Kochi court allows ED access to documents in CMRL pay-off case

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Veena Vijayan

A special court for the trial of Companies Act offences in Kerala's Kochi on Monday allowed the Enforcement Directorate (ED) to obtain copies of documents collected by the Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO) in connection with the money laundering case linked to the Cochin Minerals and Rutile Limited (CMRL) pay-off case.

Ernakulam Additional District and Sessions Judge V.P.M. Suresh Babu allowed a petition filed by the Enforcement Directorate seeking copies of documents gathered by the SFIO, which had investigated the alleged fictitious expenses submitted by the CMRL before the Income Tax Settlement Commission.

The Enforcement Directorate had on May 27 raided the residences of Kerala's former Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Kannur and Thiruvananthapuram as part of the probe into whether his daughter and former IT consultant T. Veena's now-defunct firm Exalogic had received sizeable monthly retainers from the CMRL, a private mining company, during the 2017-2021 period allegedly without rendering any tangible service.

The central agency had reportedly sought 134 documents collected by the SFIO during its probe into the links between the CMRL and Ms. Veena's firm, which allegedly offered IT consultancy to the Kochi-based company. The petition, filed on June 6, came up for consideration before the court on Monday. The CMRL opposed the plea stating that the documents should not be handed over to the Enforcement Directorate without hearing it.

However, the court allowed the petition after hearing submissions from the ED, SFIO, and CMRL.

'Fraudulent operations'

The SFIO had informed the court that Ms. Veena had colluded with Sasidharan Kartha, Chairman and Managing Director of the CMRL, to "siphon off ₹2.78 crore from the company, misrepresenting the payments as IT consultancy fee for services that were not delivered."

She played a pivotal role in the fraudulent operations totalling ₹2.78 crore from the CMRL under the guise of IT consultancy services, it said.

The SFIO had arraigned her as the 11th accused in the final complaint filed before the Additional Sessions Court-7, Ernakulam.

Deve Gowda nearing end of six-decade-long stint in public office

Ex-PM's tenure in Rajya Sabha comes to an end on June 25; Karnataka BJP has fielded its own leader for RS polls instead of the 93-year-old

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The former Prime Minister and Janata Dal (Secular) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda is set to end his more than six-decades-long political career in public office with his tenure as Rajya Sabha member coming to an end on June 25.

While all eyes are on the BJP's move, the party late on Sunday night decided to nominate M. Nagaraja from its ranks instead of the nonagenarian leader, its ally in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA).

With the retirement of the 93-year-old leader, known for his knowledge in agriculture and irrigation, especially the Cauvery river dispute, Parliament will now not have any former Prime Ministers as a member.

Vokkaliga politics

The JD(S) was hoping that Mr. Gowda, who is respected by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will be nominated to the Rajya Sabha. Besides, with another Vokkaliga leader D.K. Shivakumar becoming Chief Minister, it was speculated that the BJP could offer its seat to Mr. Gowda as a counterweight in the Vokkaliga politics that dominates the Old Mysuru region.

However, the BJP State unit had insisted on fielding a party leader.

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"This was not our election because we did not have the numbers. We had not asked for it either. There is no question of disappointment. This was not our seat," sources in the JD (S) told *The Hindu*. "We are not attaching too much importance. This is a media speculation."

In the election to four Rajya Sabha seats set to be held on June 18, the Congress has the numbers to win three and the BJP one. The JD(S) with 18 legislators does not have the numbers and was dependent on the BJP's decision.

Active till the end

On multiple occasions in the past, Mr. Gowda, whose understanding of the regional caste equations are well known, has said that he would remain in active politics till his end.

The current stint had been made possible by the Congress's decision to support him in the 2020 Rajya Sabha elections that came after his defeat in Karnataka's Tumakuru Lok Sabha constituency during the 2019 election, when the JD (S) faced the election in alliance with the Congress.

Soon after the party's debacle in the 2023 Assembly elections, the JD(S) joined the NDA.

During his illustrious political career that started from being elected to Taluk Development Board in 1960 and later elected to the Karnataka Legislative Assembly in 1962, Mr. Gowda became the 14th Chief Minister of Karnataka in 1994 after leading the Janata Dal to election victory and 11th Prime Minister of India in 1996 heading the United Front government.

He has been a six-term member of the Lok Sabha and a two-term member in the Rajya Sabha. He has been elected to the Legislative Assembly seven times.

Congress terms Deve Gowda Rajya Sabha snub 'humiliation'

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BENGALURU

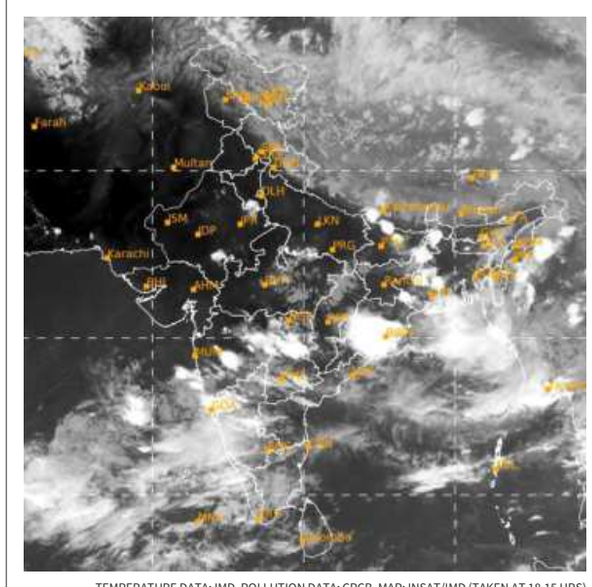
The nomination of M. Nagaraja to the Rajya Sabha by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) instead of fielding former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda drew ridicule from the Congress on Monday, with the party terming the move "humiliation heaped upon the JD (S) by the BJP".

"The constant humiliation heaped upon JD(S) by the BJP and its leadership, and its repeated acceptance by JD(S) State president H.D. Kumaraswamy merely sticking to a Ministerial chair at any cost is highly astonishing and eye-opening," said Congress general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala in a post on X. He added that the Congress and its leader Sonia Gandhi respected Mr. Gowda's status as former Prime Minister and extended support to him in the 2020 Rajya Sabha elections. "If the JD(S) has self-respect, it should walk out of the alliance with the BJP," he said.

KPCC president B.K. Hariprasad termed it an insult, accusing the BJP of using and misusing the former Prime Minister for its benefits. "The Congress helped him (Mr. Gowda) get unanimously elected to the Rajya Sabha. They (BJP) have used the name of Mr. Gowda for a long time to get Bills passed in Parliament and used him for a political advantage."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep. Heat wave conditions likely at isolated places over Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	9	35.2	26.2	Kurnool	0.6	35.5	25.7
Ahmedabad	—	42.2	29.9	Lucknow	—	40.3	29.7
Aizawl	—	32.1	24.3	Madurai	—	34.7	27.1
Bengaluru	11	29.6	21.2	Mangaluru	3	28.8	24.8
Bhopal	—	38.7	25.8	Mumbai	—	35.1	29.9
Bhubaneswar	12.9	40.7	26.2	Mysuru	—	31.2	20.4
Chandigarh	—	41.0	25.8	New Delhi	—	42.2	29.2
Chennai	—	39.7	30.0	Patna	—	41.3	30.3
Coimbatore	—	29.8	23.4	Port Blair	0.8	31.5	27.3
Dehradun	—	37.0	23.8	Prayagraj	—	42.5	28.0
Gangtok	8	23.5	17.8	Puducherry	—	38.8	26.6
Goa	7	31.4	24.7	Pune	—	35.6	25.8
Guwahati	—	34.7	27.0	Raipur	—	42.0	32.2
Hubballi	—	26.0	23.0	Ranchi	—	37.2	23.0
Hyderabad	—	36.4	25.2	Shillong	—	26.0	18.0
Imphal	0.8	31.1	23.1	Shimla	—	30.8	21.0
Jaipur	—	40.1	27.2	Srinagar	—	30.3	12.5
Kochi	34	29.4	24.2	Thiruvananthapuram	51	30.5	22.7
Kohima	—	25.0	19.0	Tiruchirappalli	—	36.3	27.4
Kolkata	23	38.0	24.6	Vijayawada	6	37.4	25.6
Kozhikode	2	32.0	26.2	Visakhapatnam	—	35.3	20.3

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.85	.32	43	74	86	
Bengaluru	.16	.19	44	31	47	
Chennai	.6	.14	52	40	52	
Delhi	.28	.62	48	104	394	
Hyderabad	.13	.18	35	81	86	
Kolkata	.14	.25	17	71	83	
Lucknow	.12	.12	47	160	98	
Mumbai	.4	.6	41	27	108	
Pune	.—	.48	65	47	85	
Visakhapatnam	.18	.48	17	55	128	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Panipat, Haryana recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 293 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Madikeri, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 20

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Monsoon halt

Strom prep: Fishermen moving a fishing boat through the ramp using a pick0up van at the Vizhinjam harbour in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on Monday. Owing to a heavy monsoon alert, fishermen in Kerala have been advised not to venture into the sea. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Telangana wage revision brings little cheer to workers

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HYDERABAD

For over one crore workers in the unorganised sector, May 21 was just another mundane work day. Revision of minimum wages by the Telangana State government after a gap of two decades had no impact on their lives – no better, none the worse.

Most of the workers in the 73 listed fields of employment are still earning the same wages as before, while a few might have added up just a few hundreds of rupees per month to their payment.

While the government may claim 25-37% increase in the wages when compared with the last time the wages were revised, the same is not reflected in the real wages calculated after adding the variable dearness allowance which is revised from time to time.

For instance, the latest monthly minimum wages fixed for sanitation workers are ₹16,000 in Zone-1, ₹15,000 in Zone-2 and ₹14,000 in Zone 3. The actual wages being earned after successive Variable Dearness Allowance (VDA) additions for the same employment, however, range between ₹16,872 for Zone-3 to ₹17,332 for Zone-1. Major metropolitan areas are categorised as Zone-1.

What's worse, the revised wages are far lower than the minimum wages fixed by the Central government. Devasani Bikshapathi, Secretary, Indian National Trade Union Congress (INTUC), Telangana, calls the process of fixing the minimum wages "unscientific".

"Of the 73 fields of employment, workers in 34 fields are facing severe injustice due to these wages, which have come after more than a decade of wait," he says. The Cabinet sub-committee constituted by the government to go through the Telangana State Minimum Wages Advisory Board's recommendations should have held wider consultations with the stakeholders, he felt.

Judge recuses from hearing plea in actor rape case

The Hindu Bureau
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Justice Jobin Sebastian of a Single Judge Bench of the Kerala High Court on Monday recused himself from hearing a petition filed by the survivor in the 2017 actor rape case.

The petition sought to a re-investigation into the alleged unauthorised access of a crucial memory card containing videos of the crime by some court officials.

The judge reasoned that he had served as the Registrar of the district judiciary when the survivor filed a complaint in this regard on the administrative side regarding unauthorised access of a memory card while in judicial custody during the trial proceedings.

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E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/ symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is"**, and **"Whatever there is"** on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/ Secured Creditor from the respective borrower (s) and guarantor (s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties.

Appendix IV-A See Proviso to Rule 9 (1) (SCHEDULE OF THE SECURED ASSETS)

Lot. No.	Name of the Branch / Name of the Account / Name & addresses of the Borrower/ Guarantors Account	Description of the Immovable Properties Mortgagors / Owner's Name (mortgagors of property(ies))	A) Dt. of Demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFESI ACT 2002 B)Outstanding Amount as per demand notice C)Possession Date u/s 13(4) of SARFESI ACT 2002 D) Nature of Possession	A) Reserve Price (Rs. in Lacs) B) EMD C) Bid Increase Amount	Date/Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors
1.	**BO-Kuraich (693400)** **A/c No-6934008700000300** **M/S Khushi Enterprises** prop. Anil Sah S/o Musafir Sah **Sri Anil Sah** S/o Musafir Sah **Sri Anil Kumar Sah** S/o Lalan Sah **All are resident at:** Vill.-Nawadih, PO.-Meyari Bazar, P.S.- Nokha, Dist.-Rohtas , Bihar	**Immovable property situated at:** Mauza - Nawadih, Anchal-Sasaram, Thana-Nokha, Thana No.- 412,Halka No.-3, Khata No.- 103 (survey) /148(chak), Plot No.- 58(survey)/ 45 (chak), Area-44 1½ decimal, Dist.-Rohtas having sale deed No.-12513 dated 19.09.2014 in the name of Sri Arvind Kumar Sah S/0 Lalan Sah. **Boundary:** N-Nij Mokir, S-Singasan Sah,E-Wakil Choudhry, W-Chhawar	**A) 13.10.2016** **B) Rs.16,76,209/-** + further interest C) 21.12.2021 D) Symbolic	**A) Rs. 4,53,900/-** **B) Rs.45,39O/-** **C) Rs. 25,000/-**	**23.06.2026** at 12:00 Noon to 04:00 PM	Not Known

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions: **1.** The properties are being sold on **"AS IS WHERE IS BASIS"** and **"AS IS WHAT IS BASIS"** and **"WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS" 2.** The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule herein above have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. **3.** The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website **https://baanknet.com on 23.06.2026@ 12.00 Noon to 04:00 PM 4.** For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer **https://baanknet.com & www.pnbindia.in.** **5.** The Authorised Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final.

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1.	**BO-Sasaram (084600)** **A/c No-1630300500065** **Sh. Sanjay Chaudhary** S/o Sh. Moti Chaudhary **R/O:** At-Kota, Near H.P. Gas Agency, Sasaram, Dist.-Rohtas, Bihar-822115 **Also At:** Shobhaganj, Sasaram, Dist.-Rohtas,Bihar-821115 **Smt. Panna Kunwar** W/o Sh. Moti Chaudhary **R/o-** Shobhaganj, Sasaram, Dist.-Rohtas,Bihar-821115	**Immovable property situated at:** Mauza- Rajokhar, Rev Thana-122, Khata No.-13, Plot No.-32, Halka No.-6, PS- Sasaram, Dist.-Rohtas, Area-1167 sqft, having sale deed No.10832 dated 28.07.2012 in the name of Smt. Panna Kunwar W/o Moti Choudhry **Boundaries:** N-Nij, S-Nij, E-18 ft Rasta, W-Nij.	**A) 02.04.2022** **B) Rs.9,48,159/-** + further interest C) 12.07.2022 D) Symbolic	A) Rs. Rs.17,81,600 /- B) Rs. Rs.1,78,160 /- C) Rs. 25,000/-	**23.06.2026** at 12:00 Noon to 04:00 PM	Not Known

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