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## Kejriwal gets interim bail in Delhi excise policy case

SC relief in the ED case will not see the Delhi CM released from jail as he is under remand in a related CBI case; top court leaves it to Kejriwal to take a call on stepping down from CM post

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**  
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday granted interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in money laundering charges linked to the excise policy case, but left him to take a call on whether he should step down from office in light of the allegations against him.

The relief would also not translate to an actual release from jail as Mr. Kejriwal was separately arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) under the Prevention of Corruption Act in connection with the same case on June 25. He is under remand till July 25 in the CBI case.

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### Long haul

A timeline of the orders pronounced by courts following Kejriwal's arrest in the liquor policy case on March 21

**April 9:** Delhi High Court rejects the Chief Minister's challenge against his arrest

**May 21:** The Supreme Court reserves judgment after Kejriwal's appeal

**June 20:** A Special Court grants Kejriwal bail

**June 21:** The High Court suspends Kejriwal's release and reserves order after ED's appeal

**June 25:** The High Court gives a reasoned order staying the bail

**July 12:** The Supreme Court grants Kejriwal interim bail



nister of Delhi, a post holding importance and influence. We have also referred to the allegations. While we do not give any direction, since we are doubtful whether the court can direct an elected leader to step down or not function as the Chief Minis-

ter or as a Minister, we leave it to Arvind Kejriwal to take a call," a Bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta observed.

This is the second time the Supreme Court has allowed Mr. Kejriwal interim bail in the case. The first instance was on May 10 dur-

ing the Lok Sabha election.

Justice Khanna said Mr. Kejriwal deserved interim bail. His rights of life and liberty were "sacrosanct". He had been incarcerated for over 90 days. The court reiterated the same bail conditions imposed on Mr. Kejriwal in its May 10 interim order, including a bar on him from visiting the Chief Minister's office or signing official files.

The Bench asked a larger Bench to frame questions and decide bail conditions that could be imposed by courts in future in cases like that of Mr. Kejriwal, a sitting CM in custody and facing money laundering charges.

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- It is basically for a short duration and before the hearing or final disposal of regular or anticipatory bail application. Interim bail is important as when application for regular or anticipatory bail goes to court, certain documents are required like charge sheet or case diary etc. So, that they can judiciously decide the application. But this process requires time and the accused has to remain in legal custody until the court gets the documents and can decide the bail application



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## Centre amends rules to broaden the administrative role of J&K L-G

Vijaita Singh  
NEW DELHI

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) on Friday widened the ambit of the administrative role of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir by amending the Transaction of Business Rules. The amendment gives the L-G more say in matters pertaining to police, public order, All India Service (AIS) which require prior concurrence of the Finance Department and also their transfers and postings.

Any proposal regarding appointment of Advocate-General, Law Officers and proposals regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the L-G first.

On August 5, 2019, the special status granted to J&K under Article 370 of the Constitution was revoked and the former State was divided into two Union



The amendments give the L-G of Jammu and Kashmir more say in matters pertaining to police and public order. PTI

Territories: J&K and Ladakh, the latter without an assembly. J&K has been under Central rule since June 2018. The government has said that Statehood will be restored after Assembly elections are held. The Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court has ordered the Election Commission to conduct elections to J&K Assembly before September 30, 2024. On Friday, the MHA notified the amended Rules

under Section 55 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 which inserted new Sections defining the L-G's role.

"No proposal which requires previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to 'Police', 'Public Order', 'All India Service' and 'Anti Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it

has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary," the notification said.

It added another provision which said, "Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs shall submit the proposal for appointment of Advocate-General and other Law Officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, for approval of the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister."

It said that any proposal regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs.

All matters connected with Prisons, Directorate of Prosecution and Forensic Science Laboratory are also to be submitted to the L-G.

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### Centre declares June 25 as 'Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas'

It will commemorate the massive contributions of all those who endured the inhuman pains of the 1975 Emergency, says Shah; Congress dismisses it as a 'headline-grabbing exercise' in hypocrisy

The Hindu Bureau  
NEW DELHI

The Union government has decided to observe June 25 – the day Emergency was imposed in 1975 – as *Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas*, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced on Friday.

"This day will commemorate the massive contributions of all those who endured the inhuman pains of the 1975 Emergency," Mr. Shah posted on X.

The Gazette notification on the decision does not provide any English translation for the name of the day, simply using the Hindi words in Roman script. A literal English translation, however, would be 'Constitution Assassination Day'.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the day would serve as a reminder of what happens when the Constitution of India is trampled over.

"It is also a day to pay homage to each and every person who suffered due to the excesses of the Emergency, a Congress-un-



Home Minister Amit Shah said the observance of the day will help keep alive the eternal flame of individual freedom. PTI

leashed dark phase of Indian history," Mr. Modi said.

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said the announcement was "yet another headline-grabbing exercise in hypocrisy by the non-biological Prime Minister who had imposed an undeclared Emergency for 10 long years before the people of India handed him a decisive personal, political, and moral defeat on June 4, 2024 – which will go down in history as Modi Mukti Diwas [or Liberation from Modi Day]".

The Gazette notification issued on Friday said that a

proclamation of Emergency was made on June 25, 1975, following which "there was gross abuse of power by the government of the day and people of India were subjected to excesses and atrocities".

It added that the people of India have abiding faith in the Constitution and the power of India's resilient democracy.

"Therefore, Government of India declares 25th June as *Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas* to pay tribute to all those who suffered and fought against the gross abuse of power during the period of Emergency and

to recommit the people of India to not support in any manner such gross abuse of power, in future," the notification said.

#### 'Dictatorial mindset'

Mr. Shah said the government's decision was "intended to honour the spirit of millions who struggled to revive democracy despite facing inexplicable persecution at the hands of an oppressive government".

He added that "the observance of the day will help keep the eternal flame of individual freedom and the defence of our democracy alive in every Indian, thus preventing dictatorial forces like the Congress from repeating those horrors".

"On June 25, 1975, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, in a brazen display of a dictatorial mindset, strangled the soul of our democracy by imposing the Emergency on the nation. Lakhs of people were thrown behind bars for no fault of their own, and the voice of the media was silenced," Mr. Shah said.

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### Do you know ?

The Indira Gandhi-led Congress government imposed the Emergency on June 25, 1975, leading to the suspension of most of the civil rights for over two years.



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## NITI Aayog report shows improved progress on SDGs

The government think tank gave India a score of 71 out of 100 on sustainable development goals, compared with 57 in 2018

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- The government think tank NITI Aayog released SDG India Index 2023-24
- It is a fourth evaluation report of India's progress on the 16 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015 by all United Nations member countries, giving India a score of 71 out of 100, as compared to 57 in 2018. “
- Health conditions have improved, he said, thanks to better public health and insurance coverage. Education was helped by high teacher-student ratios but teacher quality needed targeted interventions, Mr. Subrahmanyam added.
- Income and gender inequality were the SDGs which have seen a drop in the score.
- The report noted a slight drop from 0.75 last year to 0.73 in the ratio of women's earnings compared to men.

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## New species of dogfish shark discovered in Kerala harbour

Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of deep-water dogfish shark, *Squalus hima*, from the Sakthikulangara fishing harbour in Kerala. *Squalus* is a genus of dogfish sharks in the family Squalidae, commonly known as spurdogs, and are characterised by smooth dorsal fin spines. The discovery, made by a team of scientists led by scientist Bineesh K. K, was published in the journal *Records of the Zoological Survey of India*. The shark species from the genus *Squalus* and *Centrophorus* are often exploited for their liver oil which is in high demand in pharmaceutical industry, Dr. Bineesh said.

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## PIB–Economy (GSIII)

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare

The Government to soon launch an 'Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE) to provide support to Startup and Agripreneurs

Sustainable Agriculture and Green Solutions Hackathon commenced during the prelaunch stakeholder meet in Mumbai

A Rs 750 crore Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) will be set up

The Fund will support start-ups and agripreneurs by providing them with equity and debt investments

Under this Blended Capital Fund, an equal contribution of Rs 250 crores each will be provided by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and NABARD

Besides Rs 250 crores will be raised through financial institutions

NABVENTURES a fully owned subsidiary of NABARD will act as the fund manager

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- The Government is poised to launch the 'Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE) to support start-ups and agripreneurs through investments in sector-specific, sector-agnostic, and debt Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), as well as direct equity support to start-ups working in Agriculture and allied sectors
- This initiative aims to foster innovation and sustainability in India's agricultural sector through the establishment of a Rs 750 crore Category-II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF). The fund will offer both equity and debt support, specifically targeting high-risk, high- impact activities in the agriculture value chain.

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## PIB –IR(GSII)

Ministry of Commerce & Industry

### Indian delegation visits Doha for India-Qatar Joint Working Group Meeting

Gems & Jewellery, pharmaceuticals, MSMEs and food processing identified as potential sectors for cooperation

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- An Indian delegation comprising of officers from Department of Commerce and other Ministries and organizations held a Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting with Qatari side in Doha on 10th July, 2024.
- Both sides also reviewed the progress of ongoing discussions for Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) on Food Safety and Cooperation in exchange of pre-arrival information for facilitation of trade and customs control on goods and agreed to conclude them expeditiously. Both sides agreed to expeditiously address all issues impeding bilateral trade and facilitate trade promotion between the two countries.
- Both sides agreed to hold the next meeting of the JWG in 2025, in New Delhi.



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## PIB–Economy–GSIII

Ministry of Communications

### DoT successfully concludes networking events under Sangam-Digital Twin Initiative

Events focused on developing comprehensive blueprints for Digital Twin-enabled solutions by leveraging diverse data sources

Events produced viable project blueprints and strategic roadmaps for implementation

With special emphasis on Aspirational Blocks, other Focus Areas included Transportation, Assessment of Environment Quality and Its Impact; Healthcare, and Disaster Management

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- The series of networking events under the Sangam-Digital Twin initiative by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has successfully concluded. The final event, held at T-Hub, Hyderabad on July 10-11, 2024, marked the culmination of a series of engaging and productive sessions aimed at revolutionizing infrastructure planning through advanced digital solutions.

### **Do you know ?**

The Sangam initiative aims to revolutionize infrastructure planning and design through the utilization of cutting-edge technologies and collective intelligence. It represents a collaborative effort to harness the power of technology for sustainable and efficient infrastructure solutions.