

Skyroot closer to first private orbital rocket launch

SPACE-TECH COMPANY SKY-ROOT Aerospace has successfully test-fired the second stage of its rocket Vikram-1, the company said Thursday, a major landmark that pushes it closer to India's first private orbital rocket launch in mid-2024. Vikram-1 is a three-stage, solid-fuel based rocket. Testing of the "second stage" is significant because this stage propels satellites from the dense atmosphere of Earth to the deep vacuum of outer space. "This is a significant milestone for the Indian space industry, marking the successful test of the largest propulsion system ever designed and manufactured by the Indian private sector so far, and the first carbon-composite-built motor tested at ISRO," said Pawan Chandana, co-founder & CEO of Skyroot Aerospace. **ENS**

8 months after he joined NDA, CBI files closure in case against Praful Patel

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY New Delhi, March 28

EIGHT MONTHS AFTER NCP leader Praful Patel, along with Ajit Pawar and other party leaders, joined the NDA, the CBI has filed a closure report in the Air India-Indian Airlines merger case. Patel, in his capacity as Union Civil Aviation minister during the merger, was among the key suspects in the case and had been questioned by CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

In May 2019, ED had told a special court that "Mr Praful Patel is a dear friend" of middleman Deepak Talwar who allegedly facilitated dispersal of profit-making Air India routes to private airlines during 2008-09 using his "proximity to the minister and aviation personnel in India".

The CBI closure report was filed by the agency on March 19 in the court of Special Judge (CBI), Rouse Avenue Court, Prashant Kumar. The court has given the date of April 15 for considering the CBI submission.

In June last year, Patel had attended an Opposition bloc meeting in Patna along with NCP supremo Sharad Pawar. However, the very next month he walked out of the party with Ajit Pawar and six other leaders of the party, including Chhagan Bhujbal, and joined the NDA. The Ajit Pawar faction of the



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NCP is now part of the Eknath Shinde government in Maharashtra with Ajit Pawar as Deputy CM.

The case pertains to AI-IA merger to form National Aviation Corporation of India Ltd (NACL) which leased a high number of aircraft and purchase of 111 aircraft from Airbus and Boeing apart from allegations linked to the ceding of profitable routes to foreign airlines, corruption in the opening of training institutes with foreign investment, and Patel's alleged ties with lobbyist Deepak Talwar who was deported from Dubai in January, 2019 and arrested by ED. To probe these issues, the

CBI had registered four FIRs in the matter in May 2017 following a Supreme Court order in January that year. The closure report has been filed in the first FIR registered. The probe in other cases still continues.

In the first FIR, which lies at the heart of the case, registered in the matter on May 29, 2017, the CBI mentioned "unknown officials of Ministry of Civil Aviation" in the accused column and mentioned Patel's name in the FIR.

"Ministry of Civil Aviation, Govt. of India, under Shri Praful Patel, the then Minister of Civil Aviation by abusing position as public servant in conspiracy with private parties and other public servants of Ministry of Civil Aviation and Air India/Indian Airlines took decision with regard to leasing large number of aircraft," the CBI's first FIR said.

"This action was made dishonestly without due considerations regarding proper route study and marketing or price strategy. Also, the aircraft were leased even while aircraft acquisition programme was going on, in conspiracy with other unknown persons on extraneous considerations and resulted in pecuniary benefit to private companies and consequent loss to government exchequer," the first FIR said.

REMAND IN CUSTODY EXTENDED UNTIL APRIL 1 ED motive is to create smokescreen to crush AAP: Kejriwal to court

NIRBHAY THAKUR New Delhi, March 28

CHIEF MINISTER ARVIND Kejriwal, arrested a week ago by the Enforcement Directorate that is probing the Delhi excise policy case, told a Delhi court Thursday that the ED has two motives: To create a smokescreen to crush the AAP, and to create an extortion racket.

Produced before the Rouse Avenue Court of Special Judge Kaveri Baweja at the end of his six-day remand in ED custody, Kejriwal argued his own case and told the judge he was "ready to join the investigation".

The ED sought his custody for seven more days but the court granted only four days – the remand will end April 1.

Making his submission, Kejriwal targeted the BJP: "Sarath Reddy (P Sarath Chandra Reddy, director of Aurobindo Pharma and co-accused-turned-approver in the case) contributed Rs 55 crore to the BJP. He bought his bail... The money trail is clearly established here."

He also asked that the electoral bonds be submitted in court to show that Rs 55 crore was donated to the BJP by Reddy.

Reading four statements of witnesses and co-accused who mentioned his name, Kejriwal said he was not opposing the ED remand application. "I am ready to join the investigation," he said.

He was interrupted multiple times by Additional Solicitor General S V Raju who appeared for ED. Following multiple requests to let him speak, the judge granted permission for a few minutes.

Stating that there were over 51,000 pages submitted in court by both the CBI and the ED in their respective cases in the Delhi excise policy matter, Kejriwal, while reading out the four witness statements mentioning him, asked the court whether these were enough to arrest a sitting Chief Minister.

The ED opposed Kejriwal's arguments, calling them "unnecessary political statements" which were irrelevant and not connected to the case. "He is playing to the gallery... How does he know how many documents are with ED?" Raju said. The four names the CM took were of former Deputy CM Manish Sisodia's secretary C Arvind,



Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal at the Rouse Avenue Court in New Delhi on Thursday

YSRCP MP Magunta S Reddy, his son Raghav Magunta, and co-accused-turned-approver P Sarath Chandra Reddy.

Reading Magunta S Reddy's statements, the CM said Reddy had come to meet him to ask for land for a charitable trust. "I told him that land is under the L-G (Lt Governor), not under us," Kejriwal told the court.

He said a few months later, Raghav Reddy (Magunta's son) was arrested. "Phir baap toot gaye (then the father gave in). He changed his statements and gave statements against me. Two days later, his son was released," he said.

Reading Raghav Magunta's statements, the CM said seven of his statements were recorded, of which six were not against him. "Only one statement was against me. As soon as he made a statement against me, he was let go," he said.

He also claimed that nine of P Sarath Chandra Reddy's statements were not against him. "...the bribes (in the excise policy case) are disputed," Kejriwal said, reading Supreme Court Justice Sanjiv Khanna's remarks during the bail hearing of Sisodia.

Raju said the ED needed Kejriwal's custody for seven more days as digital data, which had been extracted, needed to be examined.

"All these points were raised before the Delhi High Court also. The AAP has received this amount for the Goa elections... We have witnesses who say this openly," Raju said.

He said there can't be different standards for a CM. "He is an ordinary man... The money that they are saying has come to the BJP has got nothing to do with the liquor scam," he said, adding that there was material evidence to show that Kejriwal demanded a Rs 100-crore payback.

Reading from the remand papers of the ED, Senior Advocate Ramesh Gupta, representing Kejriwal, said the CM cannot be remanded for not sharing his phone password.

"The accused has the right not to give his password. I can't be remanded just for the password of my phone," he said. Urging the court to monitor the investigation, Gupta also said that the fact that an approver gave the BJP Rs 55 crore was very relevant to the case.

In its submissions to the court, the ED said Kejriwal was "giving evasive replies" during custodial interrogation and that he had been confronted with the other accused in the case.

"During the ED custody period, C Arvind, PS to then Dy CM Manish Sisodia, who was

handed the draft GoM report 2021-22 at the residence of Arvind Kejriwal and in his presence, was confronted with him," the agency said.

It said it had recorded the statement of an AAP candidate for the Goa Assembly elections in 2022 who had revealed that his election expenditure – for rallies/events/public hoardings – was "taken care by AAP Office Delhi" "through their associates".

The ED said data from one mobile phone belonging to Kejriwal's wife Sunita had been extracted and was being analysed but data from four other digital devices the agency had seized were yet to be extracted because Kejriwal had "sought time in providing password/login credentials after consulting his lawyers."

According to the ED, it was awaiting documents and details including a visitor register from his offices. It said summons had been issued to senior excise officials in Punjab who were allegedly involved in "the arm-twisting of certain (liquor) wholesalers of Delhi" when they "refused to pay the demanded bribes in Delhi".

AAP ministers Gopal Rai, Atishi and Saurabh Bharadwaj and Kejriwal's wife Sunita were among those seated in the courtroom.

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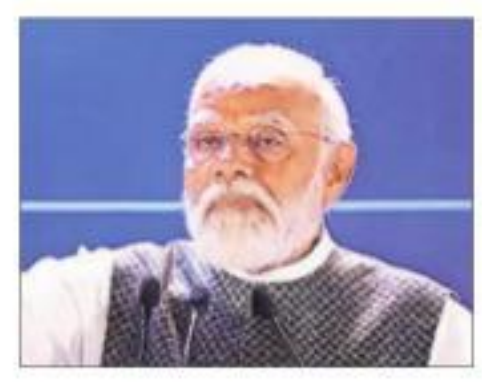
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Vintage Cong culture to browbeat, bully: PM on lawyers' letter to CJ

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G New Delhi, March 28

HOURS AFTER A group of lawyers wrote to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud – attached to the letter were signatures of around 600 lawyers – expressing their "deepest concern" over a "vested interest group" trying to "pressure the judiciary" and "defame" courts, Prime Minister Narendra Modi Thursday cited it to attack the main Opposition party, saying it is "vintage Congress culture" to "browbeat and bully others".

In a post on X, Modi also said of the Congress: "5 decades ago itself they had called for a 'committed judiciary' – they shamelessly want commitment from others for their selfish interests but desert from any commitment towards the nation. No wonder 14 million Indians are rejecting them."
Responding to the post, Jairam Ramesh, Congress general secretary in-charge of communications, hit back. "The PM's brazenness in orchestrating and coordinating an attack on the judiciary, in the name of defending the judiciary, is the height of hypocrisy! The Supreme Court has delivered body blows to him in recent weeks. The Electoral Bonds Scheme is but one example. The Supreme Court declared them to be unconstitutional – and it is now proved beyond doubt that they were a blatant instrument of fear, blackmail, and intimidation to



force companies to donate to the BJP," he said on X.

"Instead of giving a legal guarantee to MSP, the Prime Minister has given a legal guarantee to corruption. All that the Prime Minister has done in the last ten years is divide, distort, divert, and defame. 14 million Indians are waiting to give him a befitting reply very soon," Ramesh said.

The letter by the lawyers alleged that the "vested interest group... is trying to pressure the judiciary, influence judicial process and defame... courts on the basis of frivolous logic and stale political agendas". "Their antics are vitiating the atmosphere of trust and harmony, which characterises the functioning of the judiciary. Their pressure tactics are most obvious in political cases, particularly those involving political figures accused of corruption" and "are damaging to our courts and threaten our democratic fabric," it stated.

The letter has been signed, among others, by senior advocates Harish Salve, Adish Aggarwala, Manan Kumar Mishra and Pinky Anand.

It claimed that "this heated interest group operates in various ways.

5,000 Indians in Cambodia, forced into cyber scams; MHA takes note

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL New Delhi, March 28

OVER 5,000 INDIANS are trapped in Cambodia, where they are allegedly being held against their will and forced to carry out cyber frauds on people back home. The government estimates that the fraudsters have allegedly duped people of at least Rs 500 crore in India over the last six months.

Earlier this month, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) held a meeting with officials of the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and other security experts to draw up a strategy to rescue the Indians trapped in Cambodia.

"The agenda of their meeting was to discuss the organised racket and bring back those who are trapped there. Data shows that Rs 500 crore has been lost (to cyber fraud originating in Cambodia) in India in the last six months," the source said, adding that the investigation by Central agencies has so far revealed that agents were trapping people, mostly those from the southern part of the country, and sending them to Cambodia on the pretext of data entry jobs before forcing them to carry out cyber frauds.

The source said those trapped in Cambodia were forced to scam people back in India and, in some cases, extort

money by pretending to be law enforcement officials and saying that they had found some suspicious materials in their parcels.

So far, three people from Bengaluru who were trapped in Cambodia have been brought back to India.

The matter came to light after the Rourkela Police in Odisha busted a cyber-crime syndicate on December 30 last year, arresting eight people who were allegedly involved in taking people to Cambodia.

Sharing details of the Rourkela Police's operation, an officers said the case was based on the complaint of a senior Central government officer who had been duped of around Rs 70 lakh. "We arrested eight persons from different parts of the country and we have prima facie evidence against multiple people who are involved in the scam. We issued Look Out Circulars against 16 people, following which the Bureau of Immigration this week detained two persons, Harish Kurapati and Naga Venkata Sowjanya Kurapati, at the Hyderabad airport while they were returning from Cambodia," the officer said.

Dr Arathi Krishna, Deputy Chairman of the Non-Resident Indian Forum of the Government of Karnataka (NRIFK), told *The Indian Express* that three from the state trapped in Cambodia were rescued with the help of the MEA.