

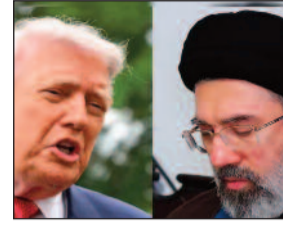
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## Chief Minister Shubhendu at Nabanna for the First Time; Accorded a 'Guard of Honour'

**Kolkata, 11 May :** Suwendu Adhikari begins his tenure as the ninth Chief Minister of Bengal. On Monday, he set foot in Nabanna—the state secretariat—for the first time since assuming the office of Chief Minister. The new Chief Minister was accorded a 'Guard of Honour' on this day. With the aim of realizing the dream of building a 'Sonar Bangla' (Golden Bengal), he is scheduled to hold his first cabinet meeting this very Monday. Chief Minister Suwendu is slated to conduct a total of three meetings today. Earlier in the morning, having left his residence in Chinar Park, he visited the home of State President Samik Bhattacharya around 9:30 AM. Locals welcomed him with garlands of flowers. Subsequently, accompanied by Samik, Suwendu traveled to the State BJP headquarters in the same vehicle. The party office in Salt Lake was decked up to welcome him. He was ceremonially received at the State BJP office with flowers and traditional \*Baran-dalas\* (ceremonial trays). He was welcomed with a garland comprising 207 lotus flowers. Women, holding traditional winning fans (\*kulos\*), greeted Suwendu upon his arrival. Here, Suwendu concluded a round of organizational meetings.



Having finished his organizational engagements, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari proceeded to Nabanna, where he was accorded a 'Guard of Honour.' The new Chief Minister then proceeded to his office situated on the 14th floor. Meanwhile, the five newly elected ministers—Dilip Ghosh, Agnimitra Paul, Khudiram Tudu, Ashok Kirtania, and Nishith Pramanik—had already arrived at Nabanna. Today marks the first cabinet meeting of the new BJP government. It has been reported that Suwendu Adhikari will conduct three administrative meetings at Nabanna today: first with the secretaries, followed by a meeting with the District Magistrates, and finally, in the

afternoon, with police officials. According to sources, the Director General of State Police, the Commissioner of Kolkata Police, and other high-ranking officials from various zones across the state will be present at these meetings. Prior to this, on Sunday, the Kolkata and Howrah police forces conducted a thorough review of the security arrangements at Nabanna. Kolkata Police Commissioner Ajay Nand and his Howrah counterpart, Akhilesh Chaturvedi, arrived at Nabanna accompanied by several other senior police officials. Under the leadership of the two Commissioners, the police force first inspected the Nabanna premises. A detailed, on-the-

spot assessment was conducted to determine the nature of the security cover for Chief Minister Suwendu at Nabanna, as well as the specific security protocols for the meeting hall where he is scheduled to hold his sessions. Subsequently, police officials also held an emergency security meeting in the conference hall at Nabanna. According to Assembly sources, the wooden chair in which Mamata Banerjee sat for the past decade and a half has now been transferred to the chamber of the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. As per protocol, furniture and other equipment used by a former Chief Minister are removed in the interest of administrative efficiency. Since the Trinamool Congress now occupies the opposition benches, this specific chair has been allocated to the leader of their legislative party. After being sworn in as Chief Minister, Suwendu Adhikari made it clear that he would not use the chair previously occupied by his predecessor. A completely new chair and set of furniture have been arranged for him within the Chief Minister's chamber. The nameplate bearing Mamata Banerjee's name has already been removed from outside the Chief Minister's chamber in the Assembly.

## CM Shubhendu announced the first cabinet meeting that the issue pending DA for state government employees would be discussed.

**Kolkata, 11 May :** Following the first cabinet meeting on Monday, Suwendu stated, "We will hold another meeting. Issues such as the situation at R.G. Kar Hospital, instances of violence against women, institutional corruption, as well as matters concerning the Pay Commission, salary arrears, and Dearness Allowance (DA), will be discussed in the next cabinet meeting." Suwendu also explained why these matters were not addressed during Monday's session. He remarked, "We haven't had much time to oversee government operations yet. Monday marked the first working day since the formation of the government. The Cabinet reached these decisions [on Monday] based on the documents that were already prepared." Notably, during Monday's session, the new state cabinet adopted several key decisions, including extending the upper age limit for government job applications by five years, allocating land to the BSF for border fencing, and integrating West Bengal into the Ayushman Bharat scheme. In the wake of these decisions, questions have arisen regarding when



state government employees will receive their pending Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears. During the election campaign, the BJP had offered assurances on this matter, pledging that—should they form the government in the state—they would implement the Dearness Allowance at Central Government rates and introduce the 7th Pay Commission within 45 days. A prolonged standoff regarding the Dearness Allowance for state government employees has been ongoing for quite some time. In 2018, following numerous appeals and petitions, the then Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced a 15 percent Dearness Allowance for government employees. However, her "meow-meow, bow-wow" remark at the time

sparked a major controversy, with the opposition accusing her of insensitivity. Even the Calcutta High Court termed the remark "unfortunate." The conflict between the government and its employees over pending DA arrears has also intensified. A section of teachers took to the streets to stage protests—a movement to which Suwendu extended his support. At the time, Suwendu—then the Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly—even advised the protesting government employees to padlock the doors of their respective offices. The Supreme Court has not yet issued a final, definitive order mandating the immediate disbursement of pending DA arrears; the case remains sub judice and has undergone hearings at various stages.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari with other BJP leaders, Monday.

## 'Mama' Himanta Forms Government in Assam for the Third Time; Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu to Attend Swearing-in Ceremony

**Kolkata, 11 May:** Himanta Biswa Sarma is forming the government in Assam for the third time. He will take oath on Tuesday. The newly elected Chief Minister of Bengal, Subhendu Adhikari, has been invited to the ceremony. It is learned that he will participate in Himanta's oath-taking ceremony. [Dear readers, the news has just reached us. We have informed you of the information available in it. We will inform you in detail about this important news in a while. Please refresh this page again later, so that you can know the complete news and other details of the news. We have requested this time from you. It should also be mentioned that recently various kinds of fake news have been circulating on the net. We are as careful as possible in presenting news in this regard. It is our duty to verify the veracity of any news and then deliver it to you. Please stay with us, your help in presenting accurate and factual news is sincerely desired., "I alone shall remain at the center of power. There will be no one else but me. I alone will be accountable for the

government's policies. The previous DMK government has left us burdened with a debt of ₹10 lakh crore. If you grant me this opportunity and continue to extend your support in this manner, we will strive to fulfill every single promise we have made." He further clarified that the TVK-led government in



Tamil Nadu would not yield to any pressure to follow the dictates of coalition partners. Meanwhile, the Southern superstar also delivered a special message directly to his fans. He invoked a popular Tamil phrase—"En Nenjil Kudiyrukkum"—meaning, "Those who

reside in my heart." He added, "You are my very life. I will work solely for your well-being. Without you, I am nothing." From the Chief Minister's seat, Vijay announced that the people of Tamil Nadu would receive up to 200 units of electricity free of charge. He also announced the formation of a specialized women's security force to ensure the safety and security of women across the state. Simultaneously, Vijay affirmed that strict measures would be implemented to curb drug abuse. Furthermore, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu stated that special attention would be directed toward critical sectors such as education, food supply, and healthcare. Reassuring the people of Tamil Nadu, he declared, "From now on, the administration in this state will function with complete transparency. The new government is committed to fulfilling every promise outlined in our election manifesto." Notably, nine other individuals took the oath alongside Vijay on this day. According to sources, they are set to receive ministerial portfolios.

## Nuclear Strike Kim Dies in Foreign Attack! North Korea Alters Policy, Drawing Lessons from Iran

**New Delhi, 11 May:** North Korea Alters Nuclear Policy, Drawing Lessons from Iran. According to media reports, North Korea has announced that it will launch a retaliatory nuclear strike if its leader, Kim Jong Un, is killed in an attack by a foreign state. This measure has been adopted specifically to ensure that no legal impediments hinder such a retaliatory nuclear strike. Furthermore, this move serves as a preemptive warning intended to deter any nation from daring to launch an attack against them. According to international media sources, the proposal to amend the nuclear policy was tabled during the 15th session of North Korea's Supreme People's Assembly, where it received official ratification from the country's administrative authorities. The new policy stipulates that the nation's entire nuclear arsenal will be under the absolute control of its leader, Kim Jong Un. The new policy also outlines, in

comprehensive detail, the specific measures to be taken in the event of any form of attack directed against him. Article 3 of the new nuclear policy states that if attacks are launched against the country's nuclear program—including its nuclear research facilities—there shall be no restric-



tions on launching a retaliatory nuclear strike against the adversary. The policy further asserts that should the nation's leader be killed or incapacitated as a result of an attack by a foreign power, the country will launch a retaliatory nuclear

strike against the enemy. Reports suggest that the North Korean administration adopted this measure after drawing lessons from the situation involving Iran. Notably, Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, was killed on February 28 in a joint attack carried out by the

United States and Israel. The U.S. took this action shortly after issuing a stern warning demanding the cessation of Iran's nuclear program. Consequently, the entire West Asian region is currently engulfed in the flames of war. The United States has also

kept a watchful eye on North Korea for a considerable period; however, given that North Korea is a nuclear-armed power, the U.S. has refrained from taking the risk of launching a direct military strike. It is widely believed that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un amended the country's nuclear policy with the specific objective of preventing a scenario similar to that of Iran from unfolding within his own nation. As the vessel was made of wood, the situation escalated rapidly and took a dire turn within moments. The impact of the incident caused the trawler to capsize. One sailor on board lost his life, while four others sustained burn injuries. Another vessel present in the vicinity at the time of the incident rushed to the scene and rescued the sailors. It is reported that there were a total of 18 people on board the trawler. However, the exact cause of the fire remains unclear.

## Lakshmir Bhandar and unemployment allowances will be available; Chief Minister designate Suwendu stated

**Kolkata, 11 May :** Will the social welfare schemes of the previous administration—such as \*Lakshmir Bhandar\* and \*Swasthya Sathi\*—be discontinued? Following the change of government in Bengal, this has become the million-dollar question. However, after the first cabinet meeting held at Nabanna, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari dispelled the apprehensions weighing on the minds of the general public. He categorically declared, "The benefits of no government scheme will be discontinued." Following the inaugural cabinet meeting, Suwendu stated clearly, "The benefits of every government scheme will continue. However, transparency will be introduced in every instance. No deceased individual will receive scheme benefits. Furthermore, no 'non-Indian' national will be granted access to the benefits of these social welfare schemes." On Monday, following the first cabinet meeting at Nabanna, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari



announced that, effective immediately, Bengal would come under the ambit of the \*Ayushman Bharat\* scheme. Additionally, he outlined six significant decisions taken during the meeting. A total of six crucial decisions were adopted during the cabinet's inaugural session held today. These are as follows: First Decision: The State Government has assumed full responsibility for the families of the 321 deceased BJP workers whose ultimate sacrifice paved the way for the establishment of this government. Second Decision: The demographic landscape of the state has

undergone a shift; consequently, border security has become a matter of paramount importance. Within the next 45 days, land will be handed over to the BSF to facilitate the erection of barbed-wire fencing along the border. Third Decision: The State has formally aligned itself with various Central Government schemes, such as \*Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao\*, \*Vishwakarma Yojana\*, and \*Ayushman Bharat\*. Fourth Decision: Previously, IPS and IAS officers serving in the state administration were barred from participating in training programs organized

by the Central Government; henceforth, they will be permitted to participate should they choose to do so. Fifth Decision: The Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita comes into force in the state starting today. Until now, the IPC had been in effect in Bengal unconstitutionally. Sixth Decision: The upper age limit for applicants seeking government jobs has been raised by five years. Meanwhile, earlier this morning, the Chief Minister held a meeting with Suwendu Adhikari (Chief Secretary), Dushyant Narijala (Home Secretary), Siddhinath Gupta (State Police DG), and Ajay Nanda (Kolkata Police Commissioner). He convened this meeting with the objective of ensuring peace and security within the state. They were accompanied by several other senior police officials. Led by the two Commissioners, the police team first conducted a thorough inspection of the Nabanna premises, gathering detailed information regarding the existing security.