

# MLA Azmi's praise for Aurangzeb rocks Maharashtra assembly; House adjourned

Members of the ruling Mahayuti on Tuesday demanded suspension of Samajwadi Party MLA Abu Asim Azmi from the Maharashtra assembly and that he be booked for treason for eulogising Mughal emperor Aurangzeb.

The uproar over the issue led to the House being adjourned for the day after multiple disruptions, as the members, including Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, remained



steadfast on their demand for action against Azmi. Soon after the House proceedings began, the ruling alliance members claimed Azmi was a descendant of Aurangzeb, who tortured Maratha

king Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj and brutally killed him. Atul Bhatkalkar (BJP) demanded that Azmi be booked for treason and be suspended from the assembly for the budget

session. Shiv Sena minister Gulabrao Patil also demanded action against Azmi. Sudhir Mungantiwar (BJP) demanded that Aurangzeb's grave be demolished. Sensing the belligerent mood of the members, speaker Rahul Narwekar first adjourned the House for 10 minutes. When the House reassembled, Industries Minister Uday Samant (Shiv Sena) reiterated the demand that Azmi be suspended from the House and be booked for treason.

# SP MLA Abu Azmi apologises after multiple complaints filed against him

Samajwadi Party leader Abu Azmi on Tuesday apologised for his controversial remarks praising Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. The Samajwadi Party MLA released a video message. Azmi said that his words were twisted. Issuing clarification, the SP MLA said that he only mentioned what historians and writers had stated. "Yesterday, on March 3, when the assembly was over, when I went out, the TV reporters told me that



the Assam Chief Minister said that Rahul Gandhi's image is like Aurangzeb. I had read what Satish Chandrari, Adri Truskar, Dr. Rajiv Dixit, Dr. Ram Punia, Ava Doja, Meena Bhargava have praised Aurangzeb, that he had

given money to temples. I just repeated what they said," Azmi said. "I would never imagine insulting a figure like Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, DR Bhimrao Ambedkar. We all respect them. I would never speak ill about these legendary kings. If anyone is hurt by my statement, which was twisted, I take my statement back," Azmi added. He further added that the Maharashtra Assembly should function and should not be interrupted because of such issues as it will

be a loss to the people of the state. Maharashtra's Samajwadi Party (SP) president on Monday stirred a political controversy by after making controversial remarks praising Mughal ruler Aurangzeb. Azmi's comments sparked outrage, particularly from the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction), which filed multiple police complaints against him. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Shiv Sena chief Eknath Shinde has gone a step further, demanding that seditious charges be filed against the SP leader.

## 'Why delay in Munde's resignation if govt had proof?' asks Sule

NCP (SP) leader Supriya Sule on Tuesday asked why it took 84 days for Dhananjay Munde to resign from the Maharashtra cabinet when the photos and footage related to the murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh were available with the government. Talking to the media, the Lok Sabha MP said Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar and NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal said Munde had resigned on moral grounds, the person who has tendered the resignation is citing health reasons for his decision to step down. Sule said, "Did the chief minister and deputy chief ministers not see the photos (of the killing)? They must have seen these photos before you and I saw this yesterday. If they have seen these



photos, why did it take 84 days to get that person (Munde) to resign?" She claimed the people of the state were disappointed and in shock since the photos and footage related to the murder surfaced. The Baramati MP claimed she has been seeking an appointment with Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for the last couple of days to discuss the matter. Sule demanded a transparent probe into the case and said perpetrators involved in Deshmukh's murder should be hanged. The NCP (SP) leader said she and other MPs of the party will meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah and apprise him about the situation.

# Patole slams govt, questions inaction on Munde

In light of Munde's resignation, Congress MLA Nana Patole said that there are several such ministers in the cabinet, and crime in Maharashtra is increasing. He also asked when the government will take action against such ministers. Speaking with media, he said, "It took so long for the Government to do this. It means that the government protects the guilty. Crime has increased in Maharashtra...There are



several such Ministers in Maharashtra's Council of Ministers. The question is, when will action be taken against such ministers?" The decision was made by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on March 3 after the gruesome images of Deshmukh's killing went

viral on social media. On this matter, a high-level meeting was held at the Devgiri Bungalow, the official residence of the Deputy CM Ajit Pawar. The meeting was attended by Ajit Pawar, Devendra Fadnavis, Sunil Tatkare, and Dhananjay Munde. According to media reports, Fadnavis conveyed to Munde that he should step down from his ministerial post. The controversy stems from the involvement of Walmik Karad, a close associate of Dhananjay Munde, in Deshmukh's murder.

## "He should have resigned earlier," says Pankaja

Maharashtra Minister Pankaja Munde on Tuesday said her cousin and NCP leader Dhananjay Munde should have resigned earlier and found a dignified way out of the situation that arose after the murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh. The BJP minister was speaking to the media on the sidelines of a programme in Nagpur. "I welcome the resignation. He (Dhananjay Munde) should have resigned earlier, it would have been better that way.

He would have found a dignified way out of all this suffering," Pankaja Munde said. She further said that she was unaware of the statement her cousin made and added that no person wants their family member to go through this type of suffering. "When we take up a post, we should think of every person of the state as equal. The decision to resign is nothing compared to the pain and suffering of the Deshmukh family. He (Dhananjay Munde) has made the right decision. Better late than never," the minister said.

## Shiv Sena activists stage protest in Pune over sarpanch's murder

Agencies  
Mumbai, March 4

Activists of the Shiv Sena on Tuesday staged a protest here against the murder of sarpanch Santosh Deshmukh and demanded capital punishment for the accused involved in the crime. The party's Pune unit president, Pramod Bhangire, led the protest, during which activists burnt an effigy of Walmik Karad, a close of NCP leader Dhananjay Munde, arrested in an extortion case related to the murder. Bhangire said, "Deshmukh was brutally murdered. We demand capital punishment for the perpetrators."

## BMC to evaluate 1,000 trees under 'dead dangerous tree' survey as city faces heatwave

Agencies  
Mumbai, March 4

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has initiated an urgent tree survey called 'Dead Dangerous Tree' on Monday, due to the recent heatwave

observed in city. The 'Dead Dangerous Tree' survey is designed to locate weakened trees along city roads affected by low moisture and excessive concretisation. In the coming eight days, about 1,000 trees will be evaluated, focusing on regions where road

concreting is taking place. Officials indicated that trees need a one-square-metre zone around their roots for healthy growth, which is frequently jeopardized by contractors who fail to maintain sufficient space, incorrectly park materials, and disrupt soil

stability during operations. Activist Godfrey Pimenta expressed worries to the state environment department about 50 trees in Andheri East, arguing that dense concrete installation suffocates them by obstructing water and air circulation. Pointing to a 2015

directive from the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that requires the removal of concrete within a one-metre radius of trees, BMC officials, including additional municipal commissioner Abhiji Bangar, recognized the importance of following this rule.

# National News

## India rejects UN's 'cherry-picked' claims on J&K, Manipur: Look in the mirror

New Delhi . India has strongly rejected the "unfounded and baseless" remarks made by United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Turk, who mentioned Kashmir and Manipur in his global update. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva, Ambassador Arindam Bagchi, criticised the comments, calling them "cherry-picking" of situations and a stark contrast to ground realities. "As India was mentioned by name, let me begin by emphasising that the world's largest democracy continues to be a healthy, vibrant and pluralistic society. Unfounded and baseless comments in the update contrast jarringly with ground realities. The people of India have repeatedly proven wrong such misplaced concerns



about us," news agency ANI quoted Bagchi as saying at the 58th session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. India took particular issue with Turk's reference to Jammu and Kashmir, which he "erroneously referred to as Kashmir". Bagchi pointed out that this misrepresentation came at a time when the region had witnessed remarkable improvements in peace and development. "This is ironic in a year

that stood out for the region's improving security, record voter turnout in provincial elections, booming tourism, and rapid infrastructure growth," Bagchi said. Turk, in his global update, had called for "stepped-up efforts" to address violence and displacement in Manipur. "I also call for stepped-up efforts to address violence and displacement in Manipur, based on dialogue, peacebuilding, and human rights," he had said. Additionally, the UN's human rights chief expressed concern over "the use of restrictive laws and harassment against human rights defenders and independent journalists", which he claimed had led to "arbitrary detention and a diminished civic space, including in Kashmir".

## Kerala Assembly witnesses uproar over Asha workers protest issue

Agencies  
Kerala, March 4

As the protest by the more than 26,000 Asha Workers entered the 23rd day, the Kerala Assembly on Tuesday witnessed heated exchanges between the opposition and treasury benches, forcing the Speaker to adjourn the House for the day after running through the listed business. First-time Legislator Rahul Mamkoothathil sought leave for an adjournment motion on the plight of the Asha workers, who have been protesting in front of the State Secretariat, and the Pinarayi Vijayan government has been silent on it. "The Left Democratic Front poll manifesto in 2021 had promised the Asha workers that they would be paid Rs 700. But the promise has not been fulfilled. On the contrary, there were areas which recently have been cleared. Today, they get just Rs 232 daily. They are on protest demanding what the Left manifesto promised," said Mamkoothathil. "After the protests began, they have been facing repeated abuse by the CPI(M) leaders. Their protests are being described in unparliamentary words. Health Minister Veena George is rude. She told the protesters to come to her office when they arrived at her house for a discussion. You (George) will not be sitting in that chair for long. While the CITU (trade union of the CPI(M)) is protesting in other states demanding higher wages for their Asha Workers, here they are abusing the hapless workers," said Mamkoothathil.

## Bangladesh's Yunus says India ties strong, seeks to clear 'misunderstandings'

New Delhi . Bangladesh's interim government chief, Muhammad Yunus, has dismissed concerns over deteriorating relations with India, asserting that ties between the two nations remain strong despite recent tensions. Yunus, however, acknowledged the emergence of some conflicts but attributed them primarily to "misinformation and propaganda". In an interview with BBC Bangla, the Chief Advisor emphasised the historical, political, and economic interdependence of Bangladesh and India, stating that their relationship is too deeply rooted to be fundamentally altered. "There is no way Bangladesh-India relations cannot be good. Our ties are close, and our mutual dependence is high. However, some conflicts have arisen, and I have described them as clouds that appeared in the middle. These clouds have mostly come from propaganda, and it is up to others to

determine the sources of such misinformation," he said. The Chief Advisor assured that efforts were being made to clear the misunderstandings between Dhaka and New Delhi and reaffirm cooperation



between the two neighbours. On being asked whether Bangladesh is in direct contact with the Indian government, he confirmed ongoing diplomatic engagement. "There is constant communication. Their representatives are visiting here, and our officials are travelling there. I

personally spoke with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the first week," he said, without elaborating on the specifics of the discussions. India-Bangladesh relations have deteriorated sharply following the collapse of Sheikh Hasina's government amid mass student-led protests last August in which more than 1,000 people were killed. The subsequent caretaker administration, led by a Nobel laureate, has faced repeated criticism from India over its handling of attacks on Bangladesh's Hindu and other minority communities. Meanwhile, Hasina, 77, has been living in India since August 5 last year after fleeing Bangladesh following the end of her 16-year regime. Political parties in Bangladesh are calling for early elections and a return to democratic rule. Yunus has suggested that elections could be feasible by late 2025 but clarified he has no intention of running.

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2.	Sanket B Managave (Borrower) Loan Account No. LHMUM00001286421	Plot No. 22, At New Survey No. 87, Nisarg Nirman, Nirman Developers, Village - Dhamate, Neral, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Raigad	Rs. 49,39,510/-	Rs. 5,00,000/-	11, 2025 11:00 AM	March 21, 2025 02:00 PM	March 20, 2025 before 04:00 PM	Physical Possession
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