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## Kejriwal walks out of jail as SC grants interim bail

The temporary relief will allow Delhi Chief Minister to campaign for the Lok Sabha election; court orders him not to visit office, sign files, comment on the liquor policy case or access related files

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NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the liquor policy case till June 1 to campaign for the Lok Sabha election.

Mr. Kejriwal walked out of the Tihar Jail in the evening and participated in a roadshow.

“There is no gainsaying that General Elections to Lok Sabha is the most significant and an important event this year, as it should be in a national election year. Between 650-700 million voters out of an electorate of about 970 million will cast their votes to elect the government of this country for the next five years. General Elec-



**Back in campaign:** Arvind Kejriwal arrives at his residence after being released from the Tihar Jail on Friday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

tions supply the *vis viva* to a democracy,” a Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta observed.

The court barred Mr. Kejriwal from visiting the Chief Minister’s Office or the Delhi Secretariat. He cannot sign any official files unless it is required to obtain the clearance or approval of the Lieutenant-

Governor of Delhi.

The order prohibited him from making any comments with regard to his role in the liquor policy case. He will not interact with witnesses or have access to files connected with the case. He has been directed to furnish bail bonds worth ₹50,000, with one surety. Mr. Keiri-

wal has to surrender on June 2. The court made it clear that its grant of interim bail was not a comment on the merits of the case or on the appeal filed by Mr. Kejriwal against his arrest on March 21.

The eight-page order rejected an argument by the Directorate of Enforcement (ED) that releasing Mr. Kejriwal on interim bail would create an impression among the public – and worse still, a judicial precedent – that politicians are a separate class, higher in status than the ordinary citizen and immune from arrest. Every criminal would vie to be a politician, the ED had said.

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- Interim' bail entailing temporary release can be granted under compelling circumstances and grounds
- Interim bails can be granted pending the disposal of the main bail application which may require a longer time to decide.
- The 2009 Supreme Court judgment in Lal Kamendra Pratap Singh vs State of UP stated that in appropriate cases, “interim bail should be granted pending disposal of the final bail application, since arrest and detention of a person can cause irreparable loss to a person’s reputation”.

# Govt. notifies Act for armed forces' control

**The Hindu Bureau**  
NEW DELHI

The government has notified the Inter-Services Organisations (ISOs) (Command, Control, and Discipline) Act through a Gazette notification to be enforced with effect from Friday

“The Act empowers Commanders-in-Chief and Officers-in-Command of ISOs to exercise control over Service personnel, serving under them, for effective maintenance of

discipline and administration, without disturbing the unique service conditions of each individual Service,” the Ministry said. The Act will empower the heads of ISOs and pave the way for expeditious disposal of cases, avoid multiple proceedings and will be a step towards greater integration among the armed forces personnel, it stated.

The Act comes ahead of the planned reorganisation of the Indian military into integrated theatre commands.

- The Inter-Services Organisations (Command, Control and Discipline) Act has been notified through a Gazette Notification to be enforced with effect from May 10, 2024.
- In order to bolster effective command, control and efficient functioning of Inter-Services Organisations (ISOs), the bill was passed by both the Houses of Parliament during the Monsoon Session of 2023.
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### CHARGES ARE FRAMED AGAINST BRIJ BHUSHAN: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

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NEW DELHI, MAY 10

A TRIAL judge in Delhi framed charges against BJP MP and former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh under Sections 354 (assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 354A (sexual harassment) of the Indian Penal Code on Friday. Singh has been accused of sexual harassment by several women wrestlers.

#### Framing of charges

After police register an FIR and conduct an investigation, they file a chargesheet in the trial court detailing the offences allegedly committed and the evidence collected during the investigation. Police filed a 1,500-page chargesheet on June 15 last year, charging Brij Bhushan with Sections 354, 354A, and 354D (stalking).

The Rouse Avenue court that framed charges under IPC Sections 354 and 354A, noted that it has found sufficient material to frame charges for the offence of criminal intimidation in the allegations of two of the complainants.

The framing of charges means the trial judge has found a *prima facie* case against the accused, based on the material in the chargesheet. This is not a determination of whether the accused has committed the alleged offences — it is only an acknowledgment that sufficient grounds exist to proceed with the trial.

After the trial judge frames the charges, if the accused pleads innocent, the next

"offences against women".

Section 354 states that whoever assaults or uses criminal force against a woman "intending to outrage or knowing it to be likely that he will thereby outrage her modesty" shall be punished with a term of imprisonment between 1 and 5 years and/or a fine.

The phrase "outrage her modesty" is not defined in the IPC. However, the Supreme Court in *State of Punjab v. Major Singh* (1996) held that "...the essence of a woman's modesty is her sex. The modesty of an adult female is writ large on her body. Young or old, intelligent or imbecile, awake or sleeping, the woman possesses a modesty capable of being outraged."

Section 354A deals with sexual harassment, which is defined as follows: first, "physical contact and advances involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures"; second, "a demand or request for sexual favours"; third, "showing pornography against the will of a woman"; fourth, "making sexually coloured remarks".

The first, second, and third acts are treated more severely, and carry a punishment of up to 3 years in prison and a fine. The fourth act can be punished with a term of up to 1 year and a fine.

The trial judge has also seen fit to frame charges of criminal intimidation against Brij Bhushan, which is defined in Section 503 of the IPC. It states that anyone who threatens another person with an "injury to his person, reputation or property" with the intention to "cause alarm to that person, or to cause that person to do any act which he is not legally

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- Sections of IPC Sections 354 and 354A, along with Sections 354 B-D are often classified as "offences against women".
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## PIB- CyberCrime

Ministry of Communications

### DoT, MHA and State Police join hands to combat cyber fraudsters

DoT issued directions for blocking of 28,200 mobile handsets & reverification of associated 20 lakh mobile connections

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Department of Telecommunications (DoT), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and State Police have joined hands for curbing the misuse of telecom resources in cyber-crime and financial frauds. This collaborative effort aims to dismantle networks of fraudsters and protect citizens from digital threats.

Analysis carried out by MHA and State Police have revealed that 28,200 mobile handsets were misused in cybercrimes. The DoT further analyzed and found that a staggering 20 lakh numbers were used with these mobile handsets. Subsequently, DoT issued directions to telecom service providers for pan India blocking of 28,200 mobile handsets and to carryout immediate reverification of 20 lakh mobile connections linked to these mobile handsets and disconnect failing re-verification.

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# HEADLINES OF THE DAY



## PIB-Defense(GSIII)

Ministry of Defence

### DRDO celebrates National Technology Day 2024 through lectures & orations in its labs & establishments

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Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) celebrated the National Technology Day 2024 by organising various lectures and orations in its laboratories & establishments on May 10, 2024. On this occasion, Secretary, Department of Defence R&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V Kamat presided over a special function organised by Defence Science Forum (DSF), Delhi.

In his address, the Chairman DRDO greeted the scientists & technologists and appealed to them to rededicate themselves in the service of the nation by providing cutting-edge technologies for making the country strong and self-reliant.

Former GM of Integral Coach Factory, Chennai Shri Sudhanshu Mani was the Chief Guest of the function. Chief Technologist for Amazon Web Services Smt Shalini Kapoor was the Guest of Honour. Shri Sudhanshu Mani delivered his keynote address on the topic 'Leadership and innovations in large organisations: some takeaways from Vande Bharat Train 18 Project'. The other keynote address was given by Smt Shalini Kapoor on 'Future trends in AI and Digital Transformations'.

Convener DSF and Director General (Life Sciences) Dr UK Singh, in his welcome address, brought out the importance of AI in R&D and need of innovative leadership style in large organisation like DRDO.

A total of forty five oration papers were received from various DRDO laboratories and establishments, out of which best three papers were selected for presentation. The DRDO Technology Day Spectrum was also released on the occasion. A monograph titled 'Investigations on failures of defence hardware components: Fundamentals and case histories' authored by former Scientist 'G', Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory Dr KP Balan was unveiled. DRDO publications namely DRDO Newsletter (2024); Defence Science Journal (May, 2024), and the Defence Scientific Information & Documentation Centre

(DESIDOC) Journal of Library science and information technology were also released. In addition, Commendation Certificates were given to DRDO scientists on the occasion. National Technology Day Orators were also felicitated.

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  - The celebration of National Technology Day was started by former Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee in 1999 to honour Indian scientists, engineers and technologists, who worked for India's scientific and technological advancement and ensured the successful conduct of Pokhran tests in May 1998. Since then, National Technology Day is observed every year on May 11.

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## India And Moldova Sign Visa Waiver Agreement For Diplomatic Passports



- India and Moldova today signed an agreement in New Delhi on visa waiver for diplomatic and official passports. This agreement will allow holders of diplomatic and official passports of either country to travel to the other, without a visa.