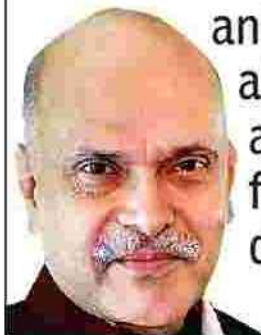


# I-T searches media baron for 'tax evasion'

The I-T department on Thursday carried out multiple survey and searches on 10 premises of media baron Raghav Bahl, his news portal Quint and three other individuals. The taxmen are scanning transactions of over Rs 200 crore to ascertain if there were "bogus long-term capital gains" amounting to Rs 118 crore allegedly booked by Bahl and his wife, reports **Avishek Dubey**.

The probe against Bahl gained momentum from last year with disclosures in the Paradise Papers. "The action is not against any of the media outfits but against an individual," a tax officer said. **P 15**



We are a fully tax compliant entity, and will provide all access to all appropriate financial documents

—RAGHAV BAHL

While the tax administration is within its rights to make inquiries... it should not exercise those powers in a way that could be seen as an intimidation of the government's critics

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