

Sanjay Raut asks BJP to revisit its past stand on Tipu Sultan

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Amid the ongoing controversy over Congress state president Harshvardhan Sapkal's remarks comparing Tipu Sultan with Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Shiv Sena (Thackeray faction) MP Sanjay Raut on Monday criticised the BJP, asking it to review its own past position on the 18th Century Mysore ruler before attacking others.

In a statement, Raut said that although the BJP has strongly opposed Sapkal's statement, the party should first examine the stand it had previously taken regarding Tipu Sultan. He pointed out that former President Ram Nath Kovind had praised Tipu Sultan during a visit to Karnataka. He also claimed that several civic bodies governed by the BJP had initiated projects named after Tipu Sultan in the past.

Accusing the BJP of creating unnecessary controversy, Raut alleged that the party was attempting to incite communal tensions between Hindus and Muslims wherever possible. "There are currently no elections in the state. Then why create such an uproar?" he asked.

Raut lamented that the BJP has never agitated for issues concerning common citizens, labourers, students, and the poor but whips up controversy over historical characters.

He asserted that Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj is Maharashtra's pride and does not need validation from the BJP. "Historical facts cannot be changed," he said, advising the BJP not to provoke unnecessary disputes over the Tipu Sultan issue.

Budget Session of MP opens with Guv's address amid Oppn uproar

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The budget session of the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly began on Monday with the Governor's address to the House, which witnessed repeated interruptions and noisy protests by opposition Indian National Congress MLAs.

In his address, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel highlighted the achievements of the Dr Mohan Yadav-led Bharatiya Janata Party state government and outlined its future plans to make the state developed.

He informed that the state government had designated this year as the Year of Industry and Employment. Patel said the government organised the Global Investors' Summit and several regional industry summits, receiving remarkable success in the form of investment proposals and the signing of MoUs. He also provided details regarding the government's achievements in the River Linking Project and the work being carried out in tribal areas. However, the main opposition Congress created pandemonium during the Governor's address.

"The pages of the speech that include points on clean potable water have not been read," Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar alleged.

Other Congress members supported him. Sohanlal Valmiki charged that the microphones of Congress members were switched off.

Notwithstanding the disruptions, after the address, Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar set 17 February as the date for discussion on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's speech. The motion was presented by senior member Ajay Vishnoi and supported by member Archana Chitnis.

Seven killed in Rajasthan chemical factory blast



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At least seven workers were burnt alive and four others sustained grievous injuries in a massive fire that broke out at a chemical factory in the Khushkhara industrial area of Khairthal-Tijara district in Rajasthan on Monday morning.

Unofficial sources put the death toll at eight. However, officials could not confirm this. Only three of the deceased, who hailed from Motihari district in Bihar, have been

identified so far. The remaining victims will be identified through DNA profiling.

According to police and fire brigade sources, the blaze erupted with a loud explosion early in the morning and quickly engulfed the entire factory premises, triggering panic in nearby areas. Around 25 workers were present there at the time of the mishap.

Sources also indicated the possibility of illegal manufacturing of firecrackers at the factory.

District Collector Aartika Shukla said that a small quantity of mild explosive material might have been

Prime Minister Modi expresses grief:

New Delhi/Jaipur: Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the incident where seven people lost their lives, and several others sustained injuries in a major fire at a factory in the Khushkhara industrial area of Bhiwadi in Rajasthan on Monday morning. PMO on social media platform X stated: "The fire mishap in Bhiwadi is tragic and deeply saddening. He conveyed his condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured." Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, his predecessor Ashok Gehlot and Leader of Opposition (LoP) Tika Ram Jaiy expressed grief and sorrow over the death of 7 persons in the fire tragedy. According to police, the fire broke out in a chemical unit around 9:00-9:30 a.m. on Monday. While addressing the media, additional SP Bhiwadi, Atul Sahu, said that seven people have died so far. Four to five workers who were injured have been referred to AIIMS Delhi for treatment, and their condition is being monitored. He added that the rescue operation has been completed.

stored on the premises, which could have triggered the blast and the subsequent fire.

The flames spread rapidly due to combustible material piled up inside the factory, sources added.

More than half a dozen fire brigade units were immediately pressed into service to douse the flames. Firefighters worked for several hours before bringing the blaze under control.

PM Modi, Grand Mufti Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad discuss social harmony and education

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday shared details of his recent meeting with Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, the Grand Mufti of India, describing the interaction as productive and comprehensive.

Taking to X, the Prime Minister said, "Had a very good interaction with Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad Sahab, Grand Mufti of India. We exchanged views on a wide range of issues. His efforts to further social harmony, brotherhood, and improve education are noteworthy."

Sources familiar with the discussions said the meeting

focused on promoting communal harmony, advancing educational opportunities, and strengthening social cohesion across communities.

The Prime Minister is learnt to have acknowledged the Grand Mufti's sustained efforts to encourage inclusivity and expand access to education, particularly among marginalised groups.

Sheikh Abubakr Ahmad, a respected Islamic scholar and community leader, has long been associated with initiatives aimed at fostering interfaith dialogue and uplifting underprivileged sections through education. His outreach programmes have emphasised unity, mutual respect and

peaceful coexistence within India's diverse social fabric.

The interaction assumes significance amid the government's continued emphasis on the "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas" vision, underscoring its commitment to inclusive development and collective progress. Political observers note that such engagements reflect ongoing efforts to build bridges across communities and strengthen national integration.

Congress slams India-US trade pact, says it binds New Delhi on Russian, Iranian oil commitments

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In a scathing critique of the recently announced India-United States trade agreement, Congress leader and MP Randeep Singh Surjewala accused the government of compromising India's sovereignty and energy security by acquiescing to pressure

to curb crude oil purchases from Russia and Iran.

Surjewala highlighted public statements by US officials, including Marco Rubio, who said India had committed to

stopping buying Russian oil as part of broader discussions tied to the trade framework. Rubio's

Clash over reservation in Bihar Assembly as Opposition demands 85 per cent quota

IMRAN MOJIB
Patna, 16 February

The Opposition opened a front against the state government in the Bihar Legislative Assembly on Monday accusing the Nitish Kumar government of being "anti-reservation". Holding posters and banners, Opposition legislators reiterated their demand to implement 85 per cent reservation.

MLAs from the RJD and other Opposition parties demanded that as per the caste-based survey conducted in the state by the Mahagathbandhan (Grand Alliance) government in 2023, the scope of reservation should be expanded in proportion to the population. The legislators alleged that the NDA government is "depriving backward communities of their rights by adopting a double standard on the issue of reservation."

They staged a sit-in at the main door of the Assembly. As soon as the proceedings began, they rushed into the Well of the House, carrying

THEY SAID UNTIL THE GOVERNMENT INCREASES THE RESERVATION LIMIT TO 85 PER CENT AND TAKES CONCRETE STEPS TO INCLUDE IT IN THE NINTH SCHEDULE OF THE CONSTITUTION, THEIR PROTEST WILL CONTINUE. THEY TERMED IT AN INJUSTICE AGAINST THE MAJORITY POPULATION OF BIHAR.

posters with slogans reading: "Implement 85 per cent Reservation."

They said until the government increases the reservation limit to 85 per cent and takes concrete steps to include it in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution, their protest will continue. They termed it an injustice against the majority population of Bihar. After the caste census in 2023, the Bihar government had approved 65 per cent reservation for the SCs, STs and OBCs, apart from the 10 per cent EWS reservation provided to Economically Weaker Sections not covered under SC, ST, and OBC categories in Central government jobs and educational institutions.

In November 2023, the Bihar government issued a gazette notification announcing an

increase in reservation from 50 per cent to 65 per cent. Subsequently, the Bihar Legislative Assembly unanimously passed the Bihar Reservation Amendment Bill to implement 65 per cent reservation.

However, after hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed against this decision, the Patna High Court struck down the Bihar government's decision to increase reservation from 50 per cent to 65 per cent. The High Court stated that 65 per cent reservation violates the 50 per cent cap set by the Supreme Court.

Additionally, the court noted that after adding 10 per cent reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), the total reservation would reach 75 per cent, which is not in accordance with the Constitution.

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APPENDIX- IV-A ([SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8(6) & 9(1)]) SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES							
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFESI) Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) & 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.							
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / charged to the Central Bank of India (Secured creditor), will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on date 16.03.2026 for recovery of dues to the Central Bank of India from below mention Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and Earnest money deposit (EMD) is displayed against the details of respective properties.							
E-AUCTION SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON 16.03.2026 (15 DAY'S NOTICE)							
S. No.	Name of Branch	Authorised Officer/ Branch Head	Name of the Account	Description of Property & Owner Name	Demand Notice Date & Amount Due (in Rupees)	Date & Type of Possession	Reserve Price, EMD, Bid Increase
1.	Anand Parbat New Delhi	Mr. Naveen Kumar Singh MOBILE: 9999210655	Mr. Pramod Gupta & Mrs. Chander Wati	Property Bearing NO-RZ-6K/11/563 (Old NO-RZ-6K/11) Out of Khasra No.650, Entire Third Floor with Terrace Rights, Indira Park, Palam Colony, Nasirpur, New Delhi-110045. Area Measuring 75 Sq. Yds. Owner - Mr. Pramod Gupta	Rs.46,86,662.00 on 05.07.2022 + interest thereafter	06.04.2024 (Physical)	₹ 22,50,000.00 ₹ 2,25,000.00 ₹ 20,000.00
2.	Gulmohar Park New Delhi	Mr. Kuldeep Kashyap Mobile: 9899620644	Mr. Praveen Choudhary	RZ-750/23. Gali No 23, First Floor, Khasra No 443/2, Tughlakabad Extension, New Delhi- 110019, carpet area 83.34 sq.mt, Owner - Mr Praveen Choudhary S/o Mr.A.K Choudhary	Rs.52,17,375.00 on 30.09.2020 + interest thereafter	14.09.2022 (Physical)	₹ 26,10,000.00 ₹ 2,61,000.00 ₹ 25,000.00
3.	Janpath New Delhi	Mr. Mukesh Rathore Mobile: 9999917125	Mr. Mahindra Kumar, Mr.Lalit Kumar & Mrs. Seema	Plot No.E-649 (Old No.13), Out of Khasra No.30/21, Mauza Saran, Dabua Colony, Faridabad, Measuring land area of 250 sq.yard. Owner - Mr.Lalit Kumar & Mr. Mahinder Kumar	Rs.30,23,089.00 on 29.10.2016 + interest thereafter	11.05.2017 (Physical)	₹ 36,34,000.00 ₹ 3,63,400.00 ₹ 35,000.00
4.	Janpath New Delhi	Mr. Mukesh Rathore Mobile: 9999917125	Mr. Rakesh Kumar & Mrs. Anita Devi	LIG Flat No. G-3 (Without Roof Rights), Ground Floor, Plot No. 222, Shalimar Bagh Extn. 1, VIII, Pasosda, Ghaziabad, UP-201005, Owner - Mr.Rakesh Kumar & Mrs. Anita Devi	Rs.17,09,512.00 on 06.01.2017 + interest thereafter	07.12.2021 (Physical)	₹ 14,40,000.00 ₹ 1,40,000.00 ₹ 15,000.00
5.	Karol Bagh New Delhi	Mr. Amol Pokharna Mobile: 8505934969	Mr. Ranjeet Singh	DDA built up Residential Flat No. 20 Fourth Floor (LIG) in Pocket- 3, Block- F-8, Sector- G8, Narela, Delhi-110040, Area-472 Sq.Ft. Owner- Mr. Ranjeet Singh S/o Mr. Amrik Singh	Rs. 14,20,145.46 on 30.05.2023 + interest thereafter	30.07.2025 (Physical)	₹ 12,00,000.00 ₹ 1,20,000.00 ₹ 10,000.00
6.	Lady Harding Medical College	Ms. Kumari Ritu Mobile: 9123159957	Mr. Imran Khan and Mrs. Rehana	Free hold Residential Flat No.- F.F- 1 First Floor (HIG) without Roof Rights on Plot No B-1/16, DLF Ankur Vihar, Loni, Ghaziabad, Area-900 Sq.Ft. Owner- Mr. Imran Khan S/o Mr. Mohammed Sharif and Mrs. Rehana W/o Mr. Imran Khan	Rs.10,01,634.29 on 14.06.2024 + interest thereafter	29.05.2025 (Physical)	₹ 15,30,000.00 ₹ 1,53,000.00 ₹ 15,000.00
7.	Shalimar Bagh New Delhi	Ms. Preeti Singh MOBILE: 9711023270	Mrs. Sonia Sharma W/o Mr. Deepak Kumar Sharma & Mr. Deepak Kumar Sharma S/o Mr. Jagdish Prasad Sharma	Entire Second Floor without Roof Rights Portion of Freehold House Bearing Municipal No.E-2/59A, Built on Plot No.59, Land measuring 41.80 Sq.Mtrs. or 50 Sq.Yds. Out of Total Land Area measuring 200 Sq.Yds. Situated at Shastri Nagar, Delhi-110052. Owner - Mrs. Sonia Sharma W/o Mr. Deepak Kumar Sharma	Rs.7,11,388.66 on 29.01.2020 + interest thereafter	02.08.2025 (Physical)	₹ 37,00,000.00 ₹ 1,70,000.00 ₹ 20,000.00
8.	Vikas Minar New Delhi	Mr. Ajit Kumar MOBILE: 9711044170	M/s Argus Book Service Proprietor Mr. Ashwani Sharma	Built Up Property Bearing Private No.107 on First Floor Having A Total Area of 164.05 Sq Feet (both Covered and Common Area) in Building Bearing Municipal No.4832/Ki Situated At No. 24 Ansari Road Daryaganj New Delhi. Owner- Mr. Ashwani Sharma S/o Mr. K.N. Sharma	Rs.28,95,000.00 on 06.02.2024 + interest thereafter	02.11.2024 (Physical)	₹ 21,00,000.00 ₹ 2,10,000.00 ₹ 20,000.00
E-AUCTION DATE: 16.03.2026, TIME: 12:00 NOON TO 04:00 PM WITH AUTO EXTENSION OF 10 MINUTES							
Last Date & Time of Submission of EMD and Documents (Online) On or Before: 16.03.2026 Upto 03:30 PM.							
Bidder will register on website: https://BAANKNET.com and upload KYC documents and after verification of KYC documents by the service provider, EMD to be deposited in BAANKNET EMD wallet through NEFT/RTGS/Transfer / Generation of challan from (https://BAANKNET.com). The auction will be conducted through common landing platform BAANKNET.com Portal (https://BAANKNET.com). E-auction will be held "As is where is", "As is what is" and "whatever there is" basis. Property shall be sold only above the Reserve Price. (All other charges/ dues to the property will be borne by the purchaser). For detailed terms and conditions please refer to the link provided in www.centralbank.bank.in Secured Creditor or auction platform (https://BAANKNET.com). Helpline: (+91) 8291220220, E-mail: support.BAANKNET@psballiance.com							
STATUTORY 15 DAY'S SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) & 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002							
Borrowers/Guarantors/ Mortgagees are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with upto date interest and ancillary expenses before the date of e-auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues, if any, will be recovered with interest and cost.							
DATE: 16.02.2026 PLACE: NEW DELHI							
Authorised Offices, CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, RO Delhi (South), New Delhi							

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI 4 TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI-110001.	
Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with Rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule) 1993) in the matter of OA NO. 402/2025 DATE : 04.02.2026 INDIAN OVERSEAS BANK	
APPLICANT	
RAJESH	VERSUS
RESPONDENT	
TO, DEFENDANT	
1. RAJESH S/O MAHENDER SINGH R/O FLAT NO. 353 2ND AND 3RD FLOOR, PKT-3, DWARKA SECT 33 DELHI-27 ALSO AT VILLAGE NAIN SURKHPURA, NAIN SURKHPUR, REWARI HRY-123401	
2. RAJESH S/O MAHENDER SINGH R/O FLAT NO. 353 2ND AND 3RD FLOOR, PKT-3, DWARKA SECT 33 DELHI-27 ALSO AT VILLAGE NAIN SURKHPURA, NAIN SURKHPUR, REWARI HRY-123401	
3. BLOCK AHN NO 159/1 GCPAL NAGAR NALAJGARH MANDI DELHI-43	
Whereas the above named applicant (s) has/ have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 51,65,864.16/- (RUPEES FIFTY ONE LASH SIXTY FIVE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY FOUR AND SIXTEEN PAISE ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 26.02.2026 At 11:00 A.M.	
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.	
All the matters will be taken up through Video Conferencing or physical and for that purpose :-	
(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application software;	
(ii) "Meeting ID" and Password for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar shall be displayed in the daily case list itself at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in	
(iii) In any exigency qua that the Advocate/ Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 23748473.	
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this the 04 th day of Feb. 2026	
BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI.	

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, DELHI 4TH FLOOR, JEEVAN TARA BUILDING, PARLIAMENT STREET, NEW DELHI- 110001	
OA NO. 265/2025	
KUBE AUTOTECH PVT. LTD. ..APPLICANT	
KUBE AUTOTECH PVT. LTD. ..DEFENDANT	
To, KUBE AUTOTECH PVT. LTD., THROUGH ITS DIRECTOR MR. SAMIR JAIN (BORROWER), HAVING ITS OFFICE AT B-182, PHASE-1, OKH-LA PH-1, SOUTH DELHI-110020	
2. SAMIR JAIN S/O MR. SANJAY JAIN (CO-BORROWER & DIRECTOR) R/O H.NO. 92, ARJUN MARG SURGAON DLF PHASE-1 GURGAON (BORROWER) GHOSI (68) GURGAON, HARYANA-122002	
Whereas the above-named applicant has instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 20,11,298.52/- (Rupees Twenty Lakhs Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight and Fifty Two Paise Only) against you and whereas it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in ordinary way. Therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance before the Id. Registrar on 22.05.2026 (for further details kindly visit DRT Website: www.tribunal.gov.in Phone Number: 011-23748473). Take notice that in case of your failure to appear on the above-mentioned day before this Tribunal, the case will be heard and decided in your absence.	
(i) All concerned may attend their cases by hybrid mode (by physical appearance in the court or through Cisco Webex VC Link).	
(ii) For online appearance through VC all the Advocates/Litigants shall download the Cisco Webex application software;	
(iii) Meeting ID and Password for the next date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar/Recovery Officer-Land Recovery Officer-II shall be available one day prior to the next date at DRT Official Portal i.e. drt.gov.in under the Public Notice Head.	
(iv) In any exigency qua that, the Advocates/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 23748473.	
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this 06th Feb. 2026.	
By Order of this Tribunal	