

DELHI MAYORAL ELECTION 2023 LIVE UPDATES: THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF DELHI (MCD) IS SET TO MAKE ITS FOURTH ATTEMPT TO ELECT A MAYOR ON WEDNESDAY, AFTER PREVIOUS THREE FAILED ATTEMPTS - ON JANUARY 6, JANUARY 24 AND FEBRUARY 6 - TO HOLD THE ELECTIONS.

DELHI MAYORAL ELECTION LIVE UPDATES: HOUSE PROCEEDINGS BEGIN; PRESIDING OFFICER SHARMA APPEALS FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is set to make its fourth attempt to elect a mayor on Wednesday, after the Supreme Court ruled out on Friday the possibility of aldermen (nominated members) participating in the voting process - a matter which had ensued a fresh tussle between the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) following the MCD election result.

The civic body had previously made attempts - on January 6, January 24 and February 6 to hold the elections. AAP won the December poll battle by securing 134 of 250 wards, bringing an end to BJP's 15 years of rule over the civic body and was expected to appoint its mayor but could not do so after a row erupted over the order of oath ceremony and allowing the members appointed by LG VK Saxena to vote which led to clashes. AAP had alleged that allowing the 10 aldermen to vote would favour BJP and opposed the decision to simultaneously hold elections for the



post of mayor, deputy mayor and members of the standing committee stating it was against the rules. Following the top court's decision, the mayoral poll is expected to happen today in which AAP has fielded Shelly Oberoi while BJP's contender is Rekha Gupta. For the duty position, AAP's Aaley Mohammed Iqbal will contest against BJP's Kamal Bagri. Kamaljeet Sehrawat (Dwarka), former Mayor of the erstwhile South Delhi Municipal Corporation, Gajendra Daral (Mundka) and Pankaj Luthra (Jhilmil) have been named as BJP's candidates for the MCD's standing committee.

AIR INDIA NEWARK-DELHI FLIGHT WITH 300 PASSENGERS ONBOARD MAKES EMERGENCY LANDING IN SWEDEN DUE TO OIL LEAK

ACCORDING TO DGCA, THE FLIGHT OPERATED WITH BOEING 777-300ER AIRCRAFT, HAD AN OIL LEAK IN ONE OF THE ENGINES.

An Air India Newark (US)-Delhi flight (AI106) with nearly 300 passengers made an emergency landing at Sweden's Stockholm airport after it developed a technical snag on Wednesday.

The flight, operated with Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, was diverted as it had an oil leak in one of the engines.

All the passengers are safe. A large number of fire engines were stationed at the airport as the flight made an emergency landing, ANI reported.

Following the oil leak, the engine was shut down, and later the flight landed safely in Stockholm, a senior Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) official said.

During the ground inspection, oil was seen coming out from the drain mast of engine two, the official said, adding that the inspection is in progress.



Cops' Notice To Singer Over Song Taunting Yogi Government, Bulldozer Move

SINGER NEHA SINGH RATHORE RECENTLY UPLOADED A VARIATION OF HER VIRAL SONG 'UP MEIN KA BA' IN WHICH SHE SPOKE OF THE DEATH OF A MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DURING AN EVICTION DRIVE IN KANPUR.

Lucknow: A popular Bhojpuri singer has been served notice by the Uttar Pradesh Police for a satirical song that taunted the Yogi Adityanath government for its eviction drive in the state's Kanpur, which led to the deaths of a mother and a daughter.

Singer Neha Singh Rathore recently uploaded a variation of her viral song 'UP Mein Ka Ba' in which she spoke of Pramila Dixit, 45, and her daughter Neha, 20, who died in their hut that was set on fire, allegedly by policemen last week.

The song prompted the Uttar Pradesh Police to show up at her door on Tuesday night, alleging that it has "created a situation of disharmony and tension" in society. Ms Rathore has been given three days to respond to a litany of questions about the song and how it was produced.

'MAHARASHTRA CM'S SON HAS HIRED CONTRACT KILLERS TO ELIMINATE ME': SHIV SENA (UBT) MP SANJAY RAUT

IN HIS LETTER TO DEPUTY CM DEVENDRA FADNAVIS, RAUT ALSO SAID THAT THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN ATTACKS ON ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN MAHARASHTRA.

Shiv Sena (UBT) Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Raut has alleged that Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's son and Kalyan MP Shrikant Shinde has hired contract killers to murder him.

Raut wrote three separate letters to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, who also holds the home portfolio, the Mumbai police commissioner, and the Thane police commissioner in this regard Tuesday. Raut said his security was removed by the state government immediately after the change of guard and since then he has been constantly receiving threats from ruling party MLAs and their goons.

Raut claimed that the contract to kill him has been given to a goon named Raja Thakur. "Security of people's representatives is a responsibility of the government and as home minister you are competent enough to do that. However, I would like to point out a serious matter. A notorious gangster from Thane, Raja Thakur, and his gang, have been given the contract to attack by Shrikant Shinde. Looking at the current situation in Maharashtra, this issue needs to be brought to your attention," Raut said in the letter.

KARNATAKA GOVT TRANSFERS IPS OFFICER D ROOPA, IAS OFFICER ROHINI SINDHURI WITHOUT POSTINGS AMID PUBLIC SPAT

The two bureaucrats have indulged in a bitter spat after D Roopa levelled 19 allegations against Rohini Sindhuri last Saturday.

Following the public spat between IPS officer D Roopa and IAS Rohini Sindhuri, the Karnataka Government Tuesday transferred both bureaucrats. According to the government order, they have not been given any postings.

A notice was also issued to the two officers, directing them to refrain from approaching the media to raise any allegations against colleagues. While Roopa was serving as the managing director of Karnataka State Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd, Sindhuri was posted as the commissioner for the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Roopa's husband, Munish Moudgil, was also transferred from the Department of Survey, Settlement and Land Records where he was serving as the commissioner. He has now been posted as Principal Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (DPAR).

The government had also served a notice to both officials on Monday evening. "Though there is an appropriate forum to raise your allegations/grievances, you have expressed the same directly to the media. This has the potential to cause disrepute and embarrassment to the Government. This is unbecoming of a civil servant and goes against the spirit of All India Service (Conduct) Rules..." it said in the notice. "Use of media to express grievance/allegations, rather than officially raising it with competent authority should have been avoided. Therefore, you are directed to refrain from approaching media on any such matters further and to observe All India Services (Conduct) Rules," the notice by James Tharakan, Under Secretary to the government, DPAR, said. The row between the two officials, which shocked bureaucratic circles in the state, started after Roopa levelled 19 allegations against Sindhuri last Saturday. On Sunday, she shared seven photos of the IAS officer, accusing her of sharing them with male colleagues.

"WILL TAKE A CALL": SUPREME COURT ON LISTING OF KARNATAKA HIJAB CASE

The case was mentioned before Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud by advocate Shadan Farasat who said that the girls are unable to appear for exams due to the ban on hijab in government colleges.

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said that it would take a call on listing the Hijab case which deals with the Karnataka's ban on Muslim girl students wearing the hijab (headscarf) in college campuses.

The case was mentioned before Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud by advocate Shadan Farasat who said that the girls are unable to appear for exams due to the ban on hijab in government colleges.

Farasat told the court that the girls had already lost one year and the upcoming exams were on March 9.

"I will take a call on this," the CJI said. The case was earlier mentioned by Senior Advocate Meenakshi Arora on January 23, who told the court that there were practical exams scheduled this month for which the Muslim students affected by the case were slated to appear.

Hence, interim directions were needed in the matter so that the affected girl students may appear in the exams.

At the time, the court had assured the petitioners that a date would be fixed for a three-judge bench to hear the matter soon.



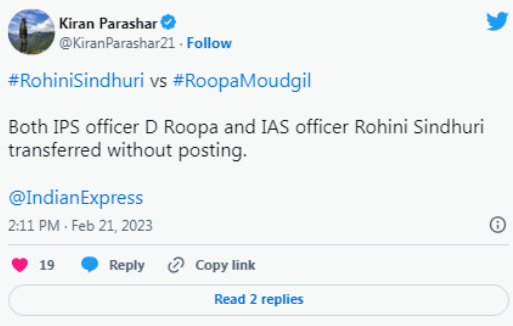
BHAGYASHREE DROPS A HEARTFELT BIRTHDAY WISH FOR SON ABHIMANYU: 'THE MEANING OF MY EXISTENCE'

Actress Bhagyashree wrote a heartfelt post on Instagram to celebrate her son Abhimanyu's birthday.



On the occasion of her son Abhimanyu's birthday, actress Bhagyashree penned a heartfelt post. Calling Abhimanyu a "blessing" in her life, Bhagyashree wrote, "Happy Birthday Son! You are a blessing in my life, the meaning to my existence... from a baby in my arms to the handsome man standing beside me... I value and hold close countless memories that will tide me through when I turn over the horizon."

She added, "May the Lord God bless you with strength, wisdom and abundance. May you always have gratitude towards all that you have and all that you are about to receive. May the universe engulf its arms and welcome you with love. Love you." Bhagyashree also posted a string of pictures of Abhimanyu. In one of the images, he is seen striking a stylish pose with his mom.



MOHANLAL IVORY TUSKS POSSESSION CASE: KERALA HIGH COURT CASE ASKS MAGISTRATE TO DECIDE AFRESH STATE'S PLEA TO WITHDRAW CASE AGAINST ACTOR

The High Court, however, dismissed the plea by Mohanlal against the Magistrate Court which had dismissed the State government's plea to withdraw the proceedings against the actor.

In what could be considered a 50-50 verdict, the Kerala High Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea by Malayalam cine actor Mohanlal challenging an order of the Perumbavoor Judicial First Class Magistrate Court which had dismissed the State government's plea to withdraw the proceedings against the actor in a decade-old illegal ivory possession case [V Mohanlal v State of Kerala]

However, in what could still be considered a relief for the actor, the Court partially allowed the State's plea against the Perumbavoor court's order and asked the Magistrate to consider the State's plea afresh.

This would mean that the actor still has a chance for reprieve if the Magistrate decides the State's plea in favour of the thespian.

The order was passed by single-judge Justice A Badharudeen. The case against Mohanlal relates to the alleged illegal possession of two pairs of ivory tusks which resulted in the registration of a first information report (FIR) alleging commission of offences under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

Mohanlal maintained that the ivory tusks were obtained legally and that in 2015, at the direction of the Central government, the Kerala government had issued a certificate of ownership to him.