

Modi meets Yunus, raises concerns over safety of minorities

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**Bangkok, April 4:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his meeting with Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus Friday underlined India's concerns over the safety of minorities, including Hindus, and conveyed the expectation that the Bangladeshi government would ensure their security, including by thoroughly investigating cases of atrocities against them.

The two leaders met on the sidelines of the Summit meeting of the leaders of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral and Technical Cooperation (BIMSTEC) grouping. It was their first meeting since the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in August last year.

Briefing reporters on Modi's meeting with Yunus, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said Modi underlined India's concerns related to the safety and security of minorities in Bangladesh including Hindus.

PM Modi expressed his



expectation that the government of Bangladesh would ensure their security, including by thoroughly investigating all cases of atrocities against the minorities, Misri said at the media briefing.

During the meeting, PM Modi also urged that any rhetoric that vitiates the environment is best avoided, the foreign secretary said.

Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's support for a democratic, stable, peaceful, progressive and inclusive Bangladesh.

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Waqf Bill fuels protests; Cong to move SC



CONTENTIOUS ISSUE: Police personnel detain people protesting the passage of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill in Parliament, in Ahmedabad, Friday

Hours after the Parliament passed the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 early Friday, huge protests erupted in Kolkata, Chennai and Ahmedabad against the contentious legislation, while the Opposition Congress announced that it will move the Supreme Court challenging the Bill's constitutionality. Muslim community members took to streets in the major cities after Friday prayers and rejected the Bill as 'unconstitutional' and 'anti-democratic'. One concern of all the protesters is that the new Waqf laws will be applied retroactively, thereby affecting existing properties. On the other hand, terming the Bill as 'anti-Muslim', the Congress claimed it has been brought with the sole intention of 'harassing minorities'

AGENCIES

**Kolkata, Chennai, April 4:** Thousands took to the streets in Kolkata, Chennai, and Ahmedabad following weekly prayers held by the Muslim community to protest against the Waqf Amendment Bill passed Friday by Parliament.

In Kolkata, large crowds were seen waving the national flag and holding signs that read 'We reject the Waqf amendment' and 'Reject the Waqf Bill' at public gathering sites. Many of these protests were organised by the Joint Forum for Waqf Protection. In Ahmedabad, the atmosphere appeared more intense, with the police attempting to forcibly remove elderly protesters who were sitting on the road.

Chennai also witnessed similar demonstrations, where actor Vijay's Tamilaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK) had called for a statewide protest. TVK supporters gathered in Chennai and other major cities, such as Coimbatore and Tiruchirappalli, chanting slogans like 'Reject the Waqf Bill' and 'Do not take away Muslims' rights.'

The protests in Bengal will add to the fire brewing ahead of next year's election, with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee having already said she will not allow the state's Muslims to lose their lands. The Congress Friday said it will 'very soon' challenge in the Supreme Court the constitutionality of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 that has been passed in Parliament.

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Discord in BJD over Waqf Bill

The BJD's change of stance on the contentious Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025 which was passed by the Parliament in the early hours of Friday has exposed the rift within the party. A day before the Waqf Bill voting was taken up in Rajya Sabha, the party had stated that it would vote against it. Surprisingly, BJD's Rajya Sabha MP and national spokesperson Sasmit Patra said he voted for the Bill as the party did not issue any whip on the issue. This situation has led some senior party leaders to take up the issue with party supremo and former Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik even as rumours float about a possible split in the party



senior leaders led by BJD's advisory committee convenor and deputy leader in Assembly Prasanna Acharya met Patnaik Friday evening.

The senior leaders held a detailed discussion with Patnaik on how the party's stand on the Waqf Bill changed overnight and some BJD MPs voted in support of the Bill.

"We had a detailed discussion with party president Naveen Patnaik and he reiterated that the BJD continues to remain secular. There has been no change in the party's stand as far as its secular character is concerned," Acharya told reporters after the meeting.

He, however, avoided questions on how the BJD's stand changed on Waqf Bill despite its parliamentary party's announcement to oppose the legislation in Parliament.

BJD MP and national spokesperson Sasmit Patra, after passage of the contentious Bill in Rajya Sabha, said that he voted for the Waqf Bill as the party did not issue any whip on the issue. While it was anticipated that the BJD's lone Muslim MP Muzibulla Khan, who stood to oppose the Bill in Rajya Sabha, has voted against the Bill, another MP Debashish Samantaray confirmed that he abstained from voting in protest against the party's confusing stand.

Opposition Congress strongly criticised the BJD and accused it of going against its promise to the Muslim community in the state by voting in favour of the Bill.

"The BJD Parliamentary Party had earlier decided to oppose the Bill. We had also heard that the party would boycott the RS during voting on the issue. Suddenly, the BJD changed its stand and voted in support of the Bill. BJD's decision has tarnished the image of Naveen Patnaik and the party," OP-CC president Bhakta Charan Das said.

Veteran actor-filmmaker Manoj Kumar dies at 87

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

**Mumbai, April 4:** Veteran actor-filmmaker Manoj Kumar, who came to be known as 'Bharat Kumar' for his series of patriotic films such as 'Shaheed', 'Upkar' and 'Purab Aur Paschim', died in a Mumbai hospital early Friday. He was 87.

The industry veteran, whose films ruled the box office in the late 1960s and 1970s, had been ailing for a while and died of age related issues at the Kokilaben Ambani Hospital around 3.30 am, family friend and filmmaker Ashoke Pandit told PTL. "He had been hospitalised for the past few weeks," Dr Santosh Shetty, CEO and executive director of the hospital, said in a statement.

"He is out of his misery now," the filmmaker's son Kunal told PTL, adding that his father had been battling multiple health issues and was bedridden for the last few years.

Kumar had been in and out of hospital and was most recently admitted for pneumonia, he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi remembered him as an 'icon of Indian cinema'.

"Deeply saddened by the passing of legendary actor and filmmaker Shri Manoj Kumar Ji. He was an icon of Indian cinema, who was particularly remembered for his patriotic zeal, which was also reflected in his films. Manoj Ji's works ignited a spirit of national pride and will continue to inspire generations. My thoughts are with his family and admirers in this hour of grief. Om Shanti," the PM wrote on X.

Kumar, a Dadasaheb Phalke winner, was also known for hits such as 'Do Badan', 'Haryali Aur Rasta' and 'Gumnam'.

**MORE P2**



Cabinet nod for two rail projects in state

POST NEWS NETWORK

**Bhubaneswar, April 4:** The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi Friday approved two projects of the Ministry of Railways for Odisha involving a total cost of Rs 5,104 crore.

The projects are the third and fourth lines between Sambalpur and Jarapda, and Jharsuguda and Sason.

The Sambalpur (Sason)-Jharsuguda corridor, valued at Rs 1,187 crore, will stretch for 87 km, while the Jarapda-Sambalpur project, costing Rs 3,917 crore, will span 277 km.

In an official statement on his X account, Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw for their support in approving these crucial projects. He emphasised that the new rail lines would not only enhance connectivity but also accelerate Odisha's journey toward becoming a 'Viksit Odisha' (Developed Odisha).

Trump tariffs: Penguin memes fill internet

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

**Washington, April 4:** Donald Trump's tariffs have become a black and white issue on social media, where penguin memes have gone viral after he targeted an island inhabited by the flightless birds, but no people.

One widely shared image showed a penguin in place of Ukrainian leader Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the Oval Office during his recent row with the US president and Vice President JD Vance.

Another meme showed US First Lady Melania Trump gazing up at an emperor penguin -- in place of former Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau -- while Trump looks askance.

Trump's announcement of worldwide tariffs Wednesday certainly received an icy reception in



many countries. But there has also been bafflement about why some of the most remote parts of the world have been targeted.

A case in point: why would Trump slap 10 per cent tariffs on all exports from the Heard and McDonald Islands, a barren sub-Antarctic Australian territory without a human

population, but four different species of penguin?

"The penguins have been ripping us off for years," Anthony Scaramucci, who was Trump's former communications chief for 11 days in his first term and is now a vocal critic, joked on X.

"Donald Trump slapped tariffs on penguins and not on Putin," posted US Senate

Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, referring to the fact that Russia was not on the US tariff list.

The White House said sanctions on Russia over President Vladimir Putin's war on Ukraine meant that there was no 'meaningful' trade on which to impose tariffs.

Trump also caused puzzlement with his 29 per cent tariff on Norfolk Island, a tiny Australian territory in the Pacific with a population of a little over 2,000 humans.

"I'm not quite sure that Norfolk Island, with respect to it, is a trade competitor with the giant economy of the United States," Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said. Trump's tariffs have however been no laughing matter for global markets, with US stocks suffering their worst day since the COVID pandemic in 2020.

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**ARIES**  
: A tough, action-packed day ahead! There may be difference of opinions with friends over trivial matters, but you will thrive on it. But all pending work will be completed, much to your relief. It's a promising and optimistic day, says Ganesha!

**TAURUS**  
Today, you may have something at the back of your mind that will grip you with its complexity, says Ganesha. Speak freely as your words are capable of making a great impact on others. You may not be willing to confront unpleasant situations today. Don't worry, the stars seem in your favour, predicts Ganesha.

**GEMINI**  
Today, you would love to spend as much time alone as possible with your sweetheart, says Ganesha. A casual conversation between the two of you may culminate into a sensuous consummation. In the evening, you will keep people charmed with your wit and wisdom, feels Ganesha.

**CANCER**  
If you are a stockbroker, you may feel that things are not going too well for you. Today, you may regret being a stockbroker. Manufacturers must delay the launch of a new product. However, after a waiting game, you may go on to launch the product with a fanfare. Ganesha wishes you a good luck.

**LEO**  
The travel bug inside you is itching to be let loose, but things are not so simple when it comes to finding new destinations, says Ganesha. With you, holidaying goes hand in hand with delays. So, although you might be excited at the prospect of going to new places, this excitement will be somewhat curtailed thanks to postponements of travel plans.

**VIRGO**  
Motivation will remain high today, says Ganesha. Your talents and skills make you stand out as a superb artist. Words will glow if you let your creativity flow, and should you decide to dance or sing, you'll set the stage on fire today. Cultivate hobbies in performing arts and literature, advises Ganesha.

**LIBRA**  
Being in charge was never easy, but it's not for nothing that leaders are made of sterner stuff. As a person in charge, you are expected to give directions in a manner that gets the best efforts out of your juniors. Move away from traditional dictatorial style, and build a consensus that enables you to pull off the spectacular, says Ganesha.

**SCORPIO**  
You shall follow all things to the dot today. Your approach will be methodical and robotic. It is likely that you shall symbolise the saying, 'Actions speak louder than words'. Your powers of persuasion will help you amass the confidences of many, predicts Ganesha.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Cupid is hunting and you are the game today. Cupid's arrows will have you adrift on the ocean of love and turbulent emotions. Your rescue is imminent, when a member of the opposite sex answers your SOS calls. But use your discretion as to which boat you hitch a ride back home, says Ganesha.

**CAPRICORN**  
The work load may take away all your vigour, leaving you lethargic and dull, but you will come out of the sluggish phase before it can do any harm to your reputation, says Ganesha. Being observant and attentive while in meetings will help you in the long run, and in more ways than you can imagine.

**AQUARIUS**  
Good news from across the seven seas brings cheer! If you're seeking a visa, you may get one today. Everything looks positive and it reflects in your mood. Share your happiness with your family, says Ganesha, and you will find it multiplies manifold.

**PISCES**  
Conflicts galore will come your way at the workplace today. Keep a calm head over your shoulders and do keep tabs on your tongue. Differences only crop up if there are substantial thought processes involved, and keeping this in mind ought to give you the perspective needed to get ahead, says Ganesha.

**Mumbai:** Manoj Kumar will forever be Bharat for generations of filmgoers, an actor-filmmaker who framed his patriotism in celluloid just as a nascent India was coming into its own and beginning to realise its dreams and potential.

It was a fortuitous happenstance for the filmmaker who channelled his Partition angst to tell stories of an evolving India in films such as *Upkar*, *Purab Aur Paschim* and *Roti, Kapda aur Makaan* in the mid 1960s and 1970s. They were all blockbusters, finding a ready audience at the time and each helping carve a niche all his own.

His screen name was Bharat in several films, a cleverly chosen moniker that fused into his identity as a filmmaker and an actor and he came to be known as 'Bharat Kumar' to many.

Kumar, who found many takers for his brand of patriotic idealism, was also the romantic hero of films such as *Himalaya Ki God Mein*, *Do Badan* and *Pathhar Ke Sanam*. His first success came in 1962 with *Hariyali Aur Raasta* opposite Mala Sinha.

The films were huge hits and so were the songs. Remember *Tauba Yeh Matwali Chaal*, *Mehboob Mere Mehboob*, *Chaand Si Mehbooba Hogi Meri*, *Ek Pyaar Ka Nagma Hai* and *Pathhar Ke Sanam*.

But Manoj Kumar's legacy will always be tied to his brand of patriotism rooted in an earlier era. Some of his films, including *Purab Aur Paschim*, could be viewed

as conservative and simplistic with an idea of India and the West that may sit uncomfortably with today's audiences.

He made his directorial debut with 1967's *Upkaar* in which he also played the lead. Kumar won a National Award for the movie, which also gave Pran his breakout role from the always villain to the kind and wise Malang Chacha. It was a turning point for Pran's career.

Two years before *Upkaar* was Shaheed, a biopic of freedom

fighter Bhagat Singh in which Kumar played the central role. Among his biggest hits is the lavish multi-starrer *Roti Kapda Aur Makaan* (1974), which he produced, directed and acted in.

He was born Harikrishan Giri Goswami in Abbottabad in now Pakistan in 1937. Ten years later, when the subcontinent was divided, the family left their home and travelled to Delhi. Those were traumatic years. He lost his two-month-old brother who could not be cared properly in the hospital because of riots raging in the city.

Kumar was a much awarded actor. He won the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 2015 by when he was sadly confined to a wheelchair and could not stand up to receive the honour. He was also awarded the Padma Shri in 1992.

Manoj Kumar will live on every time somebody reaches for a patriotic playlist. That legacy will endure.

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*[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]*

**Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/2125      Date: 25/03/2025**

**Reference:**

In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (10) companies in the state of Odisha under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S. No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AB2735970	U01222OR2016PTC019898	ODIA KUKUDA FARMERS PRIVATE LIMITED
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8	AB2890480	U85100OR2021PTC036875	INDEX HEALTH CARE PRIVATE LIMITED
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(2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name (s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application (s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but it/they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

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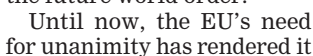


■ **1994:** American grunge rocker Kurt Cobain, leader of the band Nirvana, died by suicide at the age of 27.



*Gopalaswamy J*, CHENNAI

# US-EUROPE DIVIDE



ing bureaucracy and creating attractive conditions for companies, Europe needs stronger incentives to promote innovation and research and development. If it cannot marshal the resources to attract the

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President Font appreciated India's initiative in setting up the International Solar Alliance (ISA). India took the leadership along with France to set up this renewable energy association. Prime Minister Modi also thanked Chile for joining the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) since January 2021.

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## A true legend

*M Pradyu*, KANNUR









**Food Minister Pralhad Joshi has urged Health Minister JP Nadda to take immediate action against the sale of fake and adulterated paneer in fast food joints, restaurants, and other markets across the country**



"The effect of declaring the electoral bond scheme and the various statutory provisions as unconstitutional is that the said scheme never existed and is void ab-initio and it is a settled position of law that the court only finds law and it does not make law," it argued. The verdict in the ADR case, the plea said, rendered the EBS void since inception, and therefore the subsequent pleas seeking confiscation of the amount collected by political parties could not have been dismissed.

The Telangana government's plan to auction this ecologically sensitive land for the construction of urban infrastructure

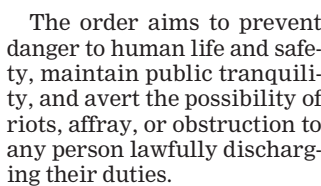
The Tamil Nadu Admission to Undergraduate Medical Degree Courses Act, 2021 was unanimously passed in the Legislative Assembly September 13, 2021. The Governor sent it back for reconsideration. Following this, a resolution to reintroduce the Bill in the Assembly was passed unani-

While they could pin the blame on Governor or President till such time the bill seeking exemption for the state was not cleared, nothing could be done now as the President has rejected the state Bill and has said the reasons adduced for seeking exemption were not acceptable.



**Mumbai:** After being stranded for more than 40 hours at a Turkey airport, over 250 Virgin Atlantic passengers, including Indians, landed at the Mumbai airport late in the evening Friday. The passengers were stuck at the Diyarbakir Airport in Turkey after their Mumbai-bound aircraft from London was diverted to the airport Wednesday. Sources said the flight landed at around 9 pm at the Mumbai airport. "With all necessary technical approvals now secured, the plane departed Diyarbakir Airport at 13:00 local time Friday 4th April, operating as flight VS1358. Customers are now en route to Mumbai, with an expected arrival at approximately 20:49 local time," the spokesperson said in a statement earlier in the day. Over 250 passengers were stuck at the airport. An A350-1000 aircraft was operating the flight that has over 300 seats, according to sources. A passenger, who was among those stranded at the airport, told PTI on Thursday that all passengers were sitting on the floor, and there were no blankets available.technical inspection before the aircraft was cleared to operate.

## Suburbs on 400-acre parcel land near



The order was issued under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which restricts unau-

According to a notification, the order will remain in force from 6 am on Friday until April 16, covering the 400-acre area that is currently the subject of litigation in both the High Court and the Supreme Court.

Meanwhile, the UoHSU held a rally on campus late Friday evening, demanding the re-

removal of police camps from the premises and the fulfillment of their other demands, including the revocation of FIRs against students, civil society groups, and other activists.

They also demanded that the UoH administration file a petition in the High Court asserting ownership of the land.

On Thursday, the Telangana High Court posted the case for hearing April 7.

The Supreme Court, also Thursday, asked the Telangana government to explain the "compelling urgency" behind clearing a large tree cover on the land parcel next to the university and stayed any further activity until further orders.

The court inquired about the status of the felled trees and directed the Central Empowered

Committee to visit the site and submit a report before April 16 when the matter will be heard again.

Following the Apex Court's directive, the Telangana government has decided to form a committee of ministers to hold discussions with the UoH executive committee, civil society groups, students, and other stakeholders to address concerns over the land parcels adjacent to the university.

Responding to the Supreme Court's order to stay any further activity until further notice, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu said in a joint statement Thursday that the government would abide by the apex court's directives.



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The top court said it entertained the pleas and issued notices in several such cases after a prima facie satisfaction that there existed a long incarceration.

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try for enthusiastic voting. And, now if anyone stands in a denial mode or tries to undermine it, is showing disrespect to the people's mandate." He said the ruling alliance is of firm opinion that the mandate of the people needs to be respected and "our coordination, whether it is with Delhi or with the LG administration, is only aimed at solving the problems of the people".

"Registry is directed to bring this order to the notice of all concerned, in such a manner as deemed appropriate, for compliance till such time the rules are amended in terms of the orders dated October 13, 2023 and October 19, 2023...", it said. The murder accused before the top court challenged the October 13, 2023 order of the Allahabad

The bench said, "Be that as it may, since the petitioner has suppressed material facts with regard to his involvement in criminal cases, he is not entitled to the discretionary relief of bail. Even otherwise, the trial has progressed reasonably and hence, no case for releasing the petitioner on bail has been set up." On October 13, 2023, the top court in a criminal case noticed the filing of special leave petitions bereft of crucial information such as the age of the accused or the petitioner.











