

'Keep Gods out of politics'

Says India top court on Tirupati laddoo row

NDTV ONLINE

Religion and politics cannot be allowed to mix, India's Supreme Court said yesterday while hearing three petitions over allegations that animal fat was found in the ghee used to make the laddoos, or devotional offerings, "fed" to the deity and given to devotees at Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati temple.

In a series of pointed questions and sharp observations, the top court underlined the lack of definitive proof of contamination of ghee or, if it was indeed contaminated, that the affected ghee was used to make the laddoos. The court also pointed to an ongoing inquiry and a "false positive" testing caveat.

The court took a dim view of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's public statements on this contentious issue, particularly as his administration had already ordered an inquiry into the findings of a Gujarat lab July's report claiming fish oil, beef tallow, and lard (pig fat) were found in the ghee.

"When you (the Chief Minister) hold a Constitutional post... we expect Gods to be kept away from politics. If you had already ordered (an) investigation, what was the need to go to the press? The lab report came in July... your statement came in September. (And) the report is not at all clear..."

A bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice KV Viswanathan was distinctly unhappy with the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister's September 20 comments, in which he hit out at his rival and predecessor, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, over the alleged presence of animal fats in Tirupati laddoo ghee.

The matter was then directed for Thursday afternoon, with the court warning the Chief Minister against a 'hat-trick' of unnecessary comments. "There should be restraint..." he was told.

Naidu's comments were soon echoed by members of his Telugu Desam Party.



Putin vows to reach all 'goals' in Ukraine

Repeats 'neo-Nazi' claims; Russian army captures new ground in Donetsk region

AFP, Moscow

Russian President Vladimir Putin yesterday vowed to achieve all his "goals" in Ukraine and celebrated the second anniversary of annexing four Ukrainian regions, as his army claimed fresh advances in the conflict.

Moscow has captured dozens of Ukrainian towns and villages this year, pressing forward even as Kyiv mounts a cross-border offensive into Russian territory.

"The truth is on our side. All goals set will be achieved," Putin said in a video address marking what he calls "Reunification Day" -- when Moscow annexed four southern and eastern Ukrainian regions in 2022.

He also repeated his justification for sending troops into Ukraine, saying he was protecting Russian speakers against a "neo-Nazi dictatorship" that aimed to "cut them off forever from Russia, their historic homeland".

"Together we are defending a safe, prosperous future for our children and grandchildren," Putin said.

Russia claimed to annex the Ukrainian regions of Lugansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia

and Kherson in September 2022, but it does not fully control any of them.

The Kremlin has pursued a relentless assault in eastern Ukraine in recent months, pressing its advantage as Ukrainian soldiers grapple with exhaustion and relentless bombardment.

The Russian army said yesterday its troops had "liberated" the Ukrainian village of Nelipivka, which had a population of around 1,000 before the conflict.

It lies just north of the Ukrainian town of New York, where Kyiv claimed to have made rare gains earlier in September.

The main target of Moscow's assault in recent months has been the Ukrainian logistics hub of Pokrovsk, a city on road and rail routes that supply Kyiv's forces across the frontline.

Meanwhile, Russia launched several waves of drones targeting Kyiv early yesterday, with air defence units successfully defending the city during the attack which lasted over five hours, Ukraine's military said.

Reuters' witnesses heard numerous blasts in the Ukrainian capital in what sounded like air defence systems in operation and saw objects being hit in the air.

NATIONAL POLLS Austria far right scores historic win

AFP, Vienna

Austria's far right topped national elections on Sunday, marking a historic victory, but the party is expected to struggle to find partners with whom they can govern.

While the Freedom Party (FPÖ) has served in coalition governments before, this is the first time it has won a national vote, as far-right parties across Europe have made gains.

All other parties however have so far rejected forming a coalition with the FPÖ's sharp-tongued leader Herbert Kickl.

"We have written a piece of history together today..." 55-year-old Kickl told cheering party supporters in Vienna. "We have opened a door to a new era."

The FPÖ won 28.8 percent of votes, beating the ruling conservative People's Party (ÖVP) into second place on 26.3 percent.

Like other far-right parties elsewhere in Europe, the FPÖ has seen its popularity surge, fed by voter anger over migration, inflation and Covid restrictions.

French far right leader Marine Le Pen said she was "delighted" with the FPÖ victory. She hailed what she called a "groundswell that carries the defence of national interests, the safeguarding of identities and the resurrection of sovereignties".

Rate of ocean warming doubled since 2005

Says EU monitor as global temperatures rise because of climate change

AFP, Brest

The pace at which oceans are warming has almost doubled since 2005 as global temperatures rise because of human-caused climate change, a report from the EU monitor Copernicus said yesterday.

The findings by the Copernicus Marine Service underscore the consequences of a warming planet on oceans, which cover 70 percent of earth's surface and acts as a major regulator of the climate.



Ocean warming has "increased continuously" since the 1960s but sharply accelerated in the years since 2005, oceanographer Karina von Schuckmann from Copernicus told reporters.

Over the past two decades, the pace of warming has close to doubled from a long-term rate of 0.58 watts per m2 to 1.05 watts per m2.

"Ocean warming can be seen as our sentinel for global warming," said von Schuckmann, a specialist on the unique role the ocean plays in Earth's climate system.

The findings echo the IPCC, the expert panel of climate scientists mandated by the United Nations, on the longer-term heating of the oceans because of humanity's release of planet-heating emissions.

Since 1970 some 90 percent of excess heat trapped in the atmosphere due to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses has been absorbed in the oceans, the IPCC says.

The key to the solution is to put an end to the Israeli aggression against Lebanon and to revive the appeal... in favour of a ceasefire.

Lebanon's Prime Minister Najib Mikati



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DEADLY FLOOD Death toll in Nepal hits 200

AFP, Kathmandu

Search and rescue teams in Nepal's capital picked through wrecked homes yesterday after waters receded from monsoon floods that killed at least 200 people around the Himalayan republic.

Deadly floods and landslides are common across South Asia during the monsoon season from June to September but experts say climate change is making them worse.

Entire neighbourhoods in Kathmandu were inundated after the heaviest rains in more than two decades, with the capital temporarily cut off from the rest of Nepal after landslides blocked highways.

"According to the latest figures, 200 have died, 127 are injured and 26 are still missing," home ministry spokesman Rishi Ram Tiwari told AFP.

Police said at least 35 of those killed were buried alive when earth from a landslide careened into vehicles on a highway south of Kathmandu.

Bulldozers were being used to clear nearly two dozen sections of major roads leading into Kathmandu that had been blocked by debris.

The home ministry said it was working to rescue numerous people who had been stranded on the highways.

Rescuers in knee-high rubber boots were using shovels to clear mud from the worst-hit riverside neighbourhoods around Kathmandu, many of them unauthorised slum settlements. Nepal's army said more than 4,000 people had been rescued.

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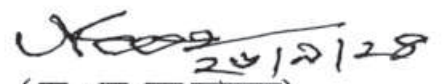
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