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CBI to call Malik for questioning in Jammu; CAs, others from Delhi, Rajasthan quizzed

by the CBI revealed that after detailed discussions, it was agreed that the tender will be issued as per the new process and this was recorded in the Minutes of Meeting of the Board as well.

Later, one of the Directors initiated separate note after visiting New Delhi and it was decided to allot Kiru tender to M/s Patel Engineering as per the intial practice while adopting new formula of e-tendering with reverse action in future.

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This was, as per the officials, the Minutes of Meeting of previous sitting were superseded.

Later, Satya Pal Malik called two files of Kiru and Pakal Dul hydro-electric projects as it surfaced that tender has been allotted without adopting new process of tendering initiated by the Jammu and Kashmir administration to favour a firm.

However, as per the officials, Malik had to hand over the files to any of the investigating agencies like CBI, Vigilance Organization etc but he didn't do that.

The agency has booked Navin Kumar Chaudhary, senior IAS and officer former Chairman of Chenab Valley Power Projects (P) Ltd, who was later shifted from Jammu and Kashmir, M S Babu, former MD, M K Mittal and Arun Kumar Mishra, former Directors and Patel

Engineering Ltd in the case. It was in January 2022 that Kiru and Reliance Insurance files were handed over to the CBI for investigations which has lodged two separate First Information Reports (FIRs) in both the cases.

The CBI questioned Malik for five hours on April 28 in New Delhi to seek information on his bribery charges.

The CBI registered two FIRs in connection with the corruption allegations levelled by Malik in the awarding of contracts for a group medical insurance scheme for Government employees, and civil works worth Rs 2,200 crore related to the Kiru hydroelectric power project in Jammu and Kashmir.

Malik had claimed he was offered a Rs 300-crore bribe for clearing two files during his tenure as the Jammu and Kashmir Governor between August 23, 2018 and October 30, 2019.

In its FIR pertaining to the alleged malpractices in the award of contract for the civil works package of Kiru hydroelectric power project, the CBI had stated that guidelines related to e-tendering were not followed.

The case was registered on allegations of malpractices in the award of the contract of civil works of Kiru Hydro Electric Power Project (HEP) to a private company in 2019.

"Though a decision was taken in the 47th Board meeting of CVPPL (Chenab Valley Power Projects Pvt Ltd) for re-tender through e-tendering with the reverse auction after the cancellation of the ongoing tendering process, the same was not implemented (as per the decision taken in the 48th board meeting) and tender was finally awarded to Patel Engineering Ltd," the FIR alleged.

PM showers praises on Sant Kabir Savarkar, NTR in Mann Ki Baat

hearts of millions of people in the country and the world," the prime minister said.

In his tribute to Kabir, Modi said, "The path shown by Kabiridas ji is equally relevant even today."

"Kabiridas ji used to say, 'Kabira Kuan Ek hai, Pani Bhare AnekBantar Mein Hi Bhed Hai, Paani Sab Mein Ek', which means: There could be myriad kinds of people who come to the well to draw water...But the well does not differentiate anyone...Water remains the same in all utensils."

"Sant Kabir opposed every evil practice that divided the society; tried to awaken the society. Today, when the country is moving forward with the determination to develop, we should increase our efforts to empower the society, taking inspiration from Sant Kabir," he said.

PM Modi also talked about the 'Mann Ki Baat' completing 100 episodes last month and said this episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' is the beginning of its second century.

Modi also hailed the Education Ministry's youth exchange programme 'Yuva Sangam' as a great initiative to promote the country's diversity and people-to-people connect.

During the broadcast, he interacted with some participants of the 'Yuva Sangam' and told them to write blogs on their experiences so that others can also know about it.

The youth exchange programme provides an opportunity to students from one part of the country to visit other parts and understand their culture and heritage.

The aim of this initiative is to promote people-to-people connect and diversity and nearly 1,200 students have already visited 22 states in the first phase of this programme, Modi said.

Recalling his visit to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum during the Japan visit earlier this month, Modi said it was an emotional experience.

"When we cherish the memories of history, it helps the coming generations a lot. Sometimes we get new lessons in museums... Sometimes we get to learn a lot.

"A few days ago the International Museum Expo was also organised in India. It depicted the specialities of more than 1,200 museums of the world. We have many different types of museums in India, which display many aspects related to our past," he said.

Noting that without water life is always in a crisis, Modi said that looking at this future challenge, 75 'Amrit Sarovars' are being constructed in every district of the country.

"Our Amrit Sarovars are special because they are being built in the Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal and the essence of the effort of the people has been put in them. You will be pleased to know that till now more than 50,000 Amrit Sarovars have been constructed. This is a giant step towards water conservation," he said.

Talking about start-ups in the water conservation sector, Modi cited 'Kumbhikagaz' which is working on making paper from water hyacinth.

He noted that by the time of the next Mann Ki Baat, the heat level would have increased more in some regions. "It would also start raining in some places. You have to take care of your health in every weather condition," Modi said. (PTI)

CINEMA section with movie listings for APSRA AUDI, APRS AUDI, HARI THEATRE, etc.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi felicitates Shramjevis for their great contribution in new Parliament building construction, in New Delhi on Sunday. (UNI)

New Parl building to herald rise of developed India, will inspire world: PM

"new consciousness" among the masses and filled them with confidence as they devoted themselves to freedom, he said, adding that every citizen should work similarly for a developed India in the next 25 years.

"The new Parliament is a reflection of aspirations and dreams of 140 crore Indians. This is a temple of our democracy that gives a message of India's resolve to the world. There are a few moments in every nation's history that are immortalised. Some dates become the indelible signature on the face of time. May 28, 2023 is one such day," he asserted.

Modi's address came after he inaugurated the new building this morning at a grand ceremony which included a havan, a multi-faith prayer ceremony and the installation of the Sengol in a special enclosure in the Lok Sabha chamber.

The Prime Minister said the nine years of his government mark a period of reconstruction and work for the poor's welfare.

He expressed his satisfaction over this hour of pride, noting that four crore houses and 11 crore toilets for the poor were built during the period.

Over four lakh km of roads to connect villages, more than 50,000 'Amrit sarovars' (pond), and more than 30,000 new 'Panchayat Bhawans' were also built, he added.

"From Panchayat Bhawans to Parliament only one inspiration guided us, that is, the development of the nation and its people", he said.

"When a country like India, full of diversity, with a huge population that tackles various challenges, moves forward with a belief, it inspires many countries of the world."

"Every achievement of India is going to become an achievement for different countries in different parts of the world in the coming days," he said.

The Prime Minister asserted that India is not only a democratic nation but is also the mother of democracy.

"Our democracy is our inspiration, our Constitution our resolve. Parliament is the best representative of this inspiration and resolution," he said, adding that the new Parliament building was a perfect example of the co-existence of the old and new.

Speaking to an audience, which included MPs, Chief Ministers, members of the higher judiciary and other dignitaries, he invoked India's ancient glory which included its architecture and town-planning and lamented that after centuries of slavery, Indians were besotted by constructions of other countries.

India today is bending that "stream of ancient glory" to its way again, he asserted.

"Every India is proud today looking at the new Parliament. It represents heritage and architecture, art and skill, culture and the voice of Constitution," he said, lauding the use of material from different parts of the country in the building to symbolise 'Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat'.

With the Opposition criticising the Government's decision to construct the new building, Modi asserted that it was becoming difficult for everyone to do their work in the old building due to various technological and space constraints.

It was being discussed for a decade or two that a new Parliament building is needed, he

said, adding it also needed to be considered that more MPs will join Parliament, a development that may occur after delimitation post-2026, till when the number of seats in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha is fixed.

About 25 parties attended the event while 20 opposition parties boycotted it, accusing the prime minister of "sidelining" President Droupadi Murmu.

Soon after he arrived in Lok Sabha amidst chants of 'Modi, Modi', the messages by President Murmu and Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar were read out, while Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Harivansh also addressed the gathering.

Modi also talked about the 'Sengol', saying that it was a symbol of power transfer from the British and had now been given the respect it deserves after being kept in Anand Bhawan in Prayagraj.

"In the Chola empire, it (Sengol) was considered a symbol of the Kartavya path (path of duty), Seva Path (path of service) and Rashtra path (path of the nation)," Modi said.

In his remarks, the prime minister also pointed out that the construction of the new Parliament building gave employment to 60,000 workers and a digital gallery dedicated to them has also been built in the complex.

The building has been completed in about two-and-a-half years at an estimated cost of nearly Rs 1,200 crore.

He said the new Parliament building will be a testament to the dawn of Atmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India).

"It will be a witness to our journey towards a Viksit Bharat (developed India)," Modi said at the event attended by former president Ram Nath Kovind, Chief Ministers Y S Jagan Reddy, Yogi Adityanath, Eknath Shinde and Neiphr Rio, foreign envoys, Parliamentarians and people from different walks of life.

Earlier, dressed in traditional attire, Modi walked into Parliament premises from its Gate No. 1 and was welcomed by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.

Amid Vedic chants by priests from Karnataka's Shringeri Math, the prime minister performed "Ganapati Homam" to invoke divine blessings.

The Prime Minister prostrated before the Sengol and sought blessings from high priests of various adheanams in Tamil Nadu with the holy sceptre in hand.

Modi then carried the Sengol in a procession amid tunes of nadaswaram and chanting of Vedic mantras to the new Parliament building and installed it in a special enclosure on the right side of the Speaker's chair in the Lok Sabha chamber.

The Prime Minister felicitated with shawls and souvenirs some of the workers for their key role in the construction of the new Parliament building.

The new Parliament building, constructed by Tata Projects Ltd, will also have a grand Constitution Hall to showcase India's democratic heritage, a lounge for MPs, a library, multiple committee rooms, dining areas and ample parking space.

The triangular-shaped four-storey building has a built-up area of 64,500 square metres.

The building has three main gates - Gyan Dwar, Shakti Dwar and Karma Dwar. (PTI)

Upper age limit extended by 3 yrs for CCEs

Similarly, the upper age limit was enhanced for Reserved category candidates and Physically challenged candidates from 34 years to 37 years and from 35 years to 38 years, respectively, of the order issued by Commissioner Secretary,

GAD, Sanjeev Verma said.

On May 10, Lt Governor Manoj Sinha had approved age relaxation in the upper age limit for JKCEE in view of the demands from aspirants and representations by several delegations.

Claps, chants of Modi, Modi

adulation grew louder with occasional slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Shivaji Maharaj ki Jai".

The applause continued till Modi, accompanied by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson Harivansh, reached the dais and the ceremony formally began.

Modi acknowledged several dignitaries, including Supreme Court judges, former President Ram Nath Kovind and former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, as he proceeded towards the dais.

Before his arrival, a number of MPs and some other members of the audience in the hall, including Chief Ministers, were seen walking to Home Minister Amit Shah and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to greet them. Quite a few of them could be seen taking selfies with the two powerful BJP leaders.

Many of them also moved to greet veteran party leader Murlu Manohar Joshi and former Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

Shiv Sena members stood out in the crowd as several of them sported colourful turbans. (PTI)

Modi releases stamp, coin

Capital of the Ashoka Pillar in the centre, flanked by the word "Bharat" in Devanagari script and "INDIA" in English, it said.

The rupee symbol "₹" and denominational value "75" in international numerals will also

be inscribed below the Lion Capital.

The other side of the coin will bear the image of the Parliament Complex and the year "2023" in international numerals below the image. (PTI)

Thousands throng Mata Kheer Bhawani shrines at Tulmulla, Janipur

continued in the premises of the holy shrine for last two days.

Nestled in the shade of mammoth Chinar trees in the central Kashmir district, the entire temple premises was fully decorated on the occasion.

The devotees, walking barefoot, carried rose petals and offered tribute to the Goddess as men took a dip in the stream close to the shrine.

The chants of hymns echoed through the temple compound and devotees paid obeisance to the deity while offering milk and kheer (rice pudding) at the sacred spring within the complex.

The Mela, passed off peacefully as the administration had made elaborate arrangements, including security related, for the devotees.

The pilgrims said that Jesht Ashtami is an important day in their life and they used to visit the shrine every year on this occasion with their families prior to mass exodus of the community in 1990. They, however, exuded the confidence that there is a discernable change in ground situation in Valley with the efforts of the Government and the day will not be far away when pre 1990 atmosphere will return to Valley.

Kheer Bhawani which is one of the most sacred shrines of Kashmiri Pandits has a lot of religious significance for them. It is believed that the colour of the sacred spring water which flows below the temple indicates the situation in the Valley.

"We want prosperity everywhere. Today, the situation is good in Kashmir. The arrangements are good for the mela," said a pilgrim who had come from Jammu.

Another devotee of Mata Dileep, said there was about 80-85 per cent improvement in the situation from the 1990s in Kashmir.

"We also want to return to our homeland. We pray whenever we come here and today as well we prayed for our return," he said.

People's Democratic Party (PDP) chief Mehbooba Mufti, who also paid obeisance at the temple, said that she prayed for the dignified return of the Kashmiri Pandits to the Valley.

"I came here to welcome our Kashmiri Pandit brothers who have come from Jammu and other places. We are here to pray for the dignified return of these people to their homes so that once again Hindu-Muslim-Kashmiri Pandits live together in Kashmir with brotherhood," she told reporters.

"The atmosphere here is very good. Our eyes are filled with emotions when we see our Muslim brothers. My friends have come here and we felt so good to meet. We get to meet once a year," Rakesh Raina, who lives in Jagti, Jammu, said.

He said the mela sends a message of national integration for the country.

"We are getting to see the same brotherhood for which Kashmir was famous. We prayed for the return of those good old days and that we live like we used to be. We all are together of many religions and castes. There is no difference," he said.

Bilal Bhat, a local, said the Muslim community welcomed the guests with open arms and wanted Kashmiri Pandits to return to the Valley.

"Every year we celebrate this festival. It is an unbelievable, unexpected crowd here. We have kept open our houses for our guests. We want this love, brotherhood and peace we see here to remain forever," he said.

IPL final moved to reserved day due to heavy rains

As per the rules, the IPL final will have a reserve day - Monday, May 29 in this year's case - in case the match is not able to start by 12:06am cut-off time, in which case there will be

a five-overs per-side contest.

There are no such predictions of rain here on Monday, which means that there is still possibility of a 20-20 over match. (PTI)

IT to conduct scrutiny if no response to notices

NEW DELHI, May 28:

The Income Tax department has come out with guidelines for selection of cases for scrutiny, under which cases wherein assesses have not responded to IT notices will be picked up for compulsory examination.

The department will also undertake cases for scrutiny where specific information regarding tax evasion has been provided by any law enforcement agencies or regulatory authorities.

As per the guidelines, tax officers will have to send a notice under section 143(2) of the IT Act by June 30 to the assessee regarding discrepancies in income.

to produce relevant documents.

It said that where no return has been furnished in response to a notice u/s 142(1) of the Act, the case would be sent to the National Faceless Assessment Centre (NaFAC) which will take further action.

Section 142(1) empowers tax authorities to issue a notice seeking more clarification or further details about where a return has been filed, or if the return has not been filed, then to furnish the required information in a prescribed manner.

The Tax Department will prepare a consolidated list of cases in which assesses have continued to claim IT exemptions or deduction despite its cancellation or withdrawal by competent authority. (PTI)

DCW chief demands Brij Bhushan's arrest

NEW DELHI, May 28:

Delhi Commission for Women chairperson Swati Maliwal wrote to the Commissioner of Police, demanding the arrest of BJP MP and chief of Wrestling Federation of India Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and action against personnel who detained the protesting wrestlers at Jantar Mantar on Sunday.

She also demanded the immediate release of the female wrestlers and their families by the Delhi Police.

Protesting wrestlers, including Vinesh Phogat, Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, were

detained on Sunday after a scuffle with security personnel who tried to stop them from marching to the new Parliament building as it was being inaugurated.

Soon after, the Delhi Police cleared the site of their over-month-long sit-in at Jantar Mantar and said they will not be allowed to return there.

In the letter addressed to Delhi Police Commissioner Sanjay Arora, Maliwal said she was deeply pained to note that Delhi Police has manhandled female wrestlers and their families protesting peacefully at Jantar Mantar and forcefully detained them today. (PTI)

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