

Rahul Gandhi Blasts PM Modi, Says 'Implementation Or You Will See India's Next PM Do It'

As the heated debate over the caste census takes centre stage in Indian politics, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promptly address the nation's demand for a caste census, warning that if he does not, the next Prime Minister will undertake it. He further claimed that soon 90 per cent of Indians will support the caste survey. Referring to India Today's 'Mood of The Nation' survey, Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi stated on social media platform X, "Modiji, if you think you can stop the caste census, you're dreaming-no power can prevent it now." "The order from Hindustan is clear: soon, 90% of Indians will support and demand a caste census. Implement it now, or you may see the next Prime Minister do so," added Gandhi. India Today's latest 'Mood of the Nation' (MOTN) survey, conducted by CVoter, shows that 74 per cent of respondents now support a caste census, a notable rise from 59 per cent in February 2024. Rahul Gandhi has been a strong advocate for a nationwide caste census, particularly emphasised during the 2024 Lok Sabha election campaign. His push for the census continues as the Congress leader's commitment to the issue remains strong, reflecting the promise made in the party's election manifesto. Earlier, Gandhi had accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of attempting to replicate the model of kings and emperors. At the "Samvidhan Samman Sammelan" in Prayagraj on Sunday, Gandhi stated, "Ninety per cent of people are excluded from the system. They have skills and knowledge but lack connections. That is why we are advocating for a caste census." "For the Congress, the caste census is the foundation of policy making. It is a tool for policy making. We cannot make policies in the reality of India without a caste census," he added. He emphasised the need for a caste census to determine the numbers and ensure the participation of various societal sections. Gandhi argued that the caste census is crucial for policy-making and is a foundational tool for Congress's policies, just as the Constitution serves as a framework and guide for the party.

New Districts Announced For Ladakh By Home Ministry



The Ministry of Home Affairs has announced the creation of five new districts in the union territory of Ladakh, as stated by Home Minister Amir Shah on Monday. In a post on X, Shah emphasized that the formation of these new districts will enhance governance across every corner of Ladakh, bringing the benefits directly to the people's doorsteps. He credited this decision to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of building a developed and prosperous Ladakh. The newly established districts are Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang. Jammu & Kashmir Assembly Elections: BJP Kicks Off Poll Campaign With First List Of Candidates "In line with Narendra Modi's vision for a developed and prosperous Ladakh, the MHA has decided to establish five new districts in the union territory. These districts-Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra, and Changthang-will strengthen governance and deliver benefits directly to the people. The Modi government is dedicated to creating ample opportunities for the residents of Ladakh," Shah wrote on X.

Narendra Modi's popularity drops below 50% as Rahul Gandhi gains ground

The latest Mood of the Nation (MOTN) poll, released by India Today, provides a revealing snapshot of the political landscape in India post the June 4 general election results. While the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) continues to spearhead the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, its stronghold in the Lok Sabha has been significantly weakened, leading to its reduction to a minority. Conducted by C-Voter using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI), the survey engaged a massive sample size of 136,463 respondents. Out of these, 40,591 respondents were interviewed between July 15 and August 10, 2024, while 95,872 were surveyed over the past 24 weeks.

Findings: In a critical finding, Narendra Modi's popularity as the preferred Prime Minister has seen a decline, dipping below the 50% mark for the first time, now standing at 49%. In contrast, Rahul Gandhi's



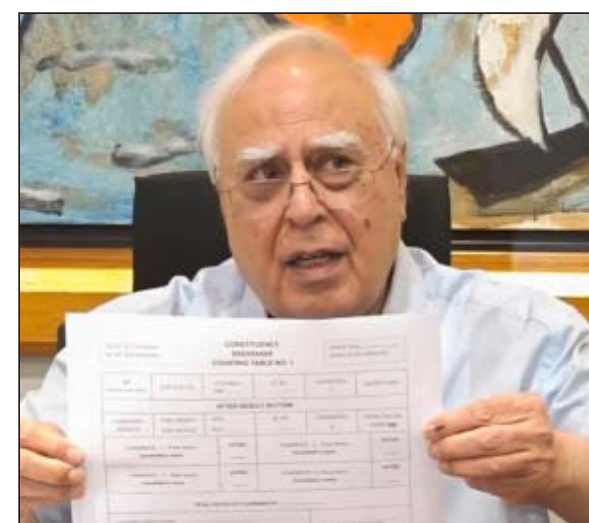
approval ratings have climbed, reaching 22%, making him the closest contender to the incumbent Modi. Notably, those who previously rated Modi as 'outstanding' have decreased by 7.3% since the last survey. Another revealing aspect of the survey pertains to the public's perception of the BJP's use of enforcement agencies. When asked if they believe the BJP misuses agencies like the Enforcement Directorate (ED), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), and the Income Tax Department, 46% agreed, while only 38% thought such

practices were typical across all governments. This marks an increase from 43% last year to 46% this year, indicating growing skepticism. According to one of the political scientists and activist, the survey is described as "a valuable glimpse into the post-election mood of the nation." The expert highlighted economic challenges as the primary concerns, stating, "The economy continues to be the biggest pain point. Inflation may be down, but people can't manage household expenses. Unemployment is the supreme concern. People don't believe govt claims on employment." The rising unemployment, coupled with economic dissatisfaction, stands as one of the most significant criticisms against the current regime. Earlier, in February, MOTN polls indicated that 52% of respondents believed economic policies favored big businesses. This sentiment has now intensified, with 58% of respondents holding that view.

SCBA Ex-President To Kapil Sibal Over Kolkata Rape-Murder Resolution

Former Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President Adish Aggarwala has written to the current president and senior advocate Kapil Sibal warning him of a "no confidence motion" against him over the association's recent resolution condemning the Kolkata rape and murder. In his letter, Aggarwala has expressed serious concerns over a resolution related to the tragic rape and murder of a trainee doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. Aggarwala stated that this resolution was not officially approved by the SCBA's Executive Committee, making it invalid. Aggarwala also accused Sibal of using his position to undermine the gravity of the incident and of exhibiting a conflict of interest by representing the West Bengal government in related cases while making such statements. "You have been representing the government of West Bengal in the related cases before Hon'ble Supreme Court. As a lawyer,

you have every right to accept and argue cases. However, on August 21, 2024 you circulated a purported Resolution of the SCBA under your signature, describing the RG Kar Medical College incident as 'symptomatic malaise', and said the 'resolution' hoped that such incidents that have taken place throughout the country are not repeated," the letter read. "The statement about the 'SCBA resolution' signed by you and printed on SCBA letterhead is mischievous, dangerous, insensitive and a grave injustice to the rape-murder victim and lakhs of doctors, trainees and students who are still on protest mode, demanding safe work environment," Aggarwala said in his letter. The letter demands that Sibal withdraw the resolution and issue a public apology within 72 hours. Failure to do so could lead to a no-confidence motion against Sibal. Aggarwala's letter criticises Sibal for his attempt to undermine the seriousness of the RG Kar Medical College case, which is



under serious scrutiny by the Supreme Court of India and the CBI. Several members of the Executive Committee (EC) of the SCBA have also expressed concern over a resolution issued by SCBA President Kapil Sibal regarding the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital incident. They allege that the resolution, dated August 21, 2024, was signed by Sibal and circulated on SCBA letterhead without being presented to or approved by the Executive Committee.

What Sanjay Roy told CBI during polygraph test

Sanjay Roy, the main accused in the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, reportedly claimed in the lie-detector test that the victim was already dead when he reached the seminar hall of the facility. Sanjay Roy was subjected to the polygraph test days after he claimed innocence in the rape and murder case. The lie detector test flagged several false and unconvincing answers, reported ToI, citing sources. The report said Sanjay Roy appeared unnerved and anxious during the lie-detector test. As the CBI confronted him with several pieces of evidence, he cited multiple alibis. He claimed the victim was already dead when he spotted her, the report said. Sanjay Roy claimed he ran away from the premises in fear. After the crime, according to the Kolkata police, Sanjay Roy had confessed to committing the rape and murder.



However, recently, he made a U-turn, claiming he was being framed and was innocent.

What Sanjay Roy told jail guards

Sanjay Roy told the guards of the jail that he knew nothing about the rape and murder. On Friday last week, he made similar claims before the additional chief judicial magistrate (ACJM) court in Sealdah, saying he consented to the test to prove his

innocence. The CBI and the police, however, found glaring inconsistencies in his claims of innocence. An officer told HT he had been trying to mislead investigators. The officer said he couldn't provide any explanation for the injuries to his face and his presence in the building at the time of the crime. The woman was found dead inside the seminar hall of the hospital. An autopsy revealed sexual assault and 25 injuries to her body, including private parts. The woman had gone to the room to rest amid her graveyard shift. The police saw Sanjay Roy entering the premises in the CCTV cameras at 4.03 am on August 9. They also found his Bluetooth headset at the crime scene. The psychoanalytic profiling of Sanjay Roy revealed he was a "pervert and severely addicted to pornography". He was also found to possess animal-like instincts.

