

Electoral bonds used as bribe by companies: Prashant Bhushan

Independent and neutral SIT needed by a retired Supreme Court judge.

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KOLKATA: Lawyer Prashant Bhushan on Saturday labelled the electoral bonds as the biggest scam in the history of Indian democracy and alleged that they were used as bribes for contracts, shielding people from central probe agencies, manipulating policies, and influencing drug regulators. He said the Supreme Court will soon commence hearing on a petition filed before it seeking a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT) into alleged quid pro quo arrangements between corporates and political parties.

"The electoral bonds were used (by companies) as bribes to get contracts, to protect themselves from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the CBI and to save themselves from drug regulators," Bhushan said. Out of the Rs 16,500-crore electoral bonds, half went to the BJP and the rest to parties like the TMC and the Congress. However, those who were not ruling did not get any money, he said.

"I see that Rs 5,000-crore worth of electoral bonds were issued, resulting in the sanctioning of contracts worth Rs 5 lakh-



Senior lawyer Prashant Bhushan and SC in background. (File Photo)

crore. Additionally, bonds worth Rs 2,500 crore were provided by companies that were subjected to raids by the CBI, ED, or the Income Tax department. Curiously, investigations into these companies abruptly ceased following the issuance of the bonds," he alleged.

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Former chief minister Khattar dares Oppn to parade its MLAs

CHANDIGARH: With opposition parties claiming that the BJP government in Haryana has lost majority, the ruling party on Sunday dared them to parade their MLAs if they have the numbers. Former chief minister M L Khattar also indicated the BJP government was not averse to a floor test and that six Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) MLAs are with

HIGHLIGHT

● Cong is not sure of all their MLAs onboard.

● JJP said it was ready to help the Congress

it. After the withdrawal of support by three Independent MLAs to the BJP government in Haryana, the Congress has

demanding the dismissal of the BJP government in the state and fresh assembly elections under the President's rule. The JJP, which parted ways with the BJP in March, has said it was ready to help the Congress bring down the government. Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini said his government had in March secured a vote of confidence.

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Odisha ahead of Gujarat in various parameters: Pandian

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BHUBANESWAR: BJD leader V K Pandian on Sunday claimed that Odisha is "much ahead" of Gujarat in various parameters, in a rebuttal to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's promise that the BJP would make the eastern state "number one" in the country if voted to power after the assembly polls. Pandian, a bureaucrat-turned-politician, shared statistics, comparing various indices of Gujarat and Odisha, with a comment, "Look who wants to make Odisha number one." "It is ironic that even after two-and-half decades of BJP rule in Gujarat, the situation as compared to Odisha is quite dismal. In terms of malnutrition (children under 5 years who are underweight), the rate is 30 per cent in Odisha whereas it is 40 per cent in Gujarat," he said in a statement.

Quoting NHFS-5 (National Health Family Survey) data, Pandian said the prevalence of anaemia among women was 65 per cent in Odisha, while it was 69 per cent in Gujarat, whereas 64 per cent of

children in Odisha were anaemic, but the percentage was 80 in Gujarat. The BJD leader said Odisha fared much better than Gujarat in terms of immunisation, with 90 per cent of children having been vaccinated, compared to only 76.3 per cent in the western state. More than 86 per cent of women in Odisha have bank accounts, compared to only 70 per cent in Gujarat, he said, adding that over 50 per cent

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of women in the eastern state have mobile phones whereas only 48.8 per cent of women in Gujarat have the device.

Pandian said that per capita debt in Gujarat was Rs 60,000, almost three times that of Odisha's Rs 22,000. As per RBI handbook, primary enrolment ratio in schools was almost 98 per cent in Odisha, compared to just 90 per cent in Gujarat, he said. The BJD leader said Gujarat lagged behind Odisha despite Modi heading the western state for three terms before becoming the prime minister.

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NEW DELHI

Harinder Sikka pens new novel 'Gobind'



NEW DELHI: Author Harinder Sikka, whose "Calling Sehmat" was adapted into the 2018 film "Raazi" starring Alia Bhatt, delves into the depths of human emotion and resilience in his new novel "Gobind". Set against the backdrop of Bihar's poverty and the valorous spirit of the Indian Navy, Sikka weaves a narrative that resonates with themes of love, loyalty and redemption. For the author, the book is "more than just a tale to me; it's a very personal literary voyage that weaves together themes of love, selflessness, and unwavering determination". "Gobind" introduces readers to its titular character, a man born into the harsh realities of an impoverished Sikh family in Bihar. Content with his lot in life, Gobind's perspective takes a profound turn when his father's words ignite a fire within him, propelling him to aspire for a life beyond the constraints of poverty.

GWALIOR

Couple abandons 3 minor kids at railway station

A couple has allegedly abandoned their three minor children, including a nearly two months old boy, at the Gwalior railway station in Madhya Pradesh, police said on Sunday. The two girls, aged 6 and 7, and the boy, who had burn injuries, were found abandoned near the booking counter on Friday night, Railway Protection Force (RPF) police station in-charge Sanjay Arya told PTI. The boy was immediately admitted to the government-run Kamla Raja hospital while the two girls were sent to a shelter home with the help of the women and child development department, he said. The official said the girls told the police that they travelled in different trains with their parents who left after abandoning them while they were sleeping.

SC to hear Kejriwal's plea against summons today

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a plea of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal challenging a Delhi High Court order upholding the summons issued to him in a criminal defamation case for retweeting an allegedly defamatory video circulated by You-

Tuber Dhruv Rathee in May 2018.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta is likely to hear the matter in which Kejriwal has admitted that he "committed a mistake" by retweeting the alleged defamatory video.

On March 11, the top court asked Kejriwal whether he wanted to give an apology to the complainant in the matter. Kejriwal on February 26 told the apex court that he made a mistake by retweeting an allegedly defamatory video circulated by YouTuber Rathee related to the BJP IT Cell.

YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar detained

CHENNAI: Noted YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar, currently lodged in the Coimbatore Central prison, was on Sunday detained under the Goondas Act. Based on the orders of Commissioner of Police, Greater Chennai, Sandeep Rai Rathore, the detention order under the Goondas Act was served on Shankar by a cyber crime (Chennai) police inspector on May 12, Chennai city police said. There are seven cases pending against Shankar in Chennai police's central crime branch/cyber crime unit of which three are under investigation, charge sheets have been filed.

SECR conducts quality check of pantry cars

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The team checking pantry car food items.

BILASPUR: With the objective of providing quality food and beverage facilities to passengers in trains, pantry car provisions have been made in Mail/Express trains by the railway administration. Along with safety in

the pantry car, provisions have also been made for safe storage of food items and the provision of various standard equipment for its better management. Special inspection campaigns are also conducted from time to time for regular inspection of the status and maintenance of equipment available in the pantry car. In this context, as per the directives of the Railway Board, an intensive inspection campaign is being conducted from May 08 to May 14, 2024, for all pantry car-based trains running through the zone. Under this campaign, a team of inspectors and supervisors of the Commercial Department, led by Sr DCM Anurag Kumar Singh has been constituted.

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● These teams are conducting thorough inspections of all major trains.

'PM still lying about Sandeshkhali'



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AMDANGA Claiming that PM Narendra Modi was continuing to "peddle lies" about Sandeshkhali, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday questioned why he was maintaining a stoic silence on the allegations of molestation against Governor CV Ananda Bose and not asking him to resign.

Addressing an election rally in North 24 Parganas' Amdanga, which is a part of

the Barrackpore Lok Sabha constituency, she said the PM should be ashamed that the "BJP's conspiracy" about Sandeshkhali has become public. "The PM is still peddling lies about Sandeshkhali. He should be ashamed as the BJP's conspiracy has now become public," Banerjee said, apparently referring to a purported video in which a local BJP leader was heard saying that over 70 women had received Rs 2,000 each for taking part in protests

against TMC strongman Shahjahan Sheikh who is accused of sexual assault and land grab. In an earlier clip, a man resembling BJP's Sandeshkhali mandal president Gangadhar Kayal was heard saying that the "staged" protests were done at the behest of Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari who was behind the "whole conspiracy". The PM, who also campaigned in Barrackpore town - around 20 km away, alleged that TMC goons were threatening the tormented women of Sandeshkhali to protect the culprits.

"All of us have seen what the TMC has done with the sisters and mothers of Sandeshkhali. The TMC goons are now threatening the women in Sandeshkhali as the name of the main culprit is Shahjahan Sheikh.

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PUBLIC NOTICE FOR SALE THROUGH E-AUCTION UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT (SARFAESI ACT) 2002, READ WITH PROVISORIAL RULE 8(6) & 9 OF SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES 2002.

The undersigned as authorised officer of Jana Small Finance Bank Limited has taken possession of the following property in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(4) of the SARFAESI ACT. The Borrower in particular and public at large are informed that online auction (e-auction) of the mortgage property in the below mentioned account for realisation of dues of the Bank will be held on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" on the date as prescribed as here under:

Sr. No.	Loan Account Number	Name of Original Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor	Date of 13-2 Notice	Date of Possession	Present Outstanding balance as on	Date & Time of Inspection of the property	Reserve Price in INR	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in INR	Date and Time of E-Auction	Last Date, Time & Place for Submission of Bid
1	4509942000322	1) Mr. Mohammad Alim Sheikh, S/o. Wahid Ulla, 2) Mrs. Adiba Anjum Sheikh, W/o. Md. Alim Sheikh	03.07.2023	14.12.2023	Rs. 8,65,759.50 (Rupees Eight Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Nine and Fifty Paise Only) as of 03.05.2024	16.05.2024 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs. 6,90,000/- (Rupees Six Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)	Rs. 69,000/- (Rupees Sixty Nine Thousand Only)	30.05.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	29.05.2024, before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, in front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sunder Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of diverted land bearing Plot No.217, total admeasuring area of 780 Sq.ft. (72.490 Sq.mtr.), being part entire land bearing Khassa No.59262 (Part), Sheet/Block No.26, P.H. No.43, R.N.M. Saini, Mouza Ghura, Ward No.04, Situated at Gokul Nagar Ward, Tehsil Takhatpur & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Remaining Land of Mrs. Meena Jain West by: House of Mr. Shrivastava. North by: House of Mrs. Gangotri and South by: 20 Ft. Road										
2	45099420002979	1) Mr. Kamlesh Kumar Kaivart, S/o. Kusuvaram Kaivart, 2) Mrs. Punita Kaivart, W/o. Vikram Singh Luniyia	17.10.2023	15.02.2024	Rs. 18,03,893.10 (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Three Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three and Ten Paise Only) as of 03.05.2024	16.05.2024 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs. 20,25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 2,02,500/- (Rupees Two Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	15.06.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	14.06.2024, before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, in front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sunder Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Plot No.1771, total admeasuring area of 2150 Sq.ft. (199.814 Sq.mtr.), Out of Khassa No.594/1, Mouza Arnsena, Block Takhatpur, P.H. No.38, R.N.M. Arnsena, Tehsil Sakin & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: Seller's Remaining land, West by: Nistari Road, North by: Land of Sardar and South by: Nistari Road.										
3	45099420003271	1) Mr. Vikram Singh Luniyia, S/o. Kamal Singh, 2) Mrs. Jamuna Luniyia, W/o. Vikram Singh Luniyia	29.12.2023	13.03.2024	Rs. 8,43,781.10 (Rupees Eight Lakh Forty Three Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One and Ten Paise Only) as of 03.05.2024	16.05.2024 09.00 AM to 05.30 PM	Rs. 79,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)	Rs. 7,90,000/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Ninety Thousand Only)	15.06.2024 @ 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM	14.06.2024, before 05.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank Limited, Malay Heights 1st Floor, Above IDBI Bank, in front of RBI, Mahadevghat Road, Sunder Nagar, Raipur (C.G.)-492001
Property Description/ Schedule: All that piece and parcel of land bearing Khassa No.1815/2 (Part), total admeasuring area of 1060 Sq.ft. (97.583 Sq.mtr.), situated at Gram Anpika, P.H. No.19/29, R.N.M. Bilaspur, Tehsil & District Bilaspur (C.G.). Bounded by: East by: 20 Ft. wide Nistari Road, West by: Nala, North by: Remaining Land of Seller and South by: Remaining Land of Seller.										

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Date: 13.05.2024, Place: Bilaspur Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited