

Surrender, go to jail or defend bail: SC to Sonam

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked Sonam Raghuvanshi, currently on bail for murdering her husband Raja Raghuvanshi during a honeymoon trip in Meghalaya in 2025, to consider surrendering and going back to jail as the court gave her two days to decide whether she wishes to take this option or defend her bail.

Sonam is accused along with others for plotting the murder of her husband in May 2025 was granted bail by the Meghalaya high court on June



Sonam Raghuvanshi

29. This decision was challenged by the Meghalaya government in the top court.

The high court found fault with the state police for not communicating the grounds of arrest and showing a total “non-application of judicious mind” as the arrest memo mentioned section 403 instead of

section 103 (punishment for murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The state submitted to the top court that it was only a typographical error on which the high court let out an accused charged with a serious crime.

After hearing arguments on both sides, a bench of justices MM Sundresh and PB Varale said, “We don’t want to surprise you. At the same time you should also understand our mind. We want to be fair to both sides. Either we can consider and pass an order on merits or we will pass an order for you to surrender. Till then, the important witnesses can be

examined. You have two choices. We suggest you take instructions and come back.”

Senior advocate Ardhendu-mauli Prasad appearing for Raghuvanshi said that the high court order requires her to be in Shillong and cooperate with the trial. He sought time till Thursday to take instructions pointing out that there is no allegation by the state that his client has violated any bail condition prescribed by the high court.

The court said, “If you take the second option, we will ask the trial court to expedite the trial and then your bail application can be taken up.”

12 killed, 13 trapped in Sikkim tunnel collapse; toll may rise

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KOLKATA/SILIGURI: At least 12 workers were killed and 13 others remained trapped for over 24 hours after an under-construction tunnel collapsed in Sikkim’s Namchi district following an explosion of suspected methane gas, officials said on Tuesday, adding the toll may increase.

Meanwhile, members of a mining safety team from neighbouring West Bengal that joined the rescue operation on Tuesday, claimed to having spotted eight more bodies inside the tunnel. The Namchi district administration, however, could not verify the claims till the time of going to press.

A total of 25 workers had been trapped inside the collapsed tunnel of the NHPC Teesta Stage VI Hydropower Project at Samar-dung in South Sikkim shortly after 1 pm on Monday.

“In all 12 bodies have been recovered till 7 pm on Tuesday and 13 are still missing,” Namchi district collector Anupa Tamling said. “We will carry out the rescue operation until late night and will resume it early Wednesday morning. Seven of the bodies recovered have been identified.”

The deceased included migrant workers from West Bengal, Punjab, Assam and Uttarakhand, the senior official said.

Sikkim chief minister Prem Singh Tamang, who visited the incident site along with Governor Om Prakash Mathur on Tuesday, announced an ex-gratia of ₹4 lakh each to the kin of those killed and ₹50,000 to each injured.

“A high-level committee will be constituted to investigate the matter,” the CM told reporters.

A special mining rescue team from neighbouring West Bengal has arrived at the site to assist in

What happened on July 20



12 dead
13 trapped

SUSPECTED CAUSE:
Methane gas explosion

TEESTA STAGE-VI HE PROJECT IN SOUTH SIKKIM

● **TOTAL TUNNEL LENGTH:**

Approximately 2km and width: 10.8m

● **INFRASTRUCTURE:** Includes 5 adits (1, 2, 3, 4, and 4A)

● **PURPOSE:** The under-construction tunnel aims to connect the barrage at Sirwani to the powerhouse at Tarkhola to generate electricity to generate electricity by using the Teesta river’s natural flow under the Run of River (RoR) scheme

TIMELINE

● **1.30 pm:** A section of the tunnel at adit 3 in Samar-dung collapses during the workers’ lunch break

● **2.30 pm:** Local rescue team arrives

● **5 pm:** NDRF team from Bengal arrives

● **8 pm:** First body was recovered

PHOTO: PTI; SOURCE: NHPC OFFICIALS

INDIA TO PLAY KEY ROLE IN COP-31: UNFCCC EXEC SECY

NEW DELHI: The upcoming COP-31 in Antalya should emerge as a platform for implementing important climate targets and goals, with India—one of the fastest growing renewable energy players — to play a key role, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) executive secretary Simon Stiell said on Tuesday.

Visiting Delhi as part of a three-day official visit, Stiell, addressing a press briefing, said discussions with the Indian government had so far been fruitful and focused on identifying solutions and addressing challenges for the green transition ahead. “I’ve had very productive talks with ministers and business leaders over the past two days, with more coming up. A constant theme runs through the discussions: Climate action is game-changing for India, its economy and its people,” said Stiell.

“Fossil-fuel-free power now makes up half of India’s installed capacity—a milestone you (India) has hit five years early,” he said.

“India is an important voice within the process (COP-31), both in terms of its own national representation, and that of many of the concerns for developing countries around the world,” he said.

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B’desh pick for mission spokespersons in Delhi, Kolkata raises eyebrows

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NEW DELHI: The Bangladesh government’s decision to appoint two journalists who have been very critical of India as spokespersons in the missions in New Delhi and Kolkata has raised eyebrows in diplomatic circles, especially as the move comes at a time when the two countries are engaged in the delicate process of rebuilding their strained ties.

Both Saidur Rahman, the political editor of the Bengali daily Ittefaq who has been appointed the spokesperson of the Bangladesh high commission in New Delhi, and Umme Marufa, a special correspondent for the television network News24 who was named as spokesperson for the deputy high commission in Kolkata, have made derogatory social media posts about India and its government, people familiar with the matter said.

By Tuesday, several of these social media posts had been deleted by both journalists following the official announcement of Rahman’s appointment on a one-year contract by Bangladesh’s public administration ministry.

SAIDUR RAHMAN AND UMME MARUFA HAVE ALLEGEDLY MADE DEROGATORY POSTS ABOUT INDIA AND ITS GOVT

“The choices made by the Bangladesh side are strange, especially as the two sides are now focused on rebuilding their relations after strains seen in the past two years,” one of the people said.

“Maybe the new government in Dhaka thinks that the two candidates it has chosen are better suited to its approach,” a second person said.

In a Facebook post in Bengali in December 2024 in response to a message from India’s PM congratulating Bangladesh on Vijay Diwas, Rahman had contended that India had no role in Bangladesh’s war of liberation, and that Bangladesh’s freedom came with the end of “slavery” to India in August 2024 – a reference to the student-led protests that ousted the former PM Sheikh Hasina.

MP PASSES UCC BILL AMID CONG PROTESTS

BHOPAL: The Madhya Pradesh legislative assembly passed the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) Bill by voice vote on Tuesday amid chants of “Jai Shri Ram”.

After Uttarakhand, Gujarat, and Assam, Madhya Pradesh is set to become the fourth state to implement UCC.

CM Mohan Yadav said, “The 76% of Muslim women and 40% of Muslim men in Madhya Pradesh have supported the Uniform Civil Code in the state. Separate religious yardsticks would no longer prevail in the state; instead, from Ram to Rahim and Anthony to Akbar, everyone in the region would be governed by a single Constitution.”

After the bill was passed, the CM, cabinet ministers and BJP MLAs raised slogans in the assembly, including, “Jo Hindu hi ki baat karega, wo desh pe raaz karega (whoever speaks for the Hindus’ welfare, will rule the nation)” and “Jai Shri Ram”. The bill will be sent to the Governor for assent, after which, a notification regarding the bill will be issued in the official gazette. HTC

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AYODHYA: The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust will hold two crucial meetings on Wednesday to appoint the temple’s first chief executive officer (CEO), reconstitute its five key committees and fill three vacant trustee posts, people familiar with the matter said, amid heightened scrutiny following the alleged embezzlement of donations.

According to people familiar with the matter, the Trust’s executive committee will first meet at 3 pm at the Ram Janmabhoomi complex before convening a second meeting at Mani Ram Das Chhawni Peeth, the residence of Trust chairman Mahant Nritya Gopal Das.

The appointment of the temple’s first CEO is expected to be the most important decision. A three-member search panel will submit a shortlist of three candidates, one of whom will be

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selected to oversee the temple’s administration, finances and devotee services. The post has attracted applications from

retired bureaucrats, corporate leaders and Ram devotees.

Speaking to reporters in Ayodhya, Trust member Swami Parmanand Giri said the vacancies in the trust would have to be filled. The vacancies arose after former general secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra resigned amid the donation controversy, while trustee Vimlendra Mohan Pratap Mishra died in August 2025.

Asked about the Supreme Court’s observations on Monday

regarding entrusting the probe to a Special Investigation Team (SIT), Giri said the trust would first wait for the existing SIT’s report. “If the present SIT is not considered appropriate, forming another one will not make much difference.”

On whether any names were being considered for the vacancies, Giri said: “There is nothing as of now, but the vacancies have to be filled and whatever is to be decided will be discussed in tomorrow’s meeting.”

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1	DIRECTORATE OF INFORMATION, PUBLIC RELATIONS & LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT, HARYANA	FOR HIRING OF MANPOWER AGENCY FOR PMU UNIT IN INFORMATION PUBLIC RELATION LANGUAGES AND CULTURE DEPT, HARYANA	23.07.2026 06.08.2026		https://etenders.hry.nic.in https://priharyana.gov.in	0172-5059101 estipr@gmail.com
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SN	Tender Number	Details of Tender		
1	62-2026-27-ADEN-JUC	Repair to various arches of Bridge no. 58 on JUC-BEAS section under ADEN/JUC.		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
7499422.81		150000.00	60 Days	06 Months
Similar nature of work: - "Any civil work other than track work"				
2	63-2026-27-ADEN-JUC	Augmentation of Running Room at JUC in C/wth Augmentation of running Rooms at FZR, JUC, MCTM & SVDK by providing 10 Nos. additional rooms.		
Advertised Value (Rs.)		Earnest Money	Validity of Offer	Period of Completion
8024077.24		160500.00	60 Days	12 Months
Similar nature of work: - "Construction of building/quarters."				
3	64-2026-27-ADEN-I/ASR	Improvement to various staff amenities like water supply arrangement of A, B & C blocks at railway colony Amritsar in the section of SSE/WWS/ASR under ADEN-I/ASR.		
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MPBTB invites offers for "Request for Proposal for Appointment of Agency for Conservation of Moti Mahal, Development of Museum of Music and for Operations, Maintenance & Management of the Museum at Moti Mahal, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, India" The detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from website https://www.mptenders.gov.in/ www.tourism.mp.gov.in For any other information please contact, Mob. No. +91-9993574567 & +91-9425184809 or e-mail at jdplg.mptb@mp.gov.in & psbaghel.mptb@mp.gov.in in Last Date and Time for online submission of the RFP is 13.08.2026 @ 17:00 Hr.	
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