



Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar inspects the Cauvery 5th stage work, at Harohalli in Bengaluru



Aam Aadmi Party's Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann after dedicating 30 new Aam Aadmi Clinics to the people of Punjab



Delhi Food & Supply Minister Imran Hussain takes charge of the office, in New Delhi



Jammu Kashmir National Conference Omar Abdullah takes a selfie during an election campaign ahead of the J&K Assembly elections

'SC verdict on child pornography to have long-lasting, global impact on society'

Supreme Court says watching, storing child pornography offences under PocsO Act

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court judgment that watching and downloading child pornography are offences under the POC SO Act will have a long-lasting and global impact on society, crime and child rights, a petitioner said.

Bhuwan Ribhu, petitioner and founder of Just Rights for Children Alliance, said India has once again paved the way globally by laying down the framework for prevention and protection of children from this transnational and organised crime.

In a landmark verdict, the Supreme Court on Monday held that watching and downloading child pornography are offences under the POC SO Act and the Information Technology (IT) laws.

The apex court suggested Par-

liament consider amending the term 'child pornography' with "child sexually abusive and exploitative material" by bringing changes in law, and asked the courts not to use the term 'child pornography'.

"This judgment will have a long-lasting and global impact on society, crime and child rights and will be etched in history. When a person is searching for and downloading child exploitation and abuse material, they are creating the demand for the rape of our children," he said.

Ribhu said this judgment also breaks away from the conventional terminology of 'child pornography' which is seen as an adult indulgence and creates the shift in narrative to 'child exploitative

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and abuse material' being a crime. National Commission for Protection of Child Rights Chairperson Priyank Kanoongo thanked the Supreme Court for the judgment.

Kanoongo told PTI Video that this judgment will help combat crimes against women more efficiently.

"Today, the Supreme Court delivered a verdict in an important case, stating that all sections of the POC SO Act are effective in cases involving the possession

of child sexual abuse material on any device (mobile or otherwise). It emphasised the severity of each section related to child pornography cases and accepted the recommendations of NCPCR. Thank you judiciary," Kanoongo said in a post on X.

Sanjay Gupta, chairperson of National Action and Coordination Group for Ending Violence against Children, India (NACG EVAC India), said the Supreme Court order on child pornogra-

phy is a landmark decision and is welcome. Direction to redefining child pornography to 'Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material' (CSEAM) is a more accurate and sensitive approach to further strengthen the POC SO Act, he added.

"Suggestions to create awareness among all sections especially children and youth, ensure active role of police, women and child department, schools, ensure sex education, training of all key stakeholders and more importantly constitute an expert committee are some doable directions," he told PTI.

This landmark judgment will hopefully create a safe and protected environment for children of India, he added.

Badlapur case accused gunned down

PTI, MUMBAI: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy Devendra Fadnis on Monday said police shot dead Badlapur school sexual assault case accused Akshay Shinde in self-defence.

Akshay Shinde, accused of sexually abusing two minor girls in the school where he worked as an attendant, was being taken to Badlapur from Talaja jail for investigation when he snatched a policeman's gun and fired at an assistant inspector when the police vehicle reached Mumbra bypass. He was killed in retaliatory firing by a police officer who was part of the escort team.

"Akshay Shinde's ex-wife had accused him of sexual violence and the police was taking him for a probe regarding these allegations. He snatched the gun of a police personnel opened fire. Police fired back in self-defence," CM Shinde told reporters.

Atishi takes charge as Delhi Chief Minister

Invites BJP, Congress rebuke for keeping empty chair for Kejriwal



Newly sworn-in Delhi Chief Minister Atishi takes charge of the office, in New Delhi, on Monday

PTI, NEW DELHI: AAP leader Atishi took charge as the chief minister of Delhi on Monday, and kept the chair used by her predecessor Arvind Kejriwal empty and "waiting for him", a move the BJP and the Congress said was a "grave insult" to the post.

Talking to reporters at the CM's office after taking charge, Atishi referred to the Hindu epic Ramayana and said her situation was like that of Lord Ram's brother Bharat who had to rule Ayodhya after Lord Ram went into exile for 14 years.

In the chief minister's office at the Delhi Secretariat, the 43-year-old Atishi sat in a white chair next to the red one used by AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal.

"The chair of the chief minister of Delhi belongs to him (Kejriwal). Till then, this chair (pointing towards the chair next to her) will remain in this room,

waiting for him," she said. She said she will run the Delhi government for the next four months just as Bharat ruled Ayodhya by keeping Lord Shri Ram's 'khadaun' (wooden slippers) on the throne for 14 years. She said that Lord Ram fulfilled a commitment made by his father that is why he is called "Maryada Purushottam" and whose life is an example in dignity and morality.

"In the same way,

Arvind Kejriwal has set an example of dignity and morality in the politics of this country," she said, alleging that the BJP left no stone unturned to tarnish his image.

Atishi said Kejriwal was granted bail by the Supreme Court which said his arrest was carried out with ill-intentions.

Had there been somebody else, they wouldn't have even thought for a moment and sat on the

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chief minister's chair, but he chose to resign, she said.

Meanwhile, other Cabinet minister also took charge of their portfolios.

Atishi has retained the 13 portfolios she held in the Kejriwal government, including those of education, revenue, finance, power and Public Works Department (PWD).

Exuding confidence of an AAP victory in the assembly polls to be held in February,

she said the people of Delhi will again choose Kejriwal as chief minister.

The BJP and the Con-

gress attacked Atishi over her decision not to sit in the chair used by Kejriwal.

"What she did was not ideal. Through her gesture, she has not only insulted the post of chief minister but also hurt the feelings of the people of Delhi. Arvind Kejriwal needs to answer whether he will run the government through a remote control," Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said.

'Laapataa Ladies' picked as India's entry for Oscars 2025



'Laapataa Ladies' film director Kiran Rao speaks with the media, in Mumbai, on Thursday

PTI, CHENNAI: Kiran Rao's 'Laapataa Ladies', a gentle, satirical take on gender dynamics and patriarchy in rural India, is the country's official entry for Oscars 2025, the Film Federation of India announced here on Monday.

The Hindi film, about two brides getting swapped on the day of their wedding during a train ride in 2001, was chosen from a list of 29 films, including Bollywood hit "Animal", Malayalam National Award winner "Aattam" and Cannes winner "All We Imagine As Light".

The 13-member selection committee headed by Assamese director Jahnur Barua unanimously decided on "Laapataa Ladies", produced by Aamir Khan and Rao, for reckoning in the best international film category at the Academy Awards.

Besides "Laapataa Ladies", Hindi film "Srikanth",

Tamil movies "Vaazhai" and "Thangalaan" and Malayalam film "Ullozhukku" were among the top five in the 29-title list.

The understated "Laapataa Ladies", sans any big starry names, was released in March to universal praise from critics. It is backed by Rao's Kindling Productions, Aamir Khan Productions, and Jio Studios.

Being selected as India's official entry for the academy awards was beyond what she could have imagined, Rao said.

"We are grateful for this recognition and excited about the journey ahead. I have not had a moment to breathe and soak it in entirely. But I did speak to Aamir and a few of my actors and team when we got the news. It is a moment of collective joy and disbelief! We've poured so much of ourselves into this film," the filmmaker told PTI.

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CONG ASKS GUV TO INTERVENE IN "ILLEGALLY IPB PERMITTED" MEGA PROJECTS IN REIS MAGOS

The Congress vice president had appealed to the Governor to take immediate action to address this issue by reviewing and cancelling the illegal permission granted to Spark Healthline Pvt Ltd.

WIND BENEATH THEIR WINGS: 2 WOMEN NAVY OFFICERS TO NAVIGATE THE HIGH SEAS

Earlier, Capt Dilip Donde was the first Indian to circumnavigate the globe in 2009-2010. Subsequently, Cdr Abhilash Tomy was the first Asian skipper to participate in two circumnavigations and accomplished the rare feat of completing the Golden Globe Race in 2022. Significantly, Cdr Tomy has been closely associated with the training of both the officers as the official mentor.

OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE

As one veteran activist observed, "This is not about political parties or anyone who has vested interests but about a fight for protecting various parts of Goa by the people".

This independence from established political entities has lent credibility to the movement and made it more difficult for officials to dismiss or co-opt.

Urban Planner Tahir Noronha, who has extensively researched public participation in Goa's development plans, highlighted the importance of these community-led movements in countering policy changes that threaten to alter the state's landscape. He pointed out that recent amendments by the Town and Country Planning (TCP) Department have primarily benefited large real estate corporations, converting natural, coastal, and agricultural lands to settlement areas in direct contradiction to stated sustainability goals.

The protesters' demands go beyond simply opposing individual projects; they are calling for a fundamental shift in how development decisions are made in Goa. "The consent of the public is paramount," emphasized Lorena Da Silva, from Salcete, "and for that the public has to be kept aware and not in the dark where they end up having very little time to respond properly."

This push for transparency and genuine public consultation has struck a chord with many Goans who feel sidelined by current planning processes.

The movement's strength lies not only in its numbers but in its diversity. Professionals, fishermen, farmers, and even senior citizens stand united, each bringing their unique perspectives and talents to the cause. This broad-based support has made it increasingly difficult for politicians to ignore or dismiss the protesters' concerns.

With each passing day, more Goans are joining the ranks of the protesters, recognizing that this is indeed a people's battle, to be fought and won by the people themselves. One thing is certain: the voice of the people has been raised, and it will not be easily silenced.

FOR THREE YEARS, 80-YR-OLD CLEANS GUTTERS ON KIRANPANI ARONDA BRIDGE ON MAHA-GOIA BORDER

The Kiranpani Aronda Bridge is at least 308 metres long and cleaning the bridge on both sides would mean working in the sun and cleaning a total of 616 metres drain in total.

But Parab is non-flustered. Merrily attired in a Santa Claus cap, and his flowing white beard, he goes about doing his duty, like a responsible citizen, since, according to him, the authorities have failed to do so.

"There is work to be done on the bridge. For the last three years, I have been doing this work of cleaning the weeds growing in the drain. No one is paying attention to this. The local panchayat is not bothered. They have cleaned the roadsides, but this work I'm doing for the last three years," Raghoba told O Herald.

Asked as to what motivates him to do this work he says, "It's my enthusiasm to do such work. I'm happy to do this work. People should come forward and do such work, whenever they can."

Raghoba stated that he started the work at 8 am and would work till 12 noon. Then he said he would return after lunch and labour till he finished the work.

When contacted, Goa PWD (Works Division) XIII Assistant Engineer, Shivnath Gawas said, "The entire maintenance and other works are carried out by Maharashtra PWD."

Maharashtra PWD Deputy Engineer, Vaibhav Sagare said, "The bridge was built 10 years ago. We undertake its maintenance twice a year - pre and post monsoon."

He also quipped, "I have been posted at Sawantwadi for last two years, but not come across any correspondence from Mr Parab on this issue," he said.

LEBANON SEES DEADLIEST DAY OF CONFLICT AS ISRAELI STRIKES KILL 182

Israeli military spokesman Rear Adm Daniel Hagari said residents of the valley must immediately evacuate areas where Hezbollah is storing weapons.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah said in a statement that it fired dozens of rockets at an Israeli military post in Galilee. It also targeted for a second day the facilities of the Rafael defence firm, headquartered in Haifa.

As Israel carried out the attacks, Israeli authorities reported a series of air-raid sirens in northern Israel warning of incoming rocket fire from Lebanon.

Israel has also issued a broad warning urging residents of southern Lebanon to evacuate from homes and other buildings where it claimed Hezbollah has stored weapons.

It was the first warning of its kind in nearly a year of steadily escalating conflict and came after a particularly heavy exchange of fire on Sunday. Hezbollah launched around 150 rockets, missiles and drones into northern Israel in retaliation for strikes that killed a top commander and dozens of fighters.

There was no sign of an immediate exodus from the villages of southern Lebanon, and the warning left open the possibility that some residents could live in or near targeted structures without knowing that they are risk.

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Director of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship intends to appoint **Counselors for a period of One Year purely on CONTRACT BASIS under "Scheme for providing counseling to the trainees in all Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITI's) under Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship"**.
The **CONTRACT BASIS APPOINTMENT** shall not bestow any right/claim for regular appointment. The eligible candidates may appear for **Walk-in-Interview** alongwith Original (essential and desirable Educational Qualification Certificates, Experience Certificates, Computer Literacy certificate, Birth Certificate, valid Employment Card and 15 years Residential Certificate) and attested copies of relevant certificates/documents and passport size photograph in the Office of the Directorate of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Shramashakti Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Patto Plaza, Panaji-Goa from **11.00 a.m. onwards**. The registration of candidates will commence from **9.30 a.m.**

Sr. No.	Designation of the post	Date of Interview	Monthly remuneration	Essential Qualification and Experience
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1.	Counselor - 03 Nos.	26/09/2024	Rs. 28,000/- p.m.	A. Essential Qualification:- 1) Regular Masters degree in Clinical/ Counseling Psychology OR MSW (Masters in Social work) with specialization in medical and psychiatric OR 1) Regular Graduation in Psychology (6 units), Social Work, Home Science (HR) from UGC recognized College and Diploma in Guidance and Counseling from recognized Institution. 2) Minimum 1 year experience in Counseling. 3) Knowledge of Konkani B. Desirable: Knowledge of Marathi C. Age Limit: 45 Years

Domicile: The candidate shall be residing in State of Goa for at least 15 years prior to date of this advertisement. The period may be relaxed if the candidate was outside the State for the purpose higher education but otherwise has completed primary and secondary education in the State of Goa. The necessary documents shall be attached.

Sd- Director (DSD&E)

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