CJI advocates for AI regulation over blanket ban in judiciary

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NEW DELHI: It would be neither "practicable nor wise" to ban generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools that can summarise judgments, suggest legal arguments and produce polished answers within minutes, Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant said on Saturday, advocating clear rules and responsible use of the technology instead of a blanket prohibition.

Addressing the first annual international conference of the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA) in Hyderabad, the CJI cautioned that AI was fundamentally changing how legal education, research and professional work were conducted, but stressed that technological assistance could not become a substitute for independent reasoning, verification and accountability.

"The question, therefore, is no longer whether students will use these tools, but whether the work they submit still reflects their own reasoning, understanding, and appreciation for the law," he said, underlining the need for law schools to rethink academic assessments and prepare students for a profession that was already adopting these technologies.

> JUSTICE KANT SAID BANNING AI TOOLS WOULD MERELY DRIVE THEIR USE UNDERGROUND, WHERE INSTITUTIONS WOULD HAVE LESS OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE IT

Justice Kant said banning AI tools would merely drive their use underground, where institutions would have little opportunity to guide or examine it. Pointing to the approach adopted by courts across the Commonwealth, he cited the Supreme Court of Singapore, which permits court users to employ generative AI but holds them fully responsible for everything they file.

"The wiser course is to set clear rules and to teach responsible use, so that technology assists the student's search," he said. Turning to the use of AI in legal research, Kant warned that a fluent and convincing answer was not necessarily an accurate one. Such tools could generate fabricated judicial authorities, omit crucial qualifications in summarising judgments or produce incomplete comparative analyses by overlooking jurisprudence from parts of the Commonwealth that remained poorly represented in digital databases.

"An AI system cannot be credited as an author, precisely because it cannot be held responsible for the work," he said, stressing that researchers must verify every authority against its primary source, disclose material assistance received from AI tools and remain answerable for what they publish.

He also flagged the risks of feeding confidential information into external AI platforms, cautioning that unpublished manuscripts, research data and client information must not be uploaded without due regard to consent, privacy and security. Calling for institutional safeguards, the CJI urged universities, academic supervisors and publishers to formulate clear guidance on the use of AI in research. Beyond technology, Kant used the address to argue that legal education must move away from an excessive dependence on theoretical instruction and equip students to apply legal principles to real-life disputes.

He said practical learning should not remain confined to separate clinical courses but should also inform the teaching of core subjects such as evidence, criminal procedure, family law and constitutional law.

ED escalates money laundering probe into MLC Sunil Singh's cooperative societies

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PATNA: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has intensified its money laundering investigation into an alleged ₹27.36 lakh financial fraud involving cooperative societies linked to MLC Sunil Singh and his immediate family, officials said.

Following an intense eight-hour grilling of the legislator on Thursday, who appeared before federal investigators only after skipping prior summons, the agency summoned his wife, Vandana Singh, and son, Yashaswi Singh, to its Patna regional office for questioning on Friday.

The probe centers on alleged financial irregularities in the procurement and sale of subsidized "Bharat Chana Dal" during Sunil Singh's tenure as Chairman of the Bihar State Cooperative Marketing Union (Biscomaun).

> THE PROBE IS ON THE FINANCIAL IRREGULARITIES IN PROCUREMENT AND SALE OF SUBSIDISED "BHARAT CHANA DAL"

According to official sources, sleuths anchored the marathon session around thirty pointed queries divided into four key lines of inquiry to unravel the money trail.

Investigators pressed Singh to explain the exact operational procedures used to distribute the subsidized pulses and the administrative basis for inducting his family members into the linked cooperative societies, sources revealed.

Highly placed ED sources informed that the agency demanded to know the ultimate destination of the funds collected from traders, probing the specific bank accounts where the money was routed after buyers received neither the promised consignments nor refunds.

Sources revealed that Singh evaded direct answers regarding his family's role in key financial decisions.

The MLC, however, remained defiant, claiming he submitted documentary evidence to counter every query and alleging that a disgruntled BISCOMAUN (Bihar State Co-Operative Marketing Union Ltd) employee orchestrated a false case against him. " I have given all financial documents to rebut the charges against me. I have nothing to hide,"the MLC said.

He said that he went to the ED office and gave point-to-point rebuttals to the questions posed by the investigators with corroborative documentary evidence.

Industry body flags army's procurement of Chinese-made drones via government portal

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NEW DELHI: An industry body representing India's drone sector flagged the alleged purchase of Chinese-made drones and components by army units through a government e-commerce portal, citing data showing the units accounted for 580, or 84%, of the 689 related tenders issued over the past six years.

In a November 20 letter to Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani and defence secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, the Drone Federation of India (DFI) has raised serious security concerns over such drone systems, calling for an immediate blanket ban on the procurement of what the body called Chinese-origin equipment and components, mandatory country-of-origin declarations, and component-level traceability in all future procurement bids. Responses from the defence ministry and army spokespersons were awaited at the time of going to press.

"A strict advisory may kindly be issued to all formations, units and establishments that drones and drone components procured for internal use, including through GeM (Government e-Marketplace), shall exclude Chinese components without exception and accord reasonable preference to Indian drone components, particularly for critical components such as flight controllers, receivers and datalinks, video transmitters, GNSS modules, cameras, motors, ESCs and batteries," wrote DFI president Smit Shah.

Chinese-origin equipment and components are off-limits in military drones, but smaller purchases through the GeM portal do not face the same rigorous scrutiny.

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SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE [Appendix IV under the Act-Rule-8(1)]

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Bank of Maharashtra** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act – 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Sec. 13(12) read with rule 8 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated mentioned at column no. 3 to the following Borrowers/Guarantors mentioned at column no. 1 to repay the amount mentioned in Column no. 3 in the Notice within 60 days from the date of the said Notice. The Borrowers/Guarantors having failed to repay the amount, Notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken **Symbolic Possession** dated mentioned at Column no. 4 in the exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned below.
The Borrowers/Guarantors in particular and the Public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties and any dealings with the properties will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Maharashtra** for an amount mentioned herein and further interest therein.

(1) Name of Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s) and Branch	2) Particulars of property/ assets charged	(3) Date of Demand Notice and Outstanding Amount	(4) Date of Possession
Mr. Abhay Singh (Borrower) & Mrs. Shobha Singh (Co-Borrower) **Branch - Bokaro Steel City**	**Primary Security :** - Equitable Mortgage of Plot No. 1755, Khata No. 17, Wing- Ground, Floor- 1, Mouza- Bandhdih, Sub-Registry Office- Bermo, At- Tenughat, District Sub Registry Office- Bokaro, Anchal- Jaridih, Kahat No. 17, Plot No. 1755, in the Village- Bandhdih, Bokaro, Jharkhand-829301 vide Sale Deed No. 1741, dated 29.09.2011 Area-2.5 decimals. **Boundaries:** - North: - Nij Shobhnath Pandey ; South: - Rasta; East: - Burnwal ; West: - Rasta	**Date of Demand Notice: 17.09.2026** Outstanding Amount : **₹ 16,93,737/- (Rupees Sixteen Lakh Ninety-Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty-Seven Only)** Plus unapplied interest future interest as per applicable rate	**18.11.2026**

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
Date : 20.11.2026 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bokaro **Bank of Maharashtra, Zonal Office, Ranchi**

SBI – State Bank Of India
Regional Business Office, Munger Opposite Safiasarai
Police Station, Safiasarai Chowk, Munger 811214

LOCKER NOTICE-I

S.No	Branch	Branch Code	Locker no.	Locker Cabinet no.
1	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	8	1
2	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	12	1
3	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	13	1
4	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	32	1
5	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	40	1
6	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	50	1
7	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	52	1
8	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	57	1
9	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	59	1
10	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	64	1
11	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	80	1
12	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	31	2
13	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	42	2
14	Jamalpur Railway Colony	3597	51	2
15	Khagaria	114	16	1
16	Khagaria	114	40	1
17	Khagaria	114	45	1
18	Khagaria	114	54	1
19	Khagaria	114	12	2
20	Khagaria	114	19	2
21	Khagaria	114	27	2
22	Khagaria	114	45	2
23	Khagaria	114	22	3
24	Khagaria	114	52	3
25	Khagaria	114	53	3
26	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	1	1
27	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	2	1
28	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	12	1
29	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	21	1
30	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	35	1
31	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	46	1
32	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	51	1
33	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	53	1
34	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	6	2
35	Jamalpur Gogri	3790	20	2

Lockers of above-mentioned branches are not being operated for more than 2 years and branches are not able to contact existing locker holders due to records of existing Locker holders are unavailable at Branches. Hence, Locker holders of above-mentioned branches are requested to visit branch to make Locker operational/ surrender of Locker.

Date : 21.11.2026 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Munger **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Bank of India BOI
ZONAL OFFICE, RANCHI ZONE
PRADHAN TOWERS, NEAR OVERBRIDGE, MAIN ROAD, RANCHI - 834001
E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) 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 properties mortgaged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the Constructive Possession of which has been taken the Authorized Officer of **Bank of India** Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** for recovery of below mentioned dues to Bank of India Secured Creditor form the given Borrower(s). The Reserve Price, EMD Amount and Property details mentioned below:

Sl. No.	(A) Branch (B) Account / Borrower/ Guarantor / Mortgagor Name (C) Property ID	Description of Property	Demand Notice Date Possession Date Status of possession Sale Notic Date	A) Reserve Price B) Earnest Money Deposit	Present O/s	Date & Time of Auction
01	(A) Asset Recovery Branch (B) M/S TRUST DIAGNOSTIC CENTRE (C) BKIDRAN172	EQM of commercial space i.e. Shop No. 02 situated at Ground Floor, Block A, M & J Building, Firayalal Compound, Opp. Radisson Blu Hotel, Kadru Diversion Road, Plot No. 1794 & 1795, Village – Siram, PS – Chutia, PS No. – 210, Holding No. 531, New Ward No. – 3, Thana – Ranchi, Dist. – Ranchi in the name of Mr. Jatin Sahay vide Sale Deed No. 8546/7570 dated 16.12.2017 having Total Super Built Area of 1555 Sq. Ft. **Boundaries :** North: Shop No. 01, South: Shop No. 03, East: Open Space, West: Lobby, Lift & Stairs	13(2)- 31.08.2022 13(4)- 05.11.2022 Symbolic Possession Sale Notice Dt. 18.11.2026	A) Rs. 146.85 Lakhs B) Rs. 14.70 Lakhs	Rs. 555.07 Lakhs + Interest and Charges	09.12.2026 11:00AM to 05:00PM
02	(A) Asset Recovery Branch (B) MR. DAYANAND MODI (C) BKIDRANDAYM	Land with G. Floor, 1st Floor & 2nd Floor building with boundary wall having under Plot No. 4021, Khata No. 479, Area of Land – 4.48 Decimals, Mauza – Telaiya, Ward No. 01, PS No. 244, Telaiya Police Station, Distt. – Koderma vide Sale Deed No. 4023 dated 29.07.2013 in the name of Dayanand Modi S/o Late Natho Modi. **Boundaries as per Deed :** North: Nawal Kishore Daruka / Open Land of Nawal Kishore Daruka, South: Upender Singh / Land of Upender Singh, East: 16' Ft. wide road then Shanker Nath Jha, West: Dr. D. P. Saxena	13(2)- 08.09.2022 13(4)- 13.03.2023 Symbolic Possession Sale Notice Dt. 18.11.2026	A) Rs. 84.50 Lakhs B) Rs. 8.45 Lakhs	Rs. 37.96 Lakhs + Interest and Charges	24.12.2026 11:00AM to 05:00PM
03	(A) Asset Recovery Branch (B) M/S NATRAJ RICE MILLS PVT LTD (C) BKIDRANNATLB	Equitable Mortgage of Total Area of 4 Acres 23.25 Decimal covered under Plot no 1742 (Area 35.25 Decimals + 10.25 Decimals + 68.25 Decimals) under Khata No 263, Plot No 1741 (Area 77 Decimals), 1752 (Area 23.50 Decimals + 50 Decimals) both under Khata No 196, Plot No 1745 (Area 36.25 decimals + 8.75 Decimals) and also Plot No 1746 (Area 57 Decimals + 57 Decimals) under Khata No 176 situated at Village- Dakra, PS- Ramgarh Chowk, Thana No 106, Dist- Lakhisarai, Bihar owned by M/s Natraj Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd. **Bounded :** On the North by - Property of Umessh Singh & Others, On the South by - Plot no. 1737 & 1738, On the East by - Property of Sahdev Sing & Others, On the West by - Pine Bandhu Village Road	13(2)- 02.07.2025 13(4)- 13.10.2025 Physical Possession Sale Notice Dt. 18.11.2026	A) Rs. 551.00 Lakhs B) Rs. 55.10 Lakhs	Rs. 1930.00 Lakhs + Interest and Charges	24.12.2026 11:00AM to 05:00PM
04	(A) Lohardaga Branch (B) MOHAMMAD ASLAM (C) BKIDRAN155	EQM of land and building constructed over 4.5 decimals under plot no 1402(new)/ 1286(old), Khata no- 1004(new)/ 178(old) situated at PCC road side at Mohalla Muslimtoli, Near Chhoti Masjid, Senha, Thana Senha, Thana No- 189, Dist Lohardaga in Name of Mohammad Aslam	13(2) - 03.02.2024 13(4) - 31.08.2024 Symbolic Possession Sale Notice Dt. 21.11.2026	A) Rs. 16.41 Lakhs B) Rs. 1.65 Lakhs	Rs. 12.57 Lakhs + Interest and Charges	24.12.2026 11:00AM to 05:00PM
05	(A) Kisko Branch (B) TABREJ ANSARI (C) BKIDRANTAB	EQM of land and building situated under new Khata no. 169, old Khata no. 294, new Plot no. 661, old Plot no. 596 & 597, situated at village Nawadih in front of Durga Mandir, Thana Kisko, Thana No- 120, District- Lohardaga in the name of Mr. Tabrej Ansari Admeasuring 4.0 decimal vide Sale deed no 1307/ 1333 dated 27.05.2006, rectification sale deed 2465/ 2529 dated 30.09.2011.	13(2) - 04.06.2024 13(4) - 20.01.2025 Symbolic Possession Sale Notice Dt. 21.11.2026	A) Rs. 5.69 Lakhs B) Rs. 0.57 Lakhs	Rs. 5.96 Lakhs + Interest and Charges	24.12.2026 11:00AM to 05:00PM

Auction will be through online portal https://www.baanknet.com
Last Date of EMD Deposit: 08.12.2026 (for Sl. no. 01) & 23.12.2026 (for Sl. no. 02, 03, 04 & 05) upto 5:00 PM.
Date and Time of Property Inspection: on or before 08.12.2026 (for Sl. no. 01) & 23.12.2026 (for Sl. no. 02, 03, 04 & 05) after consulting branch officials.
Contact details for Property : (Sl no. 01, 02 & 03) Shubham Kumar Agarwal- 8370032832, (Sl no. 04) Ganesh Kumar - 9386107289, (Sl no. 05) Mahesh Munda - 9905090574

Terms & Conditions: 1. For other detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Bank of India Website i.e. **https://www.bankofindia.bank.in** and **https://www.baanknet.com. 2.** The successful purchaser/ highest bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaration of highest/successful bidder and the balance 75% of the sale proceeds will be paid within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. If the successful bidder/purchaser fails to pay the sale price on stated above, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited.
For more information please contact: ARD, ZONAL OFFICE, ANUP GUPTA (Chief Manager) 7772845416, RISHAV SRIVASTAVA (OFFICER) Mob. 9852075523

Note : This is also a notice to the Borrower(s) / Guarantor(s)

Place : Ranchi **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Bank of India

Bihar Gramin Bank
Regional Office-Patna
Auction Sale Notice Under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Auction Sale of immovable Property mortgaged to the Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act- 2002 read with rules 5,6,7,8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement rules,2002), Possession of the following property has been taken over by the Authorized Officer, pursuant to the Notice issued U/s 13 (2), 13 (4) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Asset and Enforcement of Security Interest Act- 2002 in the borrowers accounts mentioned below with a right to sell the same on **"AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS"** basis for realization of the Bank's Dues on **29.12.2026 started from 11 A.M.**

SR. No.	Branch	Borrower's Name / Guarantor's Name	Details Of Property (Name Of Mortgagor)	(A) Demand Notice -13(2) (B) Possession Notice-13(4) (C) Balance-Rs + Future Intt & charges	(A) Reserve Price Rs. (B) EMD (C) Incremental Bid Amount
1.	Ashiyana Nagar	M/S City Furniture Guarantor-(1) Ritesh Kumar S/O-Chandrika Prasad, Guarantor (2) Chandrika Prasad,S/O-Late Jagdish Prasad, At-Flat No-102, Block-B, Sundari Enclave, Dhira Chak Near Sai Mandir, Anishabad, Patna-800002 A/C -74098700000365	**Schedule A** Mortgagor- Ritesh Kumar S/O–Chandrika Prasad,At-Flat No-102, Block-B, Sundari Enclave and Mortgagor-Chandrika Prasad, S/O-Jagdish Prasad. Area 1060sq ft., Flat No-105 (1st Floor), Sale Deed No-2205, Dtd-02.03.2019, Mauza-Dhirchak, Khata No.-363,364, Block-A of Sundari Enclave, Plot No-1813,1814,1815 Thana No. -16, situated at Vill + PO-Dhirchak, P.S-Gardanibagh, Dist- Patna. Boundary- North-Corridor, South,-Balcony East-Road, West-Flat No.-106	(A) 26.02.2025 (B) 27.05.2025 (C) 9365922.52 +intt	(A) Rs 4086000 /- (B) Rs 408600/- (C) Rs 10000/-
			Schedule B Mortgagor-Ritesh Kumar S/O-Chandrika Prasad,At-Flat No-102, Block-B, Sundari Enclave and Mortgagor-Chandrika Prasad, S/O-Jagdish Prasad. Area 1025 sq ft., Flat No-104 (1st Floor), Sale Deed No-2205, Dtd-02.03.2019, Mauza - Dhirchak, Khata No.-363,364, Block-A of Sundari Enclave, Plot No-1813,1814,1815 Thana No.-16, situated at Vill + PO- Dhirchak, P.S-Gardanibagh, Dist- Patna. Boundary- North- Flat No-102, South-Lift, East-Corridor , West-Lift.	(A) 26.02.2025 (B) 27.05.2025 (C) 9365922.52 +intt	(A) Rs 3960000/- (B) Rs 396000/- (C) Rs 10000/-

Date of Auction 29.12.2026 (Tuesday), Venue – Bihar Gramin Bank, Regional Office, PATNA, Rajdeo Bhawan, Kankarbagh, Patna-800020.
1. For participation in the Auction, each intending bidder has to make a refundable deposit (EMD) by way of Pay Order/ Demand Draft, Payable at Bihar Gramin Bank, Branch Kankarbagh. The said EMD will have to be deposited with the Authorized Officer by **28.12.2026 (Monday)** till 5:00 PM. The said deposit shall be adjusted in case of successful bidders.
2. The authorized Officer reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid/offer or adjure/postpone / cancel the auction Sale without assigning any reason thereof.
3. The aforesaid property shall not be sold below the reserve price mentioned.
4. If the Bid/ Offer is accepted by the Authorized Officer, the successful Bidder who has offered the highest sale price in the bid has to pay a Deposit of 25% of the Bid Amount (inclusive of EMD) of the Sale Price immediately on the same day to the Authorized Officer, falling which the Earnest Money Deposit shall be forfeited and the property shall forthwith will be sold again.
5. The successful Bidder shall pay the remaining 75% of the bid amount on or before the 15th Day of confirmation of Auction Sale by means of Pay Order/ DD favoring Bihar Gramin Bank payable at Patna.
6. In default of payment of balance amount 75% of bid amount within the stipulated period i.e. 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale, The deposit amount (25% of bid amount inclusive of EMD) shall be forfeited and the property shall be resold and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claims to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
7. On confirmation of sale by the bank and if the terms of payment have been complied with, the authorized officer exercising the power of sale shall issue a sale certificate for immovable property/ certificate of sale for moveable property, as the case may be, in favour of the purchaser in the specified format of the bank as per the rules under Securitization Act 2002.
8. The property is being sold "AS IS WHERE IS" AND "AS IS WHAT IS" basis and subjects to the condition prescribed in the Securitization Act 2002.
9. The interested parties / Bidders may inspect the property put up for the Auction Sale during the working hours of the bank for which they may contact our Branch Manager/ Regional Officer with a written request accompanied by the copy of acknowledgment of EMD as aforesaid.
10. The successful Bidder shall bear exclusively all the charges payable for physical possession, Registration Fee, Stamp Duty, Taxes, Statutory dues etc. as applicable.
11. The sale/ auction is subject to confirmation by the bank.
12. The authorized officer will not be held responsible for any charge, Lien, Encumbrances, Property tax or any other dues to the government or anybody in respect of the property proposed to be auction.
13. This is also a notice to the borrower / Guarantor of the aforesaid loan about holding of auction sale on above mentioned dated if their dues are not repaid in full.
14. Contact No- Ashiyana Nagar Branch-9771464409, RO Officer-7463885618.

Place : Patna **Authorised Officer**
Date : 20.11.2026 **Bihar Gramin Bank**