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Eviction of Hawkers In Kolkata

The bulldozer has been a consistent symbol of the month that has passed since the Bharatiya Janata Party was elected to form the government in West Bengal. The "double-engine" administration's aggressive drive of bulldozer-led evictions across Kolkata and various parts of the state has destroyed livelihoods and driven the poorest to ruin. This fear has now also reached the book-selling hawkers of College Street, Kolkata's renowned neighbourhood and the largest hub of booksellers in the country. And yet, there is also resistance.

Dulal Chakraborty, a hawker who sells chhole-bhaturey – chickpea presented with fried bread – at Sealdah Station, said, "My entire family voted for the BJP. The day after the election victory, I joined the celebratory procession, covered in saffron colours. BJP leaders had assured us that no hawker would have to pay extortion money to continue earning a living at the station."

A protest rally on June 1, organised by Left-affiliated trade unions, witnessed a large turnout of workers, hawkers, and supporters who demanded an immediate halt to evictions and rehabilitation for those deprived of their means of livelihood.

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Safety and Security of Gig workers in India

The gig economy in India represents a rapidly growing sector where millions of individuals work as independent contractors for digital platforms rather than traditional employees. This classification creates significant vulnerabilities, as these workers are frequently excluded from standard labor laws, minimum wage guarantees, and paid sick leave. On the physical safety front, delivery riders and cab drivers endure long working hours and challenging weather conditions, which drastically increases their exposure to traffic accidents and health hazards. Financially, the lack of a fixed income and the heavy reliance on unpredictable, algorithm-driven task assignments leave workers struggling with economic instability and an unpredictable livelihood. To address these growing challenges, the Indian government has explored various legislative measures, including draft frameworks that mandate aggregators to contribute to welfare and social security funds for medical coverage and retirement. Furthermore, state-level initiatives, such as the platform worker regulations in Rajasthan, represent initial steps toward formalizing protections. Despite these efforts, the effective implementation of these safeguards remains inconsistent, meaning that many gig workers still navigate their daily tasks without a reliable social safety net or robust grievance redressal mechanisms.

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Rise of a new Sun - Vaibhav Suryavanshi

Vaibhav Suryavanshi was born on 27 March 2011 in Tajpur, Samastipur — a town that had never produced an international cricketer. His father Sanjiv, a farmer, saw his son's obsession at age four and built a cement pitch behind their house. By 10, Vaibhav was facing 600 balls a day under coach Manish Ojha. To fund his training, Sanjiv sold farmland. Cricket is full of prodigies, but few arrive this prepared. At 12, Vaibhav made his Ranji Trophy debut for Bihar, becoming the second-youngest first-class cricketer in India. At 13, on his India U-19 Test debut against Australia in Chennai, he smashed a 58-ball century — the fastest by an Indian at that level, and second-fastest in U-19 history. The sun was already peeking over the horizon.

November 2024 changed everything. Rajasthan Royals and Delhi Capitals locked horns in a bidding war for a 13-year-old. RR won at ₹1.1 crore. Vaibhav became the youngest player ever signed in IPL history. He didn't just sit on the bench. At 15, he owned the tournament: 776 runs in 16 matches, strike rate 237.30, 72 sixes, Orange Cap, Most Valuable Player, and Emerging Player awards. He broke Chris Gayle's record for most sixes in a season. Bowlers had no answers. As Graeme Swann put it, "He's at that age where he's completely fearless because he's not had failure.

Vaibhav's rise matters beyond boundaries. He's from Bihar, a state starved of cricket infrastructure. His success has triggered academy enrollments across the region. His younger brother Aashirwad just scored a century at grassroots level. The "Sooryavanshi brothers" are becoming Bihar's cricketing answer to the Pathans of Baroda. He also represents a generational shift. This is a post-IPL, post-YouTube cricketer. He learned by watching, then honed his game against 150kmph side-arm throwdowns from RR's staff. He's not burdened by technique debates. He's here to hit.

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