

Cong. leader surrenders in Indore court over ‘funding conversions’

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BHOPAL

A Congress councillor from Indore, who had been absconding for over two months in a case filed over allegedly funding religious conversions, surrendered before a local court on Friday, the police said.

According to the police, Anwar Qadri surrendered before the district court after a notice asking him to appear personally before September 8 had been issued against him.

Indore Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime, Rajesh Dandotiya told *The Hindu* that a team reached the court and took him in custody. The police have been granted his remand for five days, he said.

Mr. Qadri was booked in June after two men – Sahil Sheikh and Altaf Shah – claimed that they had been “paid ₹3 lakh to befriend and marry Hindu women”.

Maratha quota stir hits life in Mumbai, to continue today

Thousands of protesters join Jarange-Patil to demand benefits for community under OBC category; State committed to finding solution within legal and constitutional framework, says Maharashtra CM

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MUMBAI

Mumbai came to a standstill and traffic snarls were witnessed for kilometres on Friday after thousands of protesters joined Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil at Azad Maidan for his stir demanding benefits for the community under the Other Backward Classes category.

Mr. Jarange-Patil vowed to continue the stir till their demands are granted. “I will not go back until our demands are met. Even if I am shot dead, I will not retreat,” he said, even as the Mumbai police granted him permission to carry on with the protest for another day on Saturday.

Mr. Jarange-Patil arrived at Azad Maidan at 9.45 a.m. with thousands of supporters. People from across the State arrived at the venue and also protested at other locations. Azad Maidan is a stone’s throw from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, the headquarters of the Central Railways, and the end point of Mumbai’s local train network on the Central and Harbour lines. The protest site is also close to the arterial roads.



Maratha quota activist Manoj Jarange-Patil at Azad Maidan in Mumbai on Friday. EMMANUAL YOGINI

Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said the State was committed to finding a solution within the legal and constitutional framework. “The Cabinet committee is discussing the issue, and will file a constitutionally valid solution...,” he said.

“Doesn’t Mumbai belong to us? Don’t you think poor Marathas should also be economically empowered,” Mr. Jarange-Patil said. He also appealed to the protesters to “not indulge in stone-pelting, arson or anything that could bring disrepute to the cause”.

“Our fight must remain peaceful,” he said.

Lawyer and activist Gunaratna Sadavarte called for action against Mr. Jarange-Patil for “holding up the financial capital and for violating rules”.

CBI raids TMC MLA’s residence in R.G. Kar financial irregularities case

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KOLKATA

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday afternoon conducted raids at the residence of Deputy Mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation and Trinamool MLA Atin Ghosh in connection with their investigation into the alleged financial irregularities and corruption at R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital (RGKMCH).

A CBI team visited Mr. Ghosh’s residence at north Kolkata’s Shyambazar area at 2.15 p.m. along with paramilitary personnel, and interrogated him as well.

Mr. Ghosh is also a member of the Rogi Kalyan Samiti, a patient welfare committee of the RGKMCH.

The CBI is probing alleged financial irregularities and corruption at RGKMCH since August 9 last year when a female doctor was allegedly raped and killed in the hospital seminar room while on duty.



TMC MLA Atin Ghosh talking to reporters in Kolkata on Friday. DEBASISH BHADURI

“The CBI had some questions regarding my tenure as an ex-officio member of the Samiti. They brought a questionnaire and left after recording my answers,” Mr. Ghosh told reporters later on Friday.

He said that he told the CBI officials that he did not play a big role in the patient welfare committee “apart from attending three to four meetings every year”.

“I do not mind the CBI coming to my house... I have handled the Kolkata Municipal Corporation for the last 15 years. No one has been able to point a finger at me,” Mr. Ghosh added.

Last year, the CBI and the ED had conducted searches at the properties owned by TMC legislator Sudipto Roy in connection to the corruption case. Mr. Roy was at the helm of the RGKMCH patient welfare committee of which Mr Atin Ghosh was a member.

“Atin Ghosh was under our radar for a long time. ... He was most likely involved in the events of August 9, and August 14. We are glad his name has finally come up in connection to all this,” the father of the victim said on Friday.

BJP ex-MLA, 13 others in Gujarat get life term in extortion case

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AHMEDABAD

A sessions court here on Friday sentenced to life imprisonment former Gujarat BJP MLA Nalin Kotadiya, ex-SP of Amreli Jagdish Patel and 12 others in the 2018 bitcoin extortion case.

They were allegedly involved in kidnapping Surat-based builder Shailesh Bhatt and his partner from Gandhinagar and extorting 200 bitcoins worth ₹32 crore at that time.

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Villagers being moved to safer places in Ajnala district on Friday as the water level of the Ravi river rose. ANI

Multiple agencies help evacuate people in flood-hit Punjab villages

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CHANDIGARH

Multiple agencies on Friday joined hands to provide help to a large number of people stranded in the flood-hit areas of Punjab after water levels in the Sutlej, Beas and Ravi rivers and seasonal rivulets swelled due to heavy rain in their catchment areas in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir.

As villages in the low-lying areas along their banks were inundated, hundreds of people have been evacuated to safer places, officials said.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann directed authorities to intensify relief and rescue measures.

While villages worst-affected by the floods were in Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Fazilka, Kapurthala, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur, Hoshiarpur and Amritsar districts, heavy rains have triggered flood alert in Patiala as well on Friday. The Patiala district administration has issued a ‘high alert’ warning for several low-lying villages

es along the Ghaggar river following heavy rain in its catchment area and the opening of floodgates at Sukhna lake in Chandigarh.

Amritsar Deputy Commissioner Sakshi Sawhney said the district administration has deployed amphibious All Terrain Off Road vehicles, and boats for evacuating stranded villagers in Ramdas area.

Mohali Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal on Friday visited the Tiwana embankment of the Ghaggar river.

Water level in the river had crossed 70,000 cusecs at 8 a.m. on Friday, but receded to 35,000 cusecs by

12.30 p.m.

Various Central agencies have been working in coordination with State authorities for the past few days. On request from the district administrations, the Army, the Border Security Force, the Indian Air Force, and the National Disaster Response Force are undertaking large-scale rescue operations, officials said.

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Meanwhile, State Congress MLAs have decided to contribute one month’s salary to the Chief Minister’s Flood Relief Fund, Leader of the Opposition Partap Singh Bajwa said.

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