

# No pressure: Gahlot after joining BJP

Counters AAP charges, says the ruling party 'no longer aligns with its founding values'

ANUP VERMA @ New Delhi

A day after resigning from the Delhi Cabinet and primary membership of the AAP, former minister Kailash Gahlot joined the BJP on Monday. Gahlot, after joining the saffron party, said that the decision to leave the party was not made overnight. Rejecting the AAP's claim that he quit under pressure, Gahlot said that the party had strayed from its core values and ethics.

In a major setback to the AAP, Gahlot, on Sunday, stepped down from his ministerial position and also resigned from primary membership of the party. Delhi Chief Minister Atishi accepted his resignation later in the day.

AAP National Convener Arvind Kejriwal, commenting on Gahlot joining the BJP, said, "He is free, he can go wherever he wants." AAP leaders on Sunday said that Gahlot had no choice left other than to join the BJP due to multiple investigations by central agencies, including the Enforcement Di-



Former AAP leader Kailash Gahlot joins the BJP on Monday | PARVEEN NEGI

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rectorate (ED). The former transport minister has reportedly been under scrutiny in several cases, with multiple raids conducted on his properties in recent months.

Meanwhile, Gahlot dis-

missed speculations of external pressure behind his decision, saying, "I have never worked under pressure. The narrative being created about me is completely wrong."

He explained his journey,

stating he joined AAP inspired by a vision to serve Delhi. However, he lamented that AAP no longer aligns with its founding values. "The common man has turned into the privileged man. A government that constantly fights with the Centre on every issue cannot ensure Delhi's development," he remarked.

Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, who along with other senior leaders, formally inducted Gahlot into the party, said, "His decision to join BJP will surely benefit the party. We welcome his decision." Khattar also referred to the developmental work done in Najafgarh's border areas during his tenure as Haryana's Chief Minister, emphasising the upcoming assembly elections' significance.

Delhi BJP President Virendra Sachdeva called Kailash Gahlot a significant leader, known for his work among youth and rural communities. "His experience will be crucial for BJP in the future," Sachdeva said.

# Ex-Cong MLA Sumesh Shokeen switches to AAP

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FORMER Congress MLA Sumesh Shokeen joined the Aam Aadmi Party on Monday. After joining the party, Shokeen said that he intended to work for the communities of Delhi's rural areas, aligning with Arvind Kejriwal's leadership in connecting the region with the rest of Delhi.

On the occasion, Kejriwal talked about how AAP's efforts have transformed rural Delhi into an integral part of Delhi's growth story. He noted that AAP has ensured equitable development in rural Delhi by providing STPs, roads, schools, mohalla clinics and stadiums. Kejriwal expressed his delight, stating, "I wholeheartedly welcome him to our family. Before our government came to power, rural Delhi was completely neglected."

Shokeen said, "The development witnessed in rural Delhi over the past 11 years under Kejriwal's leadership is unparalleled."

# AAP picks Raghuvinder to replace Gahlot in cabinet

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government on Monday inducted party MLA Raghuvinder Shokeen into the cabinet to replace Kailash Gahlot who resigned from the post and the party a day ago.

Shokeen is likely to preside over all portfolios held by Gahlot. However, an official confirmation is awaited from the city government.

In the AAP cabinet, Gahlot had held portfolios including transport, home, administrative reforms, IT, and women and child development. Several important projects were also under his charge, including the electrification of bus depots, induction of electric buses, and one of AAP's poll promises — Mahila Samman Rashi schemes under which former CM Arvind Kejriwal announced an honorarium of Rs 1,000 per month to all women aged 18 to 60.

Gahlot, who held the transport portfolio in the Delhi government, was a prominent Jat face of the party and his posi-



tion has been replaced by a leader who comes from the same community. He quit the party on Sunday citing troubles within the AAP.

Political observers said the swift induction of Shokeen by the party reveals the importance of Jat votes in the city's politics ahead of the 2025 Assembly election.

Shokeen has been a two-time councillor and serving his second term as an MLA from Nanjoi Jat, another Jat-dominated seat in West Delhi, which is around 12 km from Najafgarh from where Gahlot has won three assembly polls.

# 2 shooters held over firing at Gokalpuri petrol pump

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

DELHI Police has arrested two people who were allegedly involved in the brazen petrol pump firing case where the assailants had fired more than a dozen shots and even wounded the pump supervisor in north-east Delhi's Gokalpuri area, an official said Monday.

The accused were identified as Ankit and Rukmesh. According to the cops, the accused Ankit is connected with Rahul alias Baba, who is a notorious criminal and runs his own gang. The accused Rukmesh had come in contact with one Deepak alias Furtilla who is also an associate of Rahul Baba.

The incident occurred on the intervening night of November 15-16 when some bike-borne assailants arrived at a petrol pump in Gokalpuri and fired more than 16 shots. Anshul Rathi, who works as a supervisor at the petrol pump, was injured in the incident.

Additional Commissioner of Police (Crime Branch) Sanjay Bhatia said the police analysed about CCTV footages and succeeded in capturing the registration number of one motorcycle used in the crime.

"The owner of the motorcycle Lalit, a resident of Loni, Ghaziabad, UP, was examined, who disclosed that his friend Rukmesh of Meerut, UP, had borrowed his motorcycle on November 15 at about 7 pm on the pretext of some personal work and returned the same at about 11 pm with broken number plate," the Additional CP said.

Further, the cops found out that one Vinod Kasana of Noida, brother-in-law and sister of Rukmesh also accompanied him after the incident following which a raid was conducted at the residence of Kasana, but Rukmesh could not be located.

"On examination, it was found that Vinod Kasana was continuously misguiding the police and facilitated the accused Rukmesh to escape. On further interrogation, Kasana confessed to Rukmesh's involvement in Gokalpuri Petrol Pump firing incident," the senior officer said.

Meanwhile, the cops conducted raids at multiple locations in UP and apprehended Ankit from Meerut. Subsequently, Ankit's interrogation led the team towards Rukmesh's location and he, too, was arrested.

# CJI Sanjiv Khanna recuses self in Delhi Ridge tree felling case

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

CJI Sanjiv Khanna on Monday recused himself from hearing pleas related to the alleged illegal felling of several hundred trees in the Delhi Ridge area.

Earlier, a bench headed by the then CJI D Y Chandrachud, since retired, had sought a personal affidavit of Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena in the case, which had also sought initiation of contempt proceedings against certain DDA officials.

At the outset, the CJI, who was sitting on the bench with Justice Sanjay Kumar, said, "One thing, I would like to point out that when I was the NALSA chairman, I had gone to Patna, and with Delhi G, (I) had toured the jails there. So, it will not be appropriate for me to hear the plea..."

Earlier on October 23, L-G Saxena filed an affidavit before the top court defending his conduct in the case concerning the large-scale felling of trees in the Delhi Ridge forest area.

The Supreme Court on Octo-



ber 16 asked the L-G, who also holds the office of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) chairperson, to file his personal affidavit by October 22, in connection with the issue of the felling of trees in the Delhi Ridge area, without the permission of the court.

The L-G had said, he was not made aware of the requirement to obtain permission from the top court before felling of trees in the South Delhi Ridge forest area. Saxena said that it was only after the incident of illegal felling of trees that happened from February 16 to 26, that he was informed in a letter by the DDA vice-chairman on June 10 about the said development.

He said, in February, he visited the site of the road widening project to ease access to the Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) when he was told that permission for felling trees is awaited from the competent authority.

The affidavit filed by LG Saxena said that he had called for the communication of such approval to be expedited, but did not realise that the apex court's permission was also required.

The affidavit submitted, "On this, the deponent (Saxena) informed that for the trees falling under DPTA, 1994, the Forest Department had already taken approval of the Minister (Environment & Forests) and Chief Minister with my concurring opinion."

# HC asks police to prepare handbook to get social media info for probes

SHEKHAR SINGH @ New Delhi

THE High Court has directed the Commissioner of Police to develop a comprehensive handbook for Investigating Officers (IOs) to streamline the process of obtaining timely information from social media platforms. The move aims to bridge the gap between cops and tech giants, ensuring effective handling of urgent investigations.

A division bench, comprising Justice Prathiba M. Singh and Justice Amit Sharma, noted that delays often occur as IOs are unaware of the correct protocols for requesting information. "Precious time is lost due to lack of clarity on procedures for obtaining critical data from social media platforms," the court observed.

The court stressed that the proposed handbook should detail the procedural requirements for requesting information and include contact details of the platforms' nodal officers. It also suggested that training sessions be conducted for police officials in collaboration with social media platforms.

"In case any training is required, the Commissioner of Police may also call for meeting with the platforms and hold training sessions for Police Officials, so that, in serious cases there is proper cooperation, collaboration and timely furnishing of information by the platforms to avert the commis-

## ALSO IN COURT

### Chidambaram's plea: HC notice to CBI

The HC on Monday asked the CBI to respond to pleas by former Union minister P Chidambaram and his son Karti seeking a postponement of arguments on the framing of charges in the INX Media corruption case. The petitions, submitted by father-son duo, contend that proceedings before the trial court should not commence as the investigation remains incomplete.

sion of crime or to obtain information which may be required during the course of any investigation," read the court order.

The directive came while hearing a habeas corpus plea by a mother seeking police action to locate her 19-year-old son, missing since January 10. The police revealed that they had sought information from Meta regarding the Instagram account of the missing boy. Meta informed the Court about its Law Enforcement Online Request System, which allows agencies to request data. The platform highlighted that in emergencies, responses are provided within minutes. Similarly, WhatsApp stated

### HC relief for Gambhir in cheating case

The HC on Monday granted relief to Gautam Gambhir, staying a sessions court order that reinstated a cheating case against him. Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri presided over the matter and deferred a detailed ruling while maintaining the stay on the impugned order. "I will pass a detailed order. In the meantime, the order against the petitioner shall remain stayed," Justice Ohri remarked.

that it has responded to urgent requests, such as those involving terrorism, within as little as 12 minutes. Google informed the Court about its dedicated platform for the Indian government, while Reddit detailed its emergency protocols for cases involving imminent threats to life or safety.

The Court noted the platforms' willingness to cooperate fully with law enforcement agencies in serious cases. It also directed the Union home ministry to submit a status report on its ongoing consultations with stakeholders to streamline coordination with social media platforms. The case is scheduled for further hearing on December 11.

# Punjab farmers to march towards Delhi on December 6 from Shambhu border

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB farmers have announced to march towards Delhi on December 6 from the Shambhu border (Punjab-Haryana border) if the Union Government refuses to respond to their demands, including a legal guarantee of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops.

Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) and Samyukta Kisan Morcha (non-political) announced that farmers will march towards Delhi on December 6 in batches from the Shambhu border to press the Centre to accept their various demands.

Slamming the Centre for not holding any talks with the farmers to discuss their demands KMM leader Sarwan Singh Pandher said after a long wait, they have decided to head towards Delhi. "We have been left with no option. We waited peacefully for the government for nine months. But now, we will head towards Delhi," he said.

Tejveer Singh of the Bharatiya Kisan Union said that they have been camping at the two border points for 280 days and the Centre has not held any talks with them since February 18. Besides a legal guarantee of MSP for crops, the farmers are demanding a farm debt waiver, pension for farmers and farm labourers, no hike in electricity tariff, withdrawal of police cases and justice for the victims of the 2021 Lakhimpur Kheri violence, reinstatement of the Land Acquisition Act, 2013, and compensation to the families of the farmers who died during a previous agitation in 2020-21.

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