# Amid Ram Temple Donation Row:

# RSS Intensifies Outreach To Ayodhya's Seers Ahead Of 2027 Polls



**Ayodhya:** The controversy over alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya has prompted increased outreach by the RSS and other Sangh Parivar organisations to the city's seers ahead of the Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections. RSS functionaries have stepped up visits to Ayodhya and meetings with sadhus and saints, according to sources. The outreach is aimed at understanding concerns within the saint community and maintaining dialogue with a section of seers that has become critical of the temple management following the donation controversy. The issue has assumed greater significance for the Sangh Parivar because the Ram temple has been central to the BJP's political campaign in Ayodhya. The controversy has also triggered meetings among local saints, with some publicly raising questions over the functioning of the temple trust.

The Special Investigation Team probing alleged irregularities in the handling of temple donations has identified 105 instances of unauthorised removal of cash on CCTV, according to its status report submitted to the Supreme Court. The SIT subsequently filed a chargesheet against eight accused. Former trust general secretary Champat Rai and former trustee Anil Mishra have been named as witnesses in the chargesheet. Against this backdrop, RSS functionaries have been visiting saints at their respective places rather than limiting the interaction to its traditional network of ideological supporters.

Recently, RSS all-India intellectual chief Swant Ranjan visited Ayodhya along with eastern Uttar Pradesh regional pracharak Anil Kumar and Awadh province pracharak Kaushal Kishore. The functionaries met several saints during their visit, according to sources. The meetings have been described as informal. However, their timing has drawn attention within the organisation as the donation controversy continues to generate questions among sections of the saint community. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad, which has been closely associated with the Ram temple movement, is also maintaining contact with saints in Ayodhya.

The organisation is preparing for a major gathering of saints around Pratishtha Dwadashi, the anniversary of the Ram temple consecration. The proposed gathering is expected to provide a platform for interaction with seers on issues related to the temple and the wider Ram temple movement. According to sources, discussions are also underway on involving Ayodhya's saints in programmes in different parts of Uttar Pradesh ahead of the Assembly elections. The idea is to use their outreach to explain the Sangh Parivar's position on issues surrounding the Ram temple and counter concerns arising from the donation controversy. The increased attention on Ayodhya also comes against the backdrop of the BJP's defeat in the Faizabad Lok Sabha constituency in the 2024 general election. The result, which came only months after the Ram temple consecration, led the RSS and BJP to closely examine the political situation in Ayodhya.

The donation controversy has added another layer to those concerns. The resignation of Champat Rai and Anil Mishra from the temple trust was followed by an organisational overhaul, including the appointment of an interim general secretary and plans to create a chief executive post. Discontent among sections of Ayodhya's saints had also surfaced during the previous Assembly election. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had spent considerable time in Ayodhya in the run-up to polling, meeting seers and religious leaders. The current controversy has again brought the relationship between the temple management and the local saint community into focus. For the Sangh Parivar, the challenge is no longer confined to the investigation into alleged donation irregularities. The continuing questions around temple administration and the response of sections of the saint community have made maintaining dialogue with Ayodhya's religious leadership an important issue ahead of the 2027 Assembly election.

# 'Shivaji Park Written Beneath Mahatma Gandhi's Feet': Nitesh Rane Lashes Out At CJP Over Social Media Post Of Mumbai Protest

**Mumbai:** Amid the row over the Cockroach Janata Party's (CJP) proposed protest in Mumbai, Maharashtra minister Nitesh Rane targeted the outfit over an alleged social media post, questioning the imagery used in connection with Mahatma Gandhi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj and Shivaji Park. Speaking to reporters, Rane alleged that one image showed a cockroach beneath Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, while another showed Mahatma Gandhi wearing a sandal and just below that "Shivaji Park" has been written. "On one side, a cockroach is shown beneath Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. On the other, in a tweet about a sandal, a picture of Mahatma Gandhi is



shown, with 'Shivaji Park' written beneath his feet," Rane saidRane further stressed on the alleged intention of the CJP behind the post, arguing that the name of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj was being depicted inappropriately. The minister's remarks come amid heightened political attention surrounding the outfit's proposed demonstration in Mumbai.

The CJP has called for a protest in Mumbai on October 2. The protest follows after the outfit had earlier stated its demand regarding Gaynesh Kumar and reportedly demanded the resignation of the Chief Election Commissioner and raised a series of objections concerning the Election Commission of India (ECI), including its handling of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The CJP and other Opposition voices have alleged irregularities in the SIR process and questioned the functioning of the Election Commission under Kumar. The controversy comes after Mumbai Police denied permission for the CJP's proposed protest at Shivaji Park earlier this week. Police cited restrictions governing the use of Shivaji Park, the absence of the required BMC permission, and concerns over noise pollution and traffic congestion in the surrounding area. Shivaji Park residents have also voiced opposition to holding the demonstration at the ground. Residents have argued that large protests disrupt daily life, affect children and could impede traffic movement around schools and hospitals. Some residents have also raised concerns over access for ambulances and other emergency vehicles during large gatheringsDespite the objections and denial of permission for the proposed gathering at Shivaji Park, the CJP has maintained its call for an October 2 protest.

# Assam Hit-And-Run: Scorpio Hits Minor, Flees On Damaged Tyre Emitting Sparks Before Dramatic Police Chase

***Dispur:*** *A dramatic chase unfolded in Assam's Nagaon district after a Scorpio allegedly hit a minor on National Highway 36 and sped away from the scene despite sustaining damage to one of its tyres. The vehicle was eventually intercepted by police at Nonoi following a pursuit involving locals and law enforcementThe incident reportedly occurred near Dhowa-Haldhiati when the Scorpio was travelling from the Karbi Anglong side towards Kathiatoli. After allegedly striking the child, the driver continued towards Nonoi instead of stopping at the spot. The vehicle reportedly suffered severe tyre damage following the collision but did not stop. It continued moving for several kilometres, with reports suggesting that it was travelling on the metal rim after the tyre was damaged. Videos and accounts from the scene reportedly showed sparks flying from underneath the vehicle as it continued along the highway. Police, along with local residents, began pursuing the Scorpio as it attempted to escape. During the chase, the vehicle allegedly struck several other vehicles, adding to the chaos on the highway. The chase eventually came to an end at Nonoi, where police managed to stop the Scorpio. The vehicle was identified by its registration number, AS02AA0150. Following the interception, an*



*agitated crowd reportedly surrounded and damaged the Scorpio. Meanwhile, the minor injured in the initial collision was taken to a hospital for medical treatment. Further details about the child's condition were not immediately available. Police have begun investigating the circumstances surrounding the alleged hit-and-run, including the collision involving the minor, the subsequent escape and the reported crashes involving other vehicles. Authorities are also looking into the circumstances that led to the crowd damaging the vehicle after it was intercepted. Further details are expected as the investigation progresses.*

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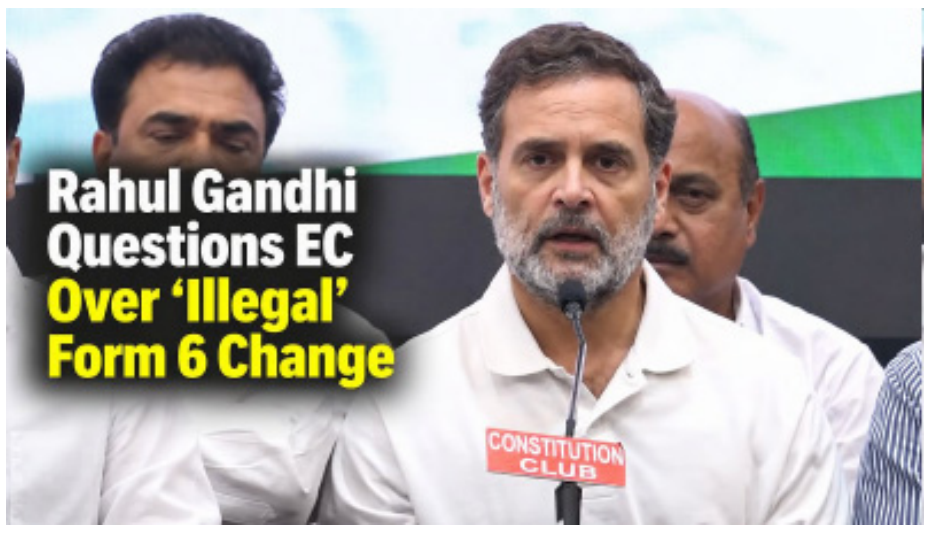
# Rahul Gandhi Questions ECI Over Form 6 Change, Asks Who Ordered TCS To Alter Voter Registration Form




**New Delhi:** Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, questioned the Election Commission of India (ECI) over what he described as an "illegal" change to the online Form 6 used for fresh voter registration, asking who in the poll body ordered Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) to make the change. Gandhi also asked who at TCS approved the change and whether the company had faced pressure to implement it. His questions came amid a wider Opposition campaign over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and alleged electoral irregularities. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "The online Form 6 was changed illegally, as the EC's own Commissioners have recorded. Who at the ECI ordered Tata Consultancy Services to make that change?" "Who at TCS signed off on it? And were they pressured into doing it?" he added.

Congress general secretary in-charge of communications Jairam Ramesh, while sharing Gandhi's post, alleged that the changes to Form 6 were introduced by Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar in mid-July 2026 with the aim of removing Gen Z voters from the electoral roll. Ramesh further claimed that the move was orchestrated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. These are allegations by the Congress, and the information provided does not include responses from the Prime Minister, the Home Minister or TCS to these claims. The remarks came a day after the Opposition INDIA bloc announced joint "save democracy" marches in all districts and five major rallies. The grouping has demanded that future elections be conducted using ballot papers and has appealed to the Supreme Court to expedite cases concerning SIR and alleged electoral "malpractices". At a meeting of leaders from 19 political parties that lasted more than three-and-a-half hours, the Opposition decided that its MPs would march to the Election Commission of India headquarters on October 6, 2026, PTI reports. The leaders also decided to meet the President to highlight issues concerning alleged irregularities in the revision of voter lists. The Opposition grouping discussed its demand for the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and said it would continue pressing for his removal.

The political confrontation comes against the backdrop of a report by The Indian Express that Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi had recorded objections at least 14 times over the previous 10 months to decisions and orders concerning the SIR. According to the report, the two Commissioners said those decisions were issued without their knowledge or recommendation. The reported objections raise questions about the extent of internal agreement over decisions concerning the SIR, while the Opposition's allegations have intensified political scrutiny of the voter revision exercise. At the same time, objections within an institution do not by themselves establish that its decisions were unlawful. The Election Commission has maintained that differences in views and observations are a normal part of deliberations in any institution. Responding to questions arising from the Commissioners' objections, the poll body has asserted that all its orders have full legal sanction and follow established statutory procedures. The dispute now centres not only on the changes made to Form 6 but also on how decisions relating to the electoral roll revision were taken. With the INDIA bloc planning marches and rallies and the Election Commission defending the legality of its actions, the issue is set to remain at the centre of the Opposition's campaign over the electoral process.

# *First Visuals Of Heavily Bandaged Capt. Smit Machchhar Emerge After Flydubai Flight FZ1073 Cockpit Attack*

**Abu Dhabi:** The first visuals of Flydubai Captain Smit Machchhar after the mid-air cockpit attack have emerged, showing the Indian pilot with his chest and abdomen heavily bandaged. Machchhar can be seen outside the aircraft with extensive bandages covering his injuries, appearing extremely weak after losing a significant amount of blood while fighting off his co-pilot during the incident. Doctors treating the pilot reportedly said they initially did not think he would survive, given the amount of blood he had lost. According to his LinkedIn profile, Machchhar is an airline captain with more than 13 years of commercial flying experience, primarily flying Boeing 737 aircraft. He is currently a Direct Entry Captain at flydubai, where he has been flying since June 2022. His profile lists nearly 9,750 hours of flying experience, including time on the Boeing 737-800 and Boeing 737 MAX. Before joining flydubai, Machchhar spent more than 11 years with SpiceJet in India. He joined SpiceJet in June 2011 and went on to serve as a Senior Commander and Line Training Captain. During his time with the airline, he accumulated more than 9,500 flying hours, including over 6,400 hours as pilot-in-command, according to his profile.



From November 2020 to June 2022, Machchhar worked as a Line Training Captain at SpiceJet, where his responsibilities included training, checking and mentoring pilots, while ensuring adherence to standard operating procedures and safety requirements. His profile also lists expertise in Crew Resource Management, flight standards, pilot mentoring and operating Boeing 737 NG and MAX aircraft.

The incident reportedly took place while the aircraft was flying towards Tel Aviv. Passengers reportedly heard shouting and screams coming from the cockpit, with one passenger later seeing blood inside the cockpit. According to an account cited by AFP, passengers were told that one pilot had allegedly attacked the other with a knife. Passengers then reportedly moved towards the cockpit and helped restrain the attacker. Other pilots travelling on the aircraft also assisted in handling the emergency. Flight-tracking data indicated that the aircraft briefly lost altitude and transmitted emergency codes, including 7700 and 7500. The latter is internationally associated with unlawful interference or a possible hijacking situation. Israeli authorities reportedly responded by scrambling fighter jets as the aircraft diverted towards Saudi Arabia. After the aircraft landed at Tabuk, both pilots were taken to hospital. Machchhar had sustained serious injuries in the confrontation. Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding the cockpit confrontation, including whether it constituted an attempted attack or another form of unlawful interference. The Indian pilot has also received an outpouring of praise on Israeli social media following the incident. Users shared tributes to Machchhar, with posts describing him as a hero and urging others to remember his name. Videos were also shared thanking the pilot for his actions after he was seriously injured during the cockpit confrontation.