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## I.N.D.I.A erupts over arrest of Kejriwal

**INDIA Bloc partners AAP, Congress, CPI-M, DMK stage protest demonstration in various parts of the country; term arrest of Kejriwal as 'murder of democracy'**

**PTI, NEW DELHI/CHENNAI/THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:** Enraged with the arrest of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate in the excise policy case on Thursday, the I.N.D.I.A alliance partners staged protest demonstrations in various parts of the country against the BJP-led central government.

In his first reaction a day after his arrest, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has said that his life is dedicated to the nation. Responding to a question by reporters when he was being taken to court by the Enforcement Directorate, the AAP chief said in Hindi, "My life is dedicated to the country."

test march in Kannur and party workers burnt an effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The DYFI, the youth wing of the ruling CPI(M) and the Congress party also took out a protest march to the Raj Bhavan in the state capital against the arrest.

Shortly after the arrest of Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate in an alleged excise policy-linked money laundering case, the DYFI had staged a massive demonstration in the State capital late Thursday night.

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**'LAW DOESN'T BAR ARRESTED PERSON FROM CONTINUING AS CM'**  
**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Arvind Kejriwal can continue as Delhi chief minister post his arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in an excise policy-linked money laundering case as there is no bar under the law which prohibits an arrested person from holding the post, a legal expert said.

"There is no bar in law on a person continuing as chief minister once arrested," senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan said.

Slamming the BJP-led Centre for targeting the opposition party leaders, the CPI(M) held a pro-



**EMOTIONAL OUTPOUR:** AAP workers raise slogans during a protest at ITO against the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the scrapped Delhi excise policy 2021-22, in New Delhi, on Friday

### Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj detained

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** Delhi Cabinet ministers Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj were detained here on Friday as AAP leaders staged a protest against the BJP over the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate in the excise policy case.



Delhi Minister Atishi with AAP workers being detained during a protest at ITO against the arrest of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the ED on Friday

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Congress leader Shashi Tharoor and other leaders participate in a protest march to Raj Bhavan against the arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, on Friday

### Court sends Kejriwal to 6 days ED custody

**PTI, NEW DELHI:** A court here on Friday sent Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal to the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) custody till March 28, a day after his arrest in the excise policy-linked money laundering case.

**Kejriwal 'key conspirator'**

During the hearing for remand, the ED said that Kejriwal — the AAP's national convener — was a "key conspirator" in the excise policy scam case along

with other ministers and party leaders.

"Arvind Kejriwal used his position as the chief minister of Delhi to commit a money laundering offence and benefit his party - the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) - of which he is the national convener, making him and the party liable to be prosecuted," the ED said on Friday, while defining AAP as a "company" under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).



Dayanidhi Maran with other leaders and workers of Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) during a protest in Chennai against the recent arrest of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the Enforcement Directorate (ED), on Friday

### South Goa candidate not visible in both BJP and Cong latest lists

**Team Herald**

**PANJIM:** Neither the BJP or the Congress seem to be able to find a candidate for South Goa

The name of the candidate for the South Goa Parliamentary constituency did not figure in BJP's third and fourth list, Nor did the Congress name its South Goa candidate. The Congress hasn't named its North Goa candidate either

Last week, both, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant and and BJP State president Sadanand Sheth Tanavade Tanavade had stated that the party's candidate for the South Goa

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Besides shortlisting three names, the BJP State unit has also submitted names of women candidates.

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Goa goes to polls in the third phase on May 7 while, the process of filing nomination papers will start from April 12.

### ED raids several locations in Goa, Mumbai and Delhi in Rs 18 crore fraud by tax consultancy firm

**Team Herald**

**PANJIM:** The Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Delhi zonal office conducted search operations under the provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002 at nine locations across Goa, Delhi and Mumbai on Thursday, in the case of M/s Dlehma Rea-IT Trade Pvt

Ltd, a private limited company involved in the legal, auditing and tax consultancy activities under the directorship of Hariprasad Akaloo Paswan

and Ramesh Yadav Kumar and controlled by Ajay Harinath Singh.

The ED initiated investigation on the basis of FIR registered by Delhi Police under section 420 of IPC, 1860 wherein it was alleged that M/s Dlehma Rea-IT Trade Pvt Ltd and others had fraudulently transferred Rs 18 crore from the bank account of the M/s Vestige Marketing Private.

Limited (VMPL) into the accounts of M/s Dlehma Rea-IT Trade Pvt Ltd in the year 2020.

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### Javed Miandad praises Dawood Ibrahim

**AGENCIES, NEW DELHI:** Having family ties with Dawood Ibrahim is an 'honour' for Javed Miandad, with Pakistan's former cricket captain also describing the fugitive underworld don as someone who has 'done a lot for Muslims.'

"I have known him for a long time, from Dubai. It is an honour for me that his daughter married my son. My daughter-in-law is very well-educated; she studied in a convent school and went to a renowned university," the cricket great told Pakistani journalist Hassan Nisar on the latter's YouTube channel.

### Ponmudy sworn-in as minister after SC nudge

**PTI, CHENNAI:** Senior DMK leader K Ponmudy was on Friday sworn in as minister by Tamil Nadu Governor R N Ravi, a day after the Supreme Court's nudge.

About three months after he lost his post following his conviction by the Madras High Court on 19 December 2023 in a disproportionate assets case, Ponmudy is now again the Tamil Nadu Minister for Higher Education.

In a simple ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy to Ponmudy in the presence of Chief Minister M K Stalin and a couple of other Ministers

including Udhayanidhi Stalin and Ma Subramanian. Ponmudy was assigned higher education portfolio, which was briefly held by Backward Classes Minister R S Rajakannappan.

The subject of Khadi and Village Industries Board held previously by Rajakannappan has been restored to him. R Gandhi had held the subject of Khadi in addition to his portfolio Handlooms and Textiles.

In December, consequent to Ponmudy's conviction portfolios were reshuffled. Ponmudy's swearing-in as minister marks the end of a face-off between Stalin and Ravi.

## Foundation stone laid for 5.71 cr road in Kavrem, 4 days before the model code of conduct

**Villagers of the remote Kazugotto ward of Kavrem village have been demanding this road for 10 years; in January an elderly resident of this village lost his life because the ambulance couldn't reach him**

**ALFRED FERNANDES**

**SANGUEM:** Barely four days before the code of conduct would come into effect, the foundation stone to construct a road to the Kazugotto ward of Kavrem village was laid. Villagers have been demanding this for over 10 years without any response.

The cries of the largely tribal inhabitants of this

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stepping out  
The demand for a road to connect their ward has had no takers  
In Oct 2023, the lone culvert that connected the residential area of the village to the road got washed away, making it even more precarious

village fell on deaf ears for the last more than a dec-

ade. The road construction has been tendered



for a whopping Rs. 5.71 crore which could have been constructed for a far lower cost if it was done 10 years back.

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### Indra Nooyi advises Indian students in US to be 'watchful'

**PTI, NEW YORK:** Amid a string of tragic and concerning incidents involving Indian students in the US, former CEO of PepsiCo Indra Nooyi has advised them to be "watchful", respect local laws and urged them to not engage in drugs or excessive drinking to ensure their safety and security in this country.

Nooyi, considered among the most powerful and influential business executives globally, issued an over 10-minute long video advising Indian students coming to the US to stay safe and alert and to avoid activities that can land them in trouble. The video was posted on X by the

Consulate General of India in New York on Thursday.

"The reason I'm recording this video is to talk to all of you, all you young people who are looking to come to the United States or are here already pursuing your studies, because I've been reading and listening to all the news about several examples of Indian students finding themselves in unfortunate situations," Nooyi, 68, said in the video.

"It's up to you to make sure you do what it takes to remain safe....stay within the law, do not venture out into dark places alone at night, do not engage in drugs or excessive drinking," she said.

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