

VISUALS FROM THE SPOT SHOWED COUNCILLORS SCREAMING, JOSTLING AND PUNCHING, AS OTHERS DOUSED THEM WITH BOTTLED WATER. BALLOT BOXES WERE ALSO THROWN INTO THE WELL AS MANY OF THE MEMBERS CAME TO BLOWS.

AAP VS BJP, MIDNIGHT CHAOS AT DELHI CIVIC BODY, BOTTLES, BALLOT BOXES FLY

Chaotic scenes were witnessed at the Delhi Civic Centre during the election for the six members of the Standing Committee, understood to be the most powerful body in the unified Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The drama, which started on Wednesday evening, continued into the early hours of Thursday. Delhi's new Mayor Shelly Oberoi alleged that she was attacked by BJP councillors while conducting the election. The BJP claimed that they were only trying to discuss the matter with the Mayor. Visuals from the spot showed BJP councillors climbing the stage and surrounding the mayor amid the uproar.

"BJP Councillors just tried to attack me while I was conducting the Standing Committee elections, as per Supreme Court orders! This is the extent of BJP's Gundagardi that they are trying to attack a woman Mayor," tweeted the Mayor, who was elected earlier today. "We had gone to talk to the mayor that she should listen to us and discuss with us so that a solution can be found in this matter," said the BJP's Shikha Rai. "This is absolutely shocking and unacceptable!" tweeted Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal. AAP's Atishi said they will complain to the police.



Sources said the trouble started as an altercation between the Aam Aadmi Party and the BJP over allegations that some members were carrying cellphones during the voting.

The BJP members claimed that the voting should be stopped and a fresh mandate taken. But with the lateness of the hour and the insistence of Ms Oberoi that the election for the Standing Committee has to be finished today, tempers flared.

Carrying of pens and cellphones was not permitted during the election for the posts of mayor and deputy mayor and the BJP alleged that it was allowed in case of the Standing Committee poll to breach secrecy and stop AAP members from voting as they please. Which secret voting is conducted while carrying cellphones? You know you are going to lose and you are doing this to send photos of the voting to your high command. This is reducing democracy to a joke. We demand that you cancel the 50 votes already cast," said Delhi BJP spokesperson Harish Khurana at a hurriedly convened press conference.

ROHINI SINDHURI SEEKS RS 1 CR DAMAGES FROM ROOPA IPS AMID PUBLIC SPAT

MEANWHILE, A BENGALURU COURT HAS RESERVED JUDGEMENT ON AN INJUNCTION PLEA FILED BY ROHINI AGAINST ROOPA, RESTRAINING HER FROM MAKING DEFAMATORY STATEMENTS.

Amid a public spat, IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri has filed a legal notice against IPS officer Roopa D on charges of defamation. In the notice issued on Wednesday, February 22, Rohini's counsel alleged that "though the damage caused to the image and reputation of (Rohini) cannot be measured and compensated in terms of currency", the IAS officer has sought compensation of Rs one crore from Roopa. A few days ago, Roopa had taken to social media to post 20 allegations against Rohini including corruption, inappropriate behavior and had also posted private pictures of Rohini. Roopa is also liable to pay Rs 50,000 on the notice. After the two officers traded charges against each other publicly, the Karnataka government transferred both of them without posting and an inquiry into the episode is underway.



On CCTV, Conman Breaks Down During Raid In Cell; Gucci Sandals Found

A GUCCI SANDAL WORTH ₹ 1.5 LAKH AND TWO PAIRS OF JEANS WORTH ₹ 80,000 WERE FOUND FROM THE ALLEGED CONMAN'S PRISON CELL IN MANDOLI JAIL.

Sukesh Chandrasekhar, accused in a multi-crore laundering case, broke down in front of the officers as a surprise raid resulted in a seizure worth lakhs from his prison cell in Delhi, showed CCTV visuals this morning.

A Gucci sandal worth ₹ 1.5 lakh and two pairs of jeans worth ₹ 80,000 were found from the alleged conman's prison cell in Mandoli Jail.

Sukesh stood in the corner of his cell and wept before Jailor Deepak Sharma and another officer as they carried out the surprise raid along with Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel.

The alleged conman was arrested in the ₹ 200 crore money laundering case, in which Bollywood actors Jacqueline Fernandez and Nora Fatehi have been questioned by the cops.

GURUGRAM WOMAN LOCKED HERSELF IN WITH SON FOR 3 YEARS. WHAT SHE TOLD COPS

THE BIZARRE INSTANCE OF COVID-INDUCED PARANOIA CAME TO LIGHT A WEEK AGO WHEN THE WOMAN'S HUSBAND SUJAN MAJHI APPROACHED THE POLICE.

Munmun Majhi, 33, locked herself and her son at their Gurugram home for three years because she was terrified that the 10-year-old would "die of Covid as soon if he stepped out", a police officer said after the two were rescued yesterday and hospitalised for a thorough check-up.

The bizarre instance of Covid-induced paranoia came to light a week ago when the woman's husband Sujan Majhi approached the police. Mr Majhi, an engineer with a private company, told police that his wife had locked herself and her son at home for three years now. He told them that he had stepped out to work after the lockdown restrictions ended, and was not allowed back in. Since then, Mr Majhi had been paying the rent, clearing bills, and buying groceries and leaving them outside the main door. He initially stayed at friends' and relatives' homes, hoping this would end soon. But when his wife did not budge, he rented another accommodation.

The account was so shocking that the police did not believe it initially. When they called Ms Majhi, she said she and her son were "absolutely fit". "We then made a video call, and when I saw the child, I became emotional. His hair had grown to his shoulders," the officer said.

BEHIND PAWAR'S PIVOT ON EC'S SHIV SENA ORDER: LARGER GAME, IMMEDIATE GAINS

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Days after saying he did not want to get into a debate on the Election Commission's (EC) decision to give the Shiv Sena name and symbol to the faction led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, Sharad Pawar on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the polling body.

Pawar's comments came on a day when the Supreme Court declined to stay the EC's order and extended the Commission's permission granted to the Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) to retain its name and "flaming torch" symbol till further orders.

"I have never seen the EC take away absolute control of one party. In the past, there have been instances when political parties were divided. We saw the Congress (O) and the Congress (I). The late Indira Gandhi who took the party name Congress (I) took the hand symbol. When the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) was parting ways with the Congress,

we took a new title and the clock symbol. Nobody ever claimed the rights over the original party and its symbol," said the NCP president Pawar went on to say, "In the present case, the issue is who is taking the decision. Is it the EC? Or is there someone powerful above who is guiding the EC to a particular decision? Whenever there is excess misuse of power, people will give befitting replies when they get the right opportunity. The people will teach them (those misusing power) a lesson. In a message to former CM Uddhav Thackeray and his supporters, Pawar told the media at Pimpri-Chinchwad in Pune district, where bypolls will be held on February 26, "I have travelled in Ahmednagar, Sangli, and other parts of Maharashtra and interacted with people. I gather this sense that people are not liking what has happened. The elected MLAs and MPs may have moved from Thackeray to the Shinde faction but the committed Shiv Sainiks will remain with Uddhav Thackeray 100 per cent."

PLANE BRINGS 300 PASSENGERS BACK TO STARTING POINT AFTER 7-HOUR NIGHTMARE

Japan Airlines Co. flight JL331, had been due to leave Tokyo's Haneda Airport for the two-hour hop to Fukuoka at 6:30 p.m. local time Sunday.

A Japanese domestic flight turned into a seven-hour ordeal for more than 300 passengers after narrowly missing a curfew then being sent on a roundabout route back to its starting point.

Japan Airlines Co. flight JL331, had been due to leave Tokyo's Haneda Airport for the two-hour hop to Fukuoka at 6:30 p.m. local time Sunday. However, takeoff was delayed for 90 minutes after a last-minute plane switch, and as the flight approached Fukuoka it became clear it would just miss the airport's 10 p.m. cutoff time for commercial planes - despite earlier expectations it would land with 4 minutes to spare, the airline said in a statement.

Strong winds at Haneda in the morning had led to delays in other flights bound for the city. While other late-running planes were allowed to land after the curfew, JL331 was denied permission. Fukuoka Airport officials told the Asahi Shimbun newspaper that they didn't regard its delay as "unavoidable" due to factors such as bad weather or congestion that would have allowed for an exception to be made.

Thus began the long journey back to Tokyo. An initial plan to re-route the flight to the nearby city of Kitakyushu was abandoned because no buses w



CONGRESS LEADER PAWAN KHERA DEBOARDED FROM PLANE; CHAOS AT DELHI AIRPORT TARMAC

Congress leader Pawan Khera was reportedly asked to get down from Raipur-bound IndiGo 6E204 flight. Other Congress leaders accompanying him including Supriya Shrinete, Randeep Singh Surjewala, KC Venugopal, got down and raised slogans against the BJP government at the tarmac



A major drama unfolded on Thursday at Delhi Airport in front of an IndiGo plane that a Congress delegation was about to board to reach Raipur. As Congress leader Pawan Khera was reportedly deboarded from the plane, the entire delegation started 'BJP hai hai' slogans. In the video emerging from the airport, Congress leaders Supriya Shrinete, Randeep Singh Surjewala, KC Venugopal can also be seen in the delegation. Recently, Pawan Khera was criticised for referring to Narendra Damodardas Modi as Narendra Gautamdas Modi, in a press conference attacking the government on the Gautam Adani issue. According to an ANI report, Delhi Police claimed that there was a request received from the Assam Police to stop Pawan Khera from flying.

NEWLY-WEDS FOUND DEAD BEFORE RECEPTION, GROOM'S MOTHER HEARD BRIDE SCREAM

Police suspect that a fight broke out between the two, following which the man stabbed his wife to death before killing himself.

A newly-married couple was found dead with stab injuries on their bodies inside a room at their house just before their wedding reception in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur, police said on Wednesday.

Police suspect that a fight broke out between the two, following which the man stabbed his wife to death before killing himself.

The incident took place at Brijnagar under Tikrapara police station limits late Tuesday evening, an official said.

Aslam (24) and Kakhsha Bano (22) got married on Sunday and their wedding reception was scheduled to be held on Tuesday night. They were getting ready for the function inside their room when the groom's mother heard screams of the bride and rushed there, he said.

"The room was locked from inside and when they did not respond, the family members peeped through a window and found them lying unconscious in a pool of blood, following which they informed the police," he said. Police broke open the door and sent their bodies with stab injuries for post-mortem, he said, adding that a knife was recovered from the spot.

"Prima facie it seems that an argument broke out between the couple and the man attacked his wife with a knife and then killed himself," he said.

However, an investigation into the matter is underway, he added.