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The Bombay High Court on Thursday expressed displeasure over the manner in which the two plots in Ravet area in Pune including one reserved for open space, were handed over to the Election Commission through the district election officer to construct a godown for storage of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT).

The court remarked that the handing over of plots to construct the godown and a regional training centre was "prima facie illegal" and no requisition or acquisition process was resorted to for the same.

It noted that one of the two plots measuring 1.69 hectares consisted of 600 saplings planted as compensatory afforestation for the Metro project and it was reserved as an open space, while the other was for government purposes.

The bench questioned the authorities as to how the handing over of plots belonging to the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA) was done "without following law" merely because conducting an election involved overwhelming public function.

The State Election Commission (SEC) through senior advocate Ashutosh Kumbhakoni and Akshay Shinde made a



statement that till the next date of hearing the plot reserved as open space will not be used for construction activity and the trees standing on it shall not be cut and they will continue to be provided with watering facilities.

"Is there any law which permits requisition without any compensation? Only because conducting an election involves overwhelming public function, the most important feature of democracy, can it be done without following law? Only by SEC asking for it, can this land be taken over by the Collector?" Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya questioned the authorities.

He went on to remark, "Even if it is taken over and requisition is done, unless and until the land use/reservation is changed, can it be permitted in the name of elections? These are some of the concerns which arise. It is not only that the plot has been reserved (as open space) but at least 600 saplings have been planted

there. Disturbing, this thing, in *prima facie* such an illegal manner, is something which we cannot permit."

The bench questioned if the authorities planned to leave any open space for the public or just make a concrete jungle.

A division bench of CJ Upadhyaya and Justice Arif S Doctor was hearing a PIL filed by Prashant Jayant Raul and Shivaji Ramdas Shelke aggrieved by a proposal of state authorities to utilise two plots in sector 29 of Ravet area, part of Metro Eco Park-Akurdi, for purposes other than those for which were reserved under Unified Development Control and Promotion Regulation (UDCPR), Bhattacharya argued that a godown was being constructed for storage of EVMs and VVPATs on one of the plots and it may even extend to the plot reserved as open space causing harm to saplings and such an activity cannot be permitted.

"The matter requires consideration and the matter raises an issue relating to larger public interest and environment as well," the bench noted in its order. It took SEC's interim statement on record and directed respondent authorities including state, SEC, PMRDA and Pimpri-Chinchwad Municipal Corporation (PCMC) to file their affidavits in reply by June 10 and posted further hearing to June 18.

## 32-रायगड लोकसभा मतदार संघाच्या मतपेट्या कडेकोट सुरक्षा व्यवस्थेत

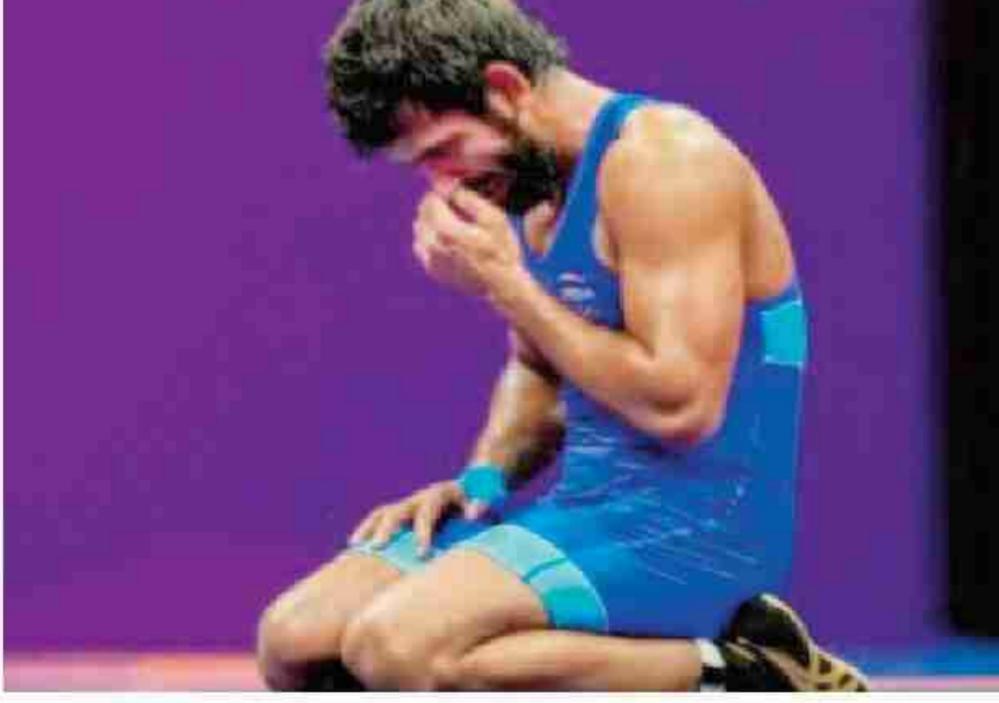
**रायगड (जिमाका)** - 32 रायगड लोकसभा मतदार संघाच्या अंतर्गत येणाऱ्या पेण, अलिबाग, श्रीवर्धन, महाड, गुहागर व दापोली या विधानसभा मतदार संघाच्या मतदारांची प्रक्रिया पार पडल्यानंतर सर्व मतदारांनी दोपाली या ठिकाणी तयार करण्यात आलेल्या स्ट्रॉग रुममध्ये सुक्षितपणे ठेवण्यात आल्या आहेत.

स्ट्रॉग रुममध्ये सुक्षेकरिता मानिवडूनकृत आयोगाने ठेवून दिलेल्या मानकप्रमाणांनी सुक्षेकरिता व्यवस्था मतदार संघाच्या व्यवस्थेत आली आहे. त्या ठिकाणी निस्त्रिय सुरक्षा व्यवस्था ठेवण्यात आली आहे. संपूर्ण बंदोबस्त व्यवस्थेचे प्रभारी अधिकारी म्हणून श्री.विनीत चौधरी, उप-विभागीय पोलीस अधिकारी, अलिबाग यांना नियुक्त करण्यात आले आहे.

पहिले स्तर-पहिल्या स्तरामध्ये केंद्रीय सशस्त्र दल CRPF 113 बटाळीयन G कंपनी चे एक प्लॅटून नेमयात आले आहे. या प्लॅटूनमधील सशस्त्र जवान हे स्ट्रॉग रुममध्ये जवळच्या कॉर्डन 2 मध्ये असतील व त्यांची कॉर्डन - 1 च्या बाहेरील परिसरामध्ये 24 तास पेट्रोलिंग असेल तसेच यातील वैच टॉक्यूवर तैतात जवान आजुबाजूच्या परिसरावर नजर ठेवून असतील.

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**UWW suspends Bajrang Punia till end of year following NADA's provisional suspension**



The United World Wrestling (UWW) on Thursday took cognisance of the National Anti-Doping Agency's decision to impose a provisional suspension on wrestler Bajrang Punia for an alleged rule violation.

As per the routine anti-doping process, the world body updated the Tokyo Olympics medalist's status, saying he was handed a provisional ban until the end of the year even though the duration of the suspension – if at all it stays – isn't yet decided.

The UWW stated on Bajrang's profile on its website: "Suspended for the following reason until Dec 31, 2024. Provisionally suspended by NADO IND for alleged ADRV (Anti-Doping Rule Violation)."

It must be noted that NADA's panel hearing is yet to take place. Bajrang could be exonerated if the panel is satisfied with his explanation or else he could be punished with a ban of up to two years. Bajrang has been accused of refusing to provide his urine sample when a dope-control officer from NADA approached him after his bout at the selection trials for the Olympic qualification tournament in March.

In his reply to NADA, the wrestler has contended that he did not refuse to provide a sample but demanded a reply to his earlier email in which he alleged that the body had sent expired kits to collect his sample last December.

## जिनके घर शिशे के होते हैं, वो दुसरो पे पत्थर नहीं मारते - आमदार विश्वनाथ भोईर यांची टीका

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**कल्याण :** खासदार प्रियंका चतुर्वेदी यांनी खासदार डॉ. श्रीकांत शिंदे आणि मुख्यमंत्री एकनाथ शिंदे यांच्यावर सिनेमातील डायलॉग मारत टीका केली होती. या टीकेला कल्याण परिचयाचे शिवसेना आमदार विश्वनाथ भोईर यांनी देखील सिनेमातील डायलॉग द्वारे

प्रतीउत्तर दिले आहे. प्रियंका चतुर्वेदी या स्वतः काँग्रेसी गद्दारी करत शिवसेनेत खासदारकीसाठी आलेल्या असल्याने जिनके घर शिशे के होते हैं, वह दुसरो के घर पे पत्थर नहीं मारते असे म्हणत प्रतित्तर दिले आहे.

प्रियंका चतुर्वेदी या एक महिला असल्याने त्यांच्यावर



जास्त काही बोलणार नाही. पण हेच जर एक पुरुषाने वक्तव्य केलं असतं तर त्याया त्यापद्धतीचं उत्तर दिलं असतं. चतुर्वेदी या स्वतः किंतु ठिकाणी फिरल्या आहेत, त्यांनी स्वतःची पाश्वंभूमी तपासावी. मुख्यमंत्रांनी तर एकप्रकारे उठाव केला होता क्रांती केली होती. एका पक्षातून

दुसर्या पक्षात गेल्यावर त्याला गद्दा रहणात मात्र इथे तर आही मूळ शिवसेना पक्षात च आहोत. मग गद्दारी कुठली आली.

त्यांच्याकडे विकासाचा अजेंडा नाही, त्यामुळे लोकांची सहाय्याकामी आणि स्तुती मिळवण्यासाठी असे पिक्चरचे डायलॉग बोलत असतात. आही विकासाबद्दल बोलते. श्रीकांत शिंदे, आपांची जे काम केलं आहे तर ते मतं मात्र आहेत. त्याच्याकडे अजेंडाचे नियमांनी जे काम दिले होते. त्यावरल्यात ती बदली कामगाराला पैसे देत होती. फुंदेने याबाबत महिलेकडे विचारणा केली. तुम्ही बदली कामगार का लावला? त्याला दरमहा पैसे का देतात? साहेबांना खुश करण्यात आला

असे फुंदेने महिलेला संगितले. त्यानंतर त्याने अशीली बर्तन करण्यास सुरुवात केली. महिलेच्या मोबाइल क्रमांकावर संपर्क साधला. साहेबांना खुश करा, असे त्याने महिलेला संगितले. त्यानंतर फुंदेने आरोग्य नियोक्तक आहे. सफाई कर्मचारी महिलेने कामगाराकडे सफाईचे काम दिले होते. त्यावरल्यात ती बदली कामगाराला पैसे देत होती. फुंदेने याबाबत महिलेकडे विचारणा केली. तुम्ही बदली कामगार का लावला? त्याला दरमहा पैसे का देतात? साहेबांना खुश करण्यात आला

अलिबाग - ऑनलाईन, फेसबुक, क्लासेसअप या सोशल मीडियामुळे प्रिंटिंग व्यवसायाला उत्तराती काळा लगाली आहे. उन्हाळ्यात लग्न सराईत फक्त प्रिकेच्या माध्यमातून लाखोंची कमाई कृत्यामुळे घारलेल्या महिलेने पोलिसांकडे धाव घेऊन तक्रार नोंदवली.

सध्या इंटरनेटे युग असून यामुळे नागरिकांचे ऑनलाईन व्यवहार मारुण्यात देण्यात व्यवहार पूर्ण कीरत आहेत. बहुतांश व्यापारी हे संगणकावर सॉफ्टवेअरच्या माध्यमातून दैनंदिन व्यवहार पूर्ण कीरत आहेत.

पूर्वी उन्हाळ्यात लग्नसराईच्या काळात लग्नावे रुपये कमाई नुसार्या पत्रिका छापाईतून द्वारांची आहेत. त्यांच्याकडे अलिबाग यांनी देखील व्यवसायाला उत्तराती काळा लगाली आहे. प्रत्यक्ष पत्रिका आली तरच लग्नाला जायचे, अशी मानसिकता अजूनही बहुतांश नागरिकांची आहे.

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## Ensure 'history sheets' do not reflect police's caste bias, Supreme Court tells states, UTs

New Delhi : The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked all State and Union Territory governments to ensure history sheets drawn up by police do not reflect caste prejudices.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and K V Viswanathan said it is "alleged that the Police Diaries are maintained selectively for individuals belonging to Vimukta Jatis, based solely on caste bias, a somewhat similar manner as happened in colonial times".

It said "all the state governments are therefore expected to take necessary preventive measures to safeguard such communities from being subjected to inexcusable targeting or prejudicial treatment".

"We must bear in mind that these preconceived notions often render them "invisible

victims" due to prevailing stereotypes associated with their communities, which may often impede their right to live a life with self-respect," the bench noted.

The court said this while deciding a plea by AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan, challenging the 'history sheet' opened against him and the proposal to declare him "bad character" with the entry of his name in the surveillance register at Jamia Nagar police station in south-east Delhi.

Rejecting his prayer against the 'history sheet', the SC, however, directed the police to make sure that the details of his minor children and wife are not reflected in it.

During the hearing, it was conveyed to the Delhi police that there are some disturbing

contents of the 'history sheet' which pertained to Khan's school-going minor children and his wife, against whom there was apparently no adverse material whatsoever.

The Delhi police said the format for 'history sheeters' was in accordance with rules made in 1934 and that it would revisit the same to ensure that the dignity, self-respect and privacy of innocent people, who incidentally happen to be the family members of a suspect, are not compromised at any cost.

Accordingly, the Delhi Police Commissioner issued a Standing Order on March 21, 2024.

The bench noted that as per this, the "identities of only those persons shall be reflected who can afford the history

sheeter/bad character shelter, when the offender is running/wanted by the police and it shall also include names of his associates in crime, abettors and receivers" and that "no details of any minor relatives, i.e., son, daughter, siblings shall be recorded anywhere in the history sheet unless there is evidence that such minor, has or earlier had, afforded shelter to the offender".

It also mandated that Section 74 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 shall be meticulously followed, which prohibits disclosing the identity of a child in conflict with law or a child in need of care and protection or a child victim or a witness of a crime through a report etc.

"The amended Standing

Order further clarifies that 'history sheet' is an internal police document and not a publicly accessible report. It has cautioned the police officers that care must be taken to ensure that identities of only those minor relatives are entered in the history sheet against whom evidence exists that such minor had earlier afforded shelter to the offender, while he was on the run from the police. The safeguard with regard to the details of phone numbers, Aadhar Card, EPIC number, e-mail ID, social media accounts etc., have also been suggested in the amended Standing Order", the SC said.

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