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Congress High Command to Decide Karnataka Leadership

Siddaramaiah respects Congress high command's decision

Reacting to Veerappa Moily's leadership remarks

D K Shivakumar's future lies with high command

Speculation continues over rotational CM formula

Siddaramaiah avoids commenting on Moily's statement

Party warned against public leadership discussions



the party's central leadership is the sole authority on the matter, and individual opinions hold no significance. Siddaramaiah reiterated that he would abide by the high command's directions, emphasizing that whatever decision is made at the top level will be final. He downplayed Veerappa Moily's comments, stating that the personal opinions of leaders do not determine the party's course of action.

The Chief Minister's reaction comes amid growing speculation within Karnataka's political circles about a possible leadership transition. Reports suggest that a "rotational chief minister" or "power-shar-

ing" formula was discussed when the Congress formed the government after its resounding victory in 2023. Under this reported agreement, Siddaramaiah would serve as Chief Minister for the first half of the term, followed by Shivakumar taking over.

Despite All India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge's warning to party leaders against public discussions on leadership changes, several senior leaders continue to make statements on the matter. Siddaramaiah refrained from directly criticizing Moily but underlined his commitment to following the high command's instructions.

On Sunday, Veerappa Moily claimed that it was a "settled matter" that Shivakumar would eventually become Chief Minister. He insisted that no one could prevent Shivakumar's elevation, calling it only a matter of time. Moily's comments have further fueled the ongoing debate within the party.

D K Shivakumar, who also serves as the Karnataka Congress president, has openly expressed his desire to become Chief Minister, making no secret of his political ambitions. However, Siddaramaiah remains firm that only the party's national leadership will make the final decision, ensuring the matter stays within the party framework.



SC Allows Ranveer Allahbadia to Resume Podcast with Conditions

Podcaster to maintain standards of decency

FIR consolidation plea under court consideration

Interim protection from arrest to continue

Regulatory measures for online content proposed

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The Supreme Court on Monday allowed YouTuber and podcaster Ranveer Allahbadia to resume his show, The Ranveer Show, after receiving an undertaking that he would maintain standards of decency and morality in all future episodes. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N K Singh modified its February 18 order, which had barred Allahbadia from airing any content on YouTube or other platforms after multiple FIRs were registered against him over controversial remarks made during the show India's Got Latent. The court stated that Allahbadia's content should adhere to moral standards that make it suitable for viewers of all age groups. With this condition, Allahbadia can resume podcasting while the legal proceedings continue. Allahbadia's counsel, Advocate Abhinav Chandrachud, argued that stopping his show would severely impact his livelihood and that of his 280 employees. He highlighted that Allahbadia, who interviews well-known personalities from various fields, depends on his content for income and legal representation. The court acknowledged these concerns and modified its previous order, granting Allahbadia interim protection from arrest, which will continue until further orders. The court also directed him to cooperate with the ongoing investigation. Additionally, the Supreme Court expanded the scope of the case, emphasizing the need for regulatory measures to monitor online content while ensuring there is no outright censorship. The bench requested the Solicitor General to propose guidelines balancing Article 19 rights with societal moral standards, to be opened for public consultation.

T Karnataka Development Model Gains Global Recognition: Governor

Karnataka model studied by global experts

Focus on people-centric governance and welfare

Oxford University praises Karnataka development model

UN officials visit state to observe programmes

Governor defends financial stability amid welfare schemes



social, and cultural governance. In addition to sustainable development and green energy initiatives, the model also places significant importance on women empowerment and inclusive growth. The Governor proudly noted that renowned global institutions such as Oxford University have recognised Karnataka's development model. Oxford University's Human Rights Hub blog described it as

"Shining a Light in the Darkness" and "A Blueprint for the World."

Adding further weight to this recognition, Gehlot revealed that senior officials from the United Nations have personally visited Karnataka to observe the implementation of various welfare and development programmes. These international representatives openly commended the state's efforts, further boosting the credibility of Karnataka's approach to governance.

Amid concerns raised by opposition parties and critics about the financial sustainability of the government's ambitious welfare schemes under the Congress administration, the Governor strongly defended the government's policies. He dismissed apprehensions that the guarantee schemes would weaken Karnataka's economy or hinder long-term development, stating that the government has successfully proven such predictions wrong through effective fiscal management and inclusive development.

With global universities and economic experts studying the Karnataka model, the state's innovative approach to governance is now being seen as a potential template for sustainable development across other regions.



We take pride in India's contributions towards preserving, protecting wildlife: PM Modi

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Karnataka BJP to Target Congress Govt in Legislature Session

BJP plans aggressive attack on Congress gov't Focus on corruption, anti-Dalit, anti-BC policies

Session to include Siddaramaiah's 16th budget presentation

BJP to oppose closure of nine universities Allegations of injustice to North Karnataka

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The Karnataka BJP held its legislature party meeting on Monday, where strategies were discussed to aggressively target and hold the Siddaramaiah-led Congress government accountable during the ongoing legislature session. The 15-day session began at Vidhana Soudha with Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot addressing a joint sitting of both Houses. BJP state president B Y Vijayendra made strong remarks against the Congress government, accusing it of being corrupt, anti-Dalit, and anti-backward classes. He called the administration a "zero development government" and

said it had failed to deliver on its promises to the people of Karnataka. Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Vijayendra said the BJP will raise several critical issues, including the Congress government's proposal to close nine universities established during the BJP regime. Citing a shortage of funds, the government has reportedly decided to shut down these institutions, a move the BJP claims will severely impact students and higher education in the state. BJP leaders also accused the Congress of planning to close the horticulture university in Bagalkote and relocate it to Mandya, a move they say discriminates against North Karnataka. Vijayendra vowed to expose the government's alleged bias against the region and fight to protect the interests of students and farmers. The session will also feature Chief Minister Siddaramaiah presenting his 16th state budget on March 7, setting a record for the highest number of budgets presented



by any Karnataka CM. Leader of Opposition R Ashoka also emphasized that the BJP will leave no stone unturned in highlighting the Congress government's failures. He said the party

will effectively use the legislature session to "unmask" the ruling party's corruption, mis-governance, and regional discrimination, ensuring the public knows the truth.