

SC warns against mass exclusion of voters

New Delhi (UNI) The Supreme Court today scheduled a detailed hearing on August 12 on a batch of petitions challenging the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls ordered by the Election Commission of India (ECI) in Bihar, cautioning that "if there is any mass exclusion, then the Court will step in."

A bench led by Justice Surya Kant took up multiple pleas filed under Article 32 of the Constitution against the ECI's June 24, 2025 directive, which initiated a state-wide revision of the voter list ahead of the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections. The exercise is expected to impact over 4.5 crore voters.

While the Court refrained from passing any immediate orders, it directed the Election Commission to submit the complete schedule and timeline for the revision by 10:30 AM on July 30, noting the magnitude and potential consequences of the exer-

Sets August 12 hearing in Bihar voter list case

"The Court will intervene if large-scale exclusion occurs", Justice Kant said. Responding to concerns raised by Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal, Justice Kant assured the petitioners that the Court was closely monitoring the process. "They do have the right to object. Who said they don't? The moment there is any deviation from the notification, we will intervene," he said.

Justice Kant emphasised: "If there is any mass exclusion, then the Court will step in." Senior Advocate Prashant Bhushan submitted that out of 65 lakh people, a large majority may be wrongly categorized as deceased or ineligible. Sibal added, "We don't know who has been left out. Give us a timeline."

In response, Justice Kant said, "We are extending the time to three hours."

When Sibal requested more time for arguments — "One day for us, one day for them" Justice Kant replied, "That is not possible. You know the art of precision. No need for repetition by counsels. A practical way is one day for petitioners, one day for the ECI."

In its affidavit, the Election Commission defended its June 24 order, stating that the SIR aims to enhance electoral integrity by removing ineligible persons. It highlighted that all major political parties were part of the process, having deployed over 1.5 lakh booth-level agents to assist eligible voters.

The Commission argued that eligibility to vote flows from Article 326 and is governed by Sections 16 and 19 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and Section 62 of the 1951 Act.

It added that ineligible persons cannot claim voting rights under Articles 19 or 21.

However, the lead petitioner, the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR), warned that the SIR process grants unchecked powers to Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), potentially resulting in widespread disenfranchisement.

ADR criticised the exclusion of Aadhaar and ration cards from acceptable documentation in the enumeration process, calling it "patently absurd" and lacking justification.

It alleged that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were signing enumeration forms on behalf of voters, and in some cases, deceased individuals were marked as having verified their details.

The NGO also alleged that many voters' details were uploaded online without their knowledge or consent, further undermining the legitimacy of the process.

Supriya Sule alleges 4,800 cr Scam in 'Ladki Bahin' scheme



Mumbai (UNI)

Nationalist Congress Party (SP) MP Supriya Sule has levelled serious allegations against the Maharashtra government of a scam to the tune of Rs 4,800 crore in its flagship Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin welfare scheme and demanded a probe by a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

Questioning how verification fail-

ures occurred despite Aadhaar and bank details being mandatory for applicants, Sule said, "How were nearly 26.54 lakh women declared ineligible after initially being approved? And how were funds intended exclusively for women credited to men's bank accounts?"

"The scheme was launched by the previous government just before the Assembly elections. If those applications were approved then, how are so many women suddenly ineligible now? How were applications under male names even approved in a scheme meant only for women? Isn't this clear corruption?" she asked.

Addressing reporters, Sule criticised the current administration for slashing funds in crucial sectors such as education, healthcare, and women's welfare to sustain the scheme, even as the government itself admitted to financial strain.

Launch of 'Atal'-Fifth Fast Patrol Vessel for ICG by Goa Shipyard Ltd



New Delhi: Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL), a premier Indian DPSU Shipyard, is constructing eight Fast Patrol Vessels for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The 5th vessel of the series was launched today in a ceremonial way by Smt Shilpa Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, Coast Guard Headquarters as Chief Guest to the chants of 'Aathava Veda'.

Chief Guest, Shri Rozy Agarwal, IDAS, PIFA, CGHQ in his address brought out that these ships have been designed and constructed indigenously by Goa Shipyard Limited to meet the specific requirements of ICG. The ship has a length of 52m, breadth of 8m and would displace 320T. The Shipyard has since made exceptional strides in achieving the milestone of launching. These Advanced Fast Patrol vessels will assist ICG in protecting offshore assets and island territories. Their primary role will be fisheries protection and monitoring around island territories, exclusively economic zone and coastal patrol. Vessels shall also perform anti-smuggling, anti-piracy and search & rescue operations.

This Project contributes to the prosperity of the Nation by developing the local ecosystem and supporting workforce/ entrepreneurs/ MSMEs.

The project has generated substantial employment for local industry and MSMEs engaged on production activities at various factories and within Goa Shipyard Limited.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion, Chief Guest appreciated the efforts put in by Indian Coast Guard and Goa Shipyard Ltd. in ensuring that all ship building requirements are fulfilled indigenously.

He also, congratulated all on achieving this critical milestone, to ensure that the march towards 'Atmanirbharta' in Defence Production is pursued in the right direction. The launch of 'Atal' is an exemplary testimony of our nation's ship building capability and Goa Shipyard commitment to deliver indigenously designed state-of-art vessels for national security requirements.

Renowned actor Adil Hussain addresses EPFO's 20th RGDE at PDUNASS

New Delhi: The Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security (PDUNASS), under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Ministry of Labour & Employment, hosted the 20th edition of its monthly thought leadership series Re-imagining Governance: Discourse for Excellence (RGDE) on 28th July 2025. The session was conducted in hybrid mode, with participation from across the country.

Celebrated actor and theatre personality Adil Hussain delivered the keynote address on the theme "Speaking to be understood: From Informing to Connecting." Known for his work in Indian and international cinema, Hussain engaged the audience through personal anecdotes, theatrical insights, and references from Indian scriptures—offering a deeply reflective take on the art of meaningful communication in public life.

He emphasised that communication is an extension of what one feels, and that authentic engagement arises from clarity of intention and emotional awareness. Highlighting that "everyone has a backstory,"



he urged public servants to listen with empathy and context. He also noted that gratitude defines a person, and that recognising the human behind every interaction is essential to effective governance.

The event was chaired by Ramesh Krishnamurthi, Central Provident Fund Commissioner, and presided over by Kumar Rohit, Director, PDUNASS. The session was moderated by Uttam Prakash, Regional PF

Commissioner-I and Smt. Uditia Choudhary, Retired Additional Central PF Commissioner.

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Whereas, as the undersigned being the authorized officer of the State Bank of India, under the securitization & Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a demand notice as per given below Calling upon to below mentioned Borrower/Guarantor to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice. The Borrower/Guarantor having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Possession of property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on below mentioned. The Borrower/Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India, Home Loan Centre Bhopal-1, (SARC Wing), Arera Hills, Bhopal for an amount with interest, cost and incidental charges thereon.

Mamata Banerjee's post on social media triggers political controversy

Kolkata (UNI) A day after the Delhi police rejected Mamata Banerjee's claim that a Bengali-speaking woman and her child were assaulted by their personnel, the West Bengal Chief Minister today challenged the Delhi Police claiming that the video was real.

"I spoke about that child yesterday (Monday). They were taken from one police station to another, one after another. I had mentioned it in the meeting yesterday itself — check the record. I had said they would be threatened, and that was exactly what had happened. We want those who were 'attacked' to return. And then the truth will come out — who is right and who is lying will be proven," the chief minister said, while addressing a government programme in Illambazar, Birbhum.

The incident that triggered controversy came to the fore when Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee shared a video on social media on Sunday,

claiming that even a child was not been spared from what she described as "linguistic terrorism."

In the video, a young man is seen pointing to injury marks on his son's body, alleging that the police had beaten the child and caused a wound on his forehead.

According to reports, the child and his mother — the wife of a migrant worker — had travelled from West Bengal to Delhi in search of work and were allegedly assaulted by the police.

Banerjee used the incident to launch a sharp attack on the BJP-led Central Government and the ruling party in Delhi, expressing outrage over the treatment of Bengali-speaking individuals in the capital.

Hours after the video went viral, the Delhi Police responded, stating that they had investigated the woman featured in the clip. She had initially alleged that "four policemen came to their house, took them away to a secluded place, and demanded Rs 25,000."

However, during questioning, the woman reportedly admitted that a relative of hers — a political worker based in Malda district — had instructed her to make the video. According to the police, the footage was then shared with this relative and later circulated with the intention of defaming the Delhi Police.

"Based on technical and local intelligence, as well as CCTV footage, we have gathered various pieces of evidence. From this, we have concluded that the story narrated by the woman is baseless," a senior police officer told the media.

"I have asked Soumendru (his brother and BJP MP from Kanthi) to file a police complaint," Adhikari said in a press conference today.

Ahead of Bihar polls, Sahani stakes claim to 60 seats, deputy CM post

Patna: Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) founder Mukesh Sahani has announced that his party will contest 60 seats in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections and has staked claim to the post of Deputy Chief Minister.

He asserted that VIP holds a decisive vote share across the state and will play a crucial role in determining the next government.

In a post on the social media platform 'X', Sahani declared: "VIP will contest 60 seats in 2025, while candidates from our allied parties will contest the remaining seats."

Popularly known as the 'Son of Malah', Sahani added: "In 2025, our government will be formed. Tejashwi Yadav will be the next chief minister of Bihar, and the deputy chief minister will be a son of the Malah from Bihar's Extremely Backward Community."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Shri Rakesh Singh Chauhan S/o Late Shri Raj Bahadur Singh applied for loan institute LICHL Gwalior against his Municipal House No.207, Situated at Madhi Ka Bazar, Tehsil & Distt. Gwalior (M.P.). Municipal Corporation Gwalior Ward No.09. Computerized Property ID No.100914359 and having boundaries as:- East by Shri Dheeran Chand Ahuja S/o Late Shri Bhagvandas Ahuja through POA holder Shri Jitendra Ahuja S/o Late Shri Bhagvandas, 3. Shri Jitendra Ahuja S/o Late Shri Bhagvandas Ahuja and 4. Shri Anand Ahuja S/o Late Shri Bhagvandas Ahuja vide sale deed registered document No.2943 dated 27.12.1985. After death of Shri Ramswaroop on dated 07.04.2006, his Lr's Smt. Shashi Sharma alias Shashikala Sharma W/o Late Shri Ramswaroop Sharma became the owner of his property and got her name mutated in the record of Municipal Corporation Gwalior. Smt. Shashi Sharma alias Shashikala Sharma sold the said property to Shri Rakesh Singh Chauhan S/o Late Shri Raj Bahadur Singh vide sale deed E-registered document No.MP1426022A/766453 dated 20.07.2022. Shri Rakesh Singh Chauhan is going to mortgage the same property regarding loan in favour of LICHL Gwalior. Therefore any person, Institution, Nigam and other Lr's of Shri Ramswaroop having any kind of objection regarding mortgaged the said property in favour of financial institution LICHL Gwalior, and any kind of objection regarding ownership, title and possession of said property and remained any interest in the said property so please contact within 7 days of this notice to my mobile No.9827672710 and submit the objection in written with document to my office. After 7 days of this notice LICHL Gwalior will provide the loan facility to Shri Rakesh Singh Chauhan and thereafter any type of objection will be void against LICHL Gwalior. My address as mentioned below.

Ajit Pawar issues stern warning to party MLAs, ministers over indiscipline

Mumbai: Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar today issued a strict warning to his party MLAs and ministers, stating that the party is being defamed due to their inappropriate behaviour. "If anyone makes such a mistake again, don't even bother to come to me, just walk away from there," Pawar told his party MLAs. His remarks come amid growing controversy surrounding Agriculture Minister Manikrao Kokate, whose resignation remains unexplained. Pawar convened a meeting with party ministers and legislators to address their increasing indiscipline.

Kokate has recently been at the centre of criticism due to his controversial remarks against farmers and a viral video showing him allegedly playing the card game Rummy during a legislative session.

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