



Prez Droupadi Murmu with BJP National President J P Nadda and Bihar Guv Arif Mohammed Khan during the centenary celebrations of Patna Medical College and Hospital



Tripura CM Manik Saha with his wife during a visit to Kamakhya Temple, in Guwahati district of Assam



All India Kisan Khet Majdoor Sangathan General Secy Sankar Ghosh during a protest rally against the Central Govt's policies, at Shaheed Minar, in Kolkata



Defence Minister Rajnath confers gallantry, meritorious and distinguished service medals during the 18th Indian Coast Guard Investiture Ceremony, in New Delhi

Ex-CJI Lalit tells parl panel ONOE good idea

Advices against holding it in one go; proposes some changes

PTI, NEW DELHI: Former Chief Justice of India U U Lalit suggested on Tuesday that simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly polls should be rolled out in not one go but in a phased manner as he shared his views with the Joint Committee of Parliament studying the two bills for 'one nation one election' (ONOE), sources said.

They added that Lalit in his remarks said the concept of simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections was a good idea but noted that the law, as envisaged by the bills, could be challenged in the apex court and proposed some changes.

Former Law Commission of India Ritu Raj Awasthi told the 39-member committee headed by BJP MP P P Chaudhary that the proposed law does not violate the basic structure doctrine on federalism and is not against the democratic principles of the Constitution.

Justice Awasthi, who is now the judicial member of anti-corruption ombudsman Lok Pal, said the Constitution (129th Amendment) Bill had all the ingredients to hold simultaneous polls in the country.

Opposition members criticised the concept, with Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra claiming 'one nation

one election' will weaken democracy by tinkering with tenure of legislatures and will impinge on people's rights, the sources said.

A BJP ally wondered if a gap of five years between two elections will weaken elected representatives' accountability to people, they added. An opposition questioned the neutrality of the Election Commission, which is constitutionally tasked with the conduct of elections.

ONE NATION ONE ELECTION

Some members of both the ruling BJP as well as opposition parties, which have slammed the idea of 'one nation one election' (ONOE) as unconstitutional, interpreted the overall thrust of Lalit's lengthy remarks as favouring their respective stand more.

However, a senior parliamentarian said the former CJI laid out the constitutional philosophy guiding India's democratic spirit and holding of polls and its evolution through several judgements of the apex court since Independence to reflect dispassionately on the concept.

As an expert, Lalit dwelt on the both

sides of the argument and at times offered his views, the MP said, noting that he advised against implementing simultaneous Lok Sabha and assembly elections in one go.

While the jurist said that dissolution of several state assemblies before their term, in several cases when more than half of their tenure should remain, can be legally challenged, he also noted that once the law comes into force favouring it, then political parties as well as voters will know the period for which the new House will be elected.

Lalit, sources said, also appeared to agree with the view that simultaneous elections will lead to the saving of resources by ruling out the frequent enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct, deployment of security forces and rescheduling exams.

He was also asked questioned by the committee's members, leaving them with little time to hear the views of two other persons - IAS officer Nitendra Chandra, who was secretary of the high-level Kovind committee, and E M Sudarsana Natchiappan, a senior advocate and former Congress MP who had headed in 2015 a parliamentary committee that favoured simultaneous polls.

HC quashes MMRDA's contract termination notice to Systra

State agency denies graft charges

PTI, MUMBAI: The Bombay High Court on Tuesday quashed a contract termination notice issued by the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) to French consultancy firm Systra, which had accused several officials of the authority of corruption related to metro projects in the city.

The HC said the decision of termination was "arbitrary and unfair" and directed the state-run agency to consider the issue afresh after hearing the company.

After the graft charges kicked up a political storm, sources said Deputy CM Eknath Shinde, who heads the Urban Development Department (UDD), asked Additional Chief Secretary (UD-1) to "inspect the matter" after hearing officials of the French firm as well as the MMRDA and submit a report to him in 15 days.

In a statement, the MMRDA, however, claimed Systra "misrepresented" certain facts to

the representatives of the French government only after receiving the suspension and termination notices from MMRDA.

"This clearly indicates that the allegations are an afterthought aimed at deflecting attention from their own contractual breaches," the authority said in a statement.

The statement said the consultancy firm claimed the issues began in August 2023, but did not submit any formal representation to the MMRDA, the UDD, the Chief Secretary's Office, or the Chief Minister's Office until after the suspension and termination notices were served.

They also pointed out that the so-called representation by Systra is unsigned, and as per the Government of Maharashtra's policy, such an unsigned document can only be treated as a "mere printout of wild allegations."

"The French Embassy merely forwarded this printout without endors-

ing its veracity or merit (to the Maharashtra government)," it stated.

Last month, the MMRDA terminated the contract

of Systra's Indian subsidiary which had been appointed as a general consultant for

CHANGE IN NAME

I, Mr. Abrao Vas, s/o. Late Mr. Francisco Xavier Vas, r/o. H. No. 946/B, Bacchat, Raia, Salcete Goa, would like to change my name on my Indian Passport, No M3438017 from "Abrao Francisco Vas" to "Abrao Vas" as per my Birth Certificate, Aadhar Card, Election Card & Pan Card. Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name Abrao Vas. Sd/- Abrao Vas

CHANGE IN NAME

I, RAJASHRI ANOOP PHATARPEKAR, r/o H. No. 28, GOKULWADI, SANQUELIM, NORTH GOA, GOA - 403507, Hereby change my name from RAJASHREE CHIMMO SHETYE to RAJASHRI ANOOP PHATARPEKAR. Hereinafter in all my dealings and documents, I will be known as RAJASHRI ANOOP PHATARPEKAR.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Smt. Sneha Tulshidas Mhamal, wife of Late Tulshidas Mhamal, R/o. Dandoswada, Mandrem, Po: Mandrem Dist. North Goa, Goa 403527. Would like to correct my name from Sneha Tulshidas Mhamal, to Sneha Tulshidas Mhamal, Hereafter in all my dealings and documentation, I will be known as Sneha Tulshidas Mhamal.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CAETANINHA D'SOUZA, r/o H. No. 106, Malhat, Margao, Salcete - Goa, has changed my name from CAITANI XAVIER DE SOUZA to CAETANINHA D'SOUZA. Hereafter, in all my dealings and documents, I will be known by the name CAETANINHA D'SOUZA. Sd/- CAETANINHA D'SOUZA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the general public are hereby notified that my client, is desirous of purchasing the below described property, from (1) Mr. Ivan Sarat Gerald de Oliveira Fernandes and wife, (2) Mrs. Resl Marie Therese Fernandes, both residents of Bandra (W), Mumbai - Maharashtra; (3) Mrs. Maria Sunita de Oliveira Fernandes alias Maria Sunita Rodrigues and husband, (4) Mr. Tyrone Rodrigues alias Tyrone Rodrigues or Ambrose Felix Lawrence Tyrone Rodrigues, both residents of Moira, Bardez - Goa; (5) Mr. Derrick Sunil de Oliveira Fernandes alias Derrick Sunil Oliveira Fernandes and wife, (6) Mrs. Yvette Lobo, both residents of Moira, Bardez - Goa; (7) Mr. Kevin Sudesh de Oliveira Fernandes and wife, (8) Mrs. Eufemia Marcella alias Effie Ferraz, both residents of Old Goa, North Goa - Goa, subject to their making out a clear and marketable title thereto. The said Vendors have represented that they inherited the said property, on the demise of their predecessors late Guilherme Geraldo de Oliveira Fernandes and his wife, Clara Oliveira Fernandes alias Clara D'Silva or Clara de Oliveira Fernandes or Clara Domitilda Idalina Carlota de Silva.

Any person or entity (Corporate or otherwise) having any valid right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand of whatsoever nature with respect to the said property or any part thereof, by virtue of either inheritance, agreement, sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/settlement, encumbrance, development rights, order/deed/judgement of any Court, or otherwise in terms of law are called upon to file his/her/its claim or objection at my Office with all valid documentary evidence in support thereof within a period of 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed with the intended purchase and execute the final Sale Deed, presuming that the transferees/Vendors' title thereto is valid and marketable and that any claims and objections, if any, from any person's whatsoever, after the expiry of the notice period, shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT immovable property known as "PALMAR GAUNCHEMBATTA" also known by the other names as "GOENCHEM BATA" or "GAUCHEM BHAT" or "GAOCHEM BATT" or "GAOCHEM BATT" or "GAONCHEM BHAT", admeasuring total area of 1,888 Sq. mts., or thereabouts (as per Survey records), situated at Village Morambi-O-Pequeno - Tiswadi, within the limits of Village Panchayat of Merces, Tiswadi Taluka and Sub-District of Ilhas, District of North Goa, in the State of Goa, being described in the Land Registration Office of Ilhas, under Description no. 12859, at folios 25 of Book no. B-34 (new) and not enrolled in the Taluka Land Revenue Office but presently surveyed under Survey no. 14 with sub-division no. 5 (Survey no. 14/5) of Village Morambi-O-Pequeno, Tiswadi Taluka and is bounded as follows:-

On the east : by the properties bearing Survey nos. 17/8 and 17/9;
On the west : by the properties bearing Survey nos. 14/4 and 14/6;
On the north : by the properties bearing Survey nos. 17/7 and 17/8;
On the south : by the property bearing Survey no. 17/9;

Panaji - Goa, 19th February 2025 (Sd/-)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Members of the general public are hereby notified that my client, is desirous of purchasing the below described property, from (1) Mr. Krishna Vinayak Gadkar alias Krishna Gadkar and his wife, (2) Mrs. Priya Krishna Gadkar, both residents of 1111-A, Maina waddo, Socorro, Porvorim, North Goa, Goa - 403501; subject to their making out a clear and marketable title thereto. The said Vendors have represented that they have acquired the said property from their erstwhile predecessors, reading as, Mariano Noronha alias Mariano Francisco Anatlides Noronha and his wife, Stella Noronha alias Natalina Estela Andrade or Natalina Maria Estela Noronha or Natalina Stella Noronha.

Any person or entity (Corporate or otherwise) having any valid right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand of whatsoever nature with respect to the said property or any part thereof, by virtue of either inheritance, agreement, sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/settlement, encumbrance, development rights, order/deed/judgement of any Court, or otherwise in terms of law are called upon to file his/her/its claim or objection at my Office with all valid documentary evidence in support thereof within a period of 15 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which my client shall proceed with the intended purchase and execute the final Sale Deed, presuming that the transferees/Vendors' title thereto is valid and marketable and that any claims and objections, if any, from any person's whatsoever, after the expiry of the notice period, shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

An immovable property known as "MAINA" also known by the other name as "IRMITICHEM BATA" earlier admeasuring an area of 1287 Sq. mts., but as per latest Survey Records it actually admeasures an area of 1225 Sq. mts., situated at Village Socorro, Bardez Taluka, which is within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Socorro, Bardez Taluka, District of North Goa and State of Goa and presently surveyed under Survey no.311 with Sub-Division no.13-D (Survey no.311/13-D) previously forming part and parcel of the larger property known as "IRMITICHEM BATA" also known by the other name as "MAINA", situated at Village Socorro, Bardez Taluka, which is within the jurisdiction of Village Panchayat of Socorro, Bardez Taluka, District of North Goa and State of Goa, found to be wholly described in the Land Registration Office of Bardez under Description no.50443 and is inscribed under Inscription no.40282, at folios 167 reverse of Book G - 43 at pages 194V of Book B-54 but not enrolled in the Taluka Land Revenue Office of Bardez and is bounded as under:-

On the north : by the property bearing Survey no.311/2;
On the south : by the properties bearing Survey nos.311/13-B and 311/13;
On the east : by the property bearing Survey no.311/3;
On the west : by the property bearing Survey no.311/1;
Panaji - Goa, 26th February 2025 (Sd/-)

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21 AAP MLAs suspended

PTI, NEW DELHI: Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta Tuesday suspended 21 AAP MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Atishi, for three days for disrupting Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena's inaugural address to the newly constituted House.

The proposal for their suspension was moved by Delhi Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Parvesh Verma and passed through a voice vote in the House. The suspended MLAs will not be allowed to participate in the assembly proceedings on February 27 and 28.

As the House proceedings began on Tuesday, Atishi along with other AAP legislators protested against the alleged removal of B R Ambedkar's portrait from the chief minister's office. The AAP MLAs accused the BJP-led government of disrespecting Ambedkar and raised slogans against the move.

POTRAIT PROTEST



Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Atishi with other AAP MLAs stages a protest over removal of BR Ambedkar's portraits from CM office, during the first session of Delhi Assembly, in New Delhi, on Tuesday

Delhi govt suffered ₹2k cr loss due to AAP's liquor policy: CAG report

PTI, NEW DELHI: The Delhi government suffered cumulative losses of over Rs 2,000 crore due to the 2021-2022 excise policy for reasons ranging from weak policy framework to deficient implementation, according to a CAG report tabled in the assembly on Tuesday, sparking a fresh showdown between the BJP and the AAP.

The report, one of 14 on the previous Aam Aadmi Party government's performance, was tabled by the new Chief Minister Rekha Gupta of the BJP on the very second day of the first session of the newly elected Delhi Assembly.

The 208-page report including annexures flagged violations in the process of issuing licences and pointed out that recommendations of an expert panel, formed to suggest changes for the formation of the now scrapped policy, were ignored by then deputy chief minister and excise minister Manish Sisodia.

Sisodia, AAP chief and former Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and another senior party leader Sanjay Singh were arrested in connection with

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the alleged liquor policy scam, a hot button issue in the run-up to the recent Delhi Assembly elections which saw the BJP returning to power after more than 27 years. The three leaders are currently out on bail.

Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta said the document will be referred to the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the House, that is yet to be formed, for looking into it and submit a report.

The report also highlighted how the policy spawned a cocktail of brand pushing and monopolies.

chain with just three of the wholesalers controlling over 71 per cent of total liquor supply chain in the city, it said.

"Audit noted that due to a number of issues ranging from weak policy framework to deficient implementation of the policy...there was a cumulative loss of approximately 2,002.68 crore," the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) said.

The report stated that the estimated cumulative revenue loss of Rs 2,002.68 crore to the government included losses due to opening of liquor vends in non-conforming municipal wards (Rs 941.53 crore), failure to re-tender, surrendered licences (Rs 890 crore), Covid-linked waiver to retail licensees (Rs 144 crore) and failure to properly collect security deposit (Rs 27 crore).

Sajjan Kumar convicted for life

Delhi court says his age, illness weighed in favour of a lesser sentence instead of death penalty

PTI, NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Tuesday awarded life imprisonment to former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in a murder case connected to 1984 anti-Sikh riots, saying his old age and illness weighed in favour of a lesser sentence instead of death penalty.

Special judge Kaveri Baweja said though the killings of "two innocent persons" in the case was no less an offence, it wasn't a "rarest of rare case" warranting the imposition of death penalty.

The verdict came over the killings of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984.

The judge said the offences committed by Kumar were undoubtedly "brutal and reprehensible" but underscored certain mitigating factors, including his age of 80 years and illnesses that "weigh in favour of imposing a lesser sentence, instead of death penalty".

The offence of murder attracts a maximum of death penalty whereas the minimum punishment is life imprisonment.

The complainant, wife of Jaswant, and the state, sought the maximum punishment in the case.

"The 'satisfactory' conduct of the convict as per the report of the jail authorities, the ailments from which he is reportedly suffering, the fact that the convict has roots in the society and the possibility of his reformation and rehabilitation are material consider-



File photo of Cong leader Sajjan Kumar leaving Patiala House courts, New Delhi, in 2002

ations which, in my opinion, tilt the scales in favour of sentence for life imprisonment instead of death penalty," the order said.

Nothing "adverse was reported about Kumar's behaviour" and his conduct was "satisfactory" according to a jail report, the court added.

The judge went on to add that the case at hand was part of the same incident and could be seen in continuity of the incident for which the Kumar was sentenced to life imprisonment by the Delhi High Court on December 17, 2018.

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TENDER NOTICE FOR SALE OF VEHICLES

Applications are invited for sale of vehicle which are under possession with Union bank of India through E-auction. The details of the vehicles are as under:-

Branch Name and Contact No	Details of the vehicles	Type of Registration	Registration No	Date of Registration	Reserve Price(Rs.)	EMD (Rs.)
Benaulum 0832-2770644	Maruti Suzuki Swift VXI - Petrol	Private	GA08AA2901	04.08.2022	5,37,500.00	53,750.00

Terms and Conditions of Sale:

(1) The auction is being held on "AS IS WHERE IS" & "AS IS WHAT IS" Basis through E-auction on 04.03.2025 at 11.00 a.m.
(2) The intending purchaser/bidder is required to submit EMD by way of demand draft or NEFT/RTGS account no 166321980050000 and IFSC UBIN0916633 on or before 03.03.2025 before 5:00 PM through NEFT/RTGS.
(3) The person declared to be the successful bidder shall deposit 100% of sale price, less EMD deposited, within seven days of the auction i.e. 10.03.2025. (3) The E-auction will be conducted through portal <https://www.bankenauctions.com> on 04.03.2025 between 11.00 am to 1.00 pm (with 10 min unlimited auto extensions). The intending bidder is required to register their name at <https://www.bankenauctions.com> and get user ID and password free of cost from M/s C1 India Pvt Ltd. (Contact persons Mr. Bhavik R Pandya Mob No. 8866682937, Help Line No. 729198112425/26. E-mail: Maharashtra@c1india.com). (4) The Bank reserves the right to cancel the auction or not to accept the highest bid without assigning any reason thereof.
(5) Further bid shall not be less than Rs.5000/- in excess of the last bid or the upset price that has been fixed for all the vehicles. (6) On the sale being confirmed against payment/deposit of the amount the vehicle sold will be delivered to the successful bidder in as is where condition. (7) Unsuccessful bidders who have deposited E.M.D. shall be entitled to have the deposit refunded without any interest immediately after the confirmation of the sale. (8) Bank shall not be responsible or liable for any defects in the hypotheation and there is no warranty whatsoever. (9) The bidders/purchasers have to ascertain from the RTO office such as Road/passenger Taxes dues e.t.c and parking charges payable before participating in the auction. Any due outstanding towards RTO/Insurance Company/any other authority is to be borne by the bidder. (10) In the event of the failure of the successful bidder to deposit the balance amount of the bid on 10.03.2025, the E.M.D. deposited shall be forfeited to the Bank and the bid accepted shall stand cancelled automatically. (11) The bidders may, if they choose, inspect the movables to be sold during the weekdays with prior appointment.

Date: 25-02-2025
Place: PANAJI, GOA
Sd/-
Authorised Officer
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