

# Calling illegal, unconstitutional is not correct: Rijiju

NEW DELHI: Parliamentary and Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday slammed the Opposition for calling the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) report on the Waqf Amendment Bill as "illegal and unconstitutional" and said that the committee did its work as per the rule.

Addressing the media at the Parliament House, Rijiju while praising the JPC for "doing a great work" in the last six months, said that those "speaking against this report are dismissing their

own report". He said, "Calling the JPC report as illegal and unconstitutional is not correct. The JPC was formed by all the parties and it is not of one party. This is not just an NDA report. This is Parliament's Joint Parliamentary Committee".

"This report has an importance. If you (Opposition) are speaking against this report then you are dismissing your own report. As far as the report is concerned there can be differences in the opinion within the JPC," the Minister said.

## JPC report on Waqf bill

# Massive uproar in Rajya Sabha

NEW DELHI: The Rajya Sabha on Thursday witnessed chaotic scenes leading to a brief adjournment of the House as Opposition members protested over the 'deletion' of dissent notes to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) report on the Waqf Amendment Bill.

As soon as the report was tabled in the Upper House after the House proceedings began for the day, the Opposition members started protesting against it.

Amid din, the House Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar adjourned the House for 20 minutes.

When the House reassembled after the brief adjournment, Opposition members continued their protests.

Leader of the Opposition (LoP) and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge claimed that the Committee on Waqf Amendment Bill had de-



leted the dissent notes of MPs and included views of people from outside.

He termed the move as unconstitutional, vowing to not allow the passage of such a report.

"If a report is prepared by deleting the dissent note, I condemn it. I will never accept such a farzi (bogus) report," the LoP said.

AAP leader Sanjay Singh also

strongly protested against the 'deletion' of dissent notes.

"I am a member of the committee on the Waqf Bill. In that position I presented my views. You may agree or disagree with our view. But how can you put them in the dustbin? Singh said.

Union Minister of Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju, however, said that none of the dissent notes had been deleted and all of them had been attached to the annexure of the report.

There is no deletion, removal of any part of the report (on Waqf Amendment Bill). Everything is tabled on the floor of the House. The members of Opposition parties are making an unnecessary issue by raising an issue that is not a fact. Dissent notes of all the Opposition members are attached in the appendix of the report," he said.

## CM announces Asia's biggest AI Festival

MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis on Wednesday announced Asia's biggest AI festival, entitled 'Mumbai Tech Week 2025,' in a special meeting with the Tech Entrepreneurs Association of Mumbai (TEAM).

He assured that the government will provide all possible help to boost Mumbai's technology sector. The Chief Minister expressed his resolve to position Mumbai as the 'AI Sandbox of Asia' at the global level through this festival.

## Submit revised proposal: Gadkari

MUMBAI: Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari directed the Maharashtra government to submit a revised proposal to central government for the sugarcane cutting machine. Presiding over a meeting held today in New Delhi, a detailed review of the schemes being implemented in the state from the year 2022-23 was taken. He said that the government has approved purchase of 900 sugarcane cutters under this scheme and so far, 257 eligible beneficiaries in the state have purchased these cutters. Of them, 116 beneficiaries have been distributed the subsidy amount.

Under this scheme, 40

percent of the purchase price of sugarcane cutting machine or a maximum of Rs 35 lakh subsidy is given, he informed.

When Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Advocate Manikrao Kokate made a request to immediately disburse the central government's share of the amount due to remaining 141 beneficiaries, Gadkari directed the state government to amend the scheme and submit a revised proposal to the central government in order to get more benefits of this scheme to the sugarcane farmers, sugarcane cutting labourers' organisations and agricultural companies in the state.

## LG reviews security in Srinagar

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha chaired a high-level security meeting at the Police Control Room (PCR) in Srinagar, directing law enforcement agencies to intensify the efforts to crush terrorism.



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