

Tab 1

**HL:**

**Eight Kerala districts on yellow alert as heavy rain**

Heavy rain hits Kerala, 8 districts on yellow alert, Thiruvananthapuram schools shut

Yellow alert in 8 Kerala district, heavy rain forces schools shut in Thiruvananthapuram

**SEO:** Kerala rain: IMD issues yellow alert in eight districts, Thiruvananthapuram schools shut

**SEF: Kerala rain: IMD issues yellow alert in eight districts, Thiruvananthapuram schools shut**

**Kicker:**

Heavy rain lashed central and southern Kerala, prompting a holiday for schools in Thiruvananthapuram. IMD issued a yellow alert for eight districts and warned of more downpours today. Residents are advised to stay cautious.

**Highlights:**

Holiday declared for schools, colleges in Thiruvananthapuram

IMD yellow alert in eight Kerala districts today

Heavy rain forecast for central and southern Kerala

**Body-**

Thiruvananthapuram authorities declared a holiday for all educational institutions on Friday, September 26, after the city and several other districts in Kerala received heavy rainfall since Thursday.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), central and southern districts of the state witnessed widespread rain on Thursday. The highest rainfall was recorded at Lower Sholayar in Thrissur with 80 mm, followed by Pathanamthitta with 68 mm and Karumadi in Alappuzha with 55 mm. Thiruvananthapuram city logged 29 mm.

The IMD has issued a yellow alert for today in eight districts, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam and Thrissur, warning of heavy rainfall across the southern and central parts of Kerala.

On Friday, yellow alerts are expected across eight districts from Thrissur to southern Thiruvananthapuram.

Officials said the showers followed a low-pressure area over north Odisha and the adjoining Bay of Bengal that weakened but left behind a cyclonic circulation. Rain was also reported across Lakshadweep.

Authorities have urged residents, especially in alert zones, to stay cautious as wet conditions are likely to persist.

Tab 2

**HL:**

Bengaluru shop owner, aide brutally thrash woman accused of saree theft, arrested

**SEO:**

Bengaluru shopkeeper, staff arrested for assaulting woman accused of Rs 91,500 saree theft on Avenue Road

**SEF:** Bengaluru shopkeeper, staff arrested for assaulting woman accused of Rs 91,500 saree theft on Avenue Road

**KICKER:**

A Bengaluru shopkeeper and his aide were arrested for publicly assaulting a woman accused of stealing Rs 91,500 worth of sarees. Videos show her being dragged and kicked. Police also arrested the woman for theft.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Woman accused of stealing 61 sarees worth Rs 91,500

Shop owner, aide arrested for brutal roadside assault

Police booked woman and recovered part of stolen stock

**BODY**

Bengaluru police have arrested a shop owner and his staffer for brutally assaulting a woman on Avenue Road after accusing her of stealing sarees worth Rs 91,500 from their store, Maya Silk Sarees.

According to the FIR, complainant Umed Ram, who runs the store near Karur Vysya Bank in Chickpet, reported that on September 20 a woman allegedly stole a bundle of 61 sarees from his shop.

CCTV footage reportedly showed her taking the packed bundle around 12.30 pm. Based on his statement, City Market police registered a case.

When the woman allegedly returned to the area the next day, the shop's owner and his assistant caught her and launched a violent attack. Eyewitness videos show them dragging her onto the road, slapping and kicking her repeatedly, including in her private parts, as onlookers recorded the incident.

Initially, police booked only the woman for theft and sent her to jail, recovering part of the stolen sarees. Public anger rose after the videos surfaced, with pro-Kannada activists accusing officers of negligence and demanding that the attackers face action.

Following the outcry, Bengaluru West Division police arrested both the owner and his staffer for assault. Senior officers confirmed that the case now involves charges of theft and assault and that the conduct of the City Market police in handling the incident is also under review.

Tab 3'

**HL:**

TDP's Nandamuri Balakrishna calls Jagan Reddy 'psycho' in Andhra assembly, stirs row

**SEO:** TDP MLA Balakrishna calls Jagan Mohan Reddy "psycho" in Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Chiranjeevi clarifies film industry delegation meeting

**SEF:** andhra pradesh tdp nandamuri balakrishna balaya chiranjeevi jagan mohanr reddy yrscp

**Kicker:**

Andhra Pradesh Assembly saw heated exchanges after TDP MLA Nandamuri Balakrishna called ex-Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy a "psycho" during a law-and-order debate. Chiranjeevi clarified his role in the film industry delegation meeting Jagan Reddy.

**Highlights:**

**Flex banner sparks clash in Karnataka's Davanagere**

**Minor injuries, house doors damaged during stone pelting**

**Police restore peace, banner removed promptly**

**Body-**

The Andhra Pradesh Assembly witnessed a heated exchange on Thursday, September 25 when Telugu Desam Party (TDP) MLA and actor Nandamuri Balakrishna referred to former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy as a "psycho" during a debate on law and order.

The remark came while recalling an incident highlighted by BJP MLA Kamineni Srinivas, who said Jagan had initially refused to meet a film industry delegation led by actor Chiranjeevi, asking them to speak only to the state's cinematography minister.

Srinivas added that Chiranjeevi had objected, insisting that the Chief Minister meet the delegation directly, and only then did Reddy meet with them. Balakrishna however, said that the BJP MLA was making false claims.

Balakrishna claimed, "It's false that he (Jagan Mohan Reddy) came to meet them (Tollywood personalities) when Chiranjeevi raised his voice." He added that Jagan had initially wanted the film industry delegation to meet Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh instead.

Responding to the assembly debate, actor Chiranjeevi issued a detailed statement clarifying his involvement. He said the film industry delegation, including prominent figures like Rajamouli, Koratala Siva, Trivikram Srinivas, and others, had approached him to discuss increasing movie ticket prices due to rising production costs.



Following their request, he spoke with then Cinematography Minister Perni Nani, who later conveyed that the Chief Minister would meet the delegation.

Chiranjeevi added that he personally accompanied a smaller group, including R Narayana Murthy, to meet the Chief Minister after multiple failed attempts to coordinate with Balakrishna.

“Everyone present there is a witness to that. It was because of my initiative that the government agreed to increase the prices of movie tickets, benefiting producers, distributors, and exhibitors,” Chiranjeevi said.

He concluded by stating that he communicates with the Chief Minister and the public in a natural and respectful manner, and issued the clarification via press release as he is currently abroad.

Tab 4

**HL:**

41 pro-Kannada activists arrested for storming Hindi Diwas event in Bengaluru

**SEO: 41 pro-Kannada activists arrested in Bengaluru for storming Hindi Diwas meet, disrupting MPs' session**

**SEF: Bengaluru karnataka pro kannada activist krv hindi diwas taj hotel arrested hindi imposition**

**KICKER:**

Forty-one pro-Kannada activists were arrested for storming a Bengaluru hotel during a Hindi Diwas meet. The protest disrupted the event, attended by six MPs, but police restored order. Activists opposed Hindi imposition.

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

**41 activists arrested for disrupting Hindi Diwas event**

**Protest led by Karnataka Rakshana Vedike against Hindi imposition**

**Meeting attended by six MPs completed after police intervention**

## **BODY-**

Forty-one members of a pro-Kannada outfit were arrested for allegedly barging into a five-star hotel in Bengaluru to protest a Hindi Diwas event, police said on Friday.

The event, organised by the Ministry of Home Affairs' Rajbhasha Samiti, was attended by six Members of Parliament and aimed at promoting Hindi.

According to sources, activists from Karnataka Rakshana Vedike (KRV), led by Narayan Gowda, raised slogans alleging that the meeting was an attempt to impose Hindi on non-Hindi speaking states.

A police statement said the Parliamentary Committee on Official Language had organised the meeting from September 23 to 25 at the hotel on Race Course Road. On the final day, between 10.45 am and 11 am, around 30–40 activists illegally entered the venue, obstructed officials, and caused a temporary disruption to the session.

Police quickly intervened, taking the protestors into custody and restoring order. "A total of 41 protestors were arrested and produced before the 1st ACJM Court, which sent them to judicial custody," the statement added.

KRV claimed the seminar discussions focused on spreading Hindi and offering higher pay to Hindi-proficient officials, which they described as an attempt to impose Hindi in central

government offices across Karnataka. Police were deployed to prevent further escalation, and the meeting concluded as scheduled.

Tab 5

**HL:**

Tamil Nadu Minister says women in North India still judged by husbands, sparks row

Women in Tamil Nadu asked about careers, North India about husbands: Minister sparks row

**Tamil Nadu minister sparks north vs south debate with remark on women**

Women in North asked about husbands, in Tamil Nadu about work: Minister sparks row

**SEO:**

**Tamil Nadu Minister TRB Rajaa sparks controversy by comparing women in Tamil Nadu and North India**

**SEF:**

**Tamil Nadu dmK Minister TRB Rajaa sparks controversy by comparing women in Tamil Nadu and North India**

**Kicker:**

Tamil Nadu Industries Minister TRB Rajaa sparked controversy by comparing women in Tamil Nadu and North India. BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla criticised the remarks as insulting UP and Bihar women.

**Story Highlights**

- TRB Rajaa compares women in Tamil Nadu and North India
- Says women in North are asked where does your husband work
- BJP's Shehzad Poonawalla condemns remarks as insult to North India

**Body-**

Tamil Nadu Industries Minister TRB Rajaa sparked controversy by comparing societal attitudes toward women in Tamil Nadu and North India.

Addressing the audience at an event held at Ethiraj College for Women, TRB Rajaa said, "There is a difference between being a woman in Tamil Nadu and in any other state in India. 100 years ago, Indian women were not even considered humans. The situation remains unchanged in North India. In North India, when we meet a woman, the first question is, where does your husband work? In Tamil Nadu, the question asked of a woman is, where do you work? This change doesn't happen overnight. It took a century of work, at least in Tamil Nadu."

Rajaa's comments were supported by DMK senior leader TKS Elangovan, who added, "Women in North India are often confined to being housewives because of religious

practices. They follow Manusmriti, which we don't. The DMK government has always worked to empower women."

The remarks drew sharp criticism from political leaders. BJP National Spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla said, "Once again, DMK crosses the line, insulting UP, Bihar, and North India."

"Congress said Bihar is beedi, Revanth Reddy abused DNA of Bihar, then DMK statements that people of Bihar clean toilets, and now this insult of Bihari and UP women. Why is Tejaswi Yadav silent?" he wrote.

Former BJP Telangana Governor Tamilisai Soundararajan strongly criticised the statements, saying, "This shows the narrow mindset of DMK. How can you mix religion with progress? DMK is discriminatory with women. Even women of Tamil Nadu won't accept this. It is unfortunate. People should punish DMK. Cheap type of politics. How can you discriminate a mother?"

This is not the first time a north vs south debate came up in Tamil Nadu. In another incident earlier this year, senior Tamil Nadu Minister Durai Murugan triggered outrage by alleging that [North Indian culture involved polygamy and polyarchy](#).

Addressing a public gathering in March, Murugan said, "One man marries one woman in our culture. But in North India, one woman can marry five or 10 men. Also, five men can marry one woman. This is their culture. If one goes, another will come."

The remarks were widely interpreted as a reference to Draupadi's marriage to the five Pandavas in the Mahabharata and came amid rising tensions over the proposed delimitation exercise and the ongoing language debate.

Tab 6



**HL:**

Pretending to be Sabarimala devotees: Kerala Governor slams CPM over Ayappa event

**SEO:**

Kerala Governor Rajendra Arlekar slams Left government: Critics of Guru Pooja, Bharat Mata pretend to be Sabarimala devotees

**SEF:** Kerala Governor Rajendra Arlekar Left cpm government Bharat Mata pretend to be Sabarimala devotees

**Kicker:**

Kerala Governor Rajendra Arlekar criticised the Left government, saying opponents of Guru Pooja and Bharat Mata are “pretending to be Sabarimala devotees.” He called the CPI(M) ruled government politically motivated and defended cultural traditions.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Kerala Governor targets state’s Left government over Ayyappa event
- Claims government driven by political convenience, not culture
- Defends traditions, cites RSS influence on his thought

**Body:**

Kerala Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar on Thursday took a swipe at the state’s Left government for organising Ayyappa Summit, saying those who oppose ‘Guru Pooja’ and criticize Bharat Mata are merely “pretending to be Sabarimala devotees.”

Speaking at the Navarathri Sargotsavam organised by *Kesari Weekly* in Kozhikode, the Governor said, “If these people truly have sanctity, principles, and bhava in their minds, they should come out openly and say so.” He questioned the motive behind the ruling party, suggesting it is done “only for political convenience.”

Arlekar added, “Bharat Mata, Guru Pooja, and all these things were not politically convenient for anybody. It is in our blood, thoughts, and everything. We are not politically motivated.” He emphasized that such traditions are an essential part of Indian culture and cannot be ignored.

The Governor highlighted that some teachers and principals had approached him when Guru Pooja, the ritual of students washing teachers’ feet, was opposed in schools.

“I wondered how this is happening, that too in a state which is culturally at the highest level? Kerala is culturally rich, but all these things are happening in this state,” he said.

Arlekar also mentioned that his thoughts are influenced by the RSS and defended the organisation's focus on building the nation and organising society. He added that these initiatives are in the country's interest and must be communicated to every household.

Tab 7

**HL:**

Siddaramaiah orders caste survey completion by October 7, warns against negligence

**SE0:** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah orders faster socio-educational survey, sets October 7 deadline, warns teachers on negligence

**SEF:** Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah caste survey socio-educational survey October 7 deadline lingayat vokkaliga

**Kicker:**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah ordered officials to finish the statewide socio-educational survey by October 7. He said technical glitches are almost fixed and daily progress must increase. Teachers were warned of action for negligence.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Siddaramaiah fixes October 7 as deadline for caste survey
- 1.43 crore families to be surveyed statewide
- Teachers to face action for survey negligence
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**BODY-**

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has instructed district officials to complete the state's ongoing socio-educational survey by October 7, making it clear that the deadline will not be extended.

Reviewing progress in a high-level video conference, Siddaramaiah said initial technical glitches that slowed work for four days have been "90 per cent sorted" and the remaining issues will be fixed by the end of the day. "From today survey work will be intensified, as per our projections," he told officials.

The Chief Minister urged daily progress of at least 10 per cent to cover all 1.43 crore families. So far, only 2.76 lakh families have been surveyed. Special focus is on Bengaluru, where enumeration begins today within the BBMP limits covering nearly 50 lakh households.

"Every single family in the state must be surveyed. We must ensure no household is missed," he said.

Siddaramaiah noted that more than 1.2 lakh teachers are deployed as enumerators and warned of legal action for negligence, while assuring their honorarium has been released. In hilly areas, survey centres will operate from schools, and enumerators are to revisit locked homes.

He directed local IT staff to resolve technical issues and ordered nodal officers for every taluk. Regional commissioners have been asked to monitor progress daily to ensure the survey meets the October 7 deadline.

Tab 8

**HL:**

## **Conclave Mumbai Full Coverage**

Nair body chief's LDF praise on Ayyappa event pushes Congress in damage control mode

Thackerays uniting for family power, not Maharashtra progress: Shinde Sena MP

**Seo:** Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde slams Thackeray family politics, says Mahayuti works for Maharashtra welfare

**SEF:** Maharashtra shs eknath shinde bjp devendra fadnavis Shiv Sena MP Shrikant Shinde Thackeray family Mahayuti

**Kicker:**

At India Today Conclave Mumbai 2025, Shrikant Shinde said the party continues Balasaheb Thackeray's legacy, focusing on development, citizen-centric governance, and grassroots work. Shinde added that opponents uniting now are motivated by family politics, not Maharashtra's welfare.

**Highlight:**

Eknath Shinde built a common man's brand in Maharashtra

Shiv Sena focused on redevelopment, roads, metro, and housing

Shrikant Shinde emphasised alliance with Mahayuti for local elections

**BODY-**

At the India Today Conclave Mumbai 2025, Shrikant Shinde, Lok Sabha MP from Kalyan, spoke about the political brand of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde since the 2022 Shiv Sena split. Shinde stressed that the government's efforts in housing, concrete roads, metro expansion, and city redevelopment have strengthened public trust in the Mahayuti alliance across Maharashtra.

**BRAND SHINDE**

"We are not here to do brand politics," Shinde said, noting that when Eknath Shinde became Chief Minister, there was intense criticism and skepticism about how he would handle Maharashtra.

“But I am proud of the way he has worked. He created another brand. a common man’s brand. When he was Chief Minister, he presented himself as a common man, and now as Deputy Chief Minister, he has built a reputation for being completely dedicated to the common people.”

Shinde highlighted that the Deputy Chief Minister remains available 24/7 to citizens and prioritises their welfare, describing the governance model as “from the common man, for the common man.”

When asked about his own visibility and the perception that Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has become the “high command,” Shrikant Shinde said, “People make and break the brand. We are not trying to do anything. Shinde sir treats everyone as family. Whoever works hard will advance in the party. Any karyakarta can become adhyaksh (party president).”

He added that Deputy Chief Minister Shinde does not promote family members over party workers. “When we got ministerial posts at the central level, he did not give them to his son. He gave them to karyakartas who have been working for years,” Shinde said, highlighting Shinde’s focus on merit and dedication over ambition.

## **ACCIDENTAL POLITICIAN**

Shrikant Shinde shared his own political journey, emphasising that he “accidentally” entered politics. Initially pursuing a medical career with an MBBS degree and planning super-specialization in orthopedics, Shinde said he focused on studies and never intended to join politics.

However, in 2014, after delimitation created an opportunity in Kalyan and the incumbent MP moved to another party, the Shiv Sena needed an educated candidate. Shinde was chosen, and over 11 years, he has worked to meet constituency needs, winning three consecutive terms with a strong majority.

“My responsibility has always been to serve the people, not to become a minister or Chief Minister. I look at what my constituents need and work accordingly,” Shinde said. He added that his dedication to studies translated into dedication to politics, following Deputy Chief Minister Shinde’s example of constant work for the people.

## **DYNASTY POLITICS?**

When asked about dynastic politics, Shinde clarified that the party is bigger than any individual. “The party gave me the opportunity when I was in college. People voted for us, and my responsibility has been to sustain their trust. Shiv Sena is about service, not individual ambition,” he said. Shinde concluded by emphasising that both he and Deputy Chief Minister Shinde remain focused on governance, development, and addressing citizens’ needs, rather than personal power or political branding.

On the challenges posed by the Thackeray family uniting in the municipal elections, Shinde remained confident. “Those coming together are not doing it for Maharashtra; they are doing



it for family politics. People saw what happened in the BMC for 25 years. They experienced Covid and corruption under previous leadership. We focus on real work, development, and solving citizens' problems," he said.

He reiterated that Shiv Sena's priority is citizen-centric governance. "Our work will continue on housing, roads, metro, and infrastructure. Within the next few years, Mumbai's roads will be 100% concrete and pothole-free. Whoever says the previous 25 years were corruption-free, we are ready to debate openly," Shinde said.

### **UPCOMING ELECTIONS**

In the upcoming municipal elections, Shinde emphasised the party's grassroots strength and the people's ability to recognize hard work. "Before the Vidhan Sabha elections, predictions about Shiv Sena's performance were wrong. We achieved a clear majority, winning 60 out of 80 seats. People know who works, and Shinde sir worked 24/7, which is why the party won 75%," he said.

He highlighted concrete governance achievements, such as the redevelopment of BDD chawls, affordable housing policies, cluster redevelopment in Mumbai, and metro expansion. Shinde said these projects addressed longstanding issues ignored by previous administrations. "For 25 years, previous leaders failed to redevelop areas like Ramabai Nagar. We removed corrupt builders and ensured the Municipal Corporation is now providing housing. The policies we implemented could have come much earlier," he said.

### **CORRUPTION ALLEGATIONS**

Shinde addressed allegations of corruption leveled by political opponents, particularly from the Thackeray family and Congress leaders. "The party that ruled for 25 years did not solve these issues. Every year, tar roads were laid that washed away. Where is the accountability for corruption during COVID?" he asked. Shinde stressed that current projects, including coastal roads and concrete roads, have introduced transparency and tangible results. He challenged critics to debate and prove corruption, asserting that the law applies equally to everyone.

### **ALLIANCE POLITICS**

Regarding the Mahayuti alliance, Shinde emphasised the importance of cooperation and voter preference for a united front. "We are part of Mahayuti because people have preferred this alliance in the Vidhan Sabha elections, and we will continue to work together at the local level. Wherever exceptions arise, decisions will be taken at the local level," he said.

Shinde also cited his experience leading a delegation under Prime Minister Narendra Modi during Operation Sindoor and representing allies like TDP in the Vice President election as examples of maintaining alliance cohesion.

Tab 19

In india today conclave mumbai 2025, Shrikant Shinde | Lok Sabha MP, Kalyan, Maharashtra

anchor- Is a new brand being born in maha since 2022?

SS: brand politics which has been going for so many years national me ho ya state politics me ho, i think brand jabse 2014 me modi govt aayi hai, tabse sabhi brand ko loogo ne nakar diya hai. We are not here to do brand politics. Eknath Shinde jab cm bane toh khob alochana hui, khoob sawal uthaye gye ki how will he handle maha. But im proud that the way he has worked, he made another brand, common man's brand. When he was cm, he made a new brand- that im a common man, then when he became dcm, he made a new brand that hes dedicated to common man. This brand has come from common man, for the common. Avl 24/7 for common man, shinde helps all the time.

Anchor- your pic everywhere. You also seem like shinde has become high command. Once thackeray was high ocmman.

SS: people make and break the brand. We are not trying to do anything. Photo is done by karyakartas. I said in my first speech that number 1, and number 2 also position is also open. There is no number 2. Number 1 is shinde sir. People think that we are a family party. There is no leader, no servant. Shinde says everyone is family members. Whoever works they will get to go ahead in party. Anybody can be adhyaksh. In centre when we got minister post in centre, he didnt give it to his son, he gave it to karyakarta whos been working for years.

I dont work with the goal of being a mantri. I see what people want, what consiturence wants. This is how we work. Many people thought that if i become minister, i will become cm. But these are dreams. Shinde sir didnt have ambitions. He just began. He got people love. Thats why we got mahayuti majority.

Anchor- Thats why in bihar people say hope you dont become ekanth shinde.

SS: shidne never worked as a cm, he kept him an as ordinary worker and came infront of the people. Nobody is big or small frmo their post. Shinde is giving justice to whatever the post he has.

Anchor- Shiv sena doesnt need Thackeray?

SS: we always say were taking balasahed thackeray legacy ahead. What he thought, we are taking forwarding. Tahts how we fight all our elections.

Anchor: you 3rd time MP. whatever allegation is on shiv sea and cong that theres dynasty politics, even you must be facing all this?

SS: Shrikanth shinde never wanted to be politics. I always say i accidentally came into politics. Delimitaion in 2014, the mp we had in 2014 then, he moved to another party. We wanted an educated face int he party. The constituency i belong to Kalyan, is not an easy one. What you see today is after 10 yrs of hard work and now this is under mahayuti. I think when party needed the party made me stand as educated candidate.

Anchor- thackeray or party?

Ss: party is big, not the name. Party gave me the opportunity. I was in college. We put all energy to winning. After 2019, and 2024, people made me win for more than lakhs of votes.

If they didn't me, they wouldn't have voted for me. They want dynasty politics that's why they voted. My responsibility was to sustain it.

Anchor: why you not politics?

SS: i did mbbs, for ms i was studying orthopedix. After that i thought ill practice and do super specialisaiotn. These were my dreams. Suddenly in 2014, this happened.

In our house, when we saw shinde sir, he always used to work just like he works now. He never had time for us. So we thought only politician enough in one house. That's why i put my concentration in studies and suddenly i got my fate brought me here. When opportunity came, and i won, now its been 11 years, i know there needs to be 100% dedication. Earlier i had dedication in studies, and similarly in politics now.

Anchor: youre ortho surgeon but shiv sena has breaking bones history.

SS: when rr patil had come to dombivail for election campaign, he said baap haddi todta hai, beta haddi jodta hai. Shiv sena is to work people.

Anchor/: you ever done violence or breaking bones?

SS: i never had to do anything, that was the situation then. In grassroot worker, he has to work. When shinde sir working on increasing party presence, there must have been many incidents there were revolutions, protests, he participated and that's how he worked to cm post. I told you im here accidentally. I won 3 terms via majority.

Anchor: what next? Mahanagr palika elections now. Will you have responsibility? Shiv sena biggest challenge is thackereys are coming together. More than bjp, it could challenging to you. Do you see it as a challenge?

SS: before vidhana sabha election, ppl and media made predictions how many shiv sena will win. But all predictions were failed. And one clear majority. Out of 80 seats, 60 were shiv sena. And whoever stood 120 seats, they got 20. Why did it happen? Bcz ppl know who works. Whoever works, ppl stand w them. Shinde sir worked 24/7 that's why w shiv sena,w shinde sir, shiv sena won vidhan sabha election w 75%. Whoever is coming together today, theyre not coming together for maha. Theyre coming for family. Ppl saw for 25 years saw in bmc who was in power. Ppl saw covid, ppl saw corruption.

Anchor: tomo if you had to fight w/o bjp?

SS: today we are with mahayuti. Aaj tak waise hi chitra hai lekin jaha par bhi, cm said and even dcm said, wherever in local level if karyakarta wants to stand, theyve been working for so many years, toh karyakartya ki aknkasha hoti h ki wo lade waha pe. Majority places mahayuti will fight together, in exceptions only, local level pe decisions lenge.

Anchor- in 2017, in mahanagarparlika you fought diff.. If today, bjp didnt alliance,

SS: why dont you want us to be alliance? How many times will we prove our power? What did people say, we got 60 on 80 seats. Whatever test it is, litmus or acid, we will pass the test nicely. Whoever is scared, theyre trying to come together, but ppl are smart, bmc voters are smart. What did they goive them from 25 years of being in power? Behind matoshree, transit camp forever. Ppl have lived there for 15 years. 2-3 genetaions in a tiny 10x10 house. They dont understand people pain. Ppl leave mumbai go to karjat dombivaili. Why did marathi % reduce in maha? Because of them, because of their niti. What they gave in 25 yrs?

Anchor: but you were in same party?

SS: but who was our leader? Who was leading us. We did our work. I was thane palakmantri. Come to thane, iw ill show you what i did. In bdd chawl, we gave ppl houses in affordable rates. Bdd chawl is ready. Ramabai nagar ka vishay, people redevelopment not happened, we got a policy for that. Cluster policy for mumvai redevelopment. We removed the ramabai builder, and today mmrd is making house for them. This policy couldve come early also/

Anchor: theyre alleging corruption

SS: what did they do for 25 years? Every year they made tar roads and it flew away. Whoever did corruption is in jail. Whoever did corruption in covid where are they? Its an open book. Law is same for everyone. 25 saal me jo log de nhi paye, coastal road you saw, it wasnt there before 2022. After 2022, the speed took up. It solves so many probs. We put concrete roads, they put tar roads. Shinde sir said to put concrete rails. When devedra fasnacivs was there he started metro. Why not before?

Anchor: every party wants to do it alone?

SS: har party ki ek iccha hoti hai, aaj hum mahayuti me hai we will fight with mahayuti, and people have preferred mahayuti in vidhana sabha me, and we will get preference in every other election.

Anchor: op sindhoor delegation, experience

SS: youre saying is there a problem in mahayuti? The way pm modi ne operation sindoor me shiv sena k youngest sansad ko delegation lead krne ka mauka diya. Yeh bohot badi baat h. Uske baad VP election me, aaj tk itihis me, bjp gave me and tdp's ram mohan naidu to represent vp. Alliance is kept together by modi and state rulers here.

Anchor: aditya thackeerey said your party is corrupt, last 3 years all roads bad cuz you did corruption made money for councilors

SS: the party that led 25 years, the potholes stories were covered by you. One rj made a song, who was trying to silence her? But now if we see, wherever metro work is in mumbai, theres cement road work under road. What they had 25 years, they didnt try, we are trying. In next few years, mumbai's 100% roads will be concrete and potholes free.. Whoever saying taht for 25 yrs they didnt do corruption, adn in 3 years, we have, i challenge them to come sit here and we can debate who did in covid, in khichdi, in which tender did they do corruption. If they guts, come.

Tab 20

**HL:**

Actor Dulquer Salmaan approaches Kerala High Court after Customs seizes luxury car

**SE0:** Dulquer Salmaan moves Kerala High Court as Customs seizes vehicle in Bhutan luxury car tax evasion probe

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**Kicker:**

Actor Dulquer Salmaan moved the Kerala High Court seeking release of his seized vehicle. Customs is probing alleged tax evasion through Bhutan-imported luxury cars. The court asked Customs to reply and posted the case for September 30.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

Dulquer Salmaan petitions Kerala High Court over seized luxury car  
Customs raids target Bhutan-imported high-end vehicles statewide  
36 cars seized; actors' involvement under investigation

**BODY-**

Actor Dulquer Salmaan has approached the Kerala High Court seeking the release of his vehicle seized by Customs officials during their ongoing crackdown on alleged tax evasion involving high-end cars.

The court on Friday directed Customs to file a reply to the petition and posted the matter for further hearing on September 30.

In his petition, Dulquer stated that he purchased the vehicle under the bona fide impression that the transferor had valid ownership and that it was duly registered with the Motor Vehicle Department. He added that his representatives had submitted all relevant documents, but officials allegedly took the papers without acknowledgement and seized the vehicle on September 23, 2025, without proper enquiry.

Dulquer also expressed concern over the media coverage surrounding the seizure, claiming it portrayed his vehicle alongside others allegedly used for smuggling, narcotics, and anti-state activities, which he said damaged his reputation.

The actor noted that the Land Rover Defender, a 2004 model, was shipped by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to its New Delhi Regional Delegation and

cleared through proper bill of entry for home consumption. According to Dulquer, the seizure could not have been justified without verifying the origin and documentation of the vehicle.

Customs seized 36 vehicles across Kerala, including two belonging to Dulquer Salmaan, one of which is a 2004 Land Rover Defender.

The petition comes as the Customs department carried out a state-wide operation codenamed *Operation Numkhor*, 'Numkhor' meaning 'vehicle' in Bhutanese, targeting luxury vehicles allegedly brought into India through middlemen from Bhutan and sold locally without paying tax.

Customs officials conducted inspections at multiple locations, including the residences of Dulquer Salmaan, Prithviraj Sukumaran and Amith Chakalakkal in Kochi. Officials clarified that the actors' involvement, if any, will be determined only after their statements are recorded.

Owners, including prominent personalities, will be issued notices and must appear before Customs to produce valid documents. Vehicles without proper paperwork will remain in custody as the operation continues to track down the remaining cars.



Tab 10

**Headline:****SEO:**

Kerala student locked in dark room for being late, Education Minister V Sivankutty orders probe at Cochin Public School, Thrikkakara

**SEF:** Kerala student locked in dark room for being late, Education Minister V. Sivankutty orders probe at Cochin Public School, Thrikkakara

**Kicker:**

Kerala Education Minister V Sivankutty has ordered a probe after a fifth-grade student at Cochin Public School, Thrikkakara, was reportedly locked in a dark room for being late. He promised action will follow after the report.

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

**Student locked alone in dark room for being late**

**Minister V Sivankutty directs inquiry into the incident**

**School cannot impose arbitrary punishments, says Minister**

**BODY:**

Kerala Education Minister V Sivankutty has directed the Director of General Education to conduct an inquiry after a fifth-grade student at Cochin Public School in Thrikkakara was reportedly locked alone in a dark room for arriving late.

The student, who was three minutes late, was first made to run two laps around the ground before being confined to a dark room. The student later said, “I reached school and was 2–3 minutes late. They made us run for two rounds. The principal told me either my parents should come and pick me or I had to sit alone in a room. Only teachers were there in that class.”

Sivankutty said that he spoke to the student’s father, adding, “He told me that the school authorities suggested he take a Transfer Certificate if he wished. I told the parents not to take the TC. Such practices are unacceptable in Kerala’s education system.”

Sivankutty emphasised the importance of child safety and education, adding, “The child and family will not be isolated. Arbitrary punishments are not suitable for Kerala’s education. Parents, teachers, and society will stand together.”

“Even if disciplinary measures are printed in the school diary, who gave them the authority to do that?” he asked. The minister noted that even unaided schools must follow Kerala

education rules and cannot impose arbitrary disciplinary measures. The deputy director of the education department has been tasked with submitting a full report, after which action will be taken.

Tab 11

## **HL:**

Senior AIADMK leader quits party, calls out BJP influence on alliance, joins DMK

**SEO:** Former MP V Maitreyan quits AIADMK, joins DMK in Chennai, cites dissatisfaction with AIADMK, blames BJP high command pressure

**SEF:** tn cm mk stalin v maithreyan aiadmk dmk bjp chennai vijay tvk resigns 2026 assembly polls

## **Kicker:**

Former MP V Maitreyan quit AIADMK and joined DMK in Chennai, welcomed by Chief Minister Stalin. AIADMK expelled him immediately. Maitreyan cited dissatisfaction with AIADMK and predicted DMK's dominance in 2026 elections.

## **Highlights:**

- V Maitreyan leaves AIADMK, joins DMK in Chennai
- AIADMK expels him immediately after resignation
- BJP high command influenced AIADMK alliance, says Maitreyan

## **Body-**

Former MP V Maitreyan on Wednesday quit the AIADMK and joined the ruling DMK in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin.

At DMK headquarters 'Anna Arivalayam,' Maitreyan, who served as AIADMK's organisation secretary, was welcomed into the party by senior DMK leaders and Ministers Duraimurugan and KN Nehru, along with Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin.

Immediately after his departure, AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami expelled Maitreyan from the party.

In an exclusive interview with India Today, Maitreyan said, "Better late than never. I should have joined DMK five years ago, but due to obvious reasons it was postponed. I'm happy I've taken the decision now."

He expressed dissatisfaction with AIADMK's functioning over the past year and claimed that although he was given a State-level post, his experience and work were not utilised within the party.

On the alliance AIADMK has forged with the BJP, Maitreyan remarked, "AIADMK and BJP were in alliance in the 2021 elections. In 2024, when a parliamentary election required an alliance, he did not go with BJP. But now for the Assembly election, EPS has gone ahead

with the BJP alliance. Obviously, there was pressure which the AIADMK leadership succumbed to, pressure from BJP high command to establish a foothold in the State.”

Asked about Vijay, Maitreyan said it was too early to assess his influence, adding, “Tamil Nadu people will give an answer. He is untested.”

Regarding the 2026 elections, he predicted a clear outcome, stating, “2026 is a one-sided election and people have decided who should rule. Obviously DMK under the leadership of Stalin. The election will only decide the No.2 position.”

Tab 12

**HL:**

Video: Tamil Nadu student, DMK leader's wife, skips Governor at convocation

Video: Tamil Nadu student, wife of DMK leader, skips Governor RN Ravi at convocation

**SEO:**

Student avoids Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi, gets degree from Vice Chancellor to highlight friction between DMK and governor

**SEF:** tn governor rn ravi dmk mk stalin student convocation skips governor degree vice president

**Kicker:**

A student avoided Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi during convocation and received her degree from the Vice Chancellor instead. She is the wife of a DMK leader and did so to reportedly highlight the standoff between the Governor and the government.

**Highlights:**

Student bypasses Governor, collects degree from Vice Chancellor

Student is the wife of a DMK leader

Reportedly to highlight friction between Governor and DMK government

**Body:**

A student at a university bypassed Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi during her convocation on Wednesday and instead received her degree from the Vice Chancellor.

During the 32nd convocation ceremony of the Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MSU), students lined up to receive their degrees from Governor Ravi. However, one student, Jean Joseph, chose to avoid the Governor and accepted her degree from Vice Chancellor Chandrasekar, who was standing beside him.

Jean Joseph, the wife of DMK Nagercoil Deputy Secretary M Rajan, reportedly made the decision to ignore the Governor to highlight ongoing issues between Governor Ravi and the DMK government.

In a video from the ceremony, Governor Ravi is seen smiling and gesturing for her to stand beside him. However, she walks past him to receive her degree from the Vice Chancellor, and then appears to say what seems like "thank you," to which Ravi responded with a polite nod.



Speaking to reporters, Joseph explained her decision, saying, “There was a question in my heart about what the Governor has done for Tamil or Tamil Nadu. That is why I did so.” She added, “Since I believe in the Dravidian model and as the Vice Chancellor has done a lot for Tamil, I thought of receiving it from him. That’s all, no personal reasons.”

She also questioned the system, asking, “Don’t we have people in Tamil Nadu to give this? The Chief Minister and the Education Minister are there.” She further alleged that the Governor worked against “Tamil and Tamil Nadu,” calling it “annoying,” and said this was why she did not wish to receive her degree from him.

Annamalai condemned what he called the “deplorable dramas staged by DMK members to gain fame,” including “using educational institutions for political purposes.” He urged Chief Minister MK Stalin to “advise party members against bringing low-grade politics into schools and universities. He warned that “if they too behave in the same manner, where will the Chief Minister Stalin hide his face?”

The DMK-led Tamil Nadu government and Governor RN Ravi have long been locked in a standoff over legislative approvals. Between November 2020 and April 2023, the state legislature passed 13 bills, but the Governor either withheld or returned 10 of them without any explanation. Even when the Assembly re-approved these bills without any changes, Governor Ravi still refused assent, reserving them for the President’s consideration, a move the court later ruled unconstitutional

Tab 13

**HL:**

Removal unfair, spoke truth: Karnataka MLA defends ex-Minister's voter list remark

**SEO:** Karnataka MLA Kothur Manjunath defends KN Rajanna, says cabinet removal unnecessary after voter list remarks

**SEF:** Ktaka rahul gandhi vote chori congress bjp Kothur Manjunath defends KN Rajanna, says cabinet removal unnecessary after voter list remarks

**Kicker:**

Karnataka MLA Kothur Manjunath defended former Cooperative Minister KN Rajanna, saying his removal was unnecessary. Rajanna had resigned following the high command's decision, after his remarks on voter list irregularities sparked controversy.

**Highlights:**

Congress MLA defends sacked Minister's statement

Says his removal was unnecessary

Rajanna cites conspiracy behind his resignation

**Body:**

Karnataka Congress MLA Kothur Manjunath has defended former Cooperative Minister KN Rajanna, saying his removal from the cabinet for talking about voter list irregularities during the Congress tenure in Karnataka was unwarranted.

Speaking to reporters, Manjunath said, "It's not a statement against Rahul Gandhi. What Rajanna has said is the truth. Although what he has said is truth, when our leader says something, we should support it or distance ourselves from it. He shouldn't have been removed from the cabinet. They could have called him and asked him not to talk like that. He is from the ST community, and he has won from a general seat. That's not easy."

Rajanna resigned from the cabinet after the Congress high command decided to drop him, a move he called part of a conspiracy.

Speaking late at night to reporters, he explained that the Chief Minister sent the letter to the Governor, who accepted it, based on the high command's decision. He added that he would reveal the full details of the alleged conspiracy at a later date.

His removal came after Rajanna made controversial remarks about saying duplicate entries and suspicious names in sparsely populated areas were added to the voter list under the Congress rule in Karnataka.

While criticising the party for staying silent during the draft stage, he also accused the Election Commission of altering the voter list to benefit the Prime Minister, but acknowledged that the party failed to raise timely objections.

Rajanna's exit comes at a sensitive time when senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge, are alleging collusion between the poll watchdog and the BJP to influence elections.

Tab 14

## **HL:**

Protests erupt in Karnataka as devotees demand action over Dharmasthala defamation

**SEO:** Karnataka sees massive Dharmasthala protests as devotees, BJP supporters condemn derogatory remarks, demand strict action against temple defamers amid mass burial case

**SEF:** ktaka Dharmasthala mass burial case dharmadhikari bjp hindu temple town sit probe

## **Kicker:**

Massive protests erupted across Karnataka as pro-Hindu activists, BJP supporters, and Dharmasthala devotees condemned derogatory remarks against the temple and misinformation amid the ongoing mass burial case.

## **Highlights:**

**Protests across Karnataka against Dharmasthala mass burial case  
BJP leaders, devotees allege misinformation, disrespect to temple town  
Probe in case continues, no bodies found in spot number 13 yet**

## **Body**

Karnataka witnessed massive protests across multiple districts as pro-Hindu activists, BJP supporters, and devotees of Dharmasthala condemned alleged derogatory remarks and misinformation targeting the sacred temple town, referring to the ongoing probe in mass burial case.

In Chikkamagaluru, over 2,000 devotees participated in a 2 km protest march from the Taluk Office to Azad Park, singing devotional hymns and beating drums. Hundreds of women joined the rally, condemning what they described as a conspiracy to malign Dharmasthala.

In Koppal, thousands of women, along with a differently-abled Muslim man in a wheelchair, took part in a rally from Ishwar Park to the DC's office. Several Muslim women also joined, demanding action against those spreading false propaganda about the temple.

In Yadgir, members of the Dharmasthala Devotees Forum held a rally from Subhash Circle to the DC's office, urging strict action against Girish Mattannavar, Mahesh Thimmaroddi, and YouTuber Sameer for allegedly defaming the shrine.

In Mysuru, thousands of women devotees marched from Old Dairy Circle to the DC's office holding placards in support of Dharmadhikari Veerendra Heggade. They demanded transparency in the SIT investigation, protection for Hindu temples, and warned that those defaming the shrine must face consequences.

In Kalaburagi, Hindu and Kannada organisations, along with former BJP MLA Dattatreya Patil and other leaders, held a rally from Jagat Circle to the DC's office after garlanding the Basavanna statue. Protesters called for action against fake YouTubers and individuals tarnishing Dharmasthala's image.

Across all districts, protesters submitted memorandums to the government through Deputy Commissioners, asserting, "We stand with Dharmasthala and its Dharmadhikari."

Meanwhile, in the ongoing Dharmasthala mass burial case, authorities conducted a Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) scan at Point No. 13 yesterday morning as part of the exhumation process. After nearly 40 minutes, no human remains were detected.

Following the unsuccessful scan, heavy machinery was brought in for excavation, with officials suspecting that soil dumped during past dam construction may be covering the alleged burial spot. Arrangements were also made to drain any seepage water, with a pump set deployed to clear the pit as digging continues.

Tab 15



HL:

Vote anomaly in Andhra, Chandrababu Naidu has hotline with Rahul Gandhi: Jagan Reddy  
Chandrababu Naidu has hotline with Rahul Gandhi: Jagan Reddy claims Andhra vote fraud  
Jagan Reddy claims Andhra vote anomaly, cites Chandrababu Naidu-Rahul Gandhi hotline

SEO:

Former Andhra CM Jagan Mohan Reddy alleges vote chori in ZPTC polls, claims  
Chandrababu Naidu-Rahul Gandhi hotline

SEF:

Former Andhra CM Jagan Mohan Reddy alleges vote chori in ZPTC polls, claims  
Chandrababu Naidu-Rahul Gandhi hotline

Kicker:

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy alleges “vote chori” in recent ZPTC polls. He claims elections were biased, with police favoring current Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Jagan also accuses Rahul Gandhi of ignoring Andhra issues.

Highlights:

- Jagan Reddy calls ZPTC polls a mockery of democracy
- Claims Rahul Gandhi ignores Andhra, favors Chandrababu Naidu
- Accuses police bias and selective criticism from Congress

Body-

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday alleged the largest electoral anomaly in the country occurred in Andhra Pradesh during the 2024 general elections and accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of remaining silent.

Speaking at a press conference at the YSRCP central office in Tadepalli, he claimed the irregularity involved nearly **48 lakh votes**, or **12.5 per cent of the total votes polled** in the state.

“Unfortunately, why doesn’t Rahul Gandhi talk about Andhra Pradesh? He doesn’t talk because he is in hotline contact with Chandrababu,” Reddy said.

“The anomaly in Andhra Pradesh was the highest in the country,” Reddy claimed, adding that YSRCP leaders had approached the Election Commission, which promised a Special Intensive Revision (SIV) in the state.

He also alleged that the ZPTC elections held yesterday were a mockery of democracy, with biased police deployment favoring Naidu and the absence of polling agents at booths.

Jagan questioned Congress national spokesperson Manickam Tagore, asking why he speaks only about YSRCP while ignoring alleged scams and irregularities by Naidu, including issues with belt shops, permit rooms, and mining scams.

According to Reddy, the polls saw serious irregularities, including the absence of polling agents at booths. He alleged that the police were handpicked and conducted themselves in a biased manner to favor Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. “The elections heckled the democratic spirit,” Jagan said.

Responding to questions on Revanth Reddy’s alleged connection with Naidu, Jagan said, “Absolutely, of course. Everybody knows. No one can be so naive.”

TDP leader Nara Lokesh dismissed Jagan’s claims, saying the only true ‘hotline’ is with the people of Andhra Pradesh.

He criticised Jagan over repeated scams, with emojis of liquor, hinting at the alleged liquor scam under his government, emphasising that the electorate voted him out. Lokesh reaffirmed confidence in the double-engine government under PM Narendra Modi and Chandrababu Naidu, claiming Andhra Pradesh will “rise to No.1 again,” he wrote on X.

TMK

As the Carnatic music community is hit by a discord of irony, are the strings stretched to their breaking point?

A rift in the rhythm has hit the fraternity as V. Shrinivasan, grandson of the revered vocalist MS Subbulakshmi is determined to protect his grandmother's honour by petitioning against Carnatic singer TM Krishna receiving the prestigious MS Subbulakshmi Award.

Krishna, known for his outspoken views on the elitism and inclusivity in Carnatic music, has previously claimed that Subbulakshmi's rise to fame was not without compromise.

The Madras Music Academy plans to honour Krishna, but Shrinivasan contends that Krishna's outspoken views on Carnatic music, as well as his critiques of MS Subbulakshmi, render him unworthy of such an accolade. Shrinivasan has called Krishna's remarks "vile, vituperative, and scandalous," and alleged that conferring the honour on Krishna would amount to awarding a 'Bhakti' prize to an atheist.

~~Why is Shrinivasan against the award to TM Krishna? Is TM Krishna's critique of MS Subbulakshmi unforgivable? MS Subbulakshmi's grandson definitely thinks so.~~

### **TM Krishna's Controversial Statements**

His outspoken views have garnered both admiration and backlash, with Shrinivasan accusing him of misrepresenting the art form.

In a lecture from 2017, Krishna acknowledged MS Subbulakshmi as a revolutionary figure in music but framed her journey within a patriarchal context. He asserted that her rise to prominence necessitated conformity to upper-caste standards, implying that she had to "fit into the mould" of Brahmanical tradition. Such comments did not resonate well with her dedicated followers, who view them as undermining her legacy.

Krishna has described Subbulakshmi's early performances as "free-spirited and electrifying," likening her energy to that of a rock star. However, he contrasted this with her later work, suggesting that it carried a "sorrow" as she adapted to social changes. He provocatively questioned whether her level of acclaim would have been the same had she not conformed to Brahmanical norms or if she had been darker-skinned.

**In 2018, Krishna reiterated his belief that Subbulakshmi's success came with significant compromises. He stated, "The brilliance of MS is undeniable, but we must not overlook the structures she had to navigate, which silenced many voices."**

**In his articles, he referred to Subbulakshmi as the "greatest hoax of the twentieth century," and that "we treat her like a saintly Barbie doll."**

**Krishna also claimed, "Isn't it astounding that we will all agree that MS has been one of the most beautiful musicians in the Indian classical musical scene, but the word sexual has never been used in the context of describing her... Let me make it clear I am not referring to her inner beauty. She was what my daughter's generation would call sexy." This remark generated backlash, as many felt it objectified Subbulakshmi and reduced her legacy to mere physicality.**

## Sangita Kalanidhi Award

The Sangita Kalanidhi is said to be the highest honour in the world of Carnatic music, presented each year at the Madras Music Academy's annual December concert season. Alongside this award, the recipient also receives the Sangita Kalanidhi MS Subbulakshmi Award, instituted in 2005 by an English daily in collaboration with the academy to honour the memory of MS Subbulakshmi, who passed away in 2004.

On March 17, 2024, the Academy announced this year's Sangita Kalanidhi Award to TM Krishna, which automatically made him eligible for the MS Subbulakshmi Award as well.

~~In March itself, a few prominent singers, who have traditionally performed during the academy's December concert season, declared that they would boycott the event this year in protest. Some even went so far as to return their previous awards to the academy.~~

~~In his opinion piece, Swaminathan Gurumurthy, editor of the Tamil political weekly magazine Thuglak, expressed that by honouring TM Krishna with the MS Subbulakshmi Award, the Music Academy has irreparably dishonoured itself.~~

~~He stated, "The MS Award to TMK is like the Sankara Award for EVR. It will humiliate not only the givers but the receivers EVR and TMK too." Gurumurthy emphasised that both Sankara and MS, who would have never allowed awards in their names, remain unaffected and will continue to stand tall.~~

~~TM Krishna, a vocal critic of the traditional structures within Carnatic music, has often questioned the very norms that MS Subbulakshmi had to navigate in her journey. Yet, he is now being honoured with an award named after her—someone whose journey he's critiqued for conforming to those same Brahmanical standards. It's almost poetic that both Krishna and Subbulakshmi, although in their own ways, have challenged the conventions of Carnatic music. This is not to compare or contrast, but the irony does strike a chord, doesn't it?~~

Tab 17

**HL:**

Oversaw killing of 2,800 stray dogs, buried as compost: Karnataka MLA sparks row

Karnataka JDS legislator admits overseeing 2,800 stray dog killings, sparks row

**SEO:** JD(S) leader S.L. Bhojgowda sparks outrage after claiming 2,800 stray dogs killed, buried as compost

**SEF:** ktaka mla jds sl bhojgowda stray dogs supreme court compost rabies delhi ncr

**Kicker:**

JD(S) Karnataka Legislative Council member claimed he oversaw the killing of 2,800 stray dogs in Chikkamagaluru. This comes at a time when the Supreme Court ordered authorities to immediately catch, sterilise, and permanently relocate stray dogs to shelters in Delhi-NCR.

**Highlights:**

Karnataka MLC claims killing 2,800 stray dogs in Chikkamagaluru

Dogs buried under trees 'to serve as compost' he says

Remarks sparks row amid Supreme Court's stray dog order

**Body:**

JD(S) Karnataka Legislative Council member SL Bhojgowda has come under fire after his remarks during a council discussion on the stray dog issue. Bhojgowda stated that while serving as head of the Chikkamagaluru municipal council, he oversaw the killing of 2,800 stray dogs.

He added that the dogs were buried under trees "to serve as natural compost," a comment that appeared to be delivered in a boastful manner. The statement has drawn widespread criticism from animal rights advocates and the public.

His comments come at a time when the Supreme Court has issued stern directives to civic authorities in Delhi and the National Capital Region to immediately catch, sterilise, and permanently relocate stray dogs to shelters, warning of strict action against anyone obstructing the process.

The court's action plan includes building CCTV-monitored shelters, picking up 5,000 stray dogs from vulnerable areas within six weeks, and creating a helpline for dog bites and rabies.

According to the Karnataka State Surveillance Unit's infectious disease report, Karnataka recorded 2.86 lakh dog bite cases and 26 deaths due to suspected rabies from January to August 2025. Between August 4 and 10 alone, 5,652 dog bite cases were reported, though no rabies-related deaths were recorded during that week.

In a recent Bengaluru incident, two college students, Sujanya G J from Haveri and Rega Nikshitha from Telangana, were hospitalised after being attacked by a pack of stray dogs on the Bengaluru University campus near Kengeri. “They are fine now. But we are awaiting a detailed veterinary report,” said Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Special Commissioner (Health and Sanitation), BBMP.



Tab 18

Sagay Raj: What did they say when they called you? There's a body to dispose?

Whistleblower: No, come for work, who told you to take leave, they shouted at me. One manager scolded me for taking off.

Sagay Raj: Why did they call you? Did they about body?

Whistleblower: No, there were 6-7 people working here, they got angry that I was on leave, I took permission for leave from another manager. Then when I came in the morning, her body was there

Sagay Raj: Do you regularly get called to work or only for disposing bodies?

Whistleblower: They would come to me and tell, if I was at home, then they'd tell me there, if at work, then there. They wouldn't call for the body. Supervisor would send a room boy, there was a hierarchy, manager, supervisor, room boy.

Sagay Raj: SIT investigation is on, do you trust the SIT?

Whistleblower: I believe in them, but they don't believe in me. I have come to show them the bodies. The soil is different now. I am telling from my memory, guessing the right spot, and the JCB should also dig wide.

Sagay Raj: in one spot, you said there was a big rock.

Whistleblower: There was, and now its not there. I don't know if work was done in that area. I don't where the body went.

Sagay Raj: There is suspicion that you will run away, you won't cooperate.

Whistleblower: Why should i abscond? I will tell whatever is there. Only those who say why are you running away should tell me. Im not a thief to run.

Sagay Raj: So you will ensure justice and go?

Whistleblower: Not like that, I will show whatever bodies are there. Now it has been two and a half months since I came here. I want to go and see my wife and children. I want to remove all this as soon as possible.

Sagay Raj: how many more spots are left?

Whistleblower: 4-5 spots are remaining. There are 70 + bodies in spot 13. Close to 80 bodies were buried there. Im saying approximately 70. There is so much soil, so much changes, that's why. Now, as all the locals say, after we went to the village, they say that a big river came and washed it away. If they had known that, I would not have marked it. And now they say, I had a lot of faith in that. I had faith that there were so many dead bodies here.

Sagay Raj: Did you come alone now? Whoever came with you did they say they will come with you?

Whistleblower: SIT should call them, how can i ask them to come? SIT should call whoever was there, and everybody will say accordingly. I will say what i know, they will say what they know. If everybody involved in called, it would be easier and faster.