buddhism. The Communist Party of China hates him and calls him a "splittist" as President Xi Jinping pursues his Sinicization of Tibet policy with Beijing abrogating the power of official reincarnations of high lamas of the four schools of Tibetan Buddhism. Yet at this advanced age, the cancer survivor managed to bowl a googly to Beijing and clean-bowled Xi Jinping regime by announcing the reincarnation of the third most senior lama or spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism and the head of the Gelugpa school in the land-locked nation of Mongolia. The tenth Khalkha Jetsun Dhampa Rinpoche was anointed by the 14th Dalai Lama in a ceremony attended by some 600 Mongolians who travelled to Dharamshala to attend an event that has huge ramifications in this running battle between the Dalai Lama and the CPC and for the survival of Tibetan Buddhism. There are unconfirmed reports that the eight-year-old boy, who was born in the US in 2015, was anointed as the Tenth Khalka in a ceremony at Mongolia's biggest GandanTegchinlen Monastery in end-February. The ceremony was attended by the Abbot of the monastery and the high lamas of Mongolia. However, Tibetan Buddhism experts say that the eight-year boy only got legitimacy after he was declared reincarnation on March 8, the culmination of the exercise that the 14th Dalai Lama undertook when he visited Ulan Bator in 2016.

The Tenth Khalkha is one of the twin boys named Aguidau and Achitai Attanmar and belongs to one of the richest business and political empires in Ulan Bator. The Dalai Lama institution in Dharamshala remains tight-lipped over the real identity of the new Mongolian Tibetan leader as they feel he would be targeted by the Chinese regime. Sandwiched between "no limits" allies Russia and China, Mongolia has played a key role in the Dalai Lama Institution as it was the Mongolian King Altan Khan.

## REMARKS OF EX-MAHA GOVERNOR KOSHYARI ON SHIVAJI MAHARAJ NO CRIMINAL OFFENCE: HC

The high court also said that the statements reflect the perception and opinion of the speaker about those figures with an aim to persuade the audience, and the intention appears to be to enlighten society for its betterment.



Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra on Monday took to Twitter to share a picture that allegedly showed one of the 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gangrape and murder case sharing the stage with two Bharatiya Janata Party leaders in Gujarat. As per reports, Dahod BJP MP Javantsinh Bhabhor and his brother, Limkheda MLA Sailesh Bhabhor, attended the launch of a group water supply scheme along with Shailesh Bhatt, one of the convicted rapists of Bano. The 11 rapists were released prematurely on Independence Day last year under the state government's outdated remission policy of 1992. Lashing out at the ruling BJP government, Moitra called for the imprisonment of the convicts and urged people to vote out the party that supports such a 'travesty of justice'. She wrote, "I want to see these monsters back in jail & the key is thrown away. And I want this satanic government that applauds this travesty of justice voted out. I want India to reclaim her moral compass."

On Saturday, Javantsinh shared pictures from the government programme and wrote, "At Limkheda taluka of Dahod district, Kadana dam bulk pipeline-based Limkheda group water supply scheme under the estimated amount of 101.89 crore works was laid. Which 43 villages of Limkheda taluka, 18 villages of Singhwad taluka and 3 villages of Jhalod taluka will benefit from this scheme."The release of the men has been challenged in the Supreme Court and the case will be heard on Monday by a new bench comprising justices KM Joseph and BV Nagarathna.

Last month, a bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha and JB Pardiwala assured Bano that a new bench will be formed at the earliest to hear the petitions .

## FIRE BREAKS OUT IN SHOP NEAR SAKINAKA METRO STATION, ONE DEAD



A fire broke out in an electric and hardware shop in Sakinaka Metro station in Andheri on Monday, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) said in a statement. A person identified as Rakesh Gupta (22) was rushed to the hospital and was declared brought dead by the Rajawadi hospital's medical officer.

According to the civic body, the blaze broke out early Monday morning. Following the information, the Mumbai Fire Brigade rushed to the spot and began the firefighting operations. The Mumbai Fire Brigade department declared it to be a Level-1 fire.

"The fire confined to electric wiring, electric installations, a large stock of hardware in an area of about 40x50ft in Rajshree hardware shop. Further, it was learned from public members that two to three persons were trapped inside. The loft of the ground plus two storey structure has fallen. The fallen loft and large stock of hardware caused difficulty in entering the structure. Demolition of the front portion of the structure is in progress with the help of JCB," stated the BMC official.

## BJP CHIEF JP NADDA SLAMMED CONGRESS OVER ITS 'SATYAGRAH'; COMPARES WITH MAHATMA GANDHI'S MOVEMENT

BHARATIYA JANATA PARTY (BJP) PRESIDENT JP NADDA ON SUNDAY TOOK A JIBE AT THE CONGRESS OVER ITS DAY-LONG 'SANKALP SATYAGRAHA' IN SUPPORT OF PARTY LEADER RAHUL GANDHI. HE FURTHER SAID THAT THE 'ACTUAL SATYAGRAHA' WAS CONDUCTED BY MAHATMA GANDHI FOR 'INDIA'S IDENTITY' AND ASKED ABOUT THE CONGRESS' 'PRIDE' TO CONDUCT THE PROTEST ACROSS THE COUNTRY. "YOU (RAHUL GANDHI) GIVE CASTEIST SLURS TO THE BACKWARD COMMUNITIES BY CALLING THEM THIEVES. COURT HAS REPEATEDLY ASKED YOU TO APOLOGISE AND YOUR PRIDE IS SO HIGH THAT YOU DENY APOLOGISING," NADDA SAID WHILE ADDRESSING A GATHERING IN MADHYA PRADESH'S BHOPAL. THE CONGRESS CARRIED OUT A DAY-LONG PROTEST IN SUPPORT OF RAHUL GANDHI AFTER HE WAS DISQUALIFIED FROM THE LOK SABHA. THE PROTEST WAS CONDUCTED AT DELHI'S RAJGHAT DESPITE THE CITY POLICE IMPOSING SECTION 144 OF THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE (CRPC), WHICH PROHIBITS GATHERING OF MORE THAN FIVE PERSONS IN AN AREA.