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• **Monday:** 01/05/2023 • **Year:** Shobhan. • **Chitrai:** Valar Pirai • **Vaishakh:** Shukla Paksha. • **Tithi:** Ekadashi till 22-10 hrs. • **Nakshatra (Star):** P. Phalguni till 17-51hrs. Moon in Simha till 24.22 hrs. Today is May Day, Mohini Ekadashi. • **Rahukaalam:** 07.30-09:00 • **Yamagantam:** 10.30-12:00 • **Gulikakalam:** 13.30-15:00

WEATHER

MIN 19°C | MAX 27°C

FORECAST Thunderstorm

Sunrise 05:41 am
Sunset 06:57 pm
Moonrise 02:00 pm
Moonset 02:44 am

L-G VK Saxena at a function to mark 100th episode of Mann ki Baat in Raj Niwas

Saxena: Mann ki Baat ushered in silent revolution

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@ New Delhi

DELHI Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio broadcast, "Mann ki Baat", has brought a silent revolution in the country.

Saxena, along with several intellectuals, Padma awardees, sanitation workers and anganwadi helpers, listened to a live broadcast of the 100th episode of "Mann ki Baat" at the Raj Niwas here on Sunday.

"Mann ki Baat is a unique programme in the world. Through this programme, his (Modi's) straight talk and visions have left an indelible mark. We heard our prime minister today. Like always, he presented his new ideas and the hopes and ambitions of the society's last person in front of us," the L-G said after the broadcast.

He said at a time when people are using new means of communication, the prime minister is interacting with people through radio, which is no ordinary feat.

"This is such a strong endeavour through which the prime minister has connected the hearts of 135 crore citizens and an attempt to infuse enthusiasm in them. This is also paving the way for a public opinion to take the country forward," Saxena said.

He said the "Mann ki Baat" programme is close to his heart.

"All of you know that I have been connected with Khadi for a long time. In the first episode of Mann ki Baat, he (Modi) had spoken about taking Khadi to every village. He had appealed to people to buy Khadi products to help artisans. If you buy one Khadi cloth, thousands of weavers will also be able to celebrate Diwali," Saxena said.

Didn't spend ₹15 cr on official residence: L-G

Delhi LG V K Saxena has denied spending ₹15 crore on renovating Raj Niwas as alleged by AAP, and said his house is open for every individual to come and see. AAP's RS MP Sanjay Singh had alleged that Saxena spent ₹15 crore on repair work alone at his official residence, which is built on six acres of land. In comparison, a new house was built for the Delhi CM on only one acre, he had said.

CM house redo: L-G's order unconstitutional, says Atishi

L-G told officials to secure expenditure records and submit report

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DELHI Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Atishi on Sunday wrote to Lieutenant Governor V K Saxena saying his directions seeking the seizure of records and directing executive action in connection with renovation of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's official residence is 'unconstitutional' and 'undemocratic'.

In a letter, Atishi said that as the PWD Minister of Delhi, she is primarily responsible for all government business pertaining to the department.

She urged the L-G to 'withdraw his communication' and restore the scheme of governance intended by the Constitution for Delhi and its people.

She asserted that the letter seeking the seizure of records was outside the jurisdiction and authority of the L-G office and bypasses the minister and the council of ministers concerned, who are democratically responsible for the business of the government.

"We hope that you will not force the elected government to approach the court once again in respect of your actions," said Atishi.

Amid a row over crores of rupees spent on renovating Kejriwal's official residence, Saxena has ordered officials to secure the records of expenditure and sought a report on the matter within 15 days.

"As per Rule 4(2) of the Transaction of Business of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Rules, 1993 ('ToBR'), I find myself compelled by my constitutional duty to the people of Delhi in whose name I hold my mandate, to write to you regarding my concerns with the unconstitutional and undemocratic nature of your communication dated April 27," the letter said.

Citing the Constitution's scheme for Delhi's governance as incorporated in Article 239AA and explained by the Supreme Court in 2018, Atishi said the apex court had observed that the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi is bound by the aid and advice of the council of ministers, and he has not been entrusted with any independent decision-making power.

Noting that though the L-G is empowered to seek information about decisions taken by the council of ministers under Rule 19(5) of the ToBR ' information that the ministers do not wish to deny, she said he has no power whatsoever to direct executive action of any kind.

"Your letter dated 27.04.2023, by directing that certain records be seized and taken into protective custody and further directing the submission of a report on the same to your office, grossly oversteps the limited jurisdiction conferred on the Lieutenant-Governor's office by the constitutional scheme," it said.

"The communication does not exercise the power to seek information at all. Rather, it issues executive orders, a power not conferred on the Lieutenant-Governor's office under the constitutional scheme at all, except when exercised on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers," she wrote.

Atishi warned that the continual displacement of the constitutional scheme under Article 239AA will denude the democratic mandate of the people of Delhi.

The entrance gate of the CM's official residence in Civil Lines | FILE PHOTO

BJP's 'indefinite' dharna at CM's house

Delhi BJP will hold an indefinite sit-in outside CM Arvind Kejriwal's house over his allegedly spending Rs 45 crore on renovation of his official residence, a party functionary said on Sunday. The party will stage a sit-in outside Kejriwal's official residence '6, Flagstaff Road in Civil Lines' from Monday, Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva said. The dharna will be led by BJP MP Harsh Vardhan with workers from Keshav Puram and Chandni Chowk districts, he said.

FESTERING ISSUE

ADHOCISM GNAWING AT DELHI UNIVERSITY'S PRESTIGE

LAST week a sad news emerged from the Delhi University. A scholar who had been teaching at the prestigious Hindu College for almost six years committed suicide. He took the step allegedly after being rejected by interview panel which had assembled for making permanent appointments.

Identified as Samarveer, the deceased DU teacher came from a village in Rajasthan's Baran district. Though no suicide note was found, according to a cousin, with whom Samarveer shared a room, he was depressed after he lost the job as an ad hoc lecturer in the Hindu College in February.

This incident has been followed by the teachers and students alleging that a sizable number of long-serving ad-hoc teachers, who otherwise fill all the eligibility criteria for teaching posts advertised by DU colleges, and have worked in particular institutions, were being displaced in the interviews being held for making regular appointments.

This has been contested by the university officially. Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh recently presented a report before the Delhi University Court, the highest policy making body of the university, where he claimed that the rate of displacement was meagre and in single digit.

This is not agreed by the various teachers groups who say that the ad hoc teachers losing jobs was much larger. The truth lies somewhere in between but the fact is that getting an ad hoc job in a college cannot be a guarantee for a permanent appointment.

There is a laid down process for regular appointment in the Delhi University colleges. Which on face of it looks to be full-proof and merit based. But the process could be contaminated by evils like nepotism, regional and ideological parochialism and so on. It would be wrong to say that such allegation are new and that they never existed before.

The problem at hand is the long years of gap between the last regular appointments done and the present regularisation process initiated by Vice Chancellor Yogesh Singh. During this long gap, the process of aging did not stop and many a teachers superannuated leaving vacancies.

These vacancies were filled by the ad hoc teachers. At the start of the regularisation process, more than half of the faculty strength of DU consisted of the force of ad hoc teachers.

The appointment of ad hoc teachers in various colleges of DU is governed by many other paraphernalia than just the quotient of merit. There are two main players in appointment, the principal of the college and the teacher in-charge of the subject in the college.

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The professors at the university department largely wield their influence through the teacher in-charge. The various teacher groups aligned to various ideologies again influence the process through these two, as do the university officials, University Grants Commission officials, the list is pretty long.

If a person remains on an ad hoc position for long, there is a possibility that the halo of influence that she or he commanded at the time of their initial appointment may wane by the time regular appointments are made. Then there is also the dilemma of those on the regular selection committee, who would want to be influenced only by the merit of the candidates and their performance in the interview.

These leads to displacement of ad hoc teachers. The question is why let a situation of ad hoc appointments arise in the first place. The university could always create a mechanism, where vacancies are filled with regular appointment in less than two years' time. This could help save life of somebody like Samarveer and a bad name for the university.

Mega PTM held in govt, MCD schools

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THE first-ever joint parents-teacher meeting was organised in all the Delhi government and MCD schools on Sunday with Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal saying that they will now work to transform the civic body-run schools.

The meeting was conducted in more than 1,000 Delhi government schools and over 1,500 MCD schools, said officials.

"Today, a mega PTM is being held in both MCD and Delhi government schools in Delhi. Just as Delhi government schools have been transformed with the help of all students, teachers, and parents, we will now work together to transform MCD schools as well," said Kejriwal.

HC junks man's appeal against life term for raping 5-year-old girl

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DELHI High Court has upheld the life imprisonment awarded to a man for sexually assaulting a five-year-old girl, who used to live in his neighbourhood, saying that he took advantage of the situation and breached the trust of the "innocent, tender-age victim".

The high court dismissed the man's appeal challenging his conviction and sentence awarded by a trial court and said the punishment does not call for any interference.

It said the prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that the appellant committed penetrative sexual assault on the victim.

"The appellant lived in the neighbourhood whom the victim addressed as 'bhaiya (brother)'. Trusting him, the victim requested him to unlock the door of her house," it said.

"The appellant, taking advantage of the situation and breaching the trust of the innocent, tender-age victim, sexually assaulted her. Not only that, forcible penetration by the appellant resulted in injuries and bleeding to the victim, a child of a tender age of five years," a bench of Justice Mukta Gupta and Justice Poonam A Bamba said.

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It added, "Because of the injuries caused, the victim remained hospitalised for two days. Considering these facts, punishment awarded to the appellant does not call for any interference," it added.

According to the prosecution, the incident took place in August 2016 after the complainant dropped her daughter home from school and went to pick up her other daughter.

The girl's mother gave the keys of the house to her minor daughter and asked her to take help from the neighbour in opening the lock, it said, adding that she found the victim crying. The victim told her mother that after unlocking the door, the accused neighbour also came inside and sexually assaulted her and when she started crying, he left the place, the prosecution alleged.

Juvenile rapes 9-yr-old girl, arrested

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A nine-year-old girl was allegedly sexually assaulted by a boy in east Delhi's Kalyanpuri area, police said on Sunday.

The juvenile has been detained. A complaint was lodged at Kalyanpuri Police Station.

The police said the victim was playing in the street on Saturday when the accused took her to a vacant house near a park close to his residence and allegedly sexually assaulted her. The victim narrated the incident to her parents.

Her medical examination was conducted at the Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital where the doctors confirmed the assault, the police said. She was also counselled by a child care counsellor.

EXPRESS READ

Toddler run over by tractor, driver held

NEW DELHI: A two-year-old boy was mowed down allegedly by a tractor while he was playing outside his house in northeast Delhi's Bhajanpura area on Sunday, police said. The tractor driver, identified as Idris Khan, was arrested from the spot.

City sees 405 new Covid cases, 3 deaths

NEW DELHI: Delhi reported 405 Covid cases with a positivity rate of 11.2 per cent, and three Covid-related deaths on Sunday, according to data shared by the government's health department. The national capital's caseload climbed to 20,38,722.

PROTEST ENTERS DAY 8

Women wrestlers get security after SC order

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

THE Delhi Police has provided security to all seven women wrestlers, including a minor, who had lodged a complaint of sexual harassment against Brijbhushan Sharan Singh, the president of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI).

Supreme Court had asked the Delhi Police to provide appropriate security to the victims who had levelled allegations against the WFI chief.

Sources in the Delhi Police told this newspaper that soon the complainant woman wrestlers will be asked to join the ongoing probe and record their statements before the investigators under section 161 of the Code of Criminal procedure.

The protest by India's top wrestlers against Singh at the iconic Jantar Mantar entered the eighth day on Sunday with ever-rising support of politicians. The latest visitors at the protest site were Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad and Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra's husband Robert Vadra.

"If someone is fighting for his rights then lakhs of people will come out in support. We want justice for them. This is not a fight of regions, castes, or religion, this is a fight for justice," Azad said during his address.

India's top wrestlers, including Bajrang Punia, Sakshi Malik and Vinesh Phogat, have been protesting at the Jantar Mantar, initially demanding the registration of an FIR against WFI chief for sexually harassing women wrestlers. However, even after the registration of two FIRs, the wrestlers refuse to call off their protest, saying their fight will continue till Singh is arrested.

Pleasant April: Highest rainfall since 2017, absence of heatwave

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LIGHT rain hit parts of Delhi on Sunday, bringing down the maximum temperature 10 notches below the season's average to 28.7 degrees Celsius, the India Meteorological Department said.

The weather office has forecast generally cloudy skies for Monday with very light rain and thundershowers, accompanied by gusty winds reaching speeds up to 25-35 kilometres per hour. The maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to hover around 28 and 21 degrees Celsius, respectively, the IMD added.

Delhi experienced cooler temperatures in April compared to the intense heat it faced in the month last year, with frequent western disturbances leading to more rainfall and below-normal average maximum temperature.

The city recorded an average maximum temperature of 35.32 degrees Celsius in April, equal to that logged in the month in 2020, and the lowest since 2015 (34.5 degrees Celsius), the IMD said. At the beginning of April, the IMD had predicted above-normal temperatures in most parts of the country. The primary weather station in the national capital, Safdarjung Observatory, also did not log any heatwave day. Last year, the city saw nine heatwave days in April, including four in the first 10 days, the highest in the month since 2010.

Vehicles move on during rain on Delhi-Gurugram Expressway | PTI

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER IBC, 2016
Sale Notice under IBC, 2016

M/s RS Ingot and Billet Private Limited (in Liquidation)
CIN : U27100DL2012PTC240299
Regd. Off. (as per MCA records): 401 Mahavir Ji Complex, LSC, Rishabh Vihar, New Delhi-110092 IN
Liquidator's Office : CS-14, Ansal Plaza, Vaishali, Ghaziabad-201010
Contact Person: Aradhana Singh | **Mobile No.:** 8920352845
Date of E-auction : 26th May 2023

Sale of assets of **M/s RS Ingot and Billet Private Limited (in Liquidation)** forming part of Liquidation Estate by the liquidator appointed by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, New Delhi Bench vide order dated **05.05.2022 in C.P. (IB) – 274 (PB)/ 2019.** The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform https://www.eauctions.co.in/

Description	Date and Time of E- Auction	Reserve Price (INR)	Submission of EMD Amount	Bid Incremental value
BLOCK-1: Industrial Plot admeasuring 14,805 Sq. Meters. Located at Plot No. A-21 & 22, Sathariya Industrial Development Authority, Sathariya, Jaunpur, UP	**26-05-2023** (12.00 P.M. to 1.00 P.M.) with unlimited extension of 5 min each.	₹ 1,95,20,493/-	₹ 19,52,049/- on or before 24-05-2023, before 12.00 P.M	₹ 5,00,000/-

1. Date of Inspection: **16-05-2023 to 23-05-2023** (from 10.00 A.M. to 05.00 P.M.) with prior intimation to the Liquidator. **EMD Submission last date: 24-05-2023 before 12.00 P.M.**
2. EMD shall be deposited on or before **24-05-2023** through **Demand Draft/ NEFT/RTGS/Cheque** in the below- mentioned Bank account: **Account Number:** 922020027484455, **Beneficiary Name:** RS INGOT AND BILLET PVT LTD – IN LIQUIDATION, **IFSC Code:** UTIB0000372 **Bank Name:** Axis Bank **Branch:** Karkardooma Branch
3. Detailed terms and conditions are available in the e-auction process document which will be uploaded on the e-auction agency's website on **01-05-2023.**
4. Last date for submission of Expression of Interest – **15-05-2023**
5. Declaration of Qualified Bidders- **16-05-2023**
6. It is pertinent to mention here that M/s. RS Ingot and Billet Private Limited is the occupier of the abovementioned leasehold industrial Plot No. A-21 & 22, which is in the name of Abhinav Steels and Power Limited
7. This Sale Notice **shall be read in conjunction with the complete E-Auction Process Document** containing details of the assets, online e-auction bid form, declaration and undertaking forms, general terms and conditions of the e-auction Sale, which is available on the website: https://www.eauctions.co.in/. You may please contact **Mr. Dixit Prajapati 7874138237 /9870099713** and Email ID: admin@eauctions.co.in for any support and assistance, if required.

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