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## Masalawala & Kalburgi case: Entry in diary helps SIT nab murder suspect

JOHNSON TA  
BENGALURU, JUNE 9

AN ENTRY, 'Masalawala', in a diary seized from a key accused in the killings of journalist Gauri Lankesh and Kannada scholar M M Kalburgi in 2017 and 2015 enabled a Special Investigation Team of Karnataka Police to identify and arrest a 27-year-old Belagavi man in the Kalburgi murder case on May 31.

The SIT, during the course of its investigation into the Lankesh murder case and the arrest of prime suspect Amol Kale in May 2018, found a notebook used as a diary by Kale. It contained references to persons recruited for subversive activities by a radical right wing outfit linked to the Sanatan Sanstha group. The diary

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## BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



## How Patiala villages ended practice of separate cremation grounds for Dalits



Gobindpura has a common cremation ground. Harmeet Sodhi

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LUDHIANA, JUNE 9

"MANAS KI jaat sabhe eke pehchanbo... Saariyan jaatiyan tey dharman de log iss swaragdharm vich sanskaar kar sakde han (Recognise mankind as a single caste... People of all castes and religions can perform

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## BASIRHAT VIOLENCE: INTERNET, CABLE SERVICES SUSPENDED

# West Bengal, Centre face off again: Home flags state law failure, angry TMC hits out

Centre expresses 'deep concern'; Governor leaves for Delhi; State says it's in control

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, NEW DELHI, JUNE 9

A DAY after violence in the Basirhat subdivision of North 24 Parganas claimed the lives of two workers of the BJP and one of the Trinamool Congress, the West Bengal government and the Centre were on a collision course with the Union Home Ministry describing the situation on the ground as "a failure of the law enforcement machinery", and the Trinamool Congress saying it "will respond appropriately" to this "political conspiracy".

In an advisory to the West Bengal government, the Ministry of Home Affairs, while



The mother and wife of BJP worker Pradip Mondal who was killed at Bangipara. Partha Paul

expressing "deep concern", said: "The unabated violence over the past weeks appear to be a failure on the part of the law enforcement machinery of the state to maintain the rule of law and inspire confidence among people."

It asked the state government to not only ensure maintenance of law and order but to also identify and punish "delinquent" officers. "It is strongly advised to ensure that all necessary measures are taken to maintain law and order, peace and public tranquility. It is also requested to take strict action against officials

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## Families recall how men were chased and killed

SANTANU CHOWDHURY  
SANDESHKHALI, JUNE 9

A DAY after two workers of the BJP and one of TMC were killed and another BJP worker went missing, charges flew thick and fast as a pall of gloom descended on two villages under Basirhat subdivision in North 24 Parganas.

At Bangipara village under Sandeshkhali I block, wails of women rang out in the congested locality of single-storey houses. The dead and missing workers of the BJP, related to each other, belonged to the same area. Thirty-five-year-old Padma Mondal, wife of BJP worker Pradip Mondal who was shot dead Saturday, was inconsolable.

Mondal had gone to his in-laws' house for Jamai Shashthi but

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## Pak faces FATF blacklist: Key goals unmet, call for action against Jaish, LeT

SUSHANT SINGH  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 9

THE JOINT Group of Asia Pacific Group (APG) has informed Pakistan that an assessment of its action plan against eight proscribed terror outfits, including Lashkar-e-Tayyaba and Jaish-e-Muhammad, after it was grey-listed by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for terror financing has found that its compliance on 18 of 27 action plans was unsatisfactory.

In its assessment report, sources told *The Indian Express*, APG specifically demanded stringent actionable steps by Pakistan against Da'esh, Al Qaeda, Jamaat-ud Dawa, Falah-i-Insaniyat Foundation, Lashkar-e-Tayyaba, Jaish-e-Muhammad,

## EXPLAINED

### BJP vs TMC just got more intense

THE SATURDAY incident has sharply escalated the situation on the ground in West Bengal where TMC and BJP have been at loggerheads. That the Home Ministry, now headed by Amit Shah, has stepped in, calling it "a failure of the law enforcement machinery", has not gone down well in Kolkata. A new battle is likely.

## Woman at centre of UP video row has guards: To stop her from running away

Mother says her daughter is 'mentally unwell', marriage didn't last 2 weeks

MAULSHREE SETH  
KANPUR, JUNE 9

SITTING IN her two-room house on the first floor of a run-down building in a local market in Kanpur city, the 32-year-old woman — now at the centre of a video row that has led to the arrest of a freelance journalist and an editor and head of a Noida-based channel — watches videos on a loop on her cellphone.

A woman officer of the UP Police's Local Intelligence Office sits in another room while on the ground floor, near a few vegetable

vendors, sits a male constable. They have been here since the video, in which she is heard making claims about Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, was aired by the Noida channel. While the woman says the police personnel are here for her "security", the mother says they have been helpful in "stopping her from running off to Lucknow, now and then".

The woman, her mother says, was married to a Kanpur-based man two years ago, but came home barely 10 days later. Much of the space in the two rooms is

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Sealed office of the TV channel in Noida that aired the video

## 3 arrested by UP police in judicial custody, new FIR against a fourth

MANISH SAHU,  
AMIL BHATNAGAR &  
SOMYA LAKHANI  
LUCKNOW, NEW DELHI, JUNE 9

A DAY after they were arrested for allegedly making "objectionable comments" and "propagating defamatory content" against Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, freelance journalist Prashant Kanojia, Ishika Singh, head of a Noida-based news channel, and Anuj Shukla, one of

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### LUCKNOW'S LONG ARM

Arrests of three by UP police for a tweet and a video are an attack on free speech — they need a strong rebuff PAGE 10

the editors of the channel, were remanded in judicial custody.

Amidst these arrests, another

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## TERROR CAN'T DEFEAT LANKA: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at St Anthony's Church in Colombo, Sunday. The church was among the sites targeted by the Easter Sunday bombers. PTI REPORT, PAGE 6

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WAY FORWARD IN KASHMIR  
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