

## 11 DEAD, 30 INJURED AS RCB'S PARTY ENDS IN STAMPEDE

Celebrations continued inside Chinnaswamy Stadium despite tragedy at its doorstep



Footwear lie on the ground outside the Chinnaswamy Stadium and (inset) injured being taken for treatment following the stampede, in Bengaluru, on Wednesday

PTI, BENGALURU: Celebrations descended into chaos and finally tragedy as 11 people lost their lives and more than 30 were left injured outside the Chinnaswamy stadium while trying to join a party inside the venue to honour Royal Challengers Bengaluru's IPL triumph here on Wednesday.

However, the felicitation of the players went ahead nonetheless as the stadium was packed to the rafters despite the chaos. Lakhs of fans converged at the Chinnaswamy stadium, leaving the police struggling to take control of the situation.

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### HOW IT UNFOLDED

3-4 pm: Team RCB arrive in Bengaluru after clinching their maiden IPL title

Dy CM D K Shivakumar welcomes the team

Lakhs of fans begin gathering outside Vidhana Soudha and Chinnaswamy Stadium

With the crowd swelling uncontrollably, authorities cancel the open-top bus procession midway

6.30-7 pm:

Fans jostle to enter Chinnaswamy Stadium; several get crushed against barricades and entrance gates, triggering a deadly stampede

Injured fans rushed to hospitals; ambulances face delays due to traffic and crowd density

8 pm: CM Siddaramaiah announces 11 dead, 30 injured

Despite tragedy outside, the stadium felicitation proceeds with RCB players delivering speeches amid fireworks and music

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## ED arrests Rohan Harmalkar in ₹1000 cr Goa land grab case

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PANJIM: The Enforcement Directorate has arrested Rohan Harmalkar in connection with a major land grab case involving fraudulent transfers and manipulation of land records in Bardez taluka. The arrest was made on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, as part of the ongoing probe into the Goa land scam involving Harmalkar and others.

He was produced before the Special Court (PMLA) in Mapusa on June 4, 2025, which remanded him in ED custody until June 18, 2025.

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The arrest followed extensive searches conducted by the ED in April 2025, during which officials uncovered incriminating documents linked to immovable properties valued at over Rs 1,000 crore.

According to a statement, the ED initiated its investigation based on FIRs registered by the Goa Police against Rohan Harmalkar and others under various sections of the IPC, 1860, for defrauding rightful property owners through means such as impersonation, creation of fake documents, and tampering with revenue records.

## States told to ramp up Covid readiness

PTI, NEW DELHI: All states have been instructed to ensure availability of oxygen, isolation beds, ventilators and essential medicines in view of rising cases of Covid, official sources said on Wednesday.

Government data says the total number of active cases stands at 4,302 on Wednesday.

A series of technical review meetings were held on June 2 and 3 under the chairpersonship of Director General of Health Services (DGHS) Dr Sunita Sharma.

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## CJI questions post-retirement jobs for judges

Says it raises ethical concerns, invites public scrutiny

PTI, NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India B R Gavai has said instances of corruption and misconduct in the judiciary have a negative impact on public confidence, potentially eroding faith in the integrity of the system as a whole.

Speaking at a roundtable conference in the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom on "Maintaining Judicial Le-

gitimacy and Public Confidence", he also spoke about post-retirement jobs taken by judges, and said if a judge takes up another appointment with the government immediately after retirement, or resigns from the bench to contest elections, it raises "significant ethical concerns and invites public scrutiny".

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## No U-turn: Taxi unions stand firm against govt's app push

### Slam govt's unilateral approach, poor infrastructure

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PANJIM: Behind the fierce resistance from Goa's taxi drivers to the government's push for app-based cab aggregators lies a deep mistrust — and dissatisfaction with how these platforms

have functioned so far. Speaking to Herald, Valencio Savio Goes, Vice President of the Taxi Union (North and South Goa), said, "We are the ambassadors of tourism — taxis, rickshaws, pilots. Before the government introduces

a new system, they must first present it properly and win the confidence of the local people. The pros and cons must be clearly explained. Is there a future in this or not?"

He criticised what he called the government's

unilateral approach. "They are trying to launch this app without consulting local stakeholders. There's no policy, no support — just an attempt to hand our business over to outsiders.

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## Majority of taxi drivers back apps, claim transport sources

### Cab operators' feedback constructive, say DoT insiders

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MARGAO: Contrary to the notion that Goa's taxi operators uniformly oppose the draft Transport Aggregator Guidelines 2025, many drivers have provided constructive feedback and

raised practical concerns rather than outright rejection. Confidential sources from the Directorate of Transport (DoT) reveal that around 1,600 taxi drivers and owners — less than 10% of Goa's registered taxi population — submitted

responses by June 2.

The Transport Department recently held meetings with taxi operators across the state to explain the draft guidelines and gather feedback. Officials noted that several drivers expressed openness to the

policy, recognising the potential benefits of regulated app-based taxi services. However, resistance was evident in coastal areas like Benaulim and the Calangute-Siolim stretch.

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