



237 environmental clearances in MP against rules: Decision now in SEIAA meeting
Center says - No provision for deemed clearance; hearing on October 13



Bhopal,(GNS). Due to an 83-day tussle between the Chairman and Member Secretary in the MP State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (MP-SEIAA), 237 environmental clearances (EC) granted without a meeting are now under legal scrutiny. In a counter-affidavit filed in the Supreme Court, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change stated that there is no provision for any deemed clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification 2006.

The Central Government informed that the Supreme Court that SEAC had completed its evaluation in these 237 cases, but a final decision could not be reached due to the absence of SEIAA meetings. Therefore, placing all these cases in a formal meeting of MP-SEIAA to decide afresh is the legally correct course of action. The Supreme Court will hear this matter on October 13.

Yogi says - Ministers didn't get scholarships on time, so they became leaders

Distributed 148 crore to 4.60 lakh students



Lucknow, (GNS): Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took a light-hearted jab at Cabinet Minister Om Prakash Rajbhar on Saturday during a scholarship distribution program. He said that had Rajbhar received his scholarship on time, he too would have studied and become accomplished, and perhaps would not have become a leader. Yogi said that the government at that time did not provide scholarships, which is why Rajbhar could not study. He struggled and worked hard, fought as the voice of the public, and later became a minister. The Chief Minister also mentioned that Rajbhar had driven three-wheelers and taxis in the past. Earlier, at Lok Bhawan, the Chief Minister transferred over Rs 148 crore in scholarships and fee reimbursements directly into the bank accounts of more than 4.60 lakh students. In this phase, Rs 60.01 crore is being given to 2,23,615 OBC students, Rs 64.54 crore to 1,59,959 SC students, Rs 11.43 crore to 38,084 general minority category students.

Amit Shah says - MP will be made drug-free by 2029

Gave Rs 101 crore to gaushalas, virtually performed bhumi puja of Rs 255 crore dairy plant in Ujjain

Bhopal,(GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Saturday that Madhya Pradesh will be made drug-free by December 31, 2029. At a convention of about 35 thousand cow herders from 11 districts held at BHEL Dussehra Maidan in Bhopal, he gave Rs 101 crore to gaushalas. He also virtually performed the bhumi puja of a Rs 255 crore dairy plant being built in Ujjain.

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Hindu temple attacked in US, windows broken

Priests and devotees were present inside; temples targeted over 15 times in 5 years

Ohio,(GNS): A Hindu temple in Ohio, US, was attacked with bricks on Friday, causing significant damage to the temple structure. According to the Hindu American Foundation, the Shri Swaminarayan Vadtal Dham Hindu Temple was targeted at 1:30 PM.

According to reports, the temple's windows were broken in the attack. The priest and several devotees were inside the temple at the time of the incident. CCTV footage of this incident is available, and officials are inspecting it. According to Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh USA, more than 15 inci-



dents of vandalism targeting Hindu temples have occurred in the US in the last 5 years. These included 6 BAPS temples. Hindu American Foundation calls it a hate crime. The Foundation stated that this could potentially be a hate crime. According to the organization, this incident took place at a time

when hate-filled rhetoric and violence against the Hindu-American community have risen in the US. The organization asked law enforcement agencies to apprehend the attackers swiftly. It also appealed to American leaders and government agencies to clearly condemn hate rhetoric against Indian

and Hindu-American communities. No suspect identified so far. According to ANI, no suspect has been publicly identified in connection with the attack, nor has any arrest been immediately confirmed. Officials have not yet confirmed a religious motive behind the attack.

This incident occurred at a time when Hindu organizations across various parts of the US, including Ohio, are celebrating Hindu Heritage Month. The incident also took place right before Navratri. Hindu Heritage Month is celebrated every year in October in the US.

73% of Bihar flood-affected: Rs 6.4 thousand crore spent annually on this

15 rivers above danger mark in UP

New Delhi,(GNS): The flood situation in Bihar is turning severe. According to the Bihar government, about 68.80 lakh hectares of the state, which is nearly 73% of its total area, is flood-affected. Out of 38 districts in the state, 28 are considered flood-prone. Every year, the government spends about Rs 6.4 thousand crore on flood management and control measures.

Meanwhile, due to the overflowing Gandak river and embankment breaches in Bihar, nearly 255 villages across 6 districts, including Saran, are reeling under floods. This has affected a popu-



lation of about 4 lakh. Around 44 thousand people have left their homes. Major rivers in the state are also overflowing.

In UP, sunshine was witnessed in most districts since morning. The Meteorological Department has not issued a rain

alert for any district today. Rivers in the state are still overflowing. 15 rivers, including the Ganga and Sharda, are flowing near the danger mark. In Unnao, water from the Sai river has entered more than 12 villages.

Rahul Gandhi says - People in the country are fighting alone

Standing with them from Parliament to the streets; launched Satyagraha initiative, appeals to people to join

New Delhi,(GNS): Rahul Gandhi has launched an initiative named 'Satyagraha' to unite the voices of people fighting against injustice and for their rights across the country. Rahul said that all those fighting against injustice should send their stories. As the Leader of Opposition, I stand with you from Parliament to the streets.

Opposing the demand for Chief



Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and the voter list SIR, opposition parties, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), and Left student organizations are staging protests. CJP staged

a protest at Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Friday. They will gather at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on October 10. Meanwhile, opposition MPs will gherao the Election Commission on October 6.

Rahul says - Voices of those fighting alone get suppressed. Rahul Gandhi wrote on X - People across the country are fighting for their rights, and often fighting alone.

Boiler explodes at Tirupati pharma company, 5 dead: 10 severely injured

Tirupati,(GNS): A boiler exploded at a pharma company in Sri City, Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. 5 people have died in the accident, while 10 people are severely injured.

The injured have been rushed to the hospital for treatment. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. Police are investigating.

Upon receiving information about the accident in Satyavedu mandal, teams from the police and emergency services reached the spot and ini-



ated relief and rescue operations. Official has not released the identity of the deceased.

According to an official, the exact cause of the boiler explosion is not yet known. Officials are investigating whether the



accident occurred due to a technical snag, security lapse, operational negligence, or any other reason. Officials have not yet released the identities of all the deceased or full details of the accident. The exact count of casu-

alties and injured is expected to be confirmed after rescue operations and medical evaluations of the injured are completed. This is another major industrial accident in the state within the last year.

Woman molested at Guwahati nightclub, stripped and beaten

Allegation against bouncers, two women seen kicking in video; manager in custody

Guwahati,(GNS): A case of assault and molestation of a woman surfaced late Thursday night at a nightclub in the Khanapara area of Guwahati, Assam. It is alleged that bouncers stripped and beat the woman. The incident took place at The Locals Cafe & Lounge.

A video of the incident surfaced on social media, showing the woman lying without clothes on the floor in the parking area. Two



women are seen kicking her while several men stand nearby. Police have taken the club manager into custody.

Bouncers brought woman downstairs after



dispute inside club

According to an India Today report, the building security guard stated that the woman had arrived at the club with some of her friends.

Inside the club, she had hit a bouncer with a beer bottle.

Following this, other bouncers grabbed her and brought her down from the fourth floor to the parking area. However, how and why the dispute started could not be ascertained.

According to the guard, after bringing her to the parking area, the bouncers assaulted the woman and removed the clothes from the upper part of her body.

Deepke's post thanking Mamata Banerjee banned

Says - My X handle may be removed before October 10; protest in Delhi on the same day

New Delhi,(GNS): Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijit Deepke had thanked former Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee for supporting the CJP movement.

He had also made a post about this on X. However, X has now banned that post. TMC MP Derek O'Brien shared screenshots of the previous thank-you post and the banned post.

Following this, Deepke said on Saturday



that his X handle might be removed before October 10. He said he would not be surprised if that happens. CJP has been protesting against Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's resignation and

SIR.

After a protest at Shivaji Park in Mumbai on Friday, CJP said that if Gyanesh Kumar does not resign, a protest will be held in Delhi on October 10. Mamata had said - I stand with CJP, youth, and students. In fact, extending support to the CJP movement, Mamata Banerjee had said on Friday that she stands fully with CJP, youth, and students.

Putin's Nuclear Warning and India's Peace Policy

Kantilal Mandot

If Attacked, Russia Will Use All Weapons: Putin's Nuclear Warning Raises Tensions Russian President Vladimir Putin's latest statement has increased concerns in Europe and around the world over nuclear weapons. Speaking at the Valdai Forum in Moscow, Putin said that if any part of Russia were attacked, Russia would use all weapons available to it for its security. He specifically referred to Kaliningrad, saying that if NATO countries attempted to cut off this Russian territory from the rest of Russia, Moscow would respond immediately. His statement is being

viewed as significant amid growing tensions with Western countries, as military and political confrontation between Russia and NATO has intensified since the Ukraine war.

Kaliningrad is a Russian territory that is geographically separated from mainland Russia. Located on the Baltic Sea between Poland and Lithuania, it is surrounded by NATO-member countries. The region has been under Soviet and subsequently Russian control since 1945, after the Second World War. For Russia, Kaliningrad is not merely a geographical territory but is also extremely important from a military and strategic

perspective. Russia's Baltic Fleet has a presence there, and modern military syst have been deployed in the region. Its geographical position gives Russia the ability to monitor and influence military activity in and around the Baltic Sea and Europe.

In his remarks, Putin accused Western countries of increasing tensions against Russia. He said discussions were taking place in Western countries about a possible war with Russia in the coming years. He also referred to military exercises in the Baltic Sea and measures being taken concerning Russian vessels. Russia has also claimed that NATO is

preparing an air and naval blockade of Kaliningrad. NATO, however, has rejected this claim and said it has no plan to attack Russia or target Kaliningrad.

NATO has objected to Russia's nuclear threats. The alliance says that it is a defensive organisation and that its military activities are not intended to attack any Russian territory. NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte has also called on Russia to stop making threats involving nuclear weapons. The entire episode makes it clear that the impact of the Ukraine war is not limited to Russia and Ukraine; it has also had a wider impact on Europe's

security structure and relations between Russia and NATO.

NATO military exercises in the Baltic Sea have also become one of the causes of tension in recent months. NATO has increased its activities to protect undersea communication cables and pipelines. Russia views these activities from the perspective of its own security, while NATO links them to the protection of member states and critical maritime infrastructure. The two sides therefore have very different interpretations of such activities.

Putin's statement is particularly significant in the context of nuclear weapons because the possibility of

direct military confrontation between Russia and Western countries has remained a serious international concern.

Russia is one of the world's major nuclear powers, while NATO includes nuclear-armed countries such as the United States, Britain and France. Consequently, any reference to nuclear weapons during a military crisis can further increase international tensions. This is why most countries around the world have continued to emphasise the need to avoid direct conflict between Russia and Western countries and to keep channels of dialogue open.

Editorial

The comfort of taking bitter sips

All the questions raised regarding the justification of school mergers and downgrading ultimately lost their arguments in the High Court. This decision bolsters the argument that 774 under-represented schools were closed and 532 schools were merged, effectively shattering the relevance of educational institutions for the first time. The court has delivered a ruling that empowers the state government to protect Himachal Pradesh's soil administratively and financially, leaving political decisions behind. This will force a rethink on infrastructural reform and serve as a lesson for future governments. Clearly, in such legal maneuvering, when the popularity of political decisions becomes a factor, the court's findings provide guidance. Here, too, the court is not merely issuing rulings and directives, but also examining the state's financial situation, unnecessary expenditures, and the potential for improvement in economic priorities. It is not surprising that unnecessary infrastructure should be built across the state. The total losses of Himachal's public sector undertakings amount to Rs 4,901.51 crore, of which the State Electricity Board alone accounts for Rs 1,809.61 crore. HRTC's total loss is next, at Rs 1,707.12 crore. Of the 27 boards and corporations, 12 are incurring losses. All this is happening in a state where the debt limit of Rs 47,906 crore in 2018 has now reached Rs 104,729 crore. Clearly, the state is being exaggerated beyond its true worth, and this has become a permanent political practice. We have developed a civil society, system, and political character that simply admires or remains a mute spectator to the exploitation of power, misuse of resources, and government wasteful expenditure. A strange competition is nourishing politics with the influence of power and on the other hand, Himachalis, who are prospering in per capita income, are snacking on the resources of the state with the teeth of freeloaders. Undoubtedly, Himachal Pradesh has achieved remarkable heights and overcome the mountainous terrain. It has earned a reputation for excellence in post-independence statistics, being distributed.

Dr. Hidayat Ahmed Khan

At a time when the world appears to be standing on the threshold of a Third World War, countries are more alert and sensitive than ever about their relations with one another. This is true of India's relations with Russia, Iran, Israel and other countries as well. Relations with neighbouring countries have also changed with time and circumstances and may continue to evolve in the future. The ups and downs in India's relations with China, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Afghanistan, as well as with maritime neighbours such as Sri Lanka and the Maldives, provide examples. India's relationship with Afghanistan is a particularly relevant example in the present circumstances.

As far as the United States is concerned, this centre of global power is increasingly pursuing a policy of establishing relations with other countries on its own terms, based on its interests. In any case, relations with a country such as the United States are generally determined as part of a broader long-term strategy. Despite this, a perception has emerged regarding India-US relations that once Donald Trump leaves the presidency, relations between the two countries will return to their previous pattern. This assumption is based on the belief that the current tensions are primarily the result of Trump's personal style, his "America First" policy and his transactional, tariff-driven diplomacy.

However, the picture is far more complicated.

The changes that have taken place in US policy towards India over the past few years are not linked only to one president or administration. Several institutional and strategic changes have taken place, and their effects may continue even after Trump's term ends.

The United States no longer

views its relationship with India only through the prism of democratic values or a strategic partnership aimed at balancing China. Trade, technology, defence, energy, immigration and global supply chains have also become central to the relationship. For this reason, India will need to understand both continuity and change in US policy in the years ahead.

Strategic Depth in Defence Cooperation

One notable development is that economic and military tensions at the global level have simultaneously contributed to a deeper focus on defence and security. Over the past several years, defence and security cooperation between India and the United States has continued to expand. Efforts to advance a ten-year bilateral defence cooperation framework for 2025-2035 and strengthen maritime security cooperation are being viewed as indications of this trend.

The planned assembly of GE-414 jet engines in India and agreements concerning "security of supply" take the defence relationship beyond a simple buyer-seller arrangement. Against the backdrop of China's growing role in the Indo-Pacific, the United States is also widely regarded as viewing India as an important strategic partner.

At the same time, the US is attempting to stabilise its relationship with China in accordance with its own economic and strategic interests. Under such circumstances, India must understand that the foundation of the US-India partnership is largely shared interests, rather than permanent opposition to any particular country.

Partnership and Pressure in Trade

When the leader of one country describes the leader of another country as a friend, there is generally an expectation that the relationship will at least not result in economic harm, particularly in trade. Yet the relationship with the United States does not always

follow this expectation.

Washington's position on tariffs on Indian goods highlights the complexity of the relationship. The two countries are negotiating to finalise a trade agreement and are working towards reducing tariffs to around 18 percent, but issues such as India's imports of Russian oil and agricultural trade continue to pose challenges.

This makes it clear that while the United States regards India as an important economic partner, it also gives priority to its domestic industries and trade interests. Assuming that this approach will completely change once one president leaves office may be convenient, but it may not accurately reflect the broader nature of the relationship.

Two Different Pictures of Technology and Immigration

Cooperation between the two countries is expanding in the field of technology. Frameworks involving artificial intelligence, space, semiconductors and critical minerals are giving India-US relations a new economic and technological dimension.

At the same time, the United States has adopted a stricter approach to immigration, creating concerns for Indian professionals. A significant increase in H-1B visa fees and tighter rules relating to EB-2 visas are directly affecting Indian professionals.

Overall, the United States is expanding cooperation with India in high-technology sectors while simultaneously tightening controls over the movement of human resources. On one hand, it speaks of facilitating trade, while on the other, it is also imposing restrictions that can hinder commercial activity.

This contradiction suggests that the relationship is increasingly based on a balancing of interests rather than simply on an emotional partnership.

The Release Case Also Revealed the Changing Relationship

The intervention of US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in

the release of American citizen Matthew Aaron VanDyke and his six Ukrainian associates has also been viewed as an indication of this changing approach. Reactions in India to the release further highlighted the sensitivity surrounding the issue.

The individuals had been arrested by India's National Investigation Agency on allegations related to a terrorist conspiracy and waging war against India.

For India, therefore, the biggest challenge is not simply whether a pro-India president will occupy the White House after Trump. The real challenge is to understand the broader transformation in US policy, in which India is simultaneously being viewed as a partner, a competitor and an independent centre of power pursuing its own interests.

Two Boats or Something More?

There are strong foundations for cooperation in India-US relations, but differences have also become a permanent part of the relationship.

Over the past few years, India's growing closeness with the United States, at times at the expense of some of its traditional relationships, has created the impression that India is attempting to navigate the ocean of global relations while standing in two boats at the same time. According to this view, the other side has taken considerable advantage of India's approach, even to the point of influencing institutional policies towards India.

Therefore, it would not be accurate to assume that everything will return to the old pattern once Trump leaves office.

It is possible that a change in the presidency could alter the language, style or priorities of the US administration. However, calculations relating to defence, trade, technology, immigration and China are not limited to one individual.

National Task Force Survey Constituted by Supreme Court Sounds an Alarm

Kishan Sanmukh Das Bhavnani

The Mental Darkness Hidden Behind the Brightness of Student Life Voices of More Than 2.43 Lakh Students: Nearly One in Every 11 Students Reported Experiencing Suicidal Thoughts; Final Report Expected by October 31, 2026 - A Comprehensive Analysis

In the global digital era, today's young generation is being presented with an unprecedented world of opportunities. Moving beyond traditional livelihoods such as farming in small villages, running family shops or pursuing conventional family businesses, millions of young people now aspire to higher education, jobs in metropolitan cities, careers in multinational companies

and professional opportunities abroad. The journey from a village to a metropolis and from India to foreign countries appears to symbolise economic and social progress. But behind this bright and ambitious journey lies a question that can no longer be ignored: Is our education system producing successful professionals while falling short of creating mentally secure and emotionally balanced individuals I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukh Das Bhavnani of Gondia, Maharashtra, wish to point out that the preliminary findings of the nationwide survey conducted by the Supreme Court-appointed National Task Force (NTF) on Mental Health Concerns of Students and Prevention of Suicides in Higher Educational Institutions, which emerged around September

30, 2026, have brought this question to the centre of national debate.

According to the findings reported in the media, responses from more than 2.43 lakh students of higher educational institutions were included in the survey. Nearly 9 per cent of the students said that they had experienced suicidal thoughts often or very often during the previous year, while around 15 per cent said that during the previous six months they had gone through periods lasting several weeks marked by severe stress, distress, low mood or anxiety. Around 34 per cent of students also reported feeling like an outsider on their campus to some degree. It is important to emphasise that these should not yet be described as the Supreme Court's final findings. The figures reported

on September 29-30, 2026 are preliminary or emerging findings from the NTF survey, which have been reported by the media and are expected to contribute to the final report. The task force has also cautioned that the sample does not statistically represent the entire student population of the country. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to apply the 9 per cent figure directly to students in every higher educational institution in India. This qualification is essential when interpreting the findings.

To understand the background of the NTF, it is necessary to look at the Supreme Court's important judgment of March 24, 2025. In the Amit Kumar and Others versus Union of India and Others matter, a two-judge Bench expressed serious

concern over the continuing incidents of student suicides in higher educational institutions.

Although the case was related to the suicides of two students at IIT Delhi, the court did not restrict its concern to one institution or two incidents. Considering the need for a comprehensive system to address mental health, discrimination, academic pressure and suicide prevention in higher educational institutions across the country, the Supreme Court constituted a National Task Force. The task force was placed under the chairmanship of a former Supreme Court judge and included experts from fields such as psychiatry, clinical psychology, education, social policy, disability rights, gender studies and law.

BRIFF NEWS

Hundreds detained at protest against CEC in Jantar Mantar



New Delhi, (GNS): Hundreds of protesters were detained in and around Jantar Mantar on Friday as they gathered for a protest against chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and alleged irregularities in special intensive revision of electoral rolls.

Even as protesters were pulled and dragged into buses, Delhi police said they did not manhandle anyone and cited the lack of permission for protests at the site and prohibitory orders for the detentions.

All those detained were released later in the day. Mobile internet in the area was snapped and entry and exit at 12 metro stations in central Delhi suspended to stop protesters from gathering.

A senior police officer said around 550 people were detained. Police said FIRs were being registered for alleged violation of prohibitory orders.

Police crammed protesters into buses which entered the area at regular intervals from barricaded points at Tolstoy Marg and Janpath.

A protester sitting near Jantar Mantar was asked to "either go sit at home or sit inside a police van".

The protest had been announced by opposition parties and student groups on Gandhi Jayanti over the Election Commission's handling of SIR of electoral rolls.

Protesters demanded the resignation of CEC Gyanesh Kumar amid reports of internal differences within the poll panel on key decisions which EC has denied. In Delhi, the names of more than 47 lakh people were deleted during SIR and an additional 33 lakh received notices to explain 'logical discrepancies' in records.

No Internet, no UPI: Connaught Place traders return to cash

New Delhi, (GNS): Connaught Place was left struggling with digital payments on Friday after an Internet shutdown in the area disrupted UPI services, forcing street vendors and businesses to fall back on cash.

Media spoke to street vendors and staff at cafes in the Connaught Place inner circle, who said cash was the only reliable payment option during the disruption. Staff at Chilli's said payments were being accepted only in cash, leaving customers without cash unable to make purchases.

At Mocha Cafe and Bar, which has broadband Wi-Fi, the disruption created a different kind of rush. Visitors were turning up at the cafe not only to eat but also to access the Internet, send urgent messages and book rides.

Divyasri and Katyani, two visitors from Kerala, were among those struggling with the outage. Carrying luggage and moving around Connaught Place, the two said they had been going from one cafe to another asking whether Wi-Fi was available and whether the internet was working.

x'Delhi Policeman punched detained GenZ protester', AAP shares video

New Delhi, (GNS): The Aam Aadmi Party on Friday shared a video on X alleging that a Delhi Police personnel punched a detained GenZ protester in the face during the protests against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

The video, posted by AAP, was accompanied by the party's criticism of the alleged conduct.

"Delhi Policeman was seen punching a non-violent detained GenZ in the face. This is totally unacceptable and Aam Aadmi Party criticises this conduct of Delhi Police," AAP said in its post.

The video was shared amid protests in Delhi against CEC Gyanesh Kumar, with demonstrators seeking his resignation over issues linked to the Special



Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Delhi Policeman was seen punching a non-violent detained GenZ in the face. Delhi protests see mass detentions. The protests intensified on Friday,

with around 700 people detained in the national capital as protesters attempted to reach Jantar Mantar, according to Delhi Police. AAP leaders Atishi, Saurabh Bharadwaj and Sanjeev

Jha were among those detained, along with student and youth activists.

Police had denied permission for the Jantar Mantar gathering and imposed restrictions across the New Delhi district.

Protesters were stopped at several locations, including Firoz Shah Road and Ashoka Road, while barricades were put up around the area.

Protesters detained as police tighten security: AAP and student groups had called for a demonstration at Jantar Mantar on Gandhi Jayanti. Delhi Police had issued prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and stepped up security in the area.

The Delhi Metro also closed

entry and exit gates at multiple stations as part of the security arrangements, while internet services were reported to have been suspended in central Delhi.

AAP leaders and other protesters have alleged that they were peacefully demonstrating and criticised the police action.

AISA national president Neha Bora, after being detained, urged protesters to return to Jantar Mantar and continue the demonstration.

The video shared by AAP shows the alleged incident involving the detained protester. The claim made by AAP about the conduct of the police personnel has not been independently established in the material cited here.

July protest reached Parl, SIR stir stopped before Jantar Mantar

New Delhi, (GNS): The difference between the July 20 protest by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) and Friday's SIR demonstration in Delhi was evident in how far the two groups managed to move through the Capital.

The CJP protest in July began at Jantar Mantar but later moved towards Parliament. Protesters crossed police barricades at Tolstoy Marg and Sansad Marg and reached the area around Ashoka Road, bringing the demonstration close to Parliament before security forces stopped the march.

However, the SIR protest on Friday did not get as far as Jantar Mantar. The protest had been called at the designated protest site against Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and over the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. But multiple layers of barricades and



heavy police deployment prevented protesters from reaching the site. Many protesters said, "The police learnt their lessons well this time."

The police had imposed restrictions under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita in New Delhi district. They also closed entry and exit gates at Metro stations around the protest area and regulated traffic on roads leading towards Jantar Mantar. Around 4,000 police, CAPF and RAF personnel were deployed around the protest site, according to officials.

Councillors discuss waste segregation, sanitation workers' welfare at MCD meet

New Delhi, (GNS): Councillors on Friday discussed measures to strengthen solid waste management in Delhi, including four-way segregation at source, registration and compliance of bulk waste generators, recycling and the safety and welfare of sanitation workers at a special meeting of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

The meeting, chaired by Deputy Mayor Monika Pant, focused on the provisions of the Solid Waste Management



Rules, 2026 and ways to improve their implementation at the ward level.

The Chief Engineer briefed councillors on the rules and stressed the need for segregation of waste at source, scientific collection and management, recycling and reuse of resources. He also explained the require-

ment for four-way segregation, under which waste generated by households, institutions, markets and other establishments is to be kept separately according to prescribed categories.

The official also underlined the need for public awareness and behaviour-change campaigns to improve compliance with waste segregation norms.

Pant said effective waste management required coordination between awareness, implementation and citizen participation.

She said elected representatives could help spread awareness in their respective wards by working with residents' welfare associations, market associations, institutions and other stakeholders.

She also called for ward-level awareness campaigns, demonstration drives and citizen interaction programmes to encourage source segregation, saying proper segregation could make collection, transportation, processing and recycling more efficient.

Safety audit after Aastha Kunj gang-rape: DDA to fortify parks with gunmen, CCTV

New Delhi, (GNS): In the wake of the alleged gang rape of a 17-year-old girl at Aastha Kunj Park near Nehru Place, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is set to deploy gunmen at 134 parks and introduce night patrolling at 245 major parks as part of a sweeping security overhaul following its first-ever safety audit of all 736 parks under its jurisdiction.

The exercise, undertaken within a week of directions from lieutenant governor TS Sandhu, flagged significant



gaps in security deployment, lighting, surveillance, access control and boundary protection. "Security deployment emerged as a key concern at these parks, particularly as several DDA parks cover large areas and are not surrounded by residential settlements. The

audit recommended night patrolling at 245 major parks and the deployment of gunmen at 134 parks where security risks were found to be significant," an official said, adding DDA's security agency will deploy the gunmen in the vulnerable parks.

323 more parks to get CCTV cameras: According to officials, bike patrolling has already started in all high-risk parks and a meeting has been held with all security agencies concerned to address the issues.

Delhi BJP targets AAP over protest

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi BJP on Thursday criticised the Aam Aadmi Party's participation in protests against the Election Commission and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging that the exercise was aimed at diverting attention from issues concerning the party's government in Punjab.

Delhi BJP president Harsh Malhotra alleged that the protest at Jantar Mantar was not about protecting the right to vote but an attempt to conceal what he described as AAP's "potential defeat" in Punjab. His remarks came as opposition parties, student groups and civil society organisations gathered in Delhi on Friday.

Malhotra alleged that the AAP-led protest failed to draw ordinary Delhi residents and youth and claimed that around



500-600 party workers and leaders participated. He also accused the protesters of disrupting traffic and Metro services.

Malhotra also targeted the protest organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) in Mumbai, questioning the organisation's political relevance. He alleged that the protests were being used to shift attention from unemployment and law-and-order issues in Punjab.

"The BJP has always stood firm in defending the right to vote," Malhotra said, adding that the right to vote did not give anyone the licence to spread what he described as falsehoods or attack institutions.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor separately alleged that the AAP protest reflected "political frustration" and claimed that the party had failed to attract ordinary youth and Delhi residents.

Kapoor alleged that AAP leaders were blaming the Election Commission over the SIR exercise instead of addressing corruption in Punjab. He also claimed that the party was concerned about its electoral prospects in Punjab and Goa and the possibility of losing its national party status.

Snap, clap, twirl into the garba spirit

New Delhi, (GNS): With Navratri just a fortnight away, NCR residents' weekday evenings and weekends are getting a festive spin as dance enthusiasts learn garba and raas from experts. Planning to head to a garba night during Navratri? Brush up on the basics so you can snap-clap-twirl and keep pace with the circle during these community celebrations.

Garba isn't about perfection' At Lok Utsav Foundation, director Yamini Dikshit says the learning process is similarly structured to take beginners from basic movements to fuller sequences. "Garba is not about performing perfectly; it is about participating and enjoying the experience. Our one-month workshop follows a gradual learning process, beginning with basic hand and leg movements before moving to six Garba and five Dandiya sequences. Towards the end, we introduce formations such as heench and teen taali."

Yamini adds, "One thing we consciously maintain is the authenticity of the dance form. While we do use a variety of music, from traditional Garba compositions to carefully selected Bollywood tracks, we don't believe in changing the fundamental character of Garba simply to follow a trend. Our choreography continues to be rooted in traditional movements and steps. At the same time, our participants have evolved over the years. Those who have been with us since the early days now often look forward to more complex, faster-paced movements because they have developed a strong foundation. On the other hand, participants who may prefer a slower pace look for simpler movements. As instructors, we try to strike a balance between the two, creating choreography that is challenging enough for experienced dancers while remaining accessible to beginners. The biggest takeaway is perhaps that Garba is not about performing perfectly, it is about participating and



enjoying the experience. For many of our students, the workshop becomes a much-needed break from their everyday schedules. They come in after work, college or school, spend an hour dancing, meeting people and learning something new, and leave feeling energised. Over time, the classroom becomes a community, and many participants form friendships and memories that go beyond the workshop itself."

Professional dancer Ishita Choudhary, who is learning the form for the first time, shares, "Mujhe FOMO ho raha tha, so I joined the classes. I love the fact that everyone is in a whole circle, doing the same thing. There's this amazing synergy when everyone is moving together." Garba instructor Jahnvi Doshi from Thangaat Garba shares, "What makes the response particularly special is the diversity of participants. People from different communities and backgrounds are coming together to learn Garba, discover its culture and experience the infectious energy of dancing as a community." Doshi adds, "The response reflects how Garba is becoming a more inclusive cultural experience."

Keeping it simple, authentic so more people can access this cultural experience' Across centres, garba sessions are bringing together first-timers, seasoned dancers, children and older participants, all working through the steps ahead of Navratri. Choreographer Bharat Singh Rajawat, who has been teaching garba in Delhi for 15 years through his venture Garbaholics 360, has simplified his choreography this year.

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Safety audit finds 190 high-risk parks in Delhi



New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has completed a safety audit of all 736 parks under its jurisdiction following directions from Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu. Based on the findings, 190 parks have been categorised as high-risk, 258 as medium-risk and 288 as low-risk, paving the way for priority-based interventions. The DDA said immediate measures are being implemented in high-risk parks, including improved lighting, enhanced security arrangements and increased night patrolling.

The audit identified 520 parks requiring additional lighting. Work has been taken up on priority in 231 parks, while lighting installations have already been completed in 106 parks following the audit conducted last week.

The authority has also identified 163 parks where gates need strengthening, with unlockable gates being converted into lockable ones. Safety information boards have been installed in 115 parks, and work on 484 additional signages is under way. At present, CCTV surveillance is available in only 16 parks. Following the audit, 323 more parks have been identified for the installation of CCTV cameras. The audit also highlighted boundary-related vulnerabilities. Repair and missing-grill work has been completed in 233 of the 399 parks identified for such interventions. Corrective measures have also been planned around toilets and abandoned structures.

To bolster security, night patrolling has begun in 245 major parks, while 134 parks have been identified as requiring gunmen. Bike patrolling has also been introduced in all high-risk parks.

2 passengers held at IGI with nearly 4 kg of suspected ganja worth Rs 1.38 crore



New Delhi, (GNS): Customs officials at the Indira Gandhi International Airport have arrested two Indian passengers after nearly 4 kg of suspected ganja/marijuana, valued at around Rs 1.387 crore, was allegedly recovered from their baggage.

The passengers, who were travelling together from Bangkok to Delhi, were intercepted by Customs officials at Terminal 3 on September 29 following profiling.

According to the Customs department, the duo was diverted to the Green Channel for examination. A search of their trolley bags - one white and the other pink - led to the recovery of four polythene pouches containing suspected ganja/marijuana. The substance had a net weight of 3,964 grams and was valued at approximately Rs 1.387 crore.

'I agree': CJP's Abhijeet Dipke backs post calling Neha Bora 'more talented' than him

New Delhi, (GNS): A social media post comparing student leader Neha Bora with Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke prompted a light-hearted exchange between the two on X, after a user called Bora "more talented" and described her as a "complete Gen Z icon". Dipke responded simply: "I agree."

The X user had posted: "Maturity is realizing Neha Bora is more talented than Abhijeet Dipke. A complete Gen Z icon with an absolutely ridiculous aura."

Dipke replied to the post with: "I agree."

Another user responded to



Dipke's reply, writing: "Only legends can appreciate each other."

Who is Neha Bora?

Neha Bora is the national president of the All India Students' Association (AISA) and has been involved in the

ongoing protests over electoral-roll revision and Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar.

Bora was among those detained during the October 2 protest in Delhi and later urged protesters to return to Jantar Mantar and continue their demonstration.

Dipke announces October 10 Jantar Mantar protest: Dipke, the founder of the CJP, has been leading the party's campaign seeking Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.

The CJP held a large protest at Mumbai's Shivaji Park on Friday, following which Dipke announced another demonstration at Delhi's Jantar Mantar on

October 10 if Kumar does not resign.

Dipke said the October 10 protest would be peaceful and called on people who want free and fair elections to join the agitation.

CJP, AISA activists among protesters: The latest protests have brought together student and youth activists in Delhi, with hundreds detained after demonstrators attempted to reach Jantar Mantar on October 2. AISA's Bora was among those detained.

The exchange between Bora and Dipke, meanwhile, added a lighter social-media moment to the continuing political mobilisation around the protests.

Guest teachers, shared staff bridge PGT gaps in Delhi govt schools

New Delhi, (GNS): For students in classes XI and XII, a vacant teaching post can mean uncertainty over who will explain the next chapter, resolve doubts or guide revision before board examinations. In these crucial years, a shortage of postgraduate teachers (PGTs), who mainly teach senior secondary classes, can disrupt the subject-specific support students need for school examinations and preparation for further education, according to educators.

Schools manage through guest teachers, shared subject specialists or redistribution of classes among available staff. While these arrangements can keep lessons going, educators say sustained teaching remains essential for completing syllabi and giving students enough time to practise and clear doubts.

A principal of a school in north-east Delhi described how sharing teachers helps during shortages in his district. The biology teacher,

the principal said, teaches at their school for three days a week and spends the remaining days at a nearby school. "That's how we manage," the principal said.

Delhi High Court's recent intervention has brought renewed attention to the issue after an HC bench sought the govt's response to a PIL concerning vacant PGT posts. It asked the authorities to submit the current PGT vacancy position across govt schools.

The petition alleges that appointments under the 50% promotion quota have remained stalled for around four years and that vacancies have consequently risen to 2,714. A govt official said, "We have six weeks to compile the report. We are working on it." According to officials, regular PGT appointments are made through direct recruitment and promotion under the applicable recruitment rules.

Delhi L-G Sandhu leads heritage walk, launches Delhi Ridge e-book

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Friday led a heritage walk at Sanjay Van, highlighting the capital's natural and built heritage and underscoring the need to make its historical legacy more accessible to the public.

The walk, organised by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in collaboration with the INTACH Delhi Chapter, was attended by around 200 heritage and nature enthusiasts. South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Mehrauli MLA Gajender Yadav and DDA Vice-Chairman N. Saravana Kumar were also present.

The trail took participants



through the Small Fortification, Large Fortification and the historic Lalkot Wall within Sanjay Van. Swapna Liddle, Adviser to the INTACH Delhi Chapter, guided the walk and shared insights into the history, architecture and significance of the conserved structures.

During the event, Sandhu launched the e-book,

"Exploring the Delhi Ridge: Reviving the Heritage of the Lungs of Delhi", prepared jointly by the DDA and the INTACH Delhi Chapter. The digital publication brings together heritage sites located across the Northern, Central, South Central and Southern Ridge zones in a single resource.

The e-book features eight heritage trails, QR-enabled interpretation tools, digital maps, photographs and researched narratives on monuments spread across the four Ridge zones. An "Inventory of Built Heritage Sites - Ridges of Delhi" has also been prepared, documenting 243 geo-coordinated heritage structures.

AAP leaders face police action as anti-CEC stir intensifies in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Prominent AAP leaders, including former Delhi chief minister Atishi, Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, party's Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj, MLA Jarnail Singh and national media in-charge Anurag Dhandu, were among those detained as police action intensified around the protest site demanding Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar's resignation.

The action began around 11 am when Bharadwaj was first detained by the police while



he was on his way towards Jantar Mantar along with party workers. Later in the day, when MP Sanjay Singh left for Parliament along with some supporters, the police stopped him, he alleged. Singh said an MP was not being allowed to enter Parliament. "When the police stopped me in front of Rashtrapati Bhavan, I started the protest right here. PM

Narendra Modi has deployed his entire police machinery to protect vote thief Gyanesh. People will drive the vote thieves out of power," he said.

He said, "Today, on the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, I am present under Bapu's statue in the Parliament complex. To reach this very Parliament, PM Narendra Modi, in collusion with Gyanesh Kumar, has carried out large-scale vote theft and deleted the names of 13.37 crore people from the electoral rolls across the country."

Delhi Govt mulls mini secretariats in 12 districts

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government has moved ahead with its plan to establish mini secretariats across the Capital, with land identified for the proposed facilities in 12 of the city's 13 districts. Old Delhi is the only district where a site is yet to be finalised.

The initiative aims to bring services offered by multiple government departments under one roof, reducing the need for residents to visit different offices for related work. Announced in August last year, the project envisages district-level mini secretariats housing offices of several departments within a single complex.

Progress has also been made on the proposed mini secretariat at Dwarka Sector 10 in South-West Delhi. The facility, estimated to cost around Rs 212 crore, is expected to accommodate offices of the Revenue Department, Delhi Jal Board, electricity department and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's



Deputy Commissioner.

The identified sites have been grouped into three categories based on land ownership and availability Under the first category, existing government premises will be utilised. These include the Dwarka Sector 10 site in South-West Delhi, the SDM office complex at Chhatarpur in South Delhi, and the DC office complex at Nand Nagri in North-East Delhi.

The second category comprises locations where land will need to be purchased or leased. These include MTNL exchange land in Rohini Sector 3 for

North-West Delhi and MTNL land in Shadipur for Central Delhi. For East Delhi, land in the Karkardooma Institutional Area has been proposed to be acquired from the MCD on a 50-year lease.

The third category includes land owned by other government agencies. Sites identified under this category include the former Gargi College campus of the Education Department in Lajpat Nagar-IV for South-East Delhi, DDA land in Rohini Sector 34 near UER-II for Outer North Delhi, and DDA land at PS Road, Shalimar Bagh, Haiderpur for North Central Delhi.

For New Delhi district, land has been identified at 12 Jamnagar House on Shahjahan Road, which belongs to the Land & Development Office (L&DO). In West Delhi, land belonging to the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board has been earmarked in Raja Garden, while L&DO land in Civil Lines has been identified for North Delhi.

Same UAE number, two Rs 1cr demands lead cops to extortion network

New Delhi, (GNS): What began with a missed call ended with Delhi Police uncovering an extortion network stretching from Delhi to Dubai. A case of firing at a businessman's home also emerged during the investigation.

On Sept 16, a Delhi businessman received three missed calls. Later, around 9.27pm, his son got a call from a UAE-based number. The caller allegedly claimed to be associated with gangster Goldy Brar and demanded Rs 1 crore, threatening the family with serious consequences if the money was not paid.

Special CP Devesh Srivastava said an FIR was registered at Roop Nagar police station on Sept 17 and teams started working on the leads to trace the caller and identify those behind the threat.

Joint CP Madhur Verma said investigators examined the digital trail linked to the UAE number and found connections to overseas communications infrastructure, including a virtual private server associated with a data centre company in France.

Technical analysis and field inquiries led the police to suspects in Dehradun and Karnal.

Police alleged that the call had been made from Dubai by Aarish, who was allegedly offered money by Aarif alias Pistal (32) to make the extortion threat. Aarif instructed Aarish to speak in Haryanvi so the call appeared to have originated from a local criminal network, rather than from overseas.

The probe found an opening. The same UAE number was linked to another extortion attempt. On Sept 19, a construction businessman from Rohini received two WhatsApp calls from the number within a minute of each other, followed by a 37-second audio mes-

sage. The caller allegedly identified himself as Vikrant from Mahendragarh. He claimed an association with Goldy Brar and demanded Rs 1 crore. He gave the businessman 48 hours to pay up and threatened to open fire.

The use of the same number and the identical demand rang a bell.

Meanwhile, police said the threat against the first businessman had allegedly moved beyond phone calls. Intelligence inputs showed that multiple rounds were fired at his Roop Nagar residence, after which the extortion demand was renewed," said DCP (north) Niharika Bhatt. Police said preventive security arrangements were made around the house.

The investigation led police to Ahmedabad, where Aarif was arrested from Vejalpur on Sept 24 with the assistance of Gujarat Police. His interrogation allegedly revealed the involvement of others in the network.

Police subsequently arrested Mubarik alias Gullu of Tittwara, whom they identified as the alleged main conspirator.

The investigators said he provided information to other accused and arranged for rented accommodation in Kirari for four suspected shooters. He allegedly also paid their rent.

Nawab Ali alias Sonij of Khalapar, Muzaffarnagar, was apprehended near Rewari on Oct 1 with assistance from RPF personnel. He happened to be one of the shooters. Police said he was trying to escape on a moving train when he was caught.

Four suspected shooters, two from Panipat and two from Khalapar, Muzaffarnagar, are still at large, police said.