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Suvendu Adhikari CM Oath Ceremony



BJP supporters gather outside Brigade Parade Ground ahead of the swearing-in ceremony of party leader Suvendu Adhikari as he becomes West Bengal's first party Chief Minister, in Kolkata, Saturday.

Suvendu Adhikari Takes Oath As BJP's First Bengal Chief Minister

Kolkata, 9 May : Suvendu Adhikari must have waited for this day his entire life, at least the political career part of it. Today, the BJP leader took oath as West Bengal Chief Minister after his party won the assembly election in this eastern state for the first time in its tumultuous electoral history, from the hands of the communists to Mamata Banerjee's activism-esque style that lasted 15 years. Adhikari once served as an aide to a proud and unstoppable Banerjee, then chief minister, when she steered the Trinamool Congress ship.

Fast forward to this very moment, Adhikari has settled himself on the cushy seat once occupied by the same person who he played aide to. It's quite likely that in the current context no other leader in Bengal has a more dramatic, almost stardom-like ascension than Adhikari's story. Consider these, all in the former sense: aide to a defeated chief minister, senior guide to the Trinamool Congress, hero to voters in Nandigram and Bhabanipur. Like the Roman general who returned for justice. Today is more than just Adhikari's day. Today is also more than just a dream-comes-true day for the

BJP. The attendance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the new chief minister's oath-taking tells how significant is this turn in Bengal's political destiny, irrespective of ideologies, winners and losers. Adhikari's initial team has some big names: Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Ashok Kirtania, Kshudiram Tudu, and Nishith Pramanik, all of whom took oath today, which is also the birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Asia's first Nobel laureate. Governor RN Ravi - the former Intelligence Bureau officer with a vast experience.

Bengal Bows to a New Political Wave: Narendra Modi's Humble Gesture Sparks Saffron Surge Across Kolkata

Kolkata, 9 May : Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a gesture of thanks to the people of West Bengal for propelling the BJP to power for the first time in the state's assembly, bowed to them today for their support. The prime minister began his long gesture of thanks by waving at the cheering crowds from a podium with red carpeting. A line of leaders including Suvendu Adhikari, who took oath as Bengal's first chief minister from the BJP, and five others who formed the state's initial cabinet, flanked the prime minister to his right. Then, seconds later, PM Modi knelt down slowly and bowed before the crowds, his hands extended to the front and firmly planted on the ground. The prime minister had spent considerable time campaigning in Bengal ahead of



the election. Shah also put in long, hard hours to ensure a BJP win with numerous roadshows and rallies. Today is more than just Adhikari's day. Today is also more than just a dream-comes-true day for the BJP. The attendance of PM Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the new chief minister's oath-taking tells how significant is this turn in Bengal's.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi with West Bengal Governor RN Ravi, State Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari and BJP MLAs Agnimitra Paul, Nishith Pramanik, Kshudiram Tudu, and others, during the oath-taking ceremony as party forms government in the state for the first time, at Brigade Parade Ground in Kolkata, West Bengal, on May 9 Saturday.

"Tagore Lives Forever in India's Soul": PM Narendra Modi's Emotional Tribute Sparks Nationwide Cultural Reverence

Kolkata, 9 May: Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid glowing tribute to Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore, describing him as the "eternal voice of India's soul" whose thoughts, literature and vision continue to inspire generations across the nation and beyond. In a heartfelt message shared on the occasion of Tagore's birth anniversary, the Prime Minister said that Gurudev's ideals of humanity, patriotism, education and cultural unity remain deeply relevant in modern India. Modi praised Tagore for shaping India's intellectual and spiritual identity through timeless creations such as Gitanjali, patriotic songs and philosophical writings that transcended borders. Calling Tagore "a guiding light for India's civilizational consciousness," Modi stated that the poet's words continue to awaken national pride and emotional unity among millions. He also highlighted Tagore's immense contribution to art, music, education and social reform, saying that his legacy stands above politics and generations. Across West Bengal and several parts of the country, cultural or-

ganisations, educational institutions and literary groups observed the day with songs, poetry recitations and commemorative events dedicated to the legendary poet. Special programmes celebrating Tagore's life and philosophy were held in Kolkata's cultural circles, where tributes poured in from leaders, artists and scholars. Political observers noted that the



Prime Minister's message carried strong emotional resonance in Bengal, where Tagore remains not merely a literary icon but a symbol of Bengali identity and pride. As tributes flooded social media, many users described Tagore as the timeless bridge between India's tradition and

modernity — a sentiment echoed strongly in Modi's message to the nation. Heavy police deployment was seen near key government buildings, Raj Bhavan, and major political offices amid fears of unrest. In a strongly worded communication, the Governor emphasized that constitutional procedures would be followed strictly and hinted that alternative political options could now be explored if no party demonstrates a stable majority soon. The statement has fueled speculation about possible President's Rule, a fresh alliance reshuffle, or even another floor test in the Assembly. Political analysts believe the crisis could reshape Tamil Nadu politics dramatically, especially with regional parties scrambling to secure strategic alliances. The coming 48 hours are expected to be crucial as negotiations intensify behind the scenes. Meanwhile, ordinary citizens across Chennai expressed concern over governance paralysis, with administrative decisions and policy announcements reportedly slowing amid the uncertainty.

Israel attacks Lebanon again, violating ceasefire; at least 20 killed

New Delhi, 9 May: Violating the ceasefire, Israel has once again launched attacks on Lebanon. Since Thursday, relentless attacks have been ongoing across various townships in southern Lebanon. A statement issued by Lebanon's Ministry of Health reported that four people were killed in an attack on Friday; two of the victims were women. In a separate attack, reports indicate the deaths of two children, a medical worker, and a rescue worker. Another statement from the country's health ministry specifically cited the deaths of 11 people across just three villages in the Nabatieh district. All told, the specter of war looms once again over West Asia. On February 28, following a joint US-Israeli attack on Iran, Hezbollah—the Tehran-backed armed group in Lebanon—erupted in fury. Fueled by a desire for retaliation, they began shelling Israel. Tel Aviv re-

sponded in kind, launching missile and airstrikes across vast areas, including the Lebanese capital, Beirut. However, those attacks have yet to cease. India, along with 30 other nations, has expressed deep concern regarding this situation. The death



toll in Lebanon resulting from Israeli attacks has now surpassed 2,000. Recently, US President Donald Trump had even announced a ceasefire agreement between Lebanon and Israel. One of the primary reasons for the failure to establish peace in Lebanon is

the ongoing conflict between Iran and the United States, as the two nations have yet to reach a diplomatic resolution. Through intermediaries, Tehran has conveyed to Washington that two conditions must be met before it agrees to engage in nuclear negotiations. First, hostilities must cease completely in both Iran and Lebanon; furthermore, assurances must be provided to prevent the recurrence of any fresh conflicts. Second, the blockade currently imposed by the United States in the Strait of

Hormuz must be lifted. However, the necessary conditions for such a resolution have yet to materialize. Consequently, there appears to be little prospect of the conflict subsiding; on the contrary, Israel is once again intensifying the ferocity of its attacks. A spokesperson for the Iranian military asserted that U.S. forces struck Iranian territory and also targeted two vessels entering the Strait of Hormuz. The White House, however, maintains that their strikes were directed solely at Iranian military bases used to launch attacks against warships transiting the Strait of Hormuz. Speaking to reporters, U.S. President Donald Trump claimed that American forces had successfully repelled the Iranian attacks. He also issued a stern warning to Tehran to refrain from any future acts of provocation. "If Iran does not agree to a deal soon," he declared, "we will launch even harsher attacks."

"Bengal's Biggest Political Upset": Suvendu Adhikari Defeats Mamata Banerjee in Her Bastion: Amit Shah

Kolkata, 9 May : In what is being described as one of the most dramatic political developments in recent Indian politics, senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari has reportedly emerged victorious against West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee in her own political stronghold, triggering intense reactions across the country. Reacting to the development, Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that the result has created a "political storm across India," calling it a turning point in Bengal politics and a major boost for the BJP's national momentum. The high-voltage contest had gripped national attention for weeks, with fierce campaigning, massive rallies, and sharp exchanges dominating the political atmosphere. Political analysts believe the result could significantly alter the balance of power in West Bengal and reshape opposition politics ahead of future national battles. Supporters of Suvendu Adhikari celebrated



across several districts, waving party flags and chanting slogans, while opposition camps described the result as a major setback for the ruling establishment. Security was tightened in multiple sensitive areas following the announcement of the outcome. Addressing party workers after the victory, BJP leaders claimed the mandate reflected public anger over governance issues and signaled the beginning of a "new political era" in Bengal. Meanwhile, leaders from the Trinamool Congress vowed to continue their political fight, insisting that the battle for Bengal is far from

over. With the political temperature soaring, all eyes are now on the next moves from both camps as the state enters a fresh phase of intense political confrontation. Sources within the ruling camp indicate that legal options are now being actively explored, including a possible move to the Supreme Court challenging several aspects of the electoral process and post-result developments. The mere indication of a potential apex court battle has added a new constitutional dimension to Bengal's already volatile political atmosphere. Senior Trinamool leaders rallied behind Mamata, insisting that the mandate does

not mark the end of her political career and accusing the opposition of attempting to create "administrative instability" in the state. Meanwhile, BJP leaders intensified pressure on the outgoing regime, claiming that the people of Bengal had voted decisively for "complete political change." The developments have sparked massive speculation over the future leadership of the Trinamool Congress, internal strategy meetings, and the possibility of a prolonged legal and political confrontation in both Kolkata and New Delhi. As Bengal braces for a turbulent transition phase, all eyes are now on Mamata Banerjee's next move — whether it will be a political counterattack on the streets or a constitutional showdown in the Supreme Court. The remarks come amid heightened political activity in West Bengal following closely contested elections, with leaders from multiple parties interpreting the results as a turning point in the state's political trajectory.