

Naxalism Eradicated From India Before March 31 Deadline: Amit Shah

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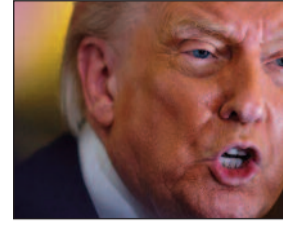
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Falta Gets Mega Development Push: Chief Minister Unveils Massive Special Package in State Budget

Kolkata, 19 May : In one of the most significant regional development announcements of the year, the state government has unveiled a massive special package for Falta, signaling what many political observers are calling a "mega masterstroke" ahead of the next phase of Bengal's economic transformation. The announcement, made by the Chief Minister during the state budget presentation, focuses on industrial revival, infrastructure modernization, employment generation, and long-term urban development in the strategically important Falta region. The ambitious package is expected to reshape Falta into a major industrial and logistics hub over the coming years, with large-scale investments planned across transportation, manufacturing, river connectivity, MSME growth, and social infrastructure. The move is also being viewed as an attempt to position South Bengal as a powerful economic growth corridor capable of attracting both domestic and international investment. Government officials stated that the special package will include dedicated funds for road expansion projects, modernization of industrial estates, improved electricity networks, digital infrastructure, drainage systems, and affordable housing for workers. Several new incentives are also expected to be introduced for small and medium industries willing to establish manufacturing units in the region. Falta has



long held strategic importance because of its industrial estate, proximity to Kolkata, and access to river transport routes. However, despite its potential, the region has struggled with inadequate infrastructure, declining industrial activity, and lack of modern investment over the past decade. The newly announced budget package aims to reverse that trend and create a fresh economic ecosystem centered around manufacturing, logistics, warehousing, food processing, and export-oriented industries. According to senior government sources, one of the primary objectives of the package is employment generation for Bengal's youth. The administration estimates that thousands of direct and indirect jobs could be created once the projects move into full implementation mode. Special skill development centers may also be established to train local youth in industrial opera-

tions, logistics management, technical trades, and digital services. The budget announcement also emphasized connectivity improvements. Plans are reportedly being discussed for widening key arterial roads linking Falta with Kolkata and neighboring districts. Better transport infrastructure is expected to reduce logistics costs and improve supply chain efficiency for businesses operating in the region. Political analysts believe the announcement carries strong electoral significance as well. By focusing on industrial development and job creation, the government appears determined to counter criticism over unemployment and economic stagnation. The Falta package is being projected not merely as a local development initiative, but as a symbol of Bengal's larger industrial revival strategy. Business groups and trade bodies have largely welcomed

the move. Representatives from industry associations said that Falta possesses enormous untapped potential due to its geographic advantages and existing industrial base. If implemented efficiently, they believe the special package could transform the area into one of eastern India's most dynamic industrial zones. However, opposition parties have demanded transparency regarding funding allocation, project timelines, and implementation mechanisms. Critics argue that previous industrial promises in several regions did not fully materialize, and they are calling for strict monitoring to ensure that the new announcements translate into real economic outcomes. Economists note that the success of the Falta package will ultimately depend on execution speed, investor confidence, land management policies, and coordination between multiple government departments. Still, many agree that the scale of the announcement marks one of the biggest regional development commitments seen in recent state budgets. As the political and economic spotlight now turns toward Falta, the coming months will determine whether the Chief Minister's ambitious budgetary gamble becomes a genuine turning point for Bengal's industrial future—or another high-profile promise facing the challenge of implementation. Following the session, the Chief Minister delivered a clear message.

Bhabanipur Battle Intensifies: Suwendu Adhikari to Open MLA Offices in Seven Wards, One Ward Mysteriously Left Out

Kolkata, 19 May : In a politically significant move that is already triggering intense discussion across Bengal's political circles, Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari is preparing to launch a major grassroots expansion drive in Bhabanipur by opening MLA-style public assistance offices across seven wards of the constituency. However, what has attracted the most attention is not just the expansion itself—but the deliberate exclusion of one specific ward from the plan. According to political sources, the initiative is designed to strengthen the opposition's direct connection with local residents ahead of the next electoral cycle. The proposed offices are expected to function as public grievance centres, offering residents direct access to party representatives, assistance with civic complaints, government scheme-related issues, documentation problems, and local infrastructure concerns. The move is being viewed as an aggressive attempt by the opposition to deepen its organisational roots inside one of Bengal's most politically symbolic constituencies



— Bhabanipur, long considered a high-profile political battleground in Kolkata. A New Political Model in Bhabanipur Unlike traditional party offices, these new centres are expected to operate with a structured public interface system. Sources indicate that each office may include: Dedicated complaint desks Public outreach volunteers Civic issue coordination teams Digital grievance tracking systems Booth-level political coordination Scheduled public hearing sessions Most notably, a separate phone number is expected to be assigned for each ward office so that residents can directly report local issues without visiting the office physically. Party insiders claim the helpline model is aimed at projecting a "24x7 accessible

opposition structure" inside the constituency. Political analysts believe this reflects a strategic shift from symbolic opposition politics to hyper-local issue-based mobilisation. The Ward That Was Left Out The biggest political mystery surrounding the announcement is the exclusion of one ward from the proposed expansion blueprint. While official explanations remain unclear, the omission has already sparked speculation inside political and media circles. Some observers believe the excluded ward may have internal organisational complications, while others suspect that the decision could be linked to electoral calculations, factional equations, or demographic strategies. Opposition leaders have so far avoided giving a direct explanation, further fueling curiosity. Local political workers say the omission has become the central talking point in Bhabanipur, with many questioning whether the decision reflects deeper strategic tensions within the constituency. Direct Challenge to the Ruling Establishment Bhabanipur carries enormous symbolic value in Bengal politics.



West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari holds a roadshow in support of BJP candidate for the Falta constituency, Debangshu Panda, on the final day of campaigning for the May 21 repoll, in South 24 Parganas.

The Supreme Court Rejects Review Petition on the Euthanasia of Aggressive Dogs; Ruling Stands Firm

New Delhi, 19 May: Legal Debate Over Stray Dog Management Intensifies After Top Court's Decision In a significant development that has reignited nationwide debate on animal control and public safety, the Supreme Court of India has dismissed a review petition challenging its earlier ruling that permits euthanasia in cases involving dangerously aggressive dogs when deemed necessary. The petition had sought reconsideration of the court's stance on allowing "euthanasia" or humane killing of severely violent stray dogs, arguing that the directive could lead to misuse and undermine broader animal welfare protections. However, the apex court refused to reopen the matter, effectively upholding its original judgment. Court Maintains Balance Between Public Safety and Animal Welfare The Supreme Court's earlier ruling had emphasized the need to balance two critical concerns: the safety of citizens and the ethical treatment of animals. It clarified that euthanasia should not be treated as a routine measure, but rather as

an extreme step reserved for exceptional cases where a dog poses a proven and uncontrollable threat to human life. By rejecting the review petition, the court has reaffirmed that its interpretation stands unless changed through proper legal or legislative channels. Strong Reactions



from Animal Rights Groups Following the verdict, animal welfare organizations expressed disappointment, warning that such rulings may encourage indiscriminate targeting of stray dogs rather than focusing on sterilization, vaccination, and rehabilitation programs. Several activists argued that India should prioritize

long-term animal management strategies aligned with humane practices rather than resorting to lethal control measures, except in the most unavoidable circumstances. Public Safety Concerns Remain Central On the other hand, many residents and civic groups have supported the court's original position, citing rising incidents of dog attacks in urban and semi-urban areas. They argue that authorities need clearer legal backing to deal with dangerously aggressive animals that cannot be rehabilitated. Municipal bodies are expected to continue working under existing animal control guidelines, which include capture, sterilization, vaccination, and sheltering, with euthanasia reserved strictly for extreme and certified cases. A Continuing Legal and Ethical Debate The issue has once again highlighted the ongoing tension between animal rights and public safety in India's rapidly urbanizing environment. Legal experts suggest that the matter could eventually require a comprehensive policy framework from the government.

Amid Wars in Iran and Ukraine, Putin's Planned India Visit in September Signals a Shifting Global Power Equation

New Delhi, 19 May: As global tensions continue to intensify—from the ongoing war in Ukraine to escalating instability in parts of the Middle East, including Iran—the international diplomatic landscape is entering a phase of rapid realignment. Against this backdrop, reports of Russian President Vladimir Putin's scheduled visit to India in September are drawing significant attention from geopolitical observers. While no official confirmation has fully detailed the itinerary, the potential visit comes at a time when the world is deeply fragmented into competing strategic blocs. The conflicts involving Ukraine and rising tensions around Iran have already reshaped global energy markets, defense alignments, and diplomatic priorities. India, maintaining a carefully balanced foreign policy, finds itself increasingly positioned as a crit-

ical diplomatic bridge between competing global powers. The expected engagement with Vladimir Putin is therefore being interpreted not merely as a bilateral meeting, but as part of a broader strate-



gic recalibration involving the global order. A World Divided by Conflict The war in Ukraine continues to dominate Western security concerns, leading to prolonged sanctions on Moscow and reshaping NATO's long-term posture. Meanwhile, instability surrounding Iran has added

further volatility to an already fragile Middle Eastern security environment. Together, these conflicts have contributed to a world increasingly defined by rival power centers rather than a unified

international system. Energy supply chains, arms trade routes, and diplomatic alliances are being continuously restructured. India's Strategic Balancing Act India's foreign policy approach has remained focused on strategic autonomy, maintaining engagement with both Western powers and

Russia. A potential visit by Vladimir Putin is expected to reinforce longstanding defense and energy cooperation between New Delhi and Moscow. At the same time, India continues to expand its economic and technological partnerships with the United States, Europe, and Indo-Pacific allies, carefully avoiding alignment with any single geopolitical bloc. Why the Visit Matters Now If confirmed, the timing of the visit is particularly significant. With global conflicts escalating and diplomatic trust eroding in several regions, high-level engagements like this often serve multiple purposes beyond formal agreements. Analysts suggest that discussions may focus on energy security, defense cooperation, regional stability, and trade mechanisms that bypass sanction-heavy environments.

The More I Rise, the Louder the Radical Forces Scream: CM Suwendu Adhikari Launches Sharp Political Attack

Suwendu Adhikari Targets "Jamaati Mindset" Ahead of Bengal Poll

Kolkata, 19 May : In yet another explosive political statement that is expected to intensify the already heated atmosphere in West Bengal politics, Suwendu Adhikari launched a fierce verbal attack against what he described as "Jamaati forces" operating within the state's political ecosystem. Speaking at a high-voltage political gathering, Adhikari declared that the "more he emerges as a potential Chief Ministerial face, the more uncomfortable and aggressive extremist-minded groups become." His remarks instantly triggered sharp political reactions across party lines and reignited the debate surrounding identity politics, minority appeasement, and ideological polarization in Bengal. "The louder their irritation becomes, the clearer it is that the political ground beneath them is shaking," Adhikari reportedly said while addressing supporters. The statement was

seen by many as a direct political message aimed at both the ruling establishment and organizations he accuses of influencing Bengal's electoral dynamics through religious polarization. The Leader of



Opposition has repeatedly alleged that radical elements are gaining indirect political protection in the state, a charge strongly denied by the ruling dispensation. His latest comments appear to be part of a broader strategy to consolidate nationalist and anti-appeasement narratives ahead of future elections. Political ob-

servers believe Adhikari's remarks are carefully calibrated to energize the BJP's core support base in Bengal, particularly in districts where communal polarization and border-security issues remain

politically sensitive topics. Over the last few years, he has increasingly positioned himself as one of the most aggressive anti-government voices in the state, frequently accusing the administration of encouraging vote-bank politics. The comments have already sparked outrage among sections of opposition parties

and minority organizations, many of whom accused Adhikari of using divisive rhetoric for electoral gain. Critics argued that such statements risk deepening social fault lines and escalating political hostility in an already polarized environment. However, BJP supporters defended the remarks, claiming Adhikari was speaking against "radicalism" rather than any community. Several party leaders echoed his concerns over what they termed the "growing influence of extremist ideology" in Bengal politics. The timing of the statement is politically significant. With Bengal's political atmosphere gradually shifting toward the next major electoral cycle, rhetoric from both the ruling and opposition camps has become increasingly confrontational. Adhikari's growing visibility within the BJP's Bengal unit has also fueled speculation about his future leadership ambitions.