## Kidnap attempt on Padma Shri Phoolbasan Bai Yadav foiled in Chhattisgarh

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**
*Rajnandgaon, 5 May*

An attempt to kidnap Padma Shri awardee and noted social worker Phoolbasan Bai Yadav was thwarted by timely police intervention in Chhattisgarh's Rajnandgaon district on Tuesday. Three persons, including two women, have been detained and are being questioned.

Phoolbasan Bai Yadav is the founder of the Maa Bamleshwari Janhit Samiti which is recognised for her work in empowering economically and socially disadvantaged women across the state. Police said that the incident occurred at around 10 a.m. on Tuesday. A woman, identified as Khushboo Sahu, who had come from Bemetara, reached Yadav's residence along with her associates. The group called her outside on the pretext of an urgent discussion. As she approached them, she was allegedly forced into a car, and the vehicle sped away. During the journey, the accused restrained her by tying her hands and gagging her. Investigators believe they were attempting to move her out of the district.

The attempt began to unravel near the Chikhli police outpost on the Khairagarh route, where routine checking. Police personnel stopped the vehicle for inspection. On noticing that the woman inside had her hands and mouth tied, they grew suspicious.

The occupants tried to mislead the police by claiming that the woman was suffering from an epileptic seizure and was being rushed to a hospital.

However, a member of the checking team recognised her as Phoolbasan Bai Yadav and the police immediately intervened. and detained the suspects.

# 'Don't gloat over TMC loss': Rahul urges Oppn unity

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**
*New Delhi, 5 May*

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday cautioned against what he termed "petty political reactions" to the recent Assembly election outcomes in West Bengal and Assam, warning that the developments pointed to a deeper challenge facing India's democratic institutions.

In a post on X, Gandhi took exception to sections within the Congress and other Opposition circles who appeared to be reacting with satisfaction to the setback suffered by the All India Trinamul Congress in West Bengal.

"Some in the Congress, and others, are gloating about TMC's loss," he wrote, urging them to reflect on the broader implications of the results.

"They need to understand this clearly - the theft of Assam and Bengal's mandate is a big step forward by the BJP in its mission to destroy Indian democracy," Gandhi said, levelling serious allegations against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party.

He called for unity among Opposition parties, adding, "Put petty politics aside. This is not about one party or another. This is about"—leaving the sentence unfinished in a message that underscored the gravity he attached to the issue.

The remarks come in the wake of the closely watched Assembly elections in West Bengal and Assam, where shifting political equations have triggered strong reactions across the political spectrum.

While the BJP has defended its performance and dismissed allegations of wrongdoing, several Opposition parties have raised concerns over the conduct and outcome of the polls.

Gandhi's intervention reflects an ongoing effort within sections of the Congress leadership to frame the electoral outcomes as part of a broader ideological and institutional contest, rather than isolated state-level developments. His appeal for Opposition unity also comes amid renewed attempts to consolidate anti-BJP forces ahead of future electoral battles.

The Congress has experienced a mixed electoral trajectory in recent years, and its relationship with regional players like the All India Trinamul Congress has often oscillated between cooperation and rivalry.

Gandhi's latest remarks suggest an attempt to bridge these divides, at least rhetorically, by emphasising what he described as a collective responsibility to safeguard democratic norms.

## Major Cabinet expansion in Bihar on 7 May, BJP eyes big political message

**IMRAN MOJIB**
*Patna, 5 May*

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary will expand his cabinet on 7 May at Patna's historic Gandhi Maidan. The BJP is planning a high-profile show of strength that could signal a significant shift in the state's political landscape while also sending a broader political message with national implications.

BJP state president Sanjay Saraogi said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, party's National President Nitin Nabin, former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, along with chief ministers of various states and Union Ministers, are expected to attend the swearing-in ceremony.

On 15 April, Samrat Choudhary was sworn in as the first BJP Chief Minister in Bihar, along with two senior JD-U leaders as Deputy Chief Ministers. The induction of other cabinet members was postponed due to Assembly elections in states including West Bengal and Assam. Following the NDA's victory in three states, preparations are now being made to induct the remaining ministers in a grand ceremony.

The BJP is positioning the event as more than a routine cabinet expansion, projecting it as a significant show of strength that blends historical legacy with contemporary political messaging.

In the 1990s, Lalu Prasad Yadav held a grand swearing-in ceremony at this venue, setting a political precedent. The BJP now appears keen to use the same platform to showcase the NDA's current strength and future direction.

After many years, the BJP is seeking to revive that legacy. While Lalu Prasad Yadav's rise symbolised the dominance of Yadav politics, the BJP is likely to project this event as the emergence of non-Yadav OBC politics. The broader political focus appears to be the 2027 UP Assembly polls.

Several new faces are expected to be included in the cabinet expansion, with efforts focused on maintaining caste and regional balance. According to sources, the number of ministers from the JD-U and BJP quotas is likely to be equal. Some leaders from the 2025 Nitish Kumar cabinet may also see changes in their portfolios.

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## Gehlot accuses BJP of securing victory in West Bengal through might of state power, says battle to save democracy will continue

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**
*Jaipur, 5 May*

Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has accused the BJP of securing electoral victory in West Bengal solely through the might of state power, reiterating that the Congress's battle to save democracy in the country would continue unabated.

In a post X, Gehlot accused the BJP of manipulating the election process in West Bengal, saying, "Armoured vehicles of Central Paramilitary Forces (CAPF) were deployed on streets, voters were intimidated, money was distributed openly, and the names of lakhs of valid voters were deleted from the voter list through the SIR exercise.

"What could be a bigger democratic crime than the fact that lakhs of residents of West Bengal could not cast their votes in their own birthplace? This victory has been achieved solely through the might of state power. It is a victory for the BJP and its ally, the Election Commission," the senior Congress leader asserted.

"We, as Congress workers, are fighting a battle to save democracy. This country needs Congress, and only Congress can save democracy. The results in three states, including Bengal, are disappointing. However, we can not be discouraged."

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This is the photograph of **Unknown Male Dead body,** found on 22.03.2026, at about 12.40 Hrs, Found at Under Burdwan GRPS area, Description of this dead body is: **Age-** 40 Yrs, **Sex:** Male, **Complexion-**Sallow, **Height-**5 Feet 4 Inch, **Build-**Medium, **Hair** - White & Black, **Wearing** - Deep Blue trouser and Sky Blue full T-Shirt. Please Contact Officer in Charge, Missing Persons Bureau, C.I.D., West Bengal, Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

**ICA-D660(3)/2026**

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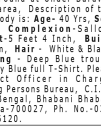

This is the Photograph of **Sudipa Das,** Father's Name - **Subhendu Das**, of Vill- PO - Kalitala Dhaspara, PS - Sagar, Dist - South 24 Pgs, who has been missing Since 23.03.2026, at about 20.00 hrs, from Residence area under Sagar PS, Description of this missing person is: **Age -** 17 Years, **Complexion** - Fair, **Height** - 5 Feet 6 Inch, **Wearing** - Kurta, Pajama, **Language** - Bengali. Please Contact Officer in Charge, Missing Persons Bureau, C.I.D., West Bengal, Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph.No.-033-2450-6120.

**ICA-D656(3)/2026**

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**KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION – NOTICE**

**The cremation process remains suspended in the Kashimitra Burning Ghat due to urgent restoration work of damaged self supported chimney and only electric furnace from 06.05.26 to 31.05.2026.**

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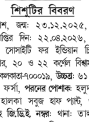

**শিশুটির বিবরণ**

নাম: ইয়াশ, জন্ম: ২৩.১২.২০২৫, লিঙ্গ: পুরুষ, প্রাপ্তির দিন: ২২.০৪.২০২৬, **বর্তমান অবস্থান:** সোসাইটি ফর ইন্ডিয়ান চিল্ড্রেন'স এ্যাসোসেয়ান, ২০ ও ২২ বর্ণালী সিঙ্গাল রোড, সেলফোকান কলকাতা-৭০০০২৯, **জিজ্ঞাসা:** ৯১ ৩৫৫ ; পাড়ের রং: ফর্সা, **পরনের পোশাক:** হলুদ রঙের স্লিপ্ড ও হালকা সবুজ হাফ প্যান্ট, **থানা ও তারিখ সহ** জি.ডি.ই, **নম্বর:** থানা: তালতলা ; জি.ডি.ই, নম্বর: ১৬৫২ ; তারিখ: ২২.০৪.২০২৬ | যোগাযোগের দিশন নিকানা: ডিটেক্ট প্রটেক্ট প্রোটেকশন ইউনিট, কলকাতা, ঠিকানা: শুভ্রা বিল্ডিং (সেন্ট্রাল তলা), ডি. এস.-৯, সেক্টর -১, সল্টলেক সিটি, কলকাতা-৭০০০৯৪ |

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No Brokerage will be paid by the Bank. Bank reserves the right to accept or reject any or all offers at its sole discretion without assigning any reasons whatsoever.

**Date: 06-05-2026** **Circle Head**

## BJP slams Sanjay Raut for calling out 'Pakistan-style' elections

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**
*Mumbai, 4 May*

The BJP strongly condemned Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha MP and chief Sena spokesperson Sanjay Raut here on Tuesday, after he lashed out against the Modi government here on Tuesday, for conducting what he called "Pakistan-style" elections in India.

"The defeat of the opposition in West Bengal is a wake up call for democracy in India. The ruling party wants to ensure that there are no opposition parties. If this is the case, then opposition parties should stop contesting elections. Such elections are held in Pakistan and Russia. I have seen results announced in Azerbaijan even before the elections. Democracy is on the same path in India as well," Sanjay Raut said.

Sanjay Raut said that the BJP, PM Modi and his entire cabinet are in "election mode" for all 365 days in a year.

"They do not care about other issues like development, employment, security and women's safety. Their only concern is about how to fight and win elections. There are so many big events going on in the world but the PM devoted two months to elections in five states. The Union Home Minister camped in West Bengal for 20 days. All their power and money are used only to win elections. There can be no discussion about how elections are won or lost. Election results have to be blindly accepted. So opposition parties have to stand up once again and fight for democracy," Sanjay Raut said.

"The names of lakhs of voters are cut off in every state and victory is achieved by reducing the number of voters. The Election Commission is involved in this crime. After winning elections in this manner, they celebrate their victory by dancing on the chest of a dead democracy," Sanjay Raut said.

"Despite all this, I feel that the future of the INDIA alliance is very good. Before Indira Gandhi was defeated, she had established power in all the states of the country. Just like Indira Gandhi, Modi is also at his highest point today. The defeat of the opposition in West Bengal is the beginning of Modi's downfall. When a lamp is lit, its flame becomes bigger until it dies out," Sanjay Raut said.

"After the BJP won in West Bengal, both the rupee and the stock market fell. It is better if they don't talk about their party's founder Shamaprasad Mukherjee," Sanjay Raut said.

## Supriya Sule demands implementation of Shakti Law for women's safety

**UNITED NEWS OF INDIA**
*Mumbai, 5 May*

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharad Pawar faction) MP Supriya Sule, on Tuesday, urged the Centre and the Maharashtra government to implement the Shakti Law without politicising the issue, stressing the need to ensure the safety of women and girls. Speaking in the backdrop of the alleged sexual assault and murder of a young girl in Nasrapur, Sule said CM Devendra Fadnavis assured the delegation that the Chief Minister's Office would closely monitor the case until the accused is awarded capital punishment.

Sule, along with Sangram Thopte and several leaders from Pune district, met Fadnavis to discuss the case. Addressing the media after the meeting, she said the leaders approached the Chief Minister collectively from a humanitarian perspective, without indulging in politics, to ensure the safety of girls, women, and every citizen of Maharashtra. She further noted that during the tenure of former CM Uddhav Thackeray, the Maha Vikas Aghadi government had introduced the Shakti Law to curb crimes against women and girls. The proposal was sent to the Centre for approval before implementation in the state, but no further action was taken.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) 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 Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

**SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS**

| Lot. No. | A) Name of the Branch / B) Name of the Account / C)Name & Address of the Borrower / Guarantors Account | D) Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgaged/ Owner's Name (mortgagers of property(ies)) | E) Dt. Of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 F) Outstanding Amount G) Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 H) Nature of Possession Symbolic/Physical/Constructive | A) Reserve Price / B) EMD (last date of deposit of EMD) / C) Bid Increase Amount | D) Date/ Time of E-Auction | E) Details of the encumbrances** known to the secured creditors |
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| 1 | **A) Sevoke Road (319600)** / **B) M/s Bishakha International** 319600800001016 / **Anjan Kumar Das** 319600NC00000787 & 319600NC00002653 / **C) Borrower:** M/s Bishakha International. Prop: Sri Anjan Kumar Das, S/o Sri Gobinda Chandra Das, Azad Hind Sarani, Subashpally, Siliguri, Distt- Darjeeling, WB, PIN – 734001. **Prop. & Mortgagor:** Sri Anjan Kumar Das, S/o Sri Gobinda Chandra Das, Smt Kalyani Das, W/o Sri Anjan Kumar Das Address- Azad Hind Sarani, Subashpally, Siliguri, Distt- Darjeeling, WB, PIN – 734001 | **D) Property 1.** One Flat measuring 691 Sq. Ft. (super built up area) at back side of ground floor of multi storied building including all common areas, common facilities, common stair case, septic tank, etc. together with proportionate, impartible share standing on the land measuring 0.0651 acre situated under Mouza – Siliguri, Pargana – Baikunthpur recorded in Khatian No. 3744, 3745, Plot No. 11006, J.L No. 110 (88), Touzi No. 3(Ja), P.S Siliguri, Ward No. 19 at Basant Apartment, Ashutosh Mukherjee Road, College para, Siliguri, Distt Darjeeling, West Bengal, PIN-734001 in the name of Anjan Kumar Das, registered vide deed No. I-2454 dated 21-09-2012. Property ID- PUNBESX002327001 **Property 2.** All that piece or parcel of part of land measuring 0.0425 acre together with three storied pucca building comprising in Plot No. 6543, recorded in Khatian No. 3902, J.L. No. 110(88) situated with in Mouza – Siliguri, Pargana – Baikunthapur, Sheet No. 8, Holding No. 272/107, Ward No. 20 at Subhashpally under Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Distt Darjeeling, West Bengal in the name of Anjan Kumar Das, registered vide deed No. I-1615 dated 08-08-2014. Property ID- PUNBESX002327002 **Property 3.** All that piece or parcel of Shop / Office room (having carpet area 142.5 Sq. Ft.) bearing No. 84/3, measuring about approx 171 Sq. Ft. (the measurement of which includes common passage & common area) at basement floor of the said building known as "SARKAR MANSON" at Hill Cart Road, with a proportionate right on the Land measuring about 0.2234 acre situated under Mouza – Siliguri, Pargana – Baikunthpur recorded in Khatian No. 5674, Plot No. 8015, J.L. No. 110, Holding No. 429/1/173 (Old) & 473/1 (New), Ward No. 6 under Siliguri Municipal Corporation, Distt Darjeeling, West Bengal in the name of Anjan Kumar Das, registered vide deed No. I-1302 dated 08-06-2010 **Property Owner's Name**- Mr. Anjan Kumar Das. Property ID- PUNBESX002327003 | E) **28/11/2022** F) **Rs.1,75,36,412.11** [(Amount as mentioned in 13(2) notice] with further interest G) 07/02/2023 H) Symbolic | **Property 1.** **A)** Rs 18.02 Lac **B)** Rs 1.802 Lac (26.05.2026) till 15:30 PM C) Rs 0.25Lac / **Property 2** **A)** Rs. 106.75 Lac **B)** Rs 10.675 Lac (26.05.2026) till 3:30 PM C) Rs.0.50Lac / **Property 3.** **A)** Rs.13.08 Lac **B)** Rs 1.308 Lac (26.05.2026) till 3:30 PM C) Rs.0.25 Lac | **D)** 26.05.2026 E) From 11.30 AM to 15.30 PM | **E)** Not known to Bank |

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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3. **The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website https://baanknet.in on 26.05.2026 @ 11.30 AM**
**4. For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer https://baanknet.in, & www.pnbindia.in**

**Date: 21.04.2026**
**Place: Siliguri**

**Sd-Authorized Officer**
**Punjab National Bank**

**STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9(1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**