

SNDP leader alleges presence of ‘secret groups’ in Devaswom temples in Kerala

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, OCT 5 /--/ Prominent Ezhava community leader Vellappally Natesan has warned against the presence of "secret groups" who extort money from wealthy devotees in prominent Devaswom-managed temples in Kerala and said it is time to end the alleged "mismanagement" of Devaswom Boards there. Natesan, the general secretary of the Sree Narayana Dharma Paripalana Yogam (SNDP), alleged that Devaswom employees and middlemen were part of such dubious gangs. Though he didn't mention any particular temple or any of the five major Devaswom Boards in the state, the community leader's remarks assumed significance in the wake of the ongoing gold-plating row in Sabarimala. Lord Ayyappa Temple involving Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB). Unnikrishnan Potty, a Bengaluru-based businessman, had sponsored the gold plating of the Dwarapalaka idols and taken them to Chennai in 2019. The Kerala High Court recently ordered a probe after a Dwarapalakapedam (pedestal) was recovered from a relative's house following his claim that it was missing from Sabarimala. In a hard-hitting editorial in the latest edition of "Yoganadam", the mouthpiece of the SNDP, the leader said though Devaswom Boards are autonomous bodies, it has only namesake

powers and those in its top positions were appointed by the ruling governments in respective periods. The politics of such persons would be reflected in the administration of the Devaswom Boards as well, he said. In a secular government, there is no need for a government to intervene in the temple administration, the SNDP leader said, adding that it is time to change such practises. Mismanagement is happening more under the Devaswom administration than good deeds, he alleged, saying that the government is also forced to shoulder the burden of the criticism of its actions. Natesan further alleged that the Devaswom Boards have no transparency in handling huge assets in shrines and auditing of invaluable articles is absent in many prominent temples. He cited the example of Sabarimala Temple and pointed out that some quantities of gold donated by prominent businessman Vijay Mallya years ago were reportedly missing. He charged that not just in Sabarimala, the situation is the same in other major temples having good revenue, including Guruvayoor, Chottanikkara, Eattumanoor, Vaikom, Tripunithura and so on. It's time to end the "mismanagement" of Devaswom Boards, he said, adding that there is no need for the government to shoulder the burden of their misdeeds. He sought to

bring professionalism to the administration system of Devaswom Boards. The Ezhava leader also urged the government to limit their interventions in temple administrations. Meanwhile, UDF convenor Adoor Prakash demanded a central agency probe into the ongoing row involving Travancore Devaswom Board with regard to gold-plating in Sabarimala. When such "lootings" had taken place in Sabarimala, it should be found out whether the Devaswom Board authorities or its officials were involved in that, he told reporters here. Only a comprehensive probe will bring out the truth. The UDF has the opinion that a justifiable investigation will not happen if the state Crime Branch probes the matter," he said. The Travancore Devaswom Board on Saturday announced it would approach the Kerala High Court seeking a comprehensive investigation into all matters related to alleged gold plating irregularities at Sabarimala. TDB, in a statement, said the High Court would be requested to conduct a thorough probe into the alleged decrease in gold at Sabarimala since 1998, when industrialist Vijay Mallya sponsored the plating of the sanctum sanctorum, and into allegations of misuse by certain individuals in the name of sponsorship. The Congress and the BJP already demanded a CBI probe into the allegations. (PTI)

TN govt to deliver ration at doorsteps on Oct 6, 7, ahead of Diwali

CHENNAI, OCT 5 /--/ The Tamil Nadu government on Saturday announced that it will deliver essential commodities under the Public Distribution System directly to the homes of senior citizen and differently-abled family cardholders on October 5 and 6 ahead of the Diwali festival which falls on October 20. This doorstep delivery would be done under the 'Thayumanavar' Scheme launched by Chief Minister M K Stalin in August. The distribution would be taken up simultaneously throughout the state, an official release here said. Senior citizens, aged over 70 years and differently abled family ration cardholders would be spared

of the trouble of visiting the fair price shops in their neighbourhood and wait in queues to obtain their monthly ration. Vehicles from the FP shops would bring the essential commodities directly to the doorsteps of the beneficiaries and the PDS staff would use electronic weighing scales and e-POS machines for accurate and transparent distribution, it said. A total of 21.7 lakh cardholders across Tamil Nadu would benefit through this gesture. The FP shops have been directed to put up this information on their notice boards. The government urged the elderly and differently-abled members to avail this doorstep delivery scheme and benefit. (PTI)

Names of 23 lakh women deleted under SIR, bulk of them from seats that saw close contest in 2020 polls: Cong

NEW DELHI, OCT 5 /--/ The Congress on Sunday claimed that the names of about 23 lakh women have been removed from the voter list in Bihar under the SIR with the bulk of them being from 59 assembly seats where a "close contest" was witnessed in the 2020 elections. Reiterating its "vote chori" claims, the opposition party also asked when these women had cast their votes in the Lok Sabha elections last year, were these votes "fraudulent" and whether MPs elected on "fake votes" helped form the government. All India Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba alleged that "at the behest of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah", the Election Commission is committing "massive fraud" in the name of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar. "There are approximately 3.5 crore women voters in Bihar, but the names of approximately 23 lakh women have been removed from the voters' list," she claimed at a press conference at the Congress' Indira Bhawan headquarters here. These women will not be able to vote in the upcoming assembly elections and "we believe this decision is against the Constitution", Lamba said. "The six districts in Bihar from where the names of maximum number of women have been removed from the voters' list are Gopalganj, Saran, Begusarai, Samastipur, Bhojpur, and Purnea," she claimed. The six districts where the highest number of women's names were removed from the electoral rolls encompass about 60 assembly seats, Lamba said. "If we look at the 2020 assembly election data, the INDIA bloc parties won 25 seats here while the NDA bagged 34 and a close contest was witnessed," Lamba said. "Now, the Election Commission has committed massive fraud in these very seats in the name of

SIR," she alleged. In Bihar, the names of 22.7 lakh women have been deleted, while the names of approximately 15 lakh men have been removed from the voters' list, Lamba claimed. The Congress is running a nationwide signature campaign against this "vote theft", during which the party will collect



five crore signatures, she said. "The votes of lakhs of women in Bihar were deleted. In such a situation, our questions are: When these same women cast their votes in the Lok Sabha elections last year, were these votes still fraudulent? Did these fake votes elect MPs who formed the government?" Lamba said. "Today, a conspiracy is underway to add and delete names at the last minute, but we will expose it," the Mahila Congress president said. On one hand, Prime Minister Modi is depositing money into women's accounts to influence the Bihar elections, and on the other hand, he, in collusion with the Election Commission, deleted the names of approximately 23 lakh women from the voters' list," she said. "Modi has targeted and cancelled women's votes and taken away their rights. But no matter how much Narendra Modi and the

Election Commission try, we will not allow 'vote theft' to happen in Bihar," she said. Her remarks came on a day Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar voiced satisfaction over the completion of SIR in Bihar, claiming that the exercise "purified" the voters' list after 22 years.

He made the remarks at a press conference in Patna before winding up his tour of the state, where assembly elections are likely to be announced soon. The total number of electors in poll-bound Bihar have come down by nearly 47 lakh to 7.42 crore in the final electoral roll published last Tuesday from 7.89 crore before the SIR of the voters' list carried out by the Election Commission. The final figure has, however, increased by 17.87 lakh from 7.24 crore electors named in the draft list issued on August 1, which had removed 65 lakh voters from the original list on various accounts, including deaths, migration and duplication of voters. While 21.53 lakh new electors have been added to the draft list, 3.66 lakh names have been removed from there, resulting in a net increase of 17.87 lakh. The final figure may change marginally after supplementary lists are published during the poll process. The EC's exercise has drawn sharp protests from the Opposition, which has accused the poll watchdog of working at the behest of the ruling BJP, a charge it has flatly rejected. The Commission has asserted that it will not allow any eligible citizen to be left out of the voters' list and at the same time, not let any ineligible person be on the list. The assembly election schedule is likely to be announced by the poll body this week and the polls are expected to be held soon after Chhath, an important festival in Bihar that would be celebrated in the last week of October. (PTI)

Fadnavis returned empty-handed from Delhi: Sapkal on Maharashtra farm woes after rain-floods

NAGPUR, OCT 5 /--/ Amid the Maharashtra visit of Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday, the Congress' state unit chief Harshwardhan Sapkal said the Devendra Fadnavis government must declare compensation of Rs 50,000 per hectare for flood affected farmers. He also claimed Fadnavis returned "empty-handed" from Delhi and was unable to get a relief package for farmers. Speaking to reporters here after the completion of the 'Samvidhan Satyagraha Padyatra' led by Mahatma Gandhi's great-grandson Tushar Gandhi, he said the event was successful because people want to take the country forward on the ideals of Phule, Shahu, Ambedkar and on the path of democracy. The 'padayatra' began from Deekhabhoomi here on September 29 and concluded in Sevagram Ashram in Wardha on Gandhi Jayanti on October 2. Asked about Shah's visit, Sapkal said, "The Maharashtra government must declare Rs 50,000 per hectare assistance to farmers affected by heavy rains and floods. It must immediately announce complete farm loan waiver." He further claimed Shah is the "super chief minister of Maharashtra" who runs the affairs of the state." Fadnavis went to Delhi to speak



Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis during a farmers' rally after the inauguration of the expanded capacity of Dr Vitthalrao Vikhe Patil Cooperative Sugar Factory, in Ahilyanagar district, Maharashtra---PTI Photo

BJP wants to turn 2027 polls into ‘Hindu-Muslim’ contest: Samajwadi Party MP Aditya Yadav

SAMBHAL (UP), OCT 5 /--/ Samajwadi Party MP Aditya Yadav on Sunday alleged that the BJP is trying to divide society on communal and caste lines and urged the people to oust it from power in the 2027 assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh. Speaking to the media after participating in the "PDA Yatra" in Gunnaur area of Sambhal district, Yadav alleged that the BJP wants to divert the people's attention from "real issues" by turning the 2027 elections into a "Hindu-Muslim contest". However, the Samajwadi Party (SP) would remain focused on the issues of development and social justice, the MP from Budaun asserted. PDA is an acronym given by SP chief Akhilesh Yadav for "picchde, Dalit, alpsankhyak" (backwards, Dalits and minorities).

"The BJP wants to divert people's attention from real issues by reducing every election into a Hindu-Muslim contest. But we will not be distracted. The SP will continue to raise the voice of backward classes, Dalits and minorities," Yadav said. "Those who discriminate and act against people on the basis of caste and religion must be taught a lesson in 2027. The time has come to remove these dishonest people from power," he said. On the recent bulldozer action against madrasas in Sambhal, Yadav alleged that the government was "deliberately targeting minorities and backward sections" to divert attention from core



issues. "Such actions are an attempt to crush the Constitution and push certain communities backwards," he alleged. On the issue of SP leaders being stopped from visiting the victims in Bareilly, Yadav said, "By preventing opposition from meeting victims, the government is strangling democracy. Wherever there is injustice, the SP will stand with the victims." Asked about senior SP leader Azam Khan, Yadav dismissed speculation about any internal rift in the party. "Azam Khan is one of the founding members of the Samajwadi Party and has worked tirelessly to strengthen it. He will never leave the SP or quit politics," he asserted. (PTI)

MSE, SFI protest after teachers stop pro-Palestine mime show in Kerala school

KASARAGOD (KERALA), OCT 5 /--/ The student organisations MSF and SFI staged protests at a school here on Saturday after teachers allegedly stopped a mime show in support of Palestine. General Education Minister V Sivankutty said that he has ordered a higher official to investigate and report about the development. According to police, the mime show was stopped during the school arts festival at Kumbala Government Higher Secondary School on Friday. Two teachers intervened and asked them to stop the performance before pulling down the stage curtains, they said. The move drew sharp criticism, prompting the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) to convene a meeting on Saturday.

However, activists of Muslim Students Federation (MSF), the student wing of the Indian Union Muslim League (IUML), barged into the meeting demanding action against the teachers. The protestors alleged that teachers locked students in a room to stop the event. Pro CPI(M) Student Federation of India (SFI) cadres also staged a protest at the school. Police later removed the protesters from the premises, and personnel have been deployed on the campus to prevent any untoward incident. Officials said the PTA was looking to resume the arts festival and resolve the issues. Meanwhile, General Education Minister V Sivankutty said that he has directed the Director of General Education to investigate and submit a report into the incident immediately. "It is understood that the action was taken because the mime touched upon the issue of Palestine. Kerala has always stood against the atrocities being carried out by Israel and stands in solidarity with the children being targeted in Palestine," he said. He added that efforts would be made to allow students at Kumbala School to perform the same mime on stage in the future. (PTI)

Temple, idol of Gorakhnath on Girnar hill in Gujarat vandalised; police begin probe

JUNAGADH, OCT 5 /--/ Unidentified persons vandalised the temple and idol of Lord Gorakhnath on Girnar hill in Gujarat's Junagadh district, police said on Sunday. Gorakhnath is a revered Hindu yogi and founder of the Nath sect. The vandalism at the temple, perched on a peak

1,117 metres high, has caused outrage among devotees, who demanded swift and strict action. per police, the head of the marble statue was broken, while the glass door of the temple as well as other objects were damaged. "The statue of Guru Gorakshnath at a temple on

Girnar hill was vandalised late last night. The Local Crime Branch, Special Operations Group and Bhavnath police station officials have launched a probe after a complaint was received." Junagadh Superintendent (SP) of Police Subodh Odedra said. The hill, also known as

Revatak Parvata, is covered with Jain and Hindu temples and pilgrims have to climb up to 10,000 stone steps to the summit. The Jain temples are about two-thirds of the way up, with the largest and oldest being the 12th-century temple of Neminath, dedicated to the 22nd Tirthankar. (PTI)

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