



Supreme Court Refuses to Stay UPI Charges

0.4% Fee Fixed for Payments Above 2,000; Asks Government for Rationale

New Delhi,(GNS): The Supreme Court has refused to stay the Central Government's decision to levy a 0.4% charge on UPI transactions. Effective October 15, this fee will apply to merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000. However, the court has issued a notice to the Union Government seeking a response explaining the basis for implementing this new rule.

A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice Surya



Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, and Justice V. Mohana passed the order

while hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by advocate Anjan Datta. Petitioner Questions: Government Fixed Fee Without Public Consultation In his PIL, Advocate Anjan Datta questioned why the 2,000 threshold was fixed and why different rules apply to UPI and RuPay cards. The petition sought the quashing of the notification. The petition further alleged that the government fixed the fee without public consultation or establishing concrete regulatory guidelines. Additionally, Section 10A of the Payment

and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 was challenged, alleging that it gives arbitrary discretion to the government to decide which digital transactions remain free and which attract charges. Representing the government, SG N. Venkataraman stated that peer-to-peer (P2P) transactions between individuals will remain free. He added that the fee would have no impact on nearly 96% of small merchant payments across the country.

Supreme Court Says: Gangrape Cases in Delhi-NCR Reminiscent of Nirbhaya Incident

Asked: What lessons were learned from that incident; Incident took place on August 4 with a minor in a moving bus



New Delhi,(GNS):The Supreme Court has sought a response from the Delhi Police regarding three recent

Court Questions Police Patrolling and Surveillance

The Supreme Court has sought a reply from the Delhi Police on incidents of sexual violence against minors and women in Delhi-NCR.

The court noted that ensuring the safety of people in public spaces like parks, roads, buses, metro stations, and subways is essential. These places cannot be rendered unsafe due to low patrolling and a lack of surveillance. Referring to the Aastha Kunj Park incident, the court noted that female students from a nearby college had previously lodged complaints regarding sexual harassment, but the necessary security improvements were not made. The court emphasized that living with dignity, free from violence, is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution.

gangrape cases involving minors in Delhi-NCR. These include the incidents at Greater Noida-Delhi bus, Aastha Kunj Park, and Swaroop Nagar.

A bench comprising Justice JB Pardiwala and Justice K. Vinod Chandran stated that these incidents

bring back memories of the 2012 Nirbhaya case and raise the question of whether any lessons were learned from that tragedy. In 2012, a 23-year-old woman was gangraped in a moving bus in Delhi, and she later succumbed to her injuries. The incident sparked nationwide protests.



Peace Restored in Ujjain After Stone-Pelting and Lathi-Charge Over Shahi Masjid Dispute

Female Police Officer Injured, Police Fire Tear Gas FIR Registered Against 10, 5 Arrested

Ujjain,(GNS):The dispute surrounding the demolition of the Shahi Masjid in Ujjain continues to escalate.

Stone-pelting at the police was reported once again in the area, to which the police responded with a lathi-charge and tear gas shell firing. Stone-pelting had occurred in the morning as well, following which tear gas was deployed. A female station house officer sustained injuries in the incident. Police have registered an FIR against 10 people in connection with the matter.



Kharif Sowing Exceeds 5-Year Average Despite Deficit Rainfall

Concerns Over Crop Yields Remain



New Delhi,(GNS): Total acreage under Kharif crops in India has dropped by over 1% this year compared to last year. Although this decline was anticipated due to monsoon deficits, total sowing has still exceeded the normal 5-year average.

While the increase is modest, it demonstrates that when farmers receive timely and accurate weather advisories, they successfully adjust their sowing strategies.

What the Sowing Data Shows According to the latest data, Kharif crops have been sown across 110.7 million hectares (1,107 lakh hectares) as of Friday. This is 300,000 hectares higher than the normal average area of 110.4 million hectares.

Three-Day Bank Strike Deferred

Decision Follows Talks Between IBA and Banking Unions

New Delhi,(GNS): The proposed three-day nationwide bank strike has been deferred. Following a meeting between the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) and the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), an agreement was reached to postpone the nationwide strike slated to begin Monday. Consequently, banks will operate normally on Monday. The strike had been called by the UFBU. The decision to defer the agitation came late Sunday night after the IBA advised unions that their demands—including a 5-day work week—would be considered.

Bank Union Issues Statement According to an official statement issued by the banking unions, a joint meeting took place between IBA and UFBU at 9:30 PM on Sunday. Following negotiations, both parties agreed on the



following points:

A joint committee of IBA and UFBU will be constituted immediately to examine the proposal for declaring all Saturdays as bank holidays. The committee will evaluate all options, consult all stakeholders, and work toward a solution that is fair to all parties, especially customers. Discussions will be initiated with IBA regarding modifications to the

Performance Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for officers in Scale IV and above, so their concerns can be formally represented to the government. Other pending issues detailed in the minutes of the March 8, 2024 meeting will also be discussed for expedited resolution. In light of these agreements, UFBU announced the suspension of its proposed agitations and strike for the time being.

NTA Office Security Handed Over to CISF

Change Follows NEET Paper Leak Sensitive Areas to See Strict Surveillance

New Delhi,(GNS): Following controversies surrounding the NEET-UG paper leak and administrative lapses during examinations, the National Testing Agency (NTA) has shifted its operations to a new office premises. Security at the new complex will now be handled by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). Access and operations in confidential and sensitive sections of the office will be placed under strict monitoring. According to a senior official, the NTA has been allocated over 55,000 square feet of space at the Government of India Press Building on Minto Road. The NTA has been allotted the fifth floor along with portions of the fourth and sixth floors. Over the past month, the NTA's confidential and sensitive operations were transitioned to the new building.



Yogi Says: Tap Thieves Will Keep Stealing, Water Will Keep Flowing

Tells Akhilesh Yadav Not to Worry; Will Distribute Appointment Letters Every Week

Lucknow,(GNS):Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took a veiled swipe at Akhilesh Yadav without naming him on Monday. He stated that rural illnesses stem from two primary causes: lack of sanitation and clean drinking water. The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan addressed sanitation, while the Har Ghar Nal scheme is delivering piped water. If someone steals a tap, a plumber can fix it—otherwise, tap thieves will keep stealing taps while water keeps flowing away.

Hitting back at Akhilesh Yadav's allegations, CM Yogi said: "The SP President was



claiming the other day that appointment letters are not being distributed. So I said, do not worry, we will distribute appointment letters every week. Over the next six months, I will issue appointment letters to 100,000 youth. You keep counting, and we will keep offering jobs. "The "tap theft" controversy originally surfaced in 2017 after the Samajwadi Party lost power in UP. As CM, Akhilesh was allotted a government bungalow at 4, Vikramaditya Marg. Following a Supreme Court order directing all former Chief Ministers to vacate state bungalows, Akhilesh vacated the premises. Subsequently, BJP leaders accused him of taking away brass taps while leaving the house. Akhilesh Yadav has addressed these allegations multiple times. During a press conference, he had remarked: "They accused me of stealing taps. After I left,

the CM bungalow was washed with Ganga water. You might forget all this, but I won't." Earlier, CM Yogi handed over joining letters to 1,375 Gram Panchayat Officers in Lucknow. During the event, two female candidates became emotional. Shruti Srivastava from Lucknow said with a choked voice: "I am pregnant and was worried about my child's future, but now I have no worries." Beauty Shahi from Gorakhpur said: "My family's financial situation was poor; now it will improve."

136 Climbers Stranded in Uttarakhand Due to Heavy Snowfall

Bridges Submerged in Gonda and Badaun (UP) Flood Hits 2 Bihar Districts, 82,000 Affected



New Delhi,(GNS): In Uttarakhand, 86 roads, including the Adi Kailash route, remain blocked due to landslides. These include 21 roads in Chamoli, 18 in Nainital, and 15 in Pithoragarh. Amid heavy snowfall, 136 climbers, trekkers, and support staff are stranded in high-altitude areas of Uttarkashi. Rescue operations to extract them are underway.

Meanwhile, water released from the Gandak River in Nepal triggered floods across 23 villages in West Champaran and Supaul districts of Bihar, affecting around 82,000

people.

In Uttar Pradesh, continuous rain over the past four days has caused several rivers to swell. Water is overflowing over small bridges in Gonda and Badaun. Storms and heavy rainfall have claimed 63 lives over the past two days.

Eight rivers in the state are flowing above the danger mark. In Kushinagar, 1,400 families across two villages have been affected. Heavy rain alerts have been issued across 46 districts in the state.

Heavy rainfall in Chhattisgarh has triggered flood-like conditions in several areas of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra. In Madhya Pradesh, rain has been incessant for three days across the Jabalpur, Sagar, Shahdol, and Rewa divisions.

Landslide on Kedarnath Route; 1,500 Pilgrims Rescued

Near Chirbasa on the Kedarnath route in Uttarakhand, around 1,500 pilgrims stranded due to a landslide were safely rescued by joint teams of SDRF, NDRF, and DDRF.

The pilgrims were safely guided through the debris-covered path to Gaurikund. Continuous falling stones made the route hazardous.

Congress protests against Gyanesh Kumar in 10 states:

CEC's house blackened in Agra; water cannon fired at former CM Gehlot in Rajasthan

New Delhi,(GNS): On Monday, Congress protested in 10 states of the country - Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, Haryana, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Delhi and Kerala - demanding the resignation of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. Congress workers in Agra, Uttar Pradesh, blackened the house of CEC Gyanesh Kumar and wrote, "Gyanesh Kumar, traitor, vote thief." Police fired water cannons at protesting Congress workers in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Former Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and state Congress President Govind Singh Dotasara were also present at the protest. The Congress



party claims that irregularities were made in the SIR of the voter list.

It alleges that Gyanesh Kumar is acting arbitrarily within the Election Commission and is not listening to the two other commissioners. This allegation of the Congress party has come after the news published in Indian Express, in which it was said that in the last 10 months, both the Election Commissioners have objected to the decisions of the Commission 14 times.

Letter to CJI from over 2,000 citizens including former Navy Chief and officers Requested a stay on SIR pending review of its validity and procedure

New Delhi, Agency: More than 2,000 citizens of the country have written a letter to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, demanding a stay on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). They have also appealed for suo motu action regarding the role of the Election Commission.

Lathicharge on protesters in Patna, 4 students injured Slippers shown to police, dance on water cannon, barricades broken: MP Pappu Yadav also joined the protest

Patna, Agency. On Monday, laborers and farmers also took to the streets alongside students and youth in Patna. All of them are carrying out an anger march regarding their various demands. Independent MP Pappu Yadav also reached JP Golambar to join the demonstration. Within seconds at JP Golambar, protesters broke through the barricades and started moving forward.

Forget 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', Keeping a Single Family Together is Now a Major Challenge

Supreme Court Judge Says: Imposed Court Verdicts in Family Disputes Do Not Feel Like Justice; Mediation is Best

Guwahati,(GNS): Supreme Court judge Justice NV Anjaria remarked that court-delivered solutions in family disputes often feel superficial. Many parties feel that justice has been forced upon them, which creates an illusion of resolution and can amount to injustice. Justice Anjaria highlighted mediation as the most suitable method for resolving family disputes, noting that these matters involve deeply personal human emotions and sensitivities.

Justice Anjaria stated, "Forget India's values and 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family). Today, we are struggling to keep even a single family united."

Justice Anjaria made these remarks while delivering the keynote address at the Eastern Zone Regional Conference in Guwahati on the topic 'ADR vs Judicial Verdicts in Family Disputes: Challenges and the Way Forward.'

Rising Number of Disputes in Family Courts Speaking at the valedictory session of the



two-day conference, Justice Anjaria stated that resolving family disputes is also an effort toward improving the social framework. Highlighting the sharp rise in matrimonial litigation, he noted that Justice Kurian Joseph had raised concerns over the growing number of family disputes as far back as 2008. He remarked that access to justice should not mean exploiting every legal remedy at every opportunity to swell litigation numbers.

A glimpse of the politics of 1948 in 2026

Sanat Jain

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijay, an actor-turned-politician, has initiated a new phase in Tamil Nadu politics. This is bringing back memories of the political landscape that existed in the country between 1948 and 1952. Vijay's party, TVK, has been supported by the Congress party in Tamil Nadu. The Congress party also has a minister in the Tamil Nadu government. Congress does not have any significant influence in Tamil Nadu, but it plays a significant role in central politics. Even today, the Congress party faces

direct competition with the BJP and other political parties in 300 Lok Sabha seats. Current politics is marked by animosity and a sense of insecurity among political parties. Political parties strive to maximize their share of power. In contrast, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay has decided to give two Rajya Sabha seats to the ally Congress. He believes that his party can better protect Tamil Nadu's interests by collaborating with the Congress in central politics. Even if two MPs from his party are elected to the Rajya Sabha, they cannot represent Tamil Nadu's cause as strongly as the Congress

party can in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the Centre. This decision by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister is unique in coalition politics since independence. When the Constituent Assembly and the Union Cabinet were being formed, the Congress Party worked to create a strong Constitution and a strong government by including members of all communities and political parties in the Constituent Assembly and the Cabinet. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru adopted a path of coordination after independence by including opponents and those with different ideologies in his cabinet. The same

path has been adopted by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in 2026. Currently, most political parties in the country are engaged in coalition politics, such as the NDA and the India Alliance. Regional parties stake strong claims for each seat. In this situation, Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijayan has attempted to give a new direction to coalition politics in Tamil Nadu by giving the Congress two vacant Rajya Sabha seats. Regional parties play a significant role in the state's politics. Regional politics are deeply rooted in language, culture, and connections with the general public. However, in central politics,

the central government must make decisions based on national interests. Keeping the federal system in mind, relations between the center and the states should improve. This situation has undergone significant changes in the last decade. The Planning Board was dissolved upon the Modi government's inception. In its place, the NITI Aayog was established, and the manner in which NITI Aayog is functioning has been questionable. Since then, state governments have alleged that the central government is not treating them fairly. Resources and funds are being distributed arbitrarily.

Complaints of discrimination against states with non-BJP governments are increasing. The way politics is being conducted on the basis of caste and religion, The distance between the central government and the states is growing. The governors have added to the woes. They prevent the implementation of decisions and laws made by the state legislature. A parallel power structure exists between the governor and the chief minister in non-BJP ruled states. In such a situation, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has once again taken a step towards establishing a decades-old political system in Indian politics.

Editorial

On onion produce, issues

Since the 1960s, India has developed a balancing-act habit: between keeping food prices affordably low for consumers and assuring farmers of remunerative prices, with the state's interventions focused on managing this volatility in the short term. This is also why the government banned onion exports from December 2023 to May 2024, then imposed a \$550/tonne minimum export price and a 40% export duty, reduced the duty to 20% in September 2024, and finally abolished it in April 2025. But erratic weather together with the lack of long-term relief has rendered the act increasingly awkward. From farmers' point of view, the government often changes its mind after they have made important production-related decisions based on the expected price. On the other hand, during the bounteous rabi harvest, onion farmers in Maharashtra, the country's principal supplier, had argued that the Centre's procurement price of ₹12.35/kg would not cover the costs of cultivation. The Centre subsequently raised the price to up to ₹26.45/kg, but many farmers — including some who had had to sell at ₹1/kg earlier because of low quality and lack of storage, among other factors — were unable to capture the higher value, exposing the limits of intervening after prices have already collapsed and not reaching all farmers or grades of produce.

While the government has alluded to some price manipulation, the dominant issue remains that it keeps reacting instead of taking proactive measures, including improving storage options, maintaining a less erratic trade policy, moving stock more efficiently between regions, and protecting farmers against price shocks. The abnormal rainfall at the time of harvest and a 5%-7% drop in the kharif crop in Maharashtra, together with the well-known challenges associated with storing onions and maintaining large buffers, are simply among the pressures that highlighted the flaw this year. Further, Tamil Nadu's targeted subsidy, to buy 1,000 tonnes of onions to distribute 1 kg per ration card at ₹35, will impose pressures on the Centre to maintain a steady supply.

Mamata Didi's party has fallen apart due to her love for her nephew Abhishek!

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

It is said that excess is harmful, which means that a person's excessive pride in his knowledge and power becomes the reason for his downfall. The same has happened with Mamata Banerjee. Didi considered her party Trinamool Congress as a one-man show and considered her colleagues as followers. This became the reason for dissatisfaction against her. Didi could not even manage the clan of her party. As soon as she was out of power, her special commanders became vocal against her. Actually, her love for nephew Abhishek Banerjee and the desire to make him her political successor became the main reason behind this dissatisfaction.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's political and legal troubles have been mounting since the Trinamool Congress's defeat in the May 2026 assembly elections. A major rebellion within the party and legal cases have further exacerbated her difficulties. In recent developments, a major political crisis has emerged within the Trinamool Congress. Twenty of the TMC's 28 Lok Sabha MPs have rebelled and expressed their desire to form an alliance with the NDA. According to information related to this split and defection, the rebel MPs have sent a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding recognition and separate seating in Parliament. The names of TMC MPs Kakoli Ghosh, Suvendu Adhikari, and other leaders are emerging in this entire development.

You should know that Mamata Banerjee's party, the Trinamool Congress, is grappling with the biggest internal crisis in its 28-year history. Fifty-eight MLAs have rebelled and elected expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, a position approved by the Speaker. The weakening of her grip on the party is evident from the fact that only eight out of 80 MLAs and six out of 41 MPs attended the high-level meeting called by Mamata Banerjee amid the crisis. Most elected representatives abstained from the meeting, which is being seen as a direct challenge to her leadership. In addition to the political situation, Mamata Banerjee is now embroiled in legal trouble. Complaints and police reports have been filed against her in Siliguri and Kolkata for sedition and hate speech, based on her statements made during the elections and for linking the central government to a political murder in Bangladesh. The petitioners have described this as a threat to the country's sovereignty and national security.

It's worth noting that the loss of power has led to a stampede at the grassroots level due to allegations of corruption. Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim and Bidhannagar Mayor Krishna Chakraborty, considered close to him, have resigned from their posts. Furthermore, more than 100 TMC councillors and local leaders across the state have left the party. Mamata Banerjee lost her stronghold, Bhawanipur, to the BJP's Suvendu Adhikari by

15,105 votes. The 15-year-old TMC rule in the state has ended, and a new BJP government led by Suvendu Adhikari has been formed. Mamata Banerjee is waging a legal and political battle against these adversities, from the streets to the High Court.

You know that the results of the West Bengal Assembly elections were announced a month ago, on May 4th. The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress faced disappointment. It won only 80 seats in the 294-seat assembly. Thus, the rule of Mamata Banerjee, who served as Chief Minister of the state for 15 years, ended. Mamata began her political career with the Congress party and remained associated with it for a long time. However, 28 years ago, in 1998, she broke away from the Congress and formed the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and fought bravely and resolutely to end the Communist parties' rule in the state, which had lasted for more than three decades. Currently, the party has 28 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 13 in the Rajya Sabha. However, for a long time, discontent and disagreement had been brewing within the party due to Mamata's authoritarian and confrontational policies. However, her firm grip on the administration and tough decisions had kept this rebellion simmering.

Mamata Banerjee had brought her nephew Abhishek Banerjee into politics and given him greater powers. There was also dissatisfaction within party circles with Banerjee's working style, which her party leaders had consistently informed

her about, but she ignored it. Based on her power, she had cultivated the illusion of being a major national leader, which allowed her to remain a member of the India Alliance, a coalition formed by dozens of parties at the national level, but she harbored the illusion of being superior to all the leaders of the various parties involved. Therefore, before the assembly elections, she refused to form an alliance with any of her allies. During her tenure, the state's economy had become extremely weak and it was completely in debt. Due to constant conflicts with the central government and lack of support for industry, the state's economy had become unstable. The unemployment rate had also risen. However, her administrative control had also weakened due to the ongoing conflicts with the central government and other parties. This situation quickly turned into public despair. Unable to anticipate the growing anti-government sentiment, she failed to see the writing on the wall, leading to her electoral disappointment. Even after the defeat, instead of engaging in open introspection, she ignored the discontent within her party, which ultimately proved detrimental to her. This internal spark flared into flames when, at the behest of Abhishek Banerjee, she ignored most party leaders and submitted Saiman Deb's name to the Speaker for the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. While most MLAs favored Ritabrata Banerjee, Mamata ignored this and instead sent a letter signed by the MLAs to

the Speaker for the post, leading to a rebellion by most of the party's leaders. On Wednesday, 59 of the party's 80 MLAs approached the Speaker, submitted a letter with their signatures, and declared their faction the real Trinamool Congress. This is the first such significant attack on Mamata in the party's 28-year history.

On the other hand, due to the BJP's landslide victory, its leaders have refused to compromise with the Trinamool Congress rebels.

Ritabrata Banerjee began his political career with a left-wing student organization. At the age of 34, he became a Rajya Sabha member and later joined the TMC. It was Mamata Banerjee who elected him to the Rajya Sabha in 2024. He was elected MLA from the Uluberia constituency in the assembly elections. Despite this significant challenge, Mamata Banerjee has maintained her courage and challenged these rebels and the BJP. Along with this, she has also talked about contacting anti-BJP parties, but now it remains to be seen how she will move in the politics of the state and the country in the near future. It is clear that in today's politics, the trend of all-out bribery and discrimination has increased. Those in power have the power to keep everyone together, but as soon as they are out of power, the reality of their own colleagues comes out as to how much bitterness they were hiding in their hearts. This is the naked picture of the politics of the changing times, this has to be accepted.

Eye donation: The biggest bridge from darkness to light

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(Special on World Eye Donation Day (June 10, 2026))

The importance of eyes in human life is not limited to mere sight; rather, they are the gateway to our consciousness, empathy, knowledge, and the beauty of life. It is through our eyes that we experience the diversity of nature, the affection of family, the activities of society, and the infinite possibilities of the world. Therefore, lack of vision is not merely a physical disability, but the pain of being deprived of many dimensions of life. In such a situation, eye donation is not merely a medical procedure, but a great humanitarian and spiritual endeavor that brings light into a dark life. World Eye Donation Day, celebrated every year on June

10, reminds us that even after death, our existence can live on, becoming a light in someone else's life. This day is not just an occasion for awareness, but a campaign to strengthen the culture of human compassion, social responsibility, and philanthropy.

According to the World Health Organization, millions of people worldwide are affected by visual impairment and blindness. In India, too, millions of people have lost their sight due to corneal diseases. Of particular concern is that many cases of blindness caused by corneal defects are treatable, but due to a lack of sufficient eye donations, millions of patients remain on waiting lists for years. According to experts, corneal transplantation is one of the most successful procedures in medical science, with a success rate of 95 to 98

percent. Despite this, the number of corneas available in the country remains far below the required number. Millions of people need corneas every year, but the number of donations remains relatively low. This situation suggests that the problem lies not with medical resources, but with awareness and social resolve.

In Indian culture, charity is considered the foundation of religion. Donating food satisfies hunger, donating clothes provides clothing, and donating money provides financial support, but eye donation provides a new experience of life. Therefore, it is considered a great donation, or a gift of life. When a person donates their eyes after death, they not only give an organ but also provide a blind person with the opportunity to see the world. They

provide a path to education to a child, employment opportunities to a youth, and the power of self-reliance to an elderly person. This donation is a gift that does not harm the donor, but transforms the recipient's entire life. In Indian tradition, the example of Maharishi Dadhichi is considered the ultimate example of sacrifice and body donation. He dedicated his body for the welfare of the people. Eye donation is a modern expression of that tradition. It provides an opportunity to serve humanity even after death. In fact, eye donation is a virtuous act in which the donor's body perishes, but their vision lives on, becoming a light in someone else's life.

Modern medical science has expanded the scope of eye donation. Previously, only two individuals ben-

efited from a single donor's two eyes, but new technologies have made it possible to use different parts of a cornea to help more people. Today, a single eye donor can bring light into the lives of many.

Importantly, there is no age requirement for eye donation. Even the eyes of an 80- or 90-year-old can be useful. People who wear glasses, suffer from diabetes, or suffer from high blood pressure can also donate eyes in most situations. The misconception that only completely healthy individuals can donate eyes is completely false. The corneas are safely removed within 4 to 6 hours after death, and the entire process is completed with utmost respect. This does not cause any deformity to the deceased's facial features or hinder the funeral rites.

BRIFF NEWS

Slap Incident: Delhi Politics Heats Up Over Minister Parvesh Verma



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi politics heated up after Minister Parvesh Verma allegedly slapped a youth who was making a video during a road inspection in Tilak Nagar in west Delhi. The Aam Aadmi Party demanded the minister's arrest, while the BJP accused MLA Jarnail Singh of gathering a crowd and disturbing the atmosphere. Jarnail Singh arrived with a crowd 45 minutes late despite prior information and provoked the minister. Such politics is inappropriate.

AAP alleged that the minister slapped the youth for showing alleged corruption in road construction. It demanded the arrest of Parvesh Verma, alleging that he did not treat ordinary people with respect.

Jarnail Singh said he would visit Tilak Nagar on Monday to inspect the road. He alleged that when he showed the poor quality of the road by removing a layer with his hand in front of the minister, Parvesh Verma lost his temper and slapped the youth who was making the video.

It was alleged that Parvesh Verma had the poor-quality road constructed after taking money and slapped the youth publicly when questions were raised. Delhi Police was urged to take immediate action.

Jarnail Singh said Parvesh Verma had called him to show the quality of the road. He alleged that after he removed a layer of the road with his hand to show its quality, the minister slapped the youth who was recording the video.

Major Delhi High Court Verdict in 16-Year-Old Rape Case



New Delhi, (GNS): Scientific evidence cleared a man of the allegations in a 16-year-old rape case. Setting aside the trial court's order sentencing him to seven years in prison, the Delhi High Court found inconsistencies between the complainant's statement and the scientific evidence. A bench headed by Justice Vimal Kumar Yadav ordered the appellant's release and said the entire case rested primarily on the woman's statement.

The bench observed that a rape conviction can be based solely on the woman's testimony, but the trial court had incorrectly understood the principle that an uncorroborated statement does not need to be examined for internal credibility. Considering the evidence on record, the bench said the woman's statement was contradicted by forensic evidence. She had said her clothes were soaked in blood during the sexual assault, whereas the forensic report found no blood on her clothes. The prosecution alleged that the appellant forcibly took the woman from a market in Delhi to Uttar Pradesh, where he kept her captive for four days and sexually assaulted her.

1.75 Lakh People to Benefit in Delhi as CM Rekha Gupta Lays Foundation for 214 Crore Development Works

New Delhi, (GNS): Under the Seva Sankalp campaign, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday laid the foundation stones for 53 development works costing 214.12 crore in unauthorised colonies in the Kirari, Bawana, Mundka, Narela and Nangloi Jat assembly constituencies.

Around 1.75 lakh citizens will benefit from these works. The main objective is to strengthen roads, drainage, sewage and other basic facilities. On the



occasion, the Chief Minister also listened to the 138th episode of Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat

with citizens.

The Chief Minister said roads, drains, sewage and drainage are basic require-

ments of every citizen and the government is working on their development in every part of Delhi.

She said the government's objective is to provide permanent solutions to long-pending problems. Under the 53 works, 1,062 roads and lanes will be developed in 27 unauthorised colonies.

Most works to be carried out in Kirari: Around 89.82 km of road network and 147.69 km of drainage network will also be developed. This will improve

local movement, strengthen drainage and help reduce waterlogging. The maximum number of works will be carried out in Kirari.

It was stated that 27 works costing 105.51 crore will be undertaken in 14 unauthorised colonies there. These include 640 roads and lanes, 50.71 km of roads and 101.42 km of drainage network. Nine works costing 38.83 crore will be undertaken in Bawana, five works worth 22.05 crore in Mundka, four works worth 14.48

crore in Narela and eight works costing 33.25 crore in Nangloi Jat.

PWD and Water Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh said the pace of development would not remain limited to main roads but would reach every lane and house in unauthorised colonies. MP Yogendra Chandolia, Minister Ashish Sood, MLAs Raj Karan, Manoj Shokeen and Gajendra Daral, among other public representatives, were present at the programme.

POCSO Act Above Muslim Personal Law; Sexual Relations With Minor Wife After Marriage Also Rape: Delhi High Court

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi High Court has clarified that even a marriage considered valid under Muslim Personal Law does not protect a husband from criminal action for having sexual relations with a wife below the age of 18.

A bench headed by Justice Sanjeev Narula said personal law cannot override the protection given to children under the POCSO Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Action for sexual relations with a minor: The court made the observation while refusing to quash an FIR registered against a 28-year-old man who had married a 16-year-old and three-month-old girl. The High Court treated the civil validity of marriage and the criminal consequences of sexual relations with a minor as separate issues.



The court said that under POCSO, a person below 18 is a child and consent does not make sexual relations lawful. Section 63 of the BNS also treats sexual relations with a woman below 18 as rape, and the marital exception does not apply to a wife below 18.

Marriage does not change age: The court said marriage does not increase a child's age. A person who was 16 before marriage remains 16 after marriage. The court also rejected the plea seeking action against

the police officer and compensation along with refusing to quash the FIR. The man had been booked under Section 64(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 6 of the POCSO Act. After the marriage, the couple lived together and the woman became pregnant. Her age came to light during a medical examination at a government hospital during the pregnancy.

Argument regarding personal law: In the petition, the couple claimed that the marriage had taken place with the consent of both parties and their families. They argued that under Muslim Personal Law, a Muslim girl who had attained puberty was capable of marrying and therefore sexual relations after the marriage should not be considered an offence.

Sexual Crimes Are Not Just About Sexual Desire; They Can Also Stem from Psychological Disturbances and Hatred: AIIMS Study

New Delhi, (GNS): Sexual offences should not be viewed only in terms of sexual desire or mental illness. According to psychiatrists, in some cases, anger, hostility, lack of empathy, distorted thinking, poor impulse control and a sense of entitlement over women can together contribute to sexual violence.

Amid discussions on the psychological aspects behind crime following the Aastha Kunj gang-rape case, experts said that every accused person has a different psychological and social background.

Childhood experiences may also play a role: Professor Dr Rajesh Sagar of the Department of Psychiatry at AIIMS, New

Delhi, conducted a study on the psychosocial aspects of 40 men accused of sexual offences. Around 75 per cent of them reported having experienced at least one adverse experience during childhood. The study found higher levels of anger and hostility among the accused. Their ability to understand another person's perspective and aspects related to empathy were also assessed.

Citing the study, Dr Rajesh Sagar said it is important to understand adverse childhood experiences, aggression and symptoms related to psychological disturbances in efforts to prevent sexual violence and repeat offences.

15-Year Age Gap Between Mother and Son: Voters Paying for Election Commission Error; Notices Raise Tension

New Delhi, (GNS): In 2002, the Election Commission conducted a Special Intensive Revision (SIR). During the exercise, the age of a woman was recorded as nine years younger than her actual age. Her son is now facing the consequences of the reduced age entry during the ongoing SIR. The Election Commission has issued a notice to the woman's son, asking how such a situation is possible. There is only a 15-year age difference between the mother and son. Arshad lives with his family in Brahmपुरi.



His parents have died. His mother had participated in the SIR in 2002. The youth said that during the ongoing SIR, he shared his mother's information. A few days ago, he received a notice stating that there was only a 15-year difference between his age and his mother's age.

He was asked to provide his mother's documents to establish the actual age difference. The youth said his mother had obtained an identity card before 1994. She did not have a passport. She did not have an Aadhaar card until 2020 either. The youth said that according to her

identity card, his mother was 35 years old in 2002. She died a few years after the SIR.

To prove his own age, the youth attached his birth certificate in his reply to the notice. When he obtained the 2002 voter list, he found that the Election Commission had recorded his mother's age as around nine years less than it actually was. This has now caused him trouble, although her age was correctly mentioned on her identity card.

A man named Babu Khan lives in the Noor-e-Ilahi area.

September Cold in Delhi Breaks 25-Year Record

Second-Lowest Temperature Recorded

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi's September cold set a new record on Sunday. The minimum temperature was recorded at 21.0 degrees Celsius, the second-lowest minimum temperature recorded in September since 2001.

The change in weather and rainfall on Saturday continued to affect conditions on Sunday. As a result, the minimum temperature on Sunday was 2.9 degrees below normal. The maximum temperature was recorded at 30.6 degrees Celsius, 3.7 degrees below normal. This made the weather cooler than usual even during the daytime in the capital.

Temperatures also declined



at other weather stations in Delhi. The minimum temperature at Ridge was the lowest at 16.8 degrees Celsius, while the maximum was 30.0 degrees. Palam recorded a minimum of 19.2 degrees and a maximum of 29.2 degrees. Lodhi Road recorded a minimum of 21.0 degrees and a maximum of 30.0 degrees. At Ayanagar, the minimum was 21.2 degrees and the maximum was 30.2 degrees Celsius. According to the Meteorological Department, Delhi received five mm of rain from Saturday night to Sunday morning. The drop in temperature following the rainfall brought a chill to the weather. The sky is expected to remain cloudy on Monday.

“They Beat Me Mercilessly With Bats and Sticks”

Delhi Police Head Constable Attacked Two Arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): Miscrants allegedly brutally assaulted a Delhi Police head constable in the Vijay Vihar area of outer Delhi and fled



after snatching his gold chain and phone.

The incident was captured on

CCTV cameras. Police claimed to have arrested two accused, Arif and Bhura, on the basis of the footage. The injured policeman is posted at Aman Vihar police station and alleged that a criminal named Nawasa and six to seven youths accompanying him beat him with baseball bats and sticks.

Fake Deliveries Turned Buyers Into Parents on Paper Chargesheet Filed in Child Trafficking Case

New Delhi, (GNS): A child trafficking gang in Delhi had created a complete paper trail to establish trafficked children as the biological children of buyers. A private hospital in Begumpur, Rohini, was allegedly used to prepare fake medical records, admission documents and delivery-related papers. The trafficked children were then handed over to couples who wanted children. The entire modus operandi has been detailed in a more than 600-page chargesheet filed by Delhi Police. Police filed the



chargesheet against 24 accused in Tis Hazari Court on September 3. They include 12 buyers and Dr Viveki, operator of the private hospital in Begumpur. The accused have been booked under Sections 143(4), 61(2), 3(5) and other provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, as well as Section 81 of the Juvenile Justice Act. During the investiga-

tion, police recovered nine children brought from Delhi and other states.

Newborn sold for 5 lakh: According to police, the gang was exposed following information from an informer. The informer had seen a woman with different children on different occasions. The woman was identified as Jyoti alias Kamlesh.

After gathering information about her, police sent a male and female officer posing as customers to contact her. Jyoti allegedly offered to provide a newborn boy for 5

lakh and took 20,000 as a token amount. The officers were called near RK Ashram Metro Station on June 5 for delivery of the child. The police team reached the spot, recovered the four-to-five-day-old baby and arrested Jyoti. Further investigation revealed her role as an important coordinator of the gang. According to the chargesheet, the hospital was used to show people as admitted patients, prepare false medical histories and treatment records, and create fake documents related to deliveries.

BRIF NEWS

DU suspends three LLB students after FIR, bars them from entering campus

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi University (DU) has taken action against three LLB students in connection with the alleged molestation and stalking incident that took place on September 23 in Mukherjee Nagar. Following the Delhi Police's FIR, the University suspended the students from Law Centre-II with immediate effect.

According to a notification issued by the university on Monday, the three students have been suspended from their course of study under Section 3(e) of Ordinance XV-B of the Delhi University Act, 1922. Furthermore, their entry into the Delhi University campus has been barred with immediate effect. The university stated that this action was taken after the approval of the competent authority. The document issued has been marked confidential and extremely important. The document's reference number is PCTO/2026/1065.

It's worth noting that two female students were allegedly harassed and stalked in the Mukherjee Nagar area on September 23rd at around 9:30 p.m. Police have registered a case.

A video of the incident has also surfaced. The video allegedly shows an SUV stopping near the female students. The vehicle's occupants then allegedly made lewd comments.

DUSU supports 'Chalo DU March for Women's Safety'

New Delhi, (GNS): The ABVP-led Delhi University Students' Union (DUSU) has supported the 'Chalo DU: March for Women's Safety' being organized by the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in response to students' appeals regarding the issue of women's safety in Delhi University. Recent incidents related to women's safety have raised concerns among students about safety. Delhi University Students' Union President Yash Dabas, while supporting the march, said that every girl student of Delhi University should have a safe and fear-free environment. He said that there is a need to strengthen security arrangements on the campus as well as in areas frequented by girl students.

The DUSU President said that the safety of female students should be a priority for the university. They demanded adequate lighting, CCTV cameras, regular security patrols, and prompt redressal of complaints on campus and surrounding areas. According to them, coordinated efforts between the university administration and the state government should effectively address student safety concerns.

DUSU Secretary Riya Chawri said that the safety of female students should be a priority for the university. She stressed the need to ensure adequate lighting, CCTV cameras, regular security patrols, and prompt redressal of complaints on campus and surrounding areas.

MoU between Delhi Government and ICCR to boost cultural and educational cooperation

New Delhi, (GNS): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in cultural and educational fields was signed on Monday in the presence of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta between the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the Delhi Government. The main objective of this MoU is to establish an institutional partnership between the Delhi Government and ICCR, through which cultural and



educational cooperation will be promoted. This will not only promote Delhi's culture, tourism, and economy but will also help ICCR in fulfilling its cultural diplomacy responsibilities.

Delhi's Minister of Arts, Culture, and Languages, Kapil Mishra, along with senior officials from the relevant departments were present on the occasion.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that this partnership is an important step towards connecting Delhi's art, culture, and talent to a wider platform in the country and the world. This will provide Delhi's artists and cultural groups with opportunities to showcase their tal-

ent at international events and promote international cultural dialogue in Delhi through foreign artists and cultural delegations. This institutional partnership with ICCR will play a vital role in boosting Delhi's culture, tourism, and creative economy. Under this agreement, established and young Delhi artists will have direct opportunities to participate in ICCR's prestigious "Horizon Series" and international cultural festivals.

The Delhi Government will identify and list talent in various fields, such as performing arts, literature, sculpture, textiles, architecture, culinary arts, and handicrafts, with ICCR. A unified directory of artists from all these fields will be compiled and shared with ICCR, ensuring a rich database for global events. The agreement will facilitate performances by foreign artists at cultural and tourism festivals held in Delhi.

Mayor Parvesh Vahi attacks opposition over SIR

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Mayor Pravesh Vahi accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Congress of tarnishing the image of the Election Commission of India over the Special Intensive Review (SIR). He said that the opposition parties used to target the Election Commission in the name of EVMS and now they are trying to affect the reputation of the constitutional institution by making SIR an issue.

Mayor Pravesh Vahi, in the presence of Deputy Mayor Dr. Monica Pant, said in a press conference held at the BJP State Office on Monday that it is not new for AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to question the reputation of constitutional institutions.

Wahi alleged that during Arvind Kejriwal's tenure as Chief Minister of Delhi, an attempt was made to influence the functioning of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by withholding its funds.

He said that even after the municipal elections in 2022, the municipal corporation was not constitutionally constituted for nearly two years, affecting the corporation's autonomy.

In a joint statement, the Mayor and Deputy Mayor targeted the Congress party, saying that Congress leaders who today call the SIR a



threat to democracy should also recall the Emergency period. They said that the country has not forgotten the events related to democracy during that period.

Vahi said that over the past 12 years, from Panchayat, Municipal, Municipal Corporation, to Assembly elections, opposition parties have raised various issues to question the credibility of the Election Commission. He claimed that the

SIR is now being made an issue for the same purpose.

He also targeted the Congress party regarding past incidents related to the Election Commission. Vahi said that the country has not forgotten the incidents in which the Congress was accused of bias against former Election Commissioners SL Shakhdar and MS Gill, and the conflict with former Chief Election Commissioner TN Seshan.

Congress and AAP May Join Hands Again in Chandigarh Civic Polls; Talks Underway to Avoid Vote Division

New Delhi, (GNS): The Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) may once again form an alliance for the proposed Chandigarh Municipal Corporation elections in December. An important meeting of the Congress state election committee and Political Affairs Committee was held on Sunday.

The state election committee discussed the proposal for an alliance with AAP for the municipal elections. Party in-charge Rajni Patil, MP Manish Tewari and members of the election committee were present at the meeting.

According to sources, members of the state election committee were directly asked whether Congress should contest the municipal elections jointly with AAP.



During the discussion, most members expressed support for the alliance proposal. After taking the views of the election committee members, the proposal will be placed before the party high command.

The final decision will be taken by the high command.

It is known that the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation elections are scheduled to be held before the Punjab Assembly elections. Congress and AAP had also contested the 2024 Lok Sabha election in Chandigarh as allies, due to which Congress candidate Manish Tewari had given the BJP a tough contest.

Chief Minister inaugurated the Delhi Udyog Mitra Portal

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the Delhi Udyog Mitra Portal at the Delhi Secretariat on Monday as part of the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan. Linked to the National Single Window System, this portal will now offer over 100 services from 21 departments on a single digital platform. Delhi Industry Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa was also present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister said that entrepreneurs will now have access to information on necessary per-



missions, application status, and procedures all in one place. By implementing the "Ease of Doing Business," our government is making Delhi more accessible for entrepreneurship and investment.

Unique Moment During Ganesh Visarjan in Hyderabad: Daughter Joins Father in Khaki on Duty; Video Goes Viral

New Delhi, (GNS): The final day of Ganesh Visarjan in Hyderabad became a very special day for young Amiksha. Her father, P. Saidulu, is an inspector at Begumpet Police Station. For Amiksha, her father's khaki uniform had never been just a uniform; it represented discipline, courage and public service.

On the final day of Ganesh Visarjan in Hyderabad this year, she got an opportunity to spend a day on duty with her father, which became a proud moment for her.

Amiksha had requested her father to let her accompany him on duty during Ganesh Visarjan, one of the city's busiest days. Her father agreed and took her along. A special moment for the father Inspector



Saidulu shared the moment on Instagram, writing that his daughter Amiksha had always been fascinated by the police uniform. At her request, she joined him for a day of police duty on the final day of Ganesh Visarjan.

In the video, Amiksha can be seen interacting with police personnel, speaking with members of her father's team and coordinating with everyone during the immersion.

Saidulu expressed happiness over the moment and said that for her it was only a day of duty, but for him it became a lifelong memory with his daughter.

A day where dreams and duty came together. For Amiksha, the day was about much more than getting a close look at the uniform. She got a glimpse of the responsibility her father carries out every day. The day became a memory that brought together her father's duty and her own dream.

Telangana's DGP C.V. Anand confirmed tight security arrangements in the city. He said around 30,000 police personnel were deployed across Hyderabad for security, traffic control and crowd management.

Who Is Petal Gahlot, the Indian Diplomat Who Responded to Pakistan at the UN? She Has Delhi Roots and Sings in Three Languages

New Delhi, (GNS): Indian Foreign Service officer Petal Gahlot, who came into the spotlight after responding to Pakistan's anti-India claims at the United Nations platform, is not known only as a diplomat. She has a deep interest in music and can sing in Hindi, English and French.

Petal, posted at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, has so far responded to Pakistan three times through the

"Right of Reply".

Born in Delhi, studied in Mumbai; gold medalist Petal Gahlot was born on November 23, 1989, in Vasant Kunj, Delhi. She completed her early education at Carmel Convent School in Malcha Marg, Chanakyapuri. After her family moved to Mumbai, she completed her schooling at St Anne's School.

She then graduated from St Xavier's College in Mumbai and obtained a master's degree in



political science from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University. She also received a gold medal for securing the first position at the university.

Cleared civil services exam in 2015, selected for Foreign Service Petal secured 96th rank in the 2015 Civil Services Examination and chose the Indian Foreign Service as her first preference. During her training, she chose French as her foreign language and underwent language training in Paris. Because of her strong command of French, she has also served as an interpreter for Prime Minister Narendra Modi at sever-

al high-level meetings.

Presented India's position at the UN three times Petal Gahlot has been posted at India's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York since July 2023. During this period, she has presented India's position three times at the UN through the "Right of Reply" in response to anti-India statements by Pakistan.

Family background in Army, Revenue Service and law Petal's father, Captain Sanjay Gahlot,

served as an officer in the Indian Army's cavalry. He later joined the Indian Revenue Service and retired as Principal Commissioner in the Customs Department after nearly three decades of service.

Her mother taught fashion design after completing an MSc in chemistry. Her younger brother Sahir Gahlot is an advocate in the Supreme Court. Petal's family continues to live in Vasant Kunj.