



Some of the accused who have been arrested. Express

## NHAI project consultant killing: Ministry takes note, says officials must be ensured of safety

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THE MINISTRY of Road Transport and Highways has taken a serious view of the killing of an NHAI project consultant in Jaipur on August 26, and is planning to send a strong warning to contractors about the serious consequences if their functionaries came to harm in the course of work.

Officials said such an attack could "directly impact the sector" as the whole Engineering, Procurement and Construction model of road-making has independent engineers built in as a vital tool for quality monitoring and accountability, and they should be reassured that they were not on their own.

"It is our duty to see to it that our officials and the authority engineers are protected in the line of duty," Giridhar Aramane, NHAI Chairman and Road Transport and Highways Secretary, told The Sunday Express.

Rajinder Kumar Chawla, 64, was shot dead by two men, allegedly hired by a contractor for an NHAI project to build foot over bridges along National Highway 8 connecting Gurgaon and Jaipur. Police have arrested the managing director of the Haryana-based company, E5 Infrastructure Private Ltd, along with three of his employees for the murder.

On Saturday, the Jaipur police arrested one of the alleged shooters, Dharmendra, from Kurukshetra in Haryana. The SHO, Vaishali Nagar Police Station, Jaipur, Anil Kumar Jaimani, said Dharmendra has a previous criminal record and

was hired along with another shooter for Rs 15 lakh by the MD of E5, Karandeep Sheoran (29), and fellow accused Naveen Bisla, 31, Vikas, 33 and Amit Nehra, 26.

Chawla, a retired PWD supervising engineer, worked with URS Scott Wilson India Pvt Ltd, which is engaged as a consultant to E5 on behalf of the NHAI. "Preliminary investigation suggests Sheoran wanted Chawla to approve designs for a construction project which went against the terms of the original contract. The NHAI appoints consultant firms to supervise and monitor the work of its contractors. Sheoran was obligated to get an approval from Chawla, but since the past one year, Chawla wasn't giving his approval. The original contract was for the construction of single-span foot over bridges but Sheoran wanted it changed to double-span," Deputy Commissioner of Police, Jaipur West, Richa Tomar said.

Police believe the murder happened over this. "They had arguments at past meetings and Chawla, who was very competent, couldn't be bent even with the lure of money," Tomar said.

The contract worth Rs 35 crore, for construction of 14 foot over bridges, was awarded to E5 in August last year. The foot over bridges were supposed to be completed by August 19, 2021, but the firm missed the deadline. Police said the NHAI had levied a penalty of Rs 3.5 crore on E5 for not completing the first and second stage of the project on time.

Officials said the August 26 meeting was scheduled to discuss the extra time Sheoran demanded to complete the project, and Chawla had come down from Gurugram for it.

# Centre objected but SC Collegium firm on 12 names for high courts

APURVA VISHWANATH  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

SETTING THE stage for a fresh confrontation with the Government, the Supreme Court Collegium has reiterated its decision recommending the appointment of 12 candidates, including three judicial officers, to five High Courts.

The 12 names were reiterated despite objections from the government as the Supreme Court Collegium, headed by Chief Justice of India NV Ramana, recommended 62 candidates in total across 12 High Courts last week. The Collegium's recommendations were published on the Supreme Court website Friday.

According to the Memorandum of Procedure, once reiterated by the Collegium, the Centre is bound to make the appointment which makes the reiteration of 12 recommendations significant. The Centre can sit on these names indefinitely despite the court having underlined the importance of time limits to this process.

For the Allahabad High Court,

the Collegium reiterated its recommendation to appoint three judicial officers Om Prakash Tripathi, Umesh Chandra Sharma and Syed Waiz Mian.

The three were first recommended on February 4 along with eight other judicial officers. The Centre had appointed seven judges from that list in March.

Tripathi, Sharma and Mian are currently District and Sessions Judges in Varanasi, Etawah and Amroha respectively. Among advocates, the collegium has reiterated nine names from four High Courts even as the Centre had raised objections.

For the Rajasthan High Court, the collegium reiterated its decision to appoint advocate Farzand Ali, Additional Advocate General with the Congress-led state government. Ali's name was first recommended by the SC collegium in July 2019.

For the Calcutta High Court, the collegium has reiterated its decision to recommend four advocates Jaytosh Mazumdar, Amitesh Banerjee, Raja Basu Chowdhury and Lapita Banerjee.

The names were first recommended by the SC collegium in December 2018 along with another advocate Saky Sen. While all five names were not considered by the Centre, the collegium has reiterated four.

All five judges were state government advocates, pleaders and standing counsel appointed by the West Bengal government.

Incidentally, Amitesh Banerjee is the son of former SC judge UC Banerjee who had in 2006 headed a Central probe that, in its report, ruled out any foul play in the February 2002 Sabarmati Express fire in Godhra.

Shakya Sen is the son of former High Court judge Shyamal Sen who served as acting Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court and later as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court.

After retirement, he was appointed as chairperson of the West Bengal Human Rights Commission from 2004 to 2008.

However, a recommendation made later in January 2019, that of Justice Kaushik Chanda, who was an Additional Solicitor

General in the Calcutta HC appointed by the Central government, was promptly cleared by the Government. This week, the Centre also notified the appointment of Justice Chanda as a permanent judge of the HC.

The collegium also reiterated the names of two advocates for appointment as judges of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court: Moksha Khajuria Kazmi and Rahul Bharti.

While Kazmi was first recommended in October 2019, Bharti was recommended in March. Khajuria-Kazmi is a senior advocate who has served as Additional Advocate General during Governor's rule in 2016 and later continued to serve in the Mehbooba Mufti-led PDP-BJP government in J&K before her services were terminated.

For the Karnataka High Court, the collegium reiterated its decision to recommend advocates Nagendra Ramachandra Naik and Aditya Sondhi. Sondhi has previously served as the Additional Advocate General for the Congress-led Karnataka government.

## TRACKING THE SECOND SURGE

552 NEW CASES: 41,917

DAYS SINCE PANDEMIC BEGAN ACTIVE CASES: 4,10,193

TOTAL VACCINATION: 67,72,11,205

DAILY DEATHS 308 | TOTAL DEATHS 4,40,533 | WEEKLY CFR 1.17% | OVERALL CFR 1.36%



TESTS TODAY: 18,53,790 | TOTAL TESTS: 53,00,93,828

WEEKLY POSITIVITY: 2.56% | OVERALL POSITIVITY: 6.22%

### STATES REPORTING MOST CASES

STATE	NEW CASES	ACTIVE CASES	WEEKLY POSITIVITY	TOTAL VACCINATION
Kerala	29,682	250,540	18.32%	2,95,43,581
Maharashtra	4,130	52,025	2.48%	6,15,16,137
Tamil Nadu	1,575	16,315	0.98%	3,41,68,983
Andhra Pradesh	1,502	14,883	2.27%	3,11,36,657
Karnataka	983	17,772	0.71%	4,44,09,822

### STATES REPORTING MOST DEATHS

STATE	TODAY'S DEATHS	TOTAL DEATHS	WEEKLY CFR	OVERALL CFR
Kerala	142	21,501	0.72%	0.57%
Maharashtra	65	1,41,241	2.13%	2.20%
Karnataka	21	37,401	1.49%	1.27%
Tamil Nadu	20	35,000	1.16%	1.35%
Andhra	16	13,903	1.06%	0.69%

Note: Data as on Sept 4; vaccination numbers as of Sept 3. Deaths include those from previous days.

## Hope govt clears names of HC judges at the earliest: CJI

ANANTHAKRISHNANG  
NEW DELHI, SEPTEMBER 4

CHIEF JUSTICE of India NV Ramana on Saturday flagged the "struggle" women lawyers face in the legal profession and their inadequate representation in the judiciary and said that even 75 years after independence, "the reality remains that the legal profession still has to welcome women into its fold".

Speaking at a felicitation organised by the Bar Council of India for him, the CJI also pointed out that after he took over, the SC Collegium had recommended 82 names to various High Courts.

"I hope the government will ensure that the names are cleared at the earliest, just the way the nine names were cleared for the apex court," he said.

Pointing out that the "judicial system is facing difficult challenges like that of deficient infrastructure, shortage of administrative staff and huge vacancies of judges", CJI Ramana said that a "comprehensive proposal for creation of National Judicial Infrastructure Corporation is under preparation".

"We have collected the status report from across the country. A proposal in this regard will reach the Hon'ble Law Minister very soon. I expect full cooperation from the government", he said. Speaking on the "reality" of the profession, the CJI said "...(the) majority of women advocates struggle within the profession. Very few women find representa-

tion at the top. Even when they do, they still continue to face significant challenges."

He said, "After 75 years of independence, one would expect at least 50 per cent representation for women at all levels, but I must admit, with great difficulty we have now achieved a mere 11 per cent representation of women on the bench of the Supreme Court. Some states, because of reservation policy, may reveal higher representation, but the reality remains that the legal profession still has to welcome women into its fold."

Addressing the event, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju underlined the concerns over pendency of cases in the lower courts leading to denial of justice. He stressed the need to give priority to the last-mile person while dispensing justice.

"People keep on raising one issue – pendency of cases, which has become such a challenge for all of us," the minister said. "We talk about pendency in

the Supreme Court and High Courts, but if we look closely, it is in the lower courts that we really need to look with urgency.

When a person from a humble background, from a rural area or urban area expects justice, he gives up everything for the sake of justice, sells off his land, his house...lifetime resources are sold off just to get justice. And if that justice gets delayed, it is a big question mark on all of us."

Rijiju said that he had in some internal meetings said that where a case stretches beyond three years, it is denying justice. "After three years, the person may not require that justice because it's not given on time," he said. Therefore, "we have to ensure that the last-mile person, the common man, must be given priority when we speak about justice delivery mechanism in our country."

He complimented the Supreme Court and the judiciary, saying they had set an example for the rest of the world by taking up "so many cases" and giving important decisions during the Covid-19 season.

In his speech, CJI Ramana also referred to some of the harsh realities of the legal profession.

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**Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation**

City Engineering Department  
Tender Notice No. NMMC/C.E/147/2021-2022  
Name of work :- Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and O&M of CCTV Surveillance and Setting up of Command & Control Center Led Service Orchestration for Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation  
Estimated Cost Rs. :- 1,37,80,16,000/-  
For detail information, enquiry and the prescribed blank tender forms, please visit our website, <https://nmmc.gov.in> & <https://nmmc.tenders.in>  
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sign/-  
CITY ENGINEER  
Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation

The team took pictures and videographed the area and the spot where Subhabrata allegedly shot himself. A sketch of the area was also drawn up. On July 17, Tamluk MP Dibyendu Adhikari, brother of Suvendu, told mediapersons outside the Adhikari residence, "We are cooperating with the investigators."

On July 14, sleuths had visited the barracks and Suvendu's house, and recorded the statements of security guards.

**CID sources said Adhikari has been summoned to record his statement**

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3. Amount put to tender :- Rs 650.38 lakh to Rs. 666.04 Lakh  
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Procurement officer	Bid Identification No.	Bid Amount (Rs. In lakh)	Availability & Submission of Bid On-line
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