

Annamalai dares EPS, says BJP will be part of coalition govt

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Inherent contradiction within the NDA in Tamil Nadu is getting exposed with each passing day and now it is former BJP state president K Annamalai, who on Thursday openly contradicted AIADMK general secretary Edappadi K Palaniswami (EPS), making it clear that the saffron party would be a constituent of the coalition government after the 2026 assembly election in the state.

“Amit Shah has made it abundantly clear that it will be an NDA government after the assembly poll and that the BJP will be a part of it. What Shah has said is Vedic dictum for me. As a party worker, I am only reiterating what he had said,” he told reporters in Chennai. Interestingly, this comes a day after EPS asserted that it would be only an AIADMK government with the party



securing a majority on its own. What he had also clarified was that Shah had only referred to the NDA coalition's victory and not about coalition government.

Countering EPS' claim, Annamalai said: “If the AIADMK has any difference on this issue they should discuss it with Shah without any delay. For, it is not an

issue that can be kept on the backburner till the time of election,” adding: “If I can't defend my leader's position, why then should I be in politics? Shah had said multiple

times that it will be a coalition government. It is only legitimate for the cadre of every party to expect that his party should also be there in the cabinet and share power. Now, parties including the PMK and the DMDK have joined the debate on sharing power in the government.”

While EPS has asserted that his word is final in the alliance, voices from the BJP immediately debunk it, indicating the strain in the dynamics between the two parties. And in the face of the harsh criticism from the ruling DMK and its allies, it is left to EPS and the AIADMK to defend the alliance with the BJP. And, while incumbent BJP state president Nainar Nagendran is downplaying the issue of coalition government and making the ouster of the DMK from power as the prime focus, Annamalai raking it up is seen by analysts as indicative of the division within the saffron ranks.

Shubhanshu Shukla in stable condition, monitoring physical & mental health: ISRO

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Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, who returned from the International Space Station (ISS) early this week, is in stable condition, said the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) on Thursday.

ISRO said that the agency is partnering with Axiom Space in rehabilitation exercise and is “monitoring the physical and mental health” of Shukla. The national space agency noted that preliminary health checks show “no immediate concerns”.

On 26 June, Group Captain Shukla became the first from India to reach the orbiting lab. The IAF Group Captain returned to Earth on Tuesday along with fellow astronauts from the US, Poland, and Hungary aboard SpaceX's Dragon spacecraft “Grace”.

ISRO informed that the preliminary health checks were carried out at the recovery ship.

“Initial health assessments indicated that Shukla was in stable condition with no immediate concerns reported,” ISRO



said.

After the checkup, Group Captain Shukla was airlifted by helicopter from the recovery ship to the mainland for further medical evaluations and debriefing sessions.

Later, Group Captain Shukla was flown to Houston for a week-long rehabilitation programme to mitigate any adverse effects of microgravity.

ISRO noted that “the rehabilitation activities of Gaganyaan focus on monitoring physical and mental health, addressing any effects of microgravity, and preparing him for a return to normal activities”.

“This includes a series of medical checks, especially cardiovascular assessments, musculoskeletal tests, and psychological debriefing. This

is being administered by Axiom's flight surgeon, and ISRO's flight surgeon is also participating in this programme,” the national space agency added.

Group Captain Shukla on Wednesday also reunited with his wife, Kamna Shukla, and six-year-old son Kish Shukla after his 18-day mission aboard the ISS.

“Coming back to Earth and holding my family back in my arms felt like home. Find a loved one today and tell them that you love them. We often get busy in life and forget how important the people in our lives are. Human spaceflight missions are magical, but they are made magical by the humans,” the astronaut said.

Kerala High Court provides relief to CM Vijayan in 2023 speech instigation case

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The Kerala High Court on Thursday provided relief to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan by staying proceedings in the criminal case initiated against him for his 2023 *Nava Kerala Sadas* speech, which had allegedly provoked political violence.

Justice V.G. Arun granted an interim stay for three months while hearing the CM's plea challenging the Ernakulam Chief Judicial Magistrate's order taking cognisance and directing sanction proceedings.

The Magistrate had taken cognisance of a complaint filed by Congress leader Muhammed Shiyas, alleging that CM Vijayan's November 2023 remarks, made after black flag protests in Kannur, had led to attacks on Youth Congress members across

Kerala.

The case stemmed from an incident on November 20, 2023, when members of the Youth Congress attempted to obstruct the CM's convoy during the statewide Nava Kerala Sadas tour.

According to CM's plea before the High Court, the speech in question, which was delivered a day after the said incident, only praised the bystanders who had prevented protestors from falling in front of the moving bus.

The speech had only described their conduct as “life-saving” and had not called for any retaliation or violence, as per the petition.

CM Vijayan has sought to quash the proceedings taken against him in the alleged case of abetment to certain crimes committed during the *Nava Kerala Sadas* tour.

More efforts needed to deal with plastic, electronic waste: Murmu

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Terming pollution caused by plastic and electronic waste as a big environmental challenge for India, President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday expressed hope that with proper efforts, the country would be able to reduce its plastic emissions significantly.

The President said this while addressing a gathering after presenting Swachh Survekshan awards at a function organised in the national capital.

The central government banned some items containing single-use plastic in the year 2022. In the same year, the government issued guidelines for Extended Producer Responsibility for plastic packaging. It is the responsibility of all stakeholders, including producers, brand

owners, and importers, to ensure that these guidelines are fully followed.

Swachh Survekshan has proven to be a successful experiment in assessing and encouraging the efforts made by our cities towards cleanliness, she, according to an official release, added.

President Murmu was also pleased to note that the world's largest cleanliness survey was conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for the year 2024, with participation from various stakeholders, state governments, urban bodies, and approximately 14 crore citizens.

She said that our cultural and spiritual consciousness has emphasized cleanliness since ancient times. The tradition of keeping our homes, places of worship, and the surroundings clean was an



integral part of our lifestyle. Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi used to say: “Cleanliness is next to godliness”.

He, she said, considered cleanliness as the cornerstone of religion, spirituality, and civic life.

The President said that she had started her journey of public service with work related to cleanliness. As the Vice President of the Notified Area Council, she used to

visit wards every day and supervise the cleanliness work.

Minimising wastage by using minimum resources and re-using them for same purpose or other purpose, has always been the part of our lifestyle. The basic principles of circular economy and systems of reduce-reuse-recycle are modern and widespread forms of our ancient lifestyle, she added.

Election Commission meets DMK delegation as part of outreach

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The Election Commission of India Thursday held a meeting with a delegation from the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam led by its Rajya Sabha member N.R. Elango at Nirvachan Sadan, New Delhi, the poll panel said in a post on its handle X.

The meeting was attended by Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi.

The interaction aimed to foster a collaborative environment where the DMK could directly communicate its suggestions, concerns, and feedback to the Commission.

The ECI's outreach underlines its commitment to inclusive electoral governance and continuously evolving the electoral ecosystem through dialogue, transparency, and

cooperation.

The DMK meeting follows similar interactions with other major political parties, including the Bahujan Samaj Party led by Party President Mayawati on 6 May, the Bharatiya Janata Party led by its president J.P. Nadda on 8 May, and the Telugu Desam Party led by its State President, Palla Srinivasa Rao, on 15 July.

The Election Commission of India has been engaging in structured dialogues with presidents and senior representatives of various national and state-level political parties to enhance the integrity and transparency of the electoral process.

These interactions allow parties to share their views, concerns, and suggestions directly with the Commission, promoting a more participatory approach in election management and policy formulation.

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MS ANURADHA SHUKLA, LD.
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SUIT NO.: **CS(COMM) 39/2024**
Title: Orb Tech Private Limited ... Plaintiff
... -V/S-
Harish Babu, Proprietor of M/s. Shree Durga Steel and Cement; ... Defendant
To, Mr. Harish Babu Proprietor M/s. Shree Durga Steel and Cement
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Telangana HC quashes SC/ST case against CM Revanth Reddy

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HYDERABAD, 17 JULY

In a relief to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Telangana High Court, on Thursday, quashed the case registered against him under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

The High Court, which had reserved its orders on the Chief Minister's petition on 20 June, pronounced the same on Thursday.

The case was registered in 2019 against Revanth Reddy, his brother Kondal Reddy and another person for allegedly abusing N. Peddi Raju, Director, Razole Constituency SC Mutually Aided Cooperative Housing Society Limited, by his caste.

Justice Moushumi Bhat-tacharya quashed the First

Information Report (FIR) on the ground that the prosecution failed to produce any evidence that could link the accused to the incident. The judge observed that the case was registered based on allegations, and the same could not be grounds for conviction without proving the presence of the accused at the site of the alleged offence.

The FIR relates to a land dispute over 31 acres in Survey No. 127 of Gopanapally village. The complainant alleged that Revanth Reddy's brothers, A. Kondal Reddy and E. Lakshmaiah, encroached on the land with Revanth Reddy's encouragement when he was an MP.

The complainant had also alleged he was insulted on caste grounds and that structures on the disputed site were demolished using a

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Based on the complaint, a case was registered in 2016 at the Gachibowli Police Station of the Cyberabad Commissionerate. Revanth Reddy was named as accused number three in the case.

The FIR was registered under sections 447, 427, 506 r/w 34 r/w 198, 120-b of the IPC and Sections (3) (1) (f)

(g) (r) & (s) (va) of the SS/ST (POA) Act, 2016. The case was pending trial before the Special Sessions Judge for Trial of Cases under SCs/STs POA Act cum VII Additional District Sessions Judge, Rangareddy district.

Revanth Reddy had approached the High Court in 2020, seeking to quash the FIR and related proceedings on the grounds that the case was politically motivated and lacked merit.

During the arguments on the petition, Palles Nageshwar Rao, public prosecutor, appearing for the state government, informed the court that the investigating officer had examined eight witnesses and recorded their statements. He told the court that none of the witnesses stated that Revanth Reddy was present at the scene.

India to host annual India-Russia summit in Delhi soon: MEA

SHAHID K ABBAS
NEW DELHI, 17 JULY

India will host the annual India-Russia summit in Delhi, and the dates will be finalised soon, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on Thursday.

The summit, expected to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin, aims to further strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

“India-Russia summit is important. Last annual summit was held in Moscow. It is time for us to host the summit in Delhi, and the dates will be worked out between both sides, keeping in mind what is mutually convenient to both sides,” Jaiswal said at his weekly press briefing.

The India-Russia annual summit is the highest institutionalised dialogue mechanism in the strategic partnership

between India and Russia. The last summit was held in Moscow, and now it's India's turn to host the event in Delhi.

The Annual Summit between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Russia is the highest institutionalised dialogue mechanism in the strategic partnership between India and Russia. So far, 22 Annual Summits have taken place alternately in India and Russia. The last Summit was held on 8-9 July, 2024, in Moscow. Following the Summit, a joint statement titled *India-Russia Enduring and Expanding Partnership* was released. A separate leaders' joint statement on the development of strategic areas of India-Russia economic cooperation for the period up to 2030 was also released, apart from the signing of nine MoUs/Agreements.

During the visit, Prime Minister Modi was conferred Russia's highest national honour, the Order of Saint Andrew the

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Apostle, for the Prime Minister's outstanding contribution to India-Russia ties. The leaders also maintain regular contact through telephone conversations to review progress on bilateral cooperation and exchange views on regional and global issues of mutual interest.

Russia has been a long-standing and time-tested partner for India. The development of India-Russia relations has been a key pillar of India's foreign policy. Since the signing of the “Declaration on the India-Russia Strategic Part-

nership” in October 2000 (during the visit of President Putin), India-Russia ties have acquired a qualitatively new character with enhanced levels of cooperation in almost all areas, including political, security, defence, trade and economy, science & technology, culture, and people-to-people ties.

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During the 21st India-Russia Annual Summit held in Delhi earlier this month, Prime Minister Modi and President Putin discussed regional and global developments, including post-pandemic global economic recovery and the situation in Afghanistan. The summit resulted in the signing of 28 agreements across various sectors like trade, energy, science, technology, and defence.

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