

## MAMDANI RAISES 'US FUNDING' OF ISRAELI GENOCIDE IN GAZA DURING TRUMP MEETING

In a meeting with US President Donald Trump, the newly elected New York City mayor, Zohran Mamdani, raised the issue of US funding for the Israeli genocidal war on Gaza.



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The meeting at the White House on Friday was the first in-person

meeting for the political opposites, who have clashed over everything from immigration to economic policy.

The 34-year-old mayor told re-

porters that when he spoke to New Yorkers who supported both Trump and him, the two main reasons given were a desire to "end forever wars" and an "end to the taxpayer dollars

we had funding violations of human rights." Answering a reporter's question, the mayor-elect reiterated that Israel has been "committing genocide" in Gaza and his assertion that US taxpayers' dollars are helping fund it.

Mamdani clarified that he had "spoken about the Israeli [regime] committing genocide and I've spoken about our government funding it." "I shared with the president in our meeting about the concern that many New Yorkers have about wanting their tax dollars to go toward the benefit of New Yorkers and their ability to afford basic dignity," Mamdani said.

"There's a desperate need not only for the following of human rights but also the following through on the promises we've made New Yorkers."

"I appreciate all efforts toward peace," he added. "We're tired of seeing our tax dollars fund endless wars, and I also believe that we have to follow through on the international

human rights, and I know that still today those are being violated, and that continues to be work that has to be done, no matter where we're speaking of."

Trump did not comment on the matter, beyond noting that he and Mamdani feel "very strongly about peace" in West Asia. Trump also said that he and Mamdani did not discuss the latter's pledge to arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if he came to the Big Apple.

Trump had previously called the incoming New York City mayor a "radical left lunatic," a communist, and a "Jew hater."

As Mamdani surged in the polls to victory, Trump, a Republican, issued threats to strip federal funding from the biggest US city.

The mayor-elect has regularly criticized a range of Trump's policies, including plans to ramp up federal immigration enforcement efforts in New York City, where four in ten residents are foreign-born.

## Israel facing 'epidemic of infiltration and espionage': Iran's intelligence minister



Iran's intelligence minister says Israel is facing "an epidemic of infiltration and espionage for Iran within its own institutions," citing the recent arrest of an Israeli Air Force officer accused of spying for Tehran.

Esmail Khatib made the remarks during a provincial visit to Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad on Saturday, after the Israeli regime indicted a 22-year-old Israeli soldier on charges of conducting spying activities for Iran, including transferring sensitive information on a military site to an "Iranian handler." Khatib further suggested that the intelligence breach, in addition to Iran's resolute stance during the recent 12-day Israeli-imposed war, reflects a shift in regional power dynamics. Khatib said that Israeli authorities had acknowledged the detention of the officer, adding that "classified nuclear and high-value security documents were transferred to Iran." "He also stated that this development demonstrates "the capability and strength of the Iranian military, intelligence, and security systems."

## Army chief calls Op Sindoor 'trusted orchestra' that struck 9 terror targets in 22 min

New Delhi: Operation Sindoor was a "trusted orchestra" where every musician played a "simultaneous or synergistic role", and that is how in 22 minutes, the Indian armed forces could destroy nine terror sites, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi said on Saturday. In his address at a convocation ceremony of a Delhi-based management institute, he also said the military operation reflected a "foresight" to anticipate change as the situation unfolded. It was "a response shaped not in the moment, but through years of imagining how intelligence, precision and technology could converge into action," the general officer said. India launched the military operation early on May 7 and decimated multiple terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK).



## 'JAYA JAYA HE TELANGANA': CM SLAMS BRS OVER SONG'S SILENCE



Hyderabad: Taking a dig at the BRS, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday alleged that the previous government had conspired to "silence" the songs of Ande Sri and other poets in order to prevent them from getting credit for their roles in the statehood agitation.

The US State Department has also acknowledged that the 75-year-old leader of the right-wing Likud political party is preventing any agreement, and insists on prolonging the Gaza war, he continued. Speaking at a meeting organised here in memory of Ande Sri, who died recently, CM said 'Jaya Jaya he Telangana', penned by the poet, was hugely popular during the statehood agitation. People expected that the song would be declared as the state song after Telangana formation, he said. But, 'Jaya Jaya he Telangana' was "silenced" due to the decisions of the then rulers (during BRS rule after state formation in 2014), he alleged. "The then rulers made a conspiracy to silence the poems, songs (popular in statehood agitation) as they would lead to a debate that the statehood agitation was carried out by Ande Sri or (folk singer) Gaddar or (poet) Gorati Venkanna or Jayaraj," he said. The song may have been silent for 10 years but it was in people's hearts, he said. The Congress government not only made 'Jaya Jaya he Telangana' as the state song of Telangana but also decided to make it a part of text books, Revanth Reddy said.

The government is also ensuring that the families of Ande Sri and Gaddar and others who played a key role in the statehood agitation are taken care of, he said. Revanth Reddy also said Telangana is the first state in the country to implement SC categorization (following the Supreme Court's verdict in its favour).

## Akhilesh Yadav alleges 'conspiracy' to cut 50,000 votes per assembly seat under SIR in UP

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Samajwadi Party (SP) national president Akhilesh Yadav has once again raised serious objections to the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Uttar Pradesh. He has accused the BJP and sections of the administration of using the process to selectively remove opposition voters. Launching a strong attack on both the BJP and the Election Commission, Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday alleged that a "large-scale

conspiracy" is going on to delete nearly 50,000 votes in every assembly constituency, particularly in seats where the Samajwadi Party performed strongly in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. He claimed his party has "numerous pieces of evidence" showing that some administrative officials are working in coordination with BJP leaders to identify and exclude opposition supporters from the voter list. Akhilesh Yadav asserted that this alleged strategy is not confined to Uttar Pradesh alone.

## G20 leaders emphasize solidarity, equality, and sustainability

The potential of digital and emerging technologies, including AI, for good and for all; needed to be unlocked and shared equitably, the Declaration said.

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In a strong message, the G-20 on Saturday said that all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state. A Declaration, adopted with consensus by the heads of state attending the G20 Leaders' Summit despite US attempts to stop it, also said that states should develop friendly relations among nations, including by promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.

The declaration also acknowledged the impact of rising geopolitical and geo-economic competition, saying that solidarity, equality and sustainability are key pillars of inclusive growth. Energy security, climate action and disaster resilience and response were also prominently mentioned in the 39-page document.

In a clear reference to



Russia, Israel and Myanmar, without naming them, the declaration said that in line with the UN Charter, "all states must refrain from the threat or use of force to seek territorial acquisition against the territorial integrity and sovereignty or political independence of any state..."

Generally, the adoption of the declaration happens at the end of the Leaders' Summit. This time it happened at the start of the meeting.

"We understand our interconnectedness as a global

community of nations and reaffirm our commitment to ensure that no one is left behind through multilateral co-operation, macro policy coordination, global partnerships

for sustainable development and solidarity," the declaration read.

The document acknowledged the impact of rising geopolitical and geo-economic

competition and instability, heightened conflicts and wars, and deepening inequality, increasing global economic uncertainty and fragmentation.

"In the face of this challenging political and socio-economic environment, we underscore our belief in multilateral cooperation to collectively address shared challenges," it said.

The declaration reaffirmed "unwavering commitment to act in accordance with international law, including international humanitarian law and the Charter of the United Nations and its principle of peaceful settlement of disputes."

Disaster resilience and response came under the spotlight as well in the text.

## How many more lives will be lost because of SIR': Mamata Banerjee on Bengal booth officer's suicide

Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on Saturday, criticised the Election Commission of India (ECI) over the suicide of Rinku Tarafdar (51), a booth-level officer (BLO) from Nadia district earlier in the day for reportedly being unable to handle the work pressure related to the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) in the state, the first phase of which started on November 4. On Saturday afternoon, the Chief Minister issued a social media statement claiming that she was shocked to know about the death of Tarafdar. Thereafter, The Chief Minister asked that how many more lives in West Bengal would be lost because of the SIR.

## KTR RESPONDS TO FORMULA E DEVELOPMENTS; ALLEGES 'LARGEST LAND SCAM' BY CONGRESS

HE ACCUSED THE CONGRESS GOVERNMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN IN POWER SINCE DECEMBER 2023

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BRS Working President K T Rama Rao on Friday, November 21, said the law would take its course in the Formula E race case in which the governor has given the nod for his prosecution. Responding to the governor's decision, he said he is even ready for a lie detector test in the matter.

"Law will take its own course. I have already said I did not do anything wrong. I have said I am ready for a lie detector test," he told reporters.

Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma has given nod to the state government for the prosecution of Rao in the Formula E race case, official sources said on Thursday.



The Telangana government's Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), probing the Formula-E race case, sought

the state government's permission in September this year to prosecute Rao, who is an MLA, and two others accused.

Apart from Rao, the prime accused, the ACB had written to the government seeking its permission to prosecute senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar and former Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) chief engineer B L N Reddy.



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