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## “Touch A Policeman And I Won't Stay Silent Any more”: Suvendu Adhikari Issues Sharp Warning

**Suvendu Adhikari Escalates Political Heat With Strong Remarks On Police Safety**

Kolkata, 18 May : A fresh political storm erupted in West Bengal after senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari delivered a fiery warning over alleged attacks on police personnel. Addressing party workers and supporters at a public gathering, Adhikari declared that the days of “sitting quietly in air-conditioned rooms” were over if police officers continued to face violence on the ground. The Leader of Opposition accused the ruling establishment of allowing lawlessness to grow and claimed that police personnel were increasingly becoming targets during political clashes and protests. In a strongly worded speech, he said the administration must ensure the safety and dignity of the police force, warning that the opposition would not remain passive if attacks continued. His remarks quickly triggered sharp political reactions across the state. BJP leaders backed Adhikari's statement, arguing that violence against police officers reflects a breakdown of governance and public order. Meanwhile, leaders from the ruling camp criticized the speech, accusing him of attempting to escalate political tensions ahead of upcoming political battles in the state. The statement has intensified the already heated political atmosphere in West Bengal, where clashes between rival political groups have frequently dom-



inated headlines. Political observers believe the issue could become a major talking point in the coming months as both sides seek to consolidate public support. Security and law-and-order concerns continue to remain central themes in Bengal politics, with both the BJP and the ruling party trading allegations over violence, policing and administrative control. The initiative is expected to commence on June 1. The first administrative meeting of the BJP government in Bengal was held at Diamond Harbour in the South 24 Parganas district. Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari was present at this meeting. Following the session, the Chief Minister delivered a clear message: the police must discharge their duties in strict compliance with the

\*Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita\*. He unequivocally declared that there would be no tolerance for political violence or extortion rackets in Bengal. Furthermore, he emphasized that there would be absolutely no compromise regarding the safety and security of women. He directed the police to take stringent action against anyone found to have demanded or accepted “cut-money” (illegal commissions) in exchange for facilitating access to government welfare schemes. He stipulated that evidence of such transactions—specifically records of on-line payments or documents proving bank account transfers—must be submitted as proof. The accused will be arrested once the relevant documents are received. However, the Chief Minister simultaneously issued a re-

minder that no one should make any false allegations. The Chief Minister also conveyed the message that government property must not be damaged in any way, nor should any physical harm be inflicted upon any police personnel. He is a man who harbors no desire for any political office. Today, Mithunda is the true architect behind the BJP's rise to power in Bengal. Suvendu Adhikari further revealed that it was Mithun Chakraborty who had initially expressed a desire to meet him. However, Suvendu had replied, “Mithunda, the Chief Minister you helped create will personally come to you to seek a meeting.” On this occasion, the Chief Minister also respectfully recalled Mithun Chakraborty's tireless efforts over the past six years to bring about change in Bengal, as well as his immense popularity across the nation. Suvendu Adhikari has reacted sharply to attacks on the police and the prevailing law-and-order situation. Addressing a public rally, he declared, “The days when the police are physically assaulted while I sit idly in an air-conditioned room are over.” This remark has sparked fresh tension within the state's political landscape. The Leader of the Opposition asserted that law and order is deteriorating across various parts of the state.

## Suvendu Adhikari Announces Two Powerful Commissions

Kolkata, 18 May : Separate Panels To Investigate Crimes Against Women And Institutional Corruption Across The State in a major political and administrative move, Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday announced the formation of two separate high-level commissions aimed at tackling two of the state's most alarming concerns — violence against women and deep-rooted institutional corruption. The announcement came during a high-voltage administrative meeting where the Chief Minister delivered a sharp message against lawlessness, bureaucratic misconduct, and political protection networks allegedly operating within government institutions. Declaring that “the era of silence and compromise is over,” Suvendu said the government would now pursue an aggressive accountability-driven governance model. According to officials, the first body — the Women's Safety and Justice Commission — will focus exclusively on cases related to women's harassment, trafficking, domestic violence, workplace abuse, cyber exploitation, and delays in police investigations involving



female victims. The commission is expected to function independently and will have powers to directly recommend action against negligent officials and institutions. The second body — the Institutional Integrity and Anti-Corruption Commission — will investigate corruption allegations involving public offices, recruitment systems, civic bodies, welfare distribution networks, and administrative departments. Sources indicate that retired judges, former police officials, financial auditors, and legal experts may be included in the panel to ensure transparency and credibility. Government Signals Administrative Crackdown—The Chief Minister stated that ordinary citizens have suffered for years due to “fear, corruption, and institutional

apathy,” and that the government can no longer afford to treat these issues as isolated incidents. “Women must feel protected in every district, every police station, and every workplace. At the same time, corruption inside institutions destroys public trust and weakens democracy from within,” Suvendu reportedly said during the meeting. Senior officials believe the move is designed not only to strengthen governance but also to restore public confidence in state institutions amid growing criticism over law-and-order failures and administrative irregularities. Fast-Track Reporting And Public Complaint Mechanism—Government sources revealed that both commissions are likely to introduce dedicated helplines.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, right, offers condolences to BJP leader and former tennis player Leander Paes after paying tributes to his mother Jennifer Paes before her funeral service at St Thomas Church, in Kolkata, West Bengal, Monday.

## Nuclear Submarine For Gwadar?: Explosive Claims Surface Over the Pakistan-China Strategic Bargain

New Delhi, 18 May: A fresh geopolitical controversy has erupted after explosive intelligence-linked claims suggested that Pakistan may be attempting to leverage the strategic Gwadar Port in exchange for advanced Chinese military assets — including possible assistance in nuclear submarine technology. The allegations, which remain officially unverified, have triggered intense debate among defence analysts, diplomats and security observers across Asia. At the centre of the controversy is Pakistan Army chief General Asim Munir, who is now facing accusations from several strategic commentators of deepening Islamabad's military dependence on China at a time when regional tensions remain high in the Indian Ocean and the South China Sea. According to reports circulating in strategic circles,

Pakistan is allegedly seeking expanded Chinese naval co-operation by offering Beijing greater operational influence over Gwadar Port, the crown jewel of the China-Pakistan



Economic Corridor (CPEC). In return, speculation has grown that Islamabad hopes to accelerate its ambitions for a more advanced submarine-based deterrence capability. While neither Pakistan nor China has officially acknowledged any such arrangement, the claims have intensified

concerns in New Delhi and among Western security establishments about the rapid militarisation of the Arabian Sea region. Why Gwadar Matters—Located along Pakistan's

southwestern coast in Balochistan, Gwadar Port occupies one of the world's most strategically sensitive maritime locations. Positioned near the Strait of Hormuz — through which a major share of global oil supplies passes — the port has long been viewed as a potential future

Chinese naval foothold in the Indian Ocean. China has invested billions of dollars into infrastructure, highways, logistics corridors and energy projects linked to Gwadar under the Belt and Road Initiative. However, critics argue that beyond trade and commerce, Beijing's long-term objective could involve military access and maritime dominance. Indian strategic experts have repeatedly warned that Gwadar may eventually evolve into a dual-use facility capable of supporting Chinese naval deployments, submarines and intelligence operations close to India's western coastline. Submarine Ambitions Raise Alarm. Pakistan already operates a growing submarine fleet, including Chinese-built Hangor-class submarines currently under development agreements.

## Modi's Europe Visit Sparks Fresh Minority Rights Row; India Hits Back At Criticism In Netherlands

New Delhi, 18 May: Just days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his high-profile diplomatic engagements in Europe, a fresh controversy has erupted over minority rights and religious freedom in India. During discussions and public forums in the Netherlands, several activists, lawmakers and civil society groups reportedly raised concerns regarding the treatment of minorities in India, triggering a sharp and immediate response from New Delhi. India's Ministry of External Affairs strongly rejected the criticism, calling it “biased, politically motivated and disconnected from ground realities.” Senior Indian officials argued that India remains one of the world's most diverse democracies where constitutional protections for all communities are firmly in place. The diplomatic friction surfaced shortly after Modi's meetings with European leaders focused on trade, technology cooperation, clean energy partnerships and strategic security. While the visit was largely viewed as successful

in strengthening India-Europe relations, the sudden shift toward human rights concerns introduced an uncomfortable political undertone. Sources familiar with the matter stated that certain Dutch parliamentarians and advocacy organisations questioned India's record on



religious freedoms, communal tensions and civil liberties. In response, Indian diplomats accused critics of ignoring India's democratic institutions and judicial mechanisms while amplifying isolated incidents for political purposes. New Delhi also underlined that internal matters concerning law and order or so-

cial harmony should not become subjects of “external commentary.” Officials stressed that India values constructive dialogue but will firmly oppose what it sees as interference in domestic affairs. The controversy has already triggered political reactions back home. Supporters of the government claimed that Western nations frequently apply “double standards” when discussing human rights issues in developing countries, while opposition voices argued that India must engage transparently with global concerns rather than dismiss criticism outright. International observers note that India's growing geopolitical importance has made its domestic policies subject to greater global scrutiny. As India deepens strategic partnerships with Europe and the West, conversations around democracy, free speech and minority protections are likely to remain recurring diplomatic flashpoints. Despite the tension, both India and the Netherlands are expected to continue cooperation in areas including trade.

## Bengal Brings National Education Policy Into Force, Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari Sends Strong Warning To Private Institutions

Kolkata, 18 May : A fresh political and educational debate has erupted in West Bengal after the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) across several academic sectors in the state. Amid growing discussions over curriculum reforms, language policy, fee structures and institutional autonomy, senior BJP leader Suvendu Adhikari issued a sharp warning to private educational institutions, accusing many of prioritizing profit over quality education. Addressing party workers and education stakeholders during a public interaction, Adhikari stated that schools and colleges operating in the name of modern education would not be allowed to “exploit students and parents through unchecked commercial practices.” He alleged that many private institutions have turned education into a “high-cost marketplace” where ordinary middle-class families are struggling to cope with rising admission fees, development charges and hidden ex-



penses. The Leader of Opposition claimed that the implementation of the National Education Policy should focus on improving learning standards, skill development and employment opportunities rather than becoming a tool for corporate expansion in the education sector. According to him, transparency in admissions, teacher recruitment and fee regulation must become mandatory if the reforms are to benefit students genuinely. Adhikari also emphasized the importance of preserving Bengali language and culture within the framework of the new pol-

icy. He argued that while modernization and technological integration are necessary, regional identity and mother-tongue education should not be weakened in the process. His remarks come at a time when debates over language priorities under the NEP continue across several Indian states. Targeting private institutions directly, the BJP leader warned that any attempt to impose “arbitrary fees” or “mental pressure” on students would face public resistance. He further demanded stricter monitoring mechanisms to ensure educational institutions

remain accountable to both parents and the state education system. The implementation of the National Education Policy in West Bengal has already triggered mixed reactions among education experts, teachers and political parties. Supporters believe the reforms could modernize classrooms, encourage multidisciplinary learning and improve digital education infrastructure. Critics, however, fear that unequal access to resources may widen the gap between urban private schools and government-run rural institutions. Political observers believe the issue could emerge as a major electoral and social debate in the coming months, especially as education continues to remain one of the most emotionally charged subjects for families across Bengal. With both the state government and opposition sharpening their positions, the battle over education policy is now moving far beyond classrooms and into the center of Bengal's political discourse.