



New Delhi,(GNS): Following heavy rainfall influenced by Cyclonic Storm Arnab in Chhattisgarh, the water level of the Indravati River in Bastar reached 12.39 m. This broke a 53-year record, exceeding the previous record of 12.18 m set on July 9, 1973, by 21 cm. Floodwaters have submerged several low-lying areas in Jagdalpur, with drone footage showing these regions inundated. Rescue operations were launched as water levels rose. On Monday, 833 people were safely evacuated. A total of 65 relief camps have been set up in the district for flood-affected residents, currently housing 8,894 people. In Rajasthan, under the influence of a Western

53-Year Record Broken for Indravati's Water Level in Chhattisgarh

833 Rescued via Boats and Helicopters; Hailstorms in Rajasthan, January-Like Fog in UP



Disturbance, rainfall accompanied by hailstorms occurred in Jaipur, Bikaner, and Churu. The changing weather led to cooler night temperatures, with the minimum tempera-

ture in Shekhawati dropping below 20 °C. According to the Meteorological Department, the temperature may rise by 3-4 degrees over the next 2-3 days. In Uttar Pradesh, January-like fog was witnessed in September. Dense fog was reported on Tuesday morning in Amethi, Rampur, and Badaun, reducing visibility to less than 25 meters. Residents felt a slight chill. Meanwhile, the withdrawal of the monsoon from the state has begun, having already retreated from western UP, including

Muzaffarnagar and Aligarh, bringing an end to heavy rainfall across the state.

Cold Weather Intensifies in Delhi and Adjoining Plains: The changing weather in North India has brought cooler conditions to Delhi and adjoining plains. Following snowfall in the mountains, Delhi's minimum temperature was recorded at 21 °C on Sunday—making it the second coldest September night in 25 years. Consequently, the Delhi government announced restrictions to combat winter pollution.

72% Migrant Workers Head to South India in Search of Better Life, Survey Reveals



New Delhi,(GNS): Nearly 72 percent of migrant workers employed in three major South Indian states believe that moving away from home has significantly improved their living standards and quality of life. As a result, over 57% of these workers wish to continue working in the same state.

However, while their lives have improved, conditions regarding legal and social security remain concerning. Over 86 percent of workers do not have a written agreement or employment contract.

Additionally, they face challenges such as language barriers, lack of social integration, and difficulty accessing government schemes.

What is the Primary Cause of Migration

According to the South India Interstate Migration Survey (SIIMS) 2026, livelihood insecurity and limited job opportunities in home states remain the primary drivers of migration. Most workers cited low wages, lack of employment, irregular work, poverty, and heavy debt in their home regions as key reasons for leaving home.

The study was conducted by the International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD) in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and the International Organization for Migration

(IOM), surveying 1,824 migrant workers to analyze living and working conditions across Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu.

Over 92 percent of the surveyed workers hail primarily from northern and eastern states. West Bengal accounts for the largest share (26.2 percent), followed by Bihar (21.8 percent), Assam (17.1 percent), Odisha (12 percent), Uttar Pradesh (9.6 percent), and Jharkhand (5.6 percent).

The study covers workers in agriculture, fisheries, and daily wage labor across all three states, alongside Kerala's hospitality sector, Tamil Nadu's garment and textile industry, and Karnataka's scrap collection sector.

Working Hours, Wages, and Significant Gender Pay Gap

The report reveals that over 77 percent of workers are employed directly without contractors, while nearly 58 percent receive their wages in cash. These migrants work an average workday of 9.87 hours, with an average monthly income recorded at ₹17,640. The study also highlighted workplace wage inequality, with female migrant workers earning an average of ₹3,313 less per month than men for equal work.

In terms of formal banking access, 88.2 percent of workers are covered, though 26.8 percent in Karnataka and 31.3 percent of scrap pickers remain outside formal financial channels.

Why Sell 3,000 Cancer Drug for 27,000?

Supreme Court Questions Government on MRP of Medicines; Retail Margin Exceeds 16%

New Delhi,(GNS): The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre why the MRP of medicines should be more than 16% above the retail price.

A bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Sandeep Mehta was hearing petitions concerning drug pricing, generic prescriptions, and the regulation of medical devices.

The bench noted that a cancer drug with a retail price of around 3,000 carries an MRP of nearly 27,000. The court questioned the feasibility of enforcing a uniform rule on drug pricing.

The next hearing is scheduled for October 12. The petitions highlight how massive price variations place a heavy burden on patients and government



welfare schemes.

Questions Over Cancer Drug Pricing: Justice Sandeep Mehta highlighted the huge disparity, stating, "Just look at this huge gap." He also referred to concerns raised in previous hearings, including allegations of tenfold or higher profit margins on medicines. The bench questioned the distinction between essential and non-essential drugs under the Drugs

(Prices Control) Order (DPCO), 2013. The court observed that corporate hospitals often compel patients to purchase medicines from their in-house pharmacies. When treatment is covered under Ayushman Bharat or other government health schemes, this inflated cost is ultimately borne by taxpayers.

Court Queries Uniform 16% Cap: The bench asked, "Why should there not be a uniform cap of 16%? Nothing beyond that." The court further questioned, "Every medical device and drug comes under the purview of the Essential Commodities Act. If it is an essential item, can it be kept outside the DPCO?"

AAP Workers Assault Policeman in Delhi

Kejriwal Was Visiting Tilak Nagar; 2 Days Prior, Parvesh Verma Had Slapped a Youth



New Delhi,(GNS): In Tilak Nagar, Delhi, Aam Aadmi Party workers assaulted a Delhi Police Head Constable who was in civilian clothes. Arvind Kejriwal was visiting the area on Monday, and the policeman was recording Kejriwal on his mobile phone. A video of the incident was shared on X by the BJP.

Two days earlier, on September 27, Delhi government Minister Parvesh Verma had slapped a youth. The following day, on Monday, Parvesh Verma warned Kejriwal that AAP leaders and



supporters obstructing government work would not be tolerated.

Head Constable's Injuries Examined

In the video, the crowd can be seen pushing and misbehaving with the policeman. The policeman was taken under a flyover and prevented from leaving. Other uniformed police personnel attempted to rescue their colleague from the crowd. Police stated that the Head Constable's injuries have been medically examined, and filing an FIR for assaulting an on-duty police officer is under consideration.

Local Officials Should Get More Powers in SIR

Maharashtra CEO Had Also Written a Letter Making 4 Demands
Two Election Commissioners Had Already Expressed Objections

Mumbai,(GNS): Amid questions regarding the powers of local election officials on the Election Commission's portal ECINet, a letter written on September 24 by Maharashtra Chief Electoral Officer S. Chockalingam came to light on Tuesday.

In the letter, Chockalingam demanded that EROs be given more authority in cases involving discrepancies in voter records and requested 4 modifications to the software.

He stated that when a discrepancy is found in a voter's record, a uniform process should not be



applied to every case. The Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) should have the authority to decide which voters need to be called for a hearing, what documents should be collected, and which cases can be resolved at their own level.

Congress Meeting Strategy Against Commission and Government

Kharge Says: Chief Election Commissioner is Government's Puppet, Demands Removal

New Delhi,(GNS): Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge on Tuesday demanded the immediate removal of Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar over alleged irregularities and also called for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resignation on moral grounds for exerting pressure on the Election Commission chief. Addressing a key meeting of the Congress Working Committee, he said, "It is well known across the country that his continuous efforts have been aimed at benefiting the ruling party. Under these circumstances, he has no right to remain in office and should be removed immediately. Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge said, "The Chief Election Commissioner has become a puppet of the Modi government. Even his own colleagues do not trust him. The youth will raise ques-



tions and remove him from office."

Mallikarjun Kharge Places Five Demands:

Kharge placed five main demands before the CWC. These include making all data related to voter list modifications public, granting voters whose names were removed an opportunity to appeal, and providing

voter lists to all political parties in a timely and accessible format. He also demanded that an independent, time-bound investigation be conducted where severe irregularities are found, and that the electoral process be made transparent so no one feels information is being hidden. Kharge said, "We must

resolve in the CWC meeting that there is transparency in voter lists and that the election process remains fair. Institutions must remain independent, and the vote of every Indian must be protected."

PM Modi Should Also Resign: Kharge: Targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Congress

I.N.D.I.A. Block Meeting Today on SIR

Akhilesh Will Not Attend; Uddhav to Join Online; 8th Meeting in 3 Years, 2nd Gathering This Year

New Delhi,(GNS): A meeting of the opposition I.N.D.I.A. block will be held in Delhi today to discuss opposition strategy regarding the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and differences emerging within the Election Commission. Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav will not attend in person; another party leader will represent him. Meanwhile, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray will join via video conferencing. Party MP Sanjay Raut shared that the party is busy preparing for the October 2 demonstration against Gyanesh Kumar. Shiv Sena (UBT) will also support Deepak's CJK demonstration. This will be the 8th meeting of the I.N.D.I.A. block in the last 3 years and the second one this year. Earlier on June 8, opposition parties met regarding SIR and the independence of the Election Commission, though AAP and DMK did not attend that meeting.

President accused him of putting pressure on the Election Commission. He stated, "Alongside this, the

Prime Minister should also resign on moral grounds for pressuring the Chief Election Commissioner."

Indian Official Arrives in Pakistan 1.5 Years After Operation Sindoor

Attends SCO Meeting; Islamabad May Extend Invitation to PM Modi

Islamabad,(GNS): Around 1.5 years after Operation Sindoor, India has sent a senior official to Pakistan to attend an SCO meeting.

Alok Dimri, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs and India's SCO Coordinator, is leading the Indian delegation at the meeting that began on Monday in Islamabad. The meeting will continue through Wednesday.

The discussions will focus on SCO programs under Pakistan's chairmanship, preparations for upcoming meetings, and other organizational issues. An invitation may also be extended to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the SCO Summit to be held in Pakistan.



India Will Not Hold Bilateral Talks with Pakistan

India has clarified that its participation in the SCO meeting in Pakistan is strictly for discussing organization-related matters. While India will continue cooperation on the SCO platform, there will be no separate bilateral talks between the two countries.

India's position remains that an atmosphere free from terrorism is essential for dialogue with Pakistan.

PoK Residents Say: Give Us the Route to India, Remove Fencing

115-Day 'Freedom Movement' Intensifies; Protesters Gather Near LoC

New Delhi,(GNS): Calls for freedom have intensified in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Around 25,000 people are protesting in Mandhole, approximately 7 km from the Line of Control (LoC), expressing their desire to join India. Slogans against Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif and Army Chief Asim Munir are echoing. Leaders of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) have declared that the Pakistani government must open the route through Poonch and Mendhar, which leads toward India.



Anant Ambani Appointed Professor of Practice in Sustainability in the UK

To Teach Green Energy to Students; Preparing Roadmap for Net Carbon Zero by 2035

Mumbai,(GNS): Newcastle University in the United Kingdom has appointed Anant Ambani, Executive Director of Reliance Industries, as a Professor of Practice in Sustainability. This appointment recognizes his work in industrial decarbonization, green energy, and wildlife conservation. He will teach students about green energy.

Anant oversees energy transition initiatives at Reliance Industries and is working on a

roadmap to make the company Net Carbon Zero by 2035.

Professor of Practice is an academic title reserved for experienced professionals and operational leaders. Unlike traditional academic roles, it does not require a doctorate, peer-reviewed publications, or a research tenure.

UGC Created Professor of Practice Category in India

Universities such as Oxford Said, Warwick, Cranfield, and Harvard have connected cor-



porate leaders and professionals with academia through

Professor of Practice positions. Newcastle University similarly recognizes non-academic experts with extensive field and technical experience through this role.

In India, the UGC established the Professor of Practice category in 2022. Under this provision, industry professionals and corporate leaders can teach and mentor students without holding a PhD or published research papers.

Let Ayodhya remain the centre of faith

(Sanjay Goswami)
Lord Ram was born in Ayodhya, so today, instead of faith, a market of courts and docks should not be turned there. Who can dispense justice greater than Lord Ram? Cases of lack of transparency, financial irregularities, and corruption in the management of offerings, donations, and valuable assets at large and famous temples have been surfacing from time to time. In many cases, allegations of collusion between trust members, local bureaucrats, and some influential individuals have surfaced. The temple's for-

mer chief accountant, Mahipal Singh (who served from January 2021 to April 2022), went to the media and claimed that an organized scheme of fraud had been going on for a long time during the counting of donations. He alleged that when he once detected a theft of ₹5 lakh and complained about it to the trust's general secretary, Champat Rai, he was removed from his post. A public interest litigation has also been filed in the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court, demanding a fair and thorough investigation into the

matter, which calls for a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) investigation and the registration of an FIR. It is crucial to identify which prominent figures within the management or trust are involved in this theft. Given the faith of millions of Ram devotees, the nation is keenly watching the final findings of this report. The Nirmohi Akhara, the Ramanand sect, and established local saints of Ayodhya (such as Jagadguru Ramanandacharya, saints of the Digambar Akhara, etc.) fought for centuries in the long legal and cultural battle

for the Ram Temple. At the time of the trust's formation, many prominent saints felt that their contributions and traditional rights were neglected. The saints argue that the trust is heavily influenced by IAS officers (former and current), politicians, and individuals associated with the Sangh. They believe that when the ruling administrative, social, and political classes exert excessive control over a religious institution, market ideology, rather than spiritual consciousness, dominates decision-making. Regarding the recent allegations of theft of temple offer-

ings and financial irregularities, some saints argue that if the Trust had been under the comprehensive control of Ayodhya's traditional, detached, and impartial saints, such political and administrative nexus might not have developed. Conceptually, the saints' concern is justified: the fundamental character of a religious place should be spiritual, not merely a political and administrative entity. When pure faith in God and political ambitions become mixed, the damage is not to any single party or system, but to the moral fabric of society,

built on centuries of trust. The average devotee visits a temple, mosque, or any holy place seeking personal peace, liberation, and devotion. But when these places are made the focus of electoral narratives, this solitary and sacred form of devotion begins to transform into a collective vote bank. The very nature of politics is divisive and polarizing. Whereas the fundamental nature of religion is to unite and pacify from within, this conflict between the two ultimately harms the very essence of faith.

Editorial Identifying infiltrators

The meeting that Home Minister Amit Shah convened with Directors General of Police of all states and heads of central agencies to launch an operation to identify and deport infiltrators demonstrates his commitment to this campaign. There is a pressing need for such an operation. Such an operation will only be successful if it is launched simultaneously across the country. It is a good thing that this is happening for the first time.

Until now, the police of different states had launched their own campaigns against infiltrators. During such operations, they were often identified and apprehended, but the infiltrators often fled to neighboring states as soon as such operations began. In these circumstances, it is essential to launch a nationwide campaign against infiltrators simultaneously.

It's difficult to accurately estimate the number of infiltrators, especially Bangladeshi infiltrators, in the country, but there's no doubt that they are significant. Bangladeshi infiltrators and Rohingyas are visible in almost every part of the country. In many cities, they have been living for long periods and have fraudulently obtained various identity cards. In states like the Northeast and West Bengal, they have even become voters and are benefiting from government schemes.

The problem of infiltration is an age-old one, but no central government has yet taken concrete measures to address it. As a result, infiltration continues unabated. There are good reasons to believe that gangs are active in illegally bringing in infiltrators into the country and providing them with identity cards to settle them in various parts of the country. In these circumstances, a well-planned strategy must be developed to identify, apprehend, and deport infiltrators. All state governments must actively cooperate in this strategy. Strict action against infiltrators is essential because they not only pose a burden on the country's resources but are also altering the social fabric of many border areas.

Paper leak again: Internal betrayal the traitor within destroys the house

(Advocate Kis Sanmukhdas Bhavani)
Questions raised by the Maharashtra TET 2026 paper leak - a comprehensive analysis.

The preparation, travel, mental stress, and future of millions of candidates being left in limbo in one fell swoop raises serious questions about the entire country's examination system.

Like the team preparing the Union Budget, there's an urgent need to keep the experts, moderators, and relevant officials who set the question papers under complete secrecy until the exam is conducted.

The global adage "The enemy within destroys the enemy" seems to hold true for India's examination system more than ever. Once upon a time, news of leaks in water pipelines, gas lines, or tankers were hot topics of discussion, but today, the first question that comes to mind when people hear the word "leak" is: Which exam paper was leaked? This situation is extremely worrying for any democratic and knowledge-based society. The leak of an exam question paper is not merely an administrative error, but a blatant theft of the years of hard work, dreams, and future of millions of young people. When a student works day and night to reach the examination center, only to have the exam canceled or postponed at the last minute, they lose not only time and money but also their faith in the system. The postponement of the Maharashtra Teacher Eligibility Test (Maha TET 2026) just before the exam is a perfect

recent example of this deep-seated malaise. The Maharashtra Teacher Eligibility Test was scheduled for Sunday, June 28, 2026, but the government was forced to immediately postpone the exam after the police busted a paper leak racket in Thane's Bhiwandi area a day earlier. The preliminary investigation, which confirmed the recovery of the original question paper from the accused, made it clear that this was not a rumor, but an organized crime. The preparation, travel, mental stress, and future of lakhs of candidates were suddenly upended. This incident is not limited to Maharashtra, but raises serious questions about the examination system across the country. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the biggest question is: how are such incidents still occurring when claims were made to make the examination system leak-proof after the national paper leak incidents? If security has been strengthened, how did the question paper reach the criminals before the exam? The answer lies not only in technical weaknesses, but in the human corruption and institutional collusion inherent within the system. Almost every major paper leak incident indicates that it is not solely the work of external criminals. There are numerous steps involved, from question paper preparation to printing, packaging, transportation, safe storage, and distribution. If someone at any of these stages breaks confidentiality due to

money, influence, or greed, the entire security system collapses. Therefore, it would not be an exaggeration to say that most paper leaks are not external attacks, but internal betrayals. In fact, the root of this problem is a situation of a traitor destroying the house.

Friends, the facts revealed in the Maharashtra case investigation also point to this. After receiving a tip-off, the police conducted an undercover operation. Officers approached the accused, posing as customers seeking to purchase the paper, and monitored their activities for two days. They were lured into a deal with a large sum of money, and as soon as the question paper was handed over, three of the accused were arrested. The investigation revealed indications of an interstate network spanning several states, including Delhi. Following this, the Special Investigation Team launched investigations in various states. This clearly demonstrates that paper leaks are no longer a small-scale crime; they have transformed into an organized criminal network worth crores of rupees. While digital technology has increased convenience, it has also provided criminals with new means. Question papers can reach thousands of people in a matter of minutes via WhatsApp, Telegram, and other encrypted platforms. Therefore, security at the printing press alone is insufficient. Cybersecurity, digital surveillance, and data security must also be given equal importance. If

digital channels are not secure, no confidential documents can remain safe.

Friends, the biggest loss of paper leaks is not just the postponement of exams. This has the most serious impact on the psychology of young people. Students who have put in years of hard work feel cheated. They begin to believe that money, influence, and corrupt networks are more important than hard work. This sentiment breeds frustration, distrust, and mental stress among talented youth. If this situation continues, it will impact not only education but also the country's administrative quality, social trust, and economic development. It is time for India not to limit itself to arresting the perpetrators, but to restructure the entire examination system. Simply forming an SIT and making a few arrests after a paper leak is not a sufficient solution. What is needed is a system that makes paper leaks technically and administratively virtually impossible. Friends, in this context, many countries around the world have developed highly effective models from which India can learn significantly. China's national university entrance exam, Gaokao, is considered one of the most secure exams in the world. Question papers are considered national secret documents. Question papers are printed in highly secured premises and transported under armored vehicles, GPS tracking, video surveillance, and armed secu-

rity. Biometric verification, face recognition, AI cameras, radio jammers, and electronic detection systems are used at exam centers.

Paper leaks there are considered not just indiscipline but a serious crime against national security. The United States has taken a different approach. It has rapidly implemented a digital system for university entrance exams. The availability of question papers in physical form has been eliminated for a long period. Questions are made available encrypted just before the exam begins. Special lockdown software prevents candidates from using other websites, screenshots, or external applications. This virtually eliminates the possibility of traditional paper leaks. Australia has also scientifically developed an online examination system. There, a lockdown browser, staggered question order, AI-based monitoring, and personal accountability of authorized officials have been ensured. If any official violates security protocols, strict punitive action is taken against them. South Korea's model is particularly noteworthy. There, teachers and experts preparing national examination question papers are completely isolated from the outside world until the exam is over. Their mobile phones, internet, and external contacts are cut off. This system, while strict, has proven extremely effective in ensuring the secrecy of the question papers.

Criminals are in trouble now

(Kumar Krishnan)
Bihar Chief Minister and Home Minister Samrat Chaudhary's speech at a public meeting held at Tetiya Bamber in Munger, Bihar, was not merely a political address but also a public declaration of the government's intentions regarding law and order in the state. Following the recent violent incidents in Samastipur, Nawada, and Darbhanga, the opposition has been continuously questioning the government's law and order situation. At such a time, the Chief Minister's statement that action against criminals will not stop and that those responsible will have to go to Nepal clearly indicates that the government does not intend to convey any message of leniency. During the meeting, the Chief Minister asked the people whether

action against criminals should continue, and the crowd unanimously supported him. While gaining public support in democratic politics is one thing, the true test of crime control is determined by the impartiality of the police, the strength of the judicial process, and improvement in crime statistics.

The Chief Minister compared criminals and rioters to household garbage and stated that the campaign to remove this garbage from Bihar will continue. This language is certainly politically effective and projects a strong image of the government to the general public. However, in a democratic system, it is equally essential that action against criminals be taken within the ambit of the law and in accordance with constitutional procedures. Since Samrat Chaudhary became

Chief Minister in April 2026, the state government has prominently emphasized its zero-tolerance policy. Police have launched special operations against organized crime, encounters, illegal weapons seizures, and organized crime in several districts. The government claims that these actions have created an atmosphere of fear among criminals. On the other hand, the opposition and some human rights activists question whether crime control is possible not only through encounters, but also through robust investigations, speedy justice, and a high rate of convictions.

The crime problem in Bihar is multifaceted. Alongside traditional challenges like murder, kidnapping, extortion, and illegal arms trafficking, cybercrime, financial fraud, and juvenile delinquency have rapidly

emerged. Munger, in particular, has long been notorious for illegal arms manufacturing and trafficking. Although the police have periodically carried out major crackdowns, the illegal arms network has not been completely eradicated.

After the implementation of prohibition, a new challenge emerged in the form of the illegal liquor trade. In many cases, it was observed that liquor mafias used teenagers and underage children for smuggling and distribution. This has exacerbated the problem of juvenile delinquency.

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)'s Crime in India 2024 report further deepened this concern. According to the report, Bihar is among the top states in the country in terms of the number of juvenile offenders. Juvenile crime, i.e., crimes committed by children

under the age of 18, has increased nationally, but this problem appears to be relatively more severe in Bihar. This is not just a law and order issue, but also a question related to numerous social challenges such as education, family, social environment, unemployment, and drug addiction.

According to NCRB data, Bihar has seen a significant increase in the number of heinous crimes reported. In 2023, over 52,000 cases of serious crimes like murder, rape, and robbery were registered, while in 2024, the number exceeded one lakh. However, the same report also states that Bihar is below the national average in terms of crime rate per one lakh population. This means that due to the state's large population, the total crime count appears high, while the per capita crime rate is relatively low.

BRIF NEWS

Trains to Speed Up on Delhi-Ambala Rail Route, 3rd and 4th Lines to Be Laid; 5,983 Crore to Be Spent



New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi-Ambala railway line is a crucial rail section connecting Delhi with Northern India. It holds strategic as well as tourism significance. Over 66 percent more trains than its capacity currently operate on this vital route, affecting train movement.

To resolve this, work on laying two additional rail lines is expected to begin shortly. Tenders have been issued, and construction work is likely to commence next year. This will boost tourism, accelerate freight movement, and contribute to environmental protection.

Forced to Halt at Outers More than 150 trains, including Shatabdi, Rajdhani, and Vande Bharat, pass through this route daily, alongside freight trains. Due to the high volume of trains, they frequently have to be halted at outer signals or smaller stations.

With train connectivity becoming available up to Srinagar from Delhi, the number of passenger and freight trains will increase further in the coming days. If infrastructure is not developed according to requirement, trouble will mount, as trains already run late frequently.

Keeping this in view, work on preparing a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the third and fourth lines commenced about five years ago. In February this year, the Central Government approved the project to lay two additional rail lines along this 194 km long rail section.

Allegations of Extortion in Exchange for Liquor 'Relaxations' in Delhi, CBI Catches Excise Inspector

1.5 Crore Recovered from House



New Delhi, Agency: Questions are being raised over the permission and monitoring mechanism for serving liquor in marriage halls, banquet halls, and farmhouses in Delhi. In collusion with certain inspectors from the excise department, relaxations are granted to serve liquor at several event venues in violation of rules.

In return, fixed sums of money are regularly collected from operators. Cases involving liquor brought in from outside are also overlooked in exchange for hefty bribes. In a case involving alleged regular extortion demands from a banquet hall operator in West Delhi, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has caught an excise inspector and a private individual.

During the investigation, cash amounting to ₹1.5 crore was recovered from the premises of Inspector Prem Kumar. The investigating agency is engaged in ascertaining whether the collection was limited to a single zone or if its links extend to other officers and regions within the department.

Toll Plazas Will Not Be Removed from Delhi, MLFF System to Start in 2 Months; New Plan Formulated After Failure to Get 900 Crore

New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi Government and the Central Government, which spend hundreds of crores of rupees every year to reduce air pollution in the capital city of Delhi, are not stepping forward to eliminate traffic jams caused by toll plazas, leaving the decision to close nine major toll plazas in the city hanging in the balance.

The MCD had proposed that if any agency compensates it with an annual revenue of ₹900 crore along with a five percent increase every year, it is ready to shut down all 156 toll



plazas. However, neither the Delhi Government nor the Central Government showed interest in covering this financial loss.

Problem of Jams at Nine Toll Plazas

Following this, the MCD has now moved forward toward implementing

the Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) system at Delhi's toll plazas. According to the MCD, it will fully implement this system within the next two months.

This will reduce human intervention in toll collection at vehicle entry points, at least in locations prone to traffic jams. With Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras installed here, vehicles will be able to pass through by paying the toll online without stopping.

However, this is not the first time such claims have been made. Back in 2018,

What Has Happened So Far

- On October 23, 2018, 13 toll plazas were equipped with tags.
- From July 1, 2019, entry of vehicles via tags was made mandatory at eight toll plazas.
- was made mandatory at 13 toll plazas.
- On June 30, 2021, entry via tags was made mandatory at 124 toll plazas.
- From October 1, 2025, disparities in toll collection were eliminated.
- On April 18, 2026, fees were increased. Fees were raised on two-axle as well as three- and four-axle vehicles.

when Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology was installed at toll plazas instead of cash toll collection, a similar claim

was made that toll plazas would no longer face traffic jams. Yet, traffic congestion at toll plazas persisted.

Slap Controversy: Issue Starting from Road Quality Reaches Police Station to Protests; Why AAP-BJP Came Face-to-Face

New Delhi, Agency: Following a dispute on Sunday during the quality inspection of road construction in Tilak Nagar, the matter escalated on Monday from the streets to the police station and ultimately into political protests. Protesting against PWD Minister Pravesh Verma for allegedly slapping AAP worker Sahib Singh, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) staged demonstrations for the second consecutive day demanding the registration of an FIR against the minister.

AAP State President Saurabh Bharadwaj and Tilak Nagar MLA Jarnail Singh set off toward Vikaspuri Police Station along with party workers. Police stopped them by placing barricades in front of a petrol pump on Agrasen Bhawan Road, about 100 meters before the



police station. Following this, AAP leaders and workers sat on the road in protest. A heavy police force was deployed at the spot. Earlier, AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal reached Tilak Nagar on Monday evening. He visited the location where the dispute over road quality had occurred on Sunday and inspected the road. He stated that the newly

constructed road was peeling off by hand and demanded action against Pravesh Verma while alleging corruption in road construction.

Before Kejriwal's arrival, the police had cordoned off the said portion of the Outer Ring Road with barricades. A large number of people were present at the scene. Kejriwal left after staying at the location for about five minutes. Notably, on Sunday, Pravesh Verma and Jarnail Singh came face-to-face during an inspection of the quality of a road constructed at a cost of approximately ₹1 crore.

Pravesh Verma had alleged that AAP workers present at the spot used abusive language against his family and obstructed work. He also accused Jarnail Singh of demanding a commission in PWD work.

GPS-Enabled E-Rickshaws to Run in JNU, Fare 15 from Hostel to Library; 3 Routes Finalized

New Delhi, Agency: Students at Jawaharlal Nehru University campus are soon set to get affordable and safe transport facilities for commuting. To strengthen first and last-mile connectivity, the university administration has prepared to launch GPS-enabled e-rickshaw services. Crucially, prioritizing female safety, mandatory police verification has been made compulsory for all drivers.

The operating agency will have to verify the background of each driver and submit the report to the designated officer. Drivers must possess a valid driving license and photo ID card. They will also be required to wear the prescribed uniform and badge. E-Rickshaws to Be Monitored via GPS In the proposed service, installing an in-built GPS tracking system in every e-rickshaw



will be mandatory. This will allow monitoring of vehicle movement. In any emergency situation, tracking the vehicle's location will be easy. Keeping a first-aid box and fire extinguisher in the e-rickshaws has also been made mandatory. The agency concerned will be responsible for passenger accident and third-party insurance.

Driver's name, license number, mobile number, vehicle registration number, fitness, permit, route number, seating capacity, and prescribed speed limit details must be displayed inside the vehicle.

Global Stage for Delhi Artists, Government Signs Agreement with ICCR; Talent to Be Showcased Abroad



New Delhi, Agency: To provide an international stage for Delhi's art, culture, and local talent, an agreement has been signed between the Delhi Government and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). Under the agreement signed in the presence of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, both institutions will work jointly in the cultural and educational sectors. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said that along with development, this agreement will further promote Delhi's heritage, art, and culture. Under the agreement, local and young artists of Delhi will get opportunities to participate in international cultural festivals

and ICCR programs. The government will identify artists across various fields, including performing arts, literature, sculpture, textiles, architecture, culinary arts, and handicrafts.

A comprehensive database of these artists will be prepared and shared with ICCR. Programs by Foreign Artists and Scholars Programs featuring foreign artists and scholars will be organized in Delhi. Art exhibitions, training camps, workshops, and interactive sessions will also be held for artists from India and abroad. This will offer artists an opportunity to understand each other's art and culture.

Ownership Fee Reduced by 75 Percent in 1,511 Unauthorized Colonies of Delhi, Yet People Hesitate to Apply

New Delhi, Agency: In the capital city of Delhi, while there is talk of granting ownership rights to more than 20 lakh property owners across 1,511 unauthorized colonies, the reality is that not even one percent of people are coming forward for it.

So much so that the government is repeatedly amending and simplifying the process to encourage property owners in these colonies, but people are still showing no interest in taking advantage of it.

Therefore, to entice people, the MCD and DDA have cut the fee



required for granting ownership rights by up to 75 percent. Under these circumstances, the MCD has once again pinned hopes on an increase in the number of beneficiaries.

Scheme Was Implemented in 2019 Mayor Pravesh Wahi stated that under the

Unified Building Bye-Laws (UBBL), permit fees, betterment charges, and labor cess were collected alongside applicable fees. Similarly, MCD used to charge for debris disposal along with compensatory regulatory charges, development charges, and IT and administrative fees.

This used to total more than a minimum of one lakh rupees. Therefore, MCD and DDA jointly reduced their applicable fees by up to 75 percent. Following this, MCD expects the number of beneficiaries to increase. These reduced fees will apply only to applicants submitting by October 31. It is worth noting that the PM-UDAY scheme was implemented in the year 2019. In 2026, the Central Government amended the rules and handed over the responsibility of completing this process to the MCD.

Open Garbage Burning Incidents Increase 3-Fold in Winter, Per Capita Pollution Highest in Small Cities

New Delhi, Agency: The problem of open garbage burning becomes more severe during winters in Delhi-NCR and other cities across the country. A ground-level study conducted by World Resources Institute (WRI) India reveals that open garbage burning incidents and the pollution caused by them increase



nearly three-fold during winter compared to summer. WRI, a

non-governmental research organization working in the field of environment, states that this problem is more severe in areas with lower socio-economic status. In such localities of Tier-2 cities, up to 84 incidents of garbage burning per square kilometer were recorded daily during winter.

Security to Be Beefed Up in Delhi Parks After Evening, Security Audit of 300 Completed; Lighting and Patrolling to Increase

New Delhi, Agency: Amid rising concerns regarding safety in Delhi's parks after evening hours, the DDA has intensified efforts to strengthen security arrangements. On the directions of LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu, a security audit of DDA parks is being conducted.

So far, the audit of about 300 parks has been completed, and the target is to complete the inspection of the remaining 375 parks within this week. The audit is reviewing the condition of security guards, night patrolling, CCTV cameras, lighting, entry-exit points, fencing,



and boundary walls.

Additional guards have been deployed during night shifts in parks where required. Patrolling is being carried out using motorbikes equipped with flashlights and security gear, while senior officers are conducting surprise inspections at night. Dark

spots are being identified and fitted with additional lighting.

Enhancing coordination with the police, the DDA has directed security guards to remain in contact with the concerned beat officer and immediately report any suspicious activity. Defects

found in fencing or boundary walls are also being rectified. The process of strengthening CCTV coverage and entry-exit management is underway.

No Change in Park Timings The DDA has clarified that no changes have been made to the scheduled timings of the parks.

Everyone can use the parks during the scheduled hours. Entry is not restricted based on gender or any other criteria. Information boards are advising visitors to use illuminated primary pathways after sunset.

An example of unity and brotherhood:

Muslims built a wall to save a 100-year-old temple, the Mai Mata Temple, spread over 600 yards

New Delhi, Agency: An example of mutual harmony and brotherhood was seen in Chauhan Bangar, Gali No. 3, in the Seelampur Assembly constituency of Northeast Delhi. The local Muslim community came together to save the existence of the Mai Mata Temple, which is nearly 100 years old and covers an area of approximately 600 yards. According to

reports, the Mai Mata Temple, located in Street No. 3 of Chauhan Bangar, has been vacant for nearly four decades. The temple is surrounded by Muslim communities, and for years, people from both communities have lived here in mutual love and peace.

Around 3 a.m. Sunday night, while people were sleeping, some men began cutting down trees in the temple complex.



Hearing the sound of the woodcutting, nearby residents immediately came

out of their homes and began protesting against the tree-cutters.

Local residents immediately reported the incident to the police and forest department. When the police team arrived at the scene and questioned the tree cutters, they claimed to have permission from the forest department.

However, when the police examined the permit, it was revealed that

they had only received permission to trim trees. Acting immediately, the police stopped the work and informed the forest department for further legal action.

The allegation is that valuable temple land is being cleared to make way for multi-story apartments. According to regional MLA Chaudhary Zubair Ahmed, Hindus and Muslims have lived in harmony in the area.

Drug Queen' arrested in Delhi

Property worth crores built with drugs, gold and cash seized; network extends to Rajasthan

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi Police has busted a major interstate drug syndicate. Illegal assets worth crores of rupees were seized from the home of drug trafficker Parvati during the operation. Police also recovered a total of 1.204 kilograms of heroin and ₹64.62 lakh in cash.

According to the FIR, ₹56.69 lakh in cash was recovered from Parvati's residence, along with 355 grams of gold and 161 grams of silver. Police also recovered four property registry documents related to properties purchased with the proceeds of the smuggling. A team from the DCP's office,



Outer North District, conducted the operation. Three suspects have been arrested so far in connection with the case. The gang spanned from Delhi to Rajasthan and was involved in a large-scale supply of heroin. Police also seized two cars and gold and silver jewelry. All the items recovered are believed to be illegal proceeds from drug trafficking.

Challan after challan, yet rules are still violated: now strict action will be taken

licenses are being cancelled and suspended

New Delhi, Agency: More than 800 challans for one vehicle... yet it is driving on the roads of the capital without any fear or apprehension. There is no concern for traffic rules. Now Delhi Traffic Police has taken a big step to control such drivers. Now the Traffic Police is either suspending or cancelling the driving licenses of such drivers. The Western District Police has suspended the driving licenses of four such drivers for 6 months each. Two licenses were suspended for six months on Monday.

Western Range Deputy

Commissioner of Police Ranveer Singh said that to improve road safety and to stop dangerous and irresponsible driving and to take action against those who repeatedly break traffic rules, action has been initiated. This has been implemented in Tilak Nagar Traffic Circle, Rajouri Garden Traffic Circle and Punjabi Bagh Traffic Circle. Under the supervision of Western District ACP Neeraj Kumar, strict action is being taken against drunken driving, dangerous driving, red light jumping, without helmet, triple riding and those driving

in the wrong direction. Deputy Commissioner of Police Ranveer Kumar said that action is being taken in two ways.

First, a challan is filed against the drivers in court under Section 24 of the Motor Vehicles Act. The West District Police have written to the Rohini Court against 79 drivers.

The licenses of four of these drivers have been suspended for six months each. Following the court's order, their licenses will be deposited with the Transport Authority for six months.

Judge's emotional letter to POCSO victim: 'Son, the man you called uncle will not walk free; the bravest little girl'

New Delhi, Agency: The trial court judge in a POCSO Act case wrote an emotional letter to the victim, calling her "son." The Delhi High Court called the letter a "message of encouragement" and ordered it be delivered to the victim along with compensation.

Trial court judge Rajni Ranga, addressing the victim in her May 20 verdict, wrote, "Child, this court has heard you... Today, this court has ordered that the man you called 'Uncle' will never again walk free... You are the bravest little girl this court has ever seen. You came to court, pointed out the person who harmed you, and told the truth... Now, child,



live your life. Go to school, make friends. Laugh. Play. Dream. This court will always remember your courage."

The case dates back to July 23, 2023, involving aggravated penetrative sexual assault on a seven-year-old girl (now nearly 10 years old). The trial court convicted the accused under the

POCSO Act.

A division bench of Justice Pratibha M. Singh and Justice Dinesh Bhatt in the Delhi High Court dismissed the convict's plea for suspension of sentence on Tuesday, September 29th. The court denied the suspension based on the evidence, including forensic evidence, and scheduled the next hearing for January 20, 2027. The High Court directed the Secretary of the District Legal Services Authority to deliver the trial judge's emotional letter and compensation to the victim or her family within two weeks. The court described the letter as a message of encouragement for the victim.

Rules for booking events in parks have changed, allowing events to be held in parks where they have been held for the past five years

New Delhi, Agency: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has amended its rules for booking parks for pujas and other religious events. Under the new provisions, religious events will now be permitted only in parks where such events have been held for at least the past five years.

According to the MCD, in parks that do not have online booking facilities, requests for religious events will first be examined to determine whether religious events have been held in the park for the past five years. Organizers will be required to submit documentary evi-



dence to support this. Simply requesting an event from an organization or organizer will not be considered sufficient. Records of

previous bookings at the park will also be part of the permission process.

Booking of new green parks will not be allowed.

The corporation has also banned booking of new green and ornamental parks. Such parks will not be able to be booked for religious programs.

However, those ornamental parks which have been getting bookings continuously for at least five years, can be given permission on providing proof of previous booking. In this way, there will be no arrangement for booking for religious events for the first time in new parks, whereas permission will be given in parks with old records on the basis of prescribed conditions.

Over 100 business approvals now available at one click, bringing relief to over 8 lakh businesses

New Delhi, Agency: The necessary approvals for starting and running a business in Delhi will be available in one click. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the Delhi Udyog Mitra portal on Monday. The integrated digital platform currently offers more than 50 services from 15 departments, and over 100 services from 21 more departments will be added next month. This will facilitate the nearly 800,000 businesses and entrepreneurs in Delhi in obtaining government approvals.

The portal will allow businesses to view permission information, applications, and their status from a single digital interface. Single sign-on functionality eliminates the need to repeatedly login for different services.

A common application form will also reduce the hassle of repeatedly entering the same information. The Know Your Approvals feature will provide businesses with information about licenses and permissions required for their proposed business. Applicants will be able to track their application status from the dashboard. The portal is also linked to the National Single Window System. Industry Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said that more services related to industry and



Saurabh Bhardwaj complains to LG and Police Commissioner, demands FIR against ACP, SHO, and others

New Delhi, Agency: Saurabh Bhardwaj, Delhi State President of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), on Tuesday demanded the registration of an FIR against the SHO, ACP, and other police personnel of Vikaspuri police station. He submitted a written complaint to the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi and the Police Commissioner in this regard.

In his complaint, Saurabh Bhardwaj accused the police of assault, illegal detention, and misbehavior with women activists during a peaceful protest. He also demanded the registration of an FIR against Minister Pravesh Verma and his associates.

Bhardwaj alleged that on September 27, Minister Pravesh Verma assaulted a young man named Sahib Singh, who was filming alleged corruption related to road construction near the Manohar Nagar Gurudwara, and snatched his mobile phone. He claimed that the mobile phone contained evidence related to the incident and the alleged corruption. Bhardwaj also stated that a video recording of the entire incident was available.

He said that despite the presence of police officers, no action was taken on Sahib Singh's complaint.



Subsequently, he, along with Sahib Singh, MLA Jarnail Singh, local residents, councilors, and party workers, went to the DCP's office to file an FIR.

Bhardwaj stated that at around 9:40 p.m., the police erected barricades near the office and stopped them, after which the protesters peacefully sat on the barricades.

Bhardwaj alleged that at around 10 p.m., a large contingent of police officers arrived at the scene and used force against the protesters. He claimed that several male police officers misbehaved and molested the female activists during this time.

He alleged that the female protesters were detained by male police officers at night, taken to the Jafarpur Kalan police station, and detained until late at night. Bhardwaj called this a violation of legal provisions.

Criminal arrested for attempting murder over non-payment of extortion money; Harendra Nagar wanted in Ambala gold robbery case

New Delhi, Agency: Harendra Nagar, alias KD, an interstate criminal claiming to be associated with Himanshu Bhau, was on his way to Delhi to kill a financier in Rohini for not paying a ransom of ₹1 crore. The Delhi Police Crime Branch arrested the criminal before he could do so, rescuing the financier. Two modern, illegal pistols and 14 live cartridges were recovered from him.

The accused is wanted in connection with the 1.5 kg gold robbery that occurred in Ambala on August 18, 2026.

Harsh Indora, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Crime Branch, said that the accused, a resident of VPO Bambawad, Tehsil Dadri, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, revealed his connection to the

Bhau gang. He said that his partner Deepak supplied weapons and ammunition. He has previously been involved in four criminal cases registered in Delhi and Haryana. He said that information about the accused was received on September 9. He is accused of demanding Rs 1 crore from financier Ajay Yadav alias Boss, a resident of Sector 7, Rohini, in the name of protection.

Man arrested for duping businessman by posing as politician's wife, accused involved in 25 criminal cases

New Delhi, Agency: A 44-year-old fraudster has been arrested for allegedly duping a Delhi-based businessman of Rs 1.69 lakh by posing as the wife of a prominent politician. The accused, Bhalinder Pal Singh, duped the Dwarka-based businessman by telling him that the money was needed to pay a student's fees and would be returned later through the office. The accused has previously been involved in 25 cases related to cheating, impersonation,

extortion and offences under the Prison Act. The accused Bhalinder Pal frequently changed his identity. He has been arrested previously under different names.

Dwarka District Deputy Commissioner of Police Kushalpal Singh said the accused had used the Ashoka Pillar logo on his WhatsApp account to mislead victims. He had previously defrauded people in Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi by changing his identity, sometimes posing

as a mayor, sometimes as a personal assistant to an MLA, and sometimes as a relative of a Member of Parliament. The Deputy Commissioner of Police said Singh had created a messaging account using a SIM card registered under a fake identity. He used this account to pose as a government official when communicating with potential victims.

The DCP said that businessman Inder Singh Nagpal, owner of Glacier Holidays Private Limited,

Sector 6, Dwarka, Delhi, contacted the police on September 11. He reported receiving a call from a person claiming to be the spouse of a prominent politician and demanding money. Believing the call, police officials said, he transferred a total of ₹1.69 lakh to the various bank accounts mentioned. He also booked a flight from Delhi to Lucknow. Following the complaint, police registered an FIR at the Dwarka South police station on September 13.