



**Major action by the Enforcement Directorate in Rajasthan**

**Jaipur(GNS):** Former independent MLA Baljeet Yadav from the Bahrur assembly constituency in Rajasthan has been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a case of misuse of MLA (Member of Legislative Assembly) fund. He was arrested by a team from the ED's Jaipur regional unit late Tuesday night near the Shahjahanpur toll plaza on the Jaipur-Delhi National Highway in Alwar.

After the arrest, the ED produced the MLA before the Special Court for CBI cases in Jaipur, which remanded him to three days of custody. Judge Khagendra Kumar Sharma heard the case for five hours.

During the hearing, the MLA said that he was being framed as part of a political conspiracy. He alleged that he was being falsely implicated to pave the way for the mentally challenged son of the current BJP MLA from Bahrur constituency, Jaswant Yadav, to become an MLA.

The MLA's lawyer, Bhanu Prakash Sharma, said that the distribution of sports equipment to government schools was done through a proper process. Tenders were issued by the Panchayat Samiti. The firm that met the criteria was given the responsibility of supplying the sports equipment.

Meanwhile, ED lawyer Apaksha Tiwari said that the MLA had been summoned for questioning three times last year, but he did not cooperate with the investigation. Therefore, the ED had to arrest him.

The MLA is accused of misusing more than Rs 3 crore from the MLA fund. It is worth noting that in January last year, the ED raided the MLA's premises and the premises of his associates.

According to information received from the ED, in 2020, badminton and cricket kits were purchased for 32 government schools in the Bahrur assembly constituency. More than Rs 3.72 crore was allegedly misused in the name of purchasing these kits.

The State Anti-Corruption Bureau had registered a report under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and initiated an investigation. During the ED's investigation, several incriminating documents were recovered against the MLA.

The Prime Minister was replying to the debate on President's address in Rajya Sabha

**Congress insulted Sikhs by calling Sikh MP traitor: PM Modi in Rajya Sabha**

**New Delhi (GNS):** A day after Congress MPs prevented him from replying to a debate on the motion of thanks on President's address in Lok Sabha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday targeted the opposition party for calling minister Ravneet Bittu a traitor.

Replying to the debate on President's address in Rajya Sabha, Modi recalled Wednesday's episode where Rahul Gandhi addressed Bittu as "my traitor friend", saying, "Yesterday, the Congress called a Sikh MP traitor. This is an insult of Sikhs and of the Sikh gurus.



This is a reflection of the Congress's hate for Sikhs. They have no regrets. This was no small word. The country won't tolerate a Sikh whose family made sacrifices for the nation being called a traitor only because he

decided to change his political ideology," Modi said, adding that some people in the Congress will drown the party.

While referring to the incident where some women MPs of the Congress blocked

his seat leading to deferment of his reply in the House, the PM said, "The Lok Sabha episode was extremely painful."

"It was an insult to the President, the Constitution, to the tribals of India and to women," he said, lamenting the disruption in his reply to the address President Droupadi Murmu gave to a joint sitting of both Houses on February 28. The PM said that for the Congress all Indian citizens are problems.

"For us, all citizens are solutions," the PM said citing a speech where late

Indira Gandhi is quoting her father Jawaharlal Nehru as saying that he had 35 crore challenges.

"At that time this was the population of India. Indira Gandhi went on to say that she had 57 crore problems, the population of India in her time," Modi said, adding that the Congress MPs by preventing his reply in Lok Sabha insulted an Andhra Pradesh Dalit leader who was in the presiding officer's chair at the time and also insulted the northeast because a senior Assam MP was also presiding when the ruckus in the house was on.

**Gujarat gears up to capitalize on Union Budget announcements**

**Gandhinagar(GNS):** Various departments of the state government have been asked to identify and leverage announcements and schemes announced in the Union budget.

The state finance department on Wednesday made a presentation at the cabinet meeting, proposing specific measures that can be taken by the state to leverage announcements made in the Union budget 2026-27 in the manufacturing, infrastructure, human development and skilling, tourism, health, employment, energy and power, agriculture and rural development sectors.

With regard to the chemical parks scheme announced in the Union budget, the state finance department proposed creation of a dedicated chemical park in an existing industrial cluster such as Hazira or Ankleshwar. A proposal was also made to update the state's semiconductor mission in line with the Union

govt's Rs 40,000 crore outlay for the semiconductor industry.

The presentation said that other announcements of the Union budget that departments of the state government can benefit from include the Rs 500 crore outlay for Biopharma Shakti, Rs 500 crore outlay for sports goods manufacturing, Rs 40,000 crore outlay for electronics components manufacturing scheme, the Rs 10,000 crore outlay for container manufacturing, sea-plane VGF scheme, Rs 1000 crore maritime development fund, Rs 1,500 crore outlay for the integrated textile programme, Rs 5,000 crore city economic regions programme outlay, pilot project of skilling programme at tourism sites and others.

"A number of suggestions have been made by the finance department to the government after studying various announcements of the Union budget.

**16 killed in Meghalaya coal mine explosion**

Several workers feared trapped; rescue operation underway

**Shillong (GNS):**An explosion occurred at an illegal coal mine in Meghalaya's East Jaintia Hills district on Thursday, killing at least 16 workers. Many more are feared trapped, according to the state's Director General of Police, I. Nongrang. Rescue teams are engaged in search and rescue operations. The accident occurred in the Thangsku area this morning.

The Director General of Police said, "So far, 16 bodies have been recovered. It is not yet clear how many workers were inside the mine at the time of the blast. More people are feared



trapped." Expressing grief over the accident, the Prime Minister's Office has announced to give Rs 2 lakh each to the families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 each to the injured from the PM National Relief Fund.

**One injured referred to Shillong :** East Jaintia Hills SP

Vikash Kumar said that an injured person was first taken to Sutnga Primary Health Centre, from where he was referred to a hospital in Shillong for better treatment.

According to the police, the explosion occurred during coal mining and the mine was being operated illegally.

**The cause of the explosion is not known**

The cause of the blast is yet to be ascertained and the matter is being investigated.

In fact, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) banned rat-hole coal mining and other unscientific mining methods in Meghalaya in 2014. This ban was imposed due to environmental damage and worker safety concerns. It also prohibited the illegal transportation of coal extracted through such methods.

**Layoffs at US newspaper - Shashi Tharoor's son loses job**

**Washington Post fires 300 staff, closes sports section, disbands entire team in India**

**Washington DC(GNS):** The Washington Post, a prominent American newspaper, on Wednesday laid off 300 of its 800 journalists. This includes senior columnist Ishaan Tharoor, son of Congress MP Shashi Tharoor.

Ishaan shared his news in a post on the social media platform X. He wrote that the Washington Post has laid him off, along with several other out-



standing journalists on the international team. This is a very sad day for the newsroom. Executive Editor Matt Murray explained

that Jeff Bezos' company had been operating at a loss for several years.

The sports section has been completely discontinued as part of the layoffs, although some reporters will shift to the features department to continue sports culture coverage. The local news section will be reduced, the books section will be discontinued, and the daily news podcast "Post Reports" will be eliminated. The Washington Post has also laid off reporters and editors in the Middle East, India, and Australia.

**No compromise on agriculture and dairy in the India-US trade deal**

**farmers' interests completely protected: Shivraj Singh**

**New Delhi (GNS):**

Rejecting the opposition's misleading allegations regarding the India-US trade agreement, Union Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that the agreement does not harm the interests of Indian agriculture, especially the agriculture and dairy sectors. He stated that this deal is a new example of diplomacy, development, and dignity under the leadership and guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Farmers' interests are paramount for the government.

Speaking to reporters, Union Minister Shivraj Singh stated that our staple grains, fruits, major



crops, millets, and dairy products are completely safe and there is no threat to Indian agriculture or dairy. He stated that farmers' interests are completely protected and that this agreement will, on the contrary, provide new opportunities for Indian farmers.

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan stated that nothing "big" will suddenly enter the Indian market. He stated that all our staple crops, staple grains, fruits, and dairy products are safe, and the market has not been opened for any sector that could be detrimental to Indian farmers.

**Naxalite killed in Bijapur encounter in Chhattisgarh identified as reward-carrying Udham Singh**

**Bijapur (GNS):** The Naxalite killed on Thursday in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh has been identified as Udham Singh, carrying a reward of Rs 8 lakh. He was a resident of Kottaguda police station, Basaguda district, Bijapur and this Naxalite of DVCM cadre was in-charge of platoon number 13 in South Bastar division.

The body of a Naxalite and an AK-47 weapon were recovered from the spot in the encounter between security forces and Naxalites in the forest of Tarrem police station in Bijapur district



past three years. A total of nine criminal cases are registered against the slain Naxalite, Udham Singh, in various police stations. One AK-47, two magazines, 28 rounds, Cardex wire, a wireless set, a mobile phone, a pouch, a backpack, a tiffin bag, and other Naxalite paraphernalia were recovered from the encounter site along with the body of the slain Naxalite. Bijapur Superintendent of Police, Dr. Jitendra Yadav, stated that based on information about the presence of DVCM Udham Singh

and other armed Naxalites in the forested hills under the Tarrem police station area of the northwest region, a joint team of DRG-Cobra was dispatched on a search operation. During the operation, intermittent firing occurred between the joint DRG teams and Naxalites from Bijapur on Thursday morning. During the search operation, the body of DVCM Udham Singh, along with an automatic weapon (AO 47), explosives, and Maoist material were recovered from the encounter site.

# Every human being has a fixed age

Sanjay Goswami

The sudden demise of Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister has raised the question: Is every human's lifespan fixed? God has given us only the number of breaths we have to live? Why do people leave this world prematurely? This is something we often hear. Many world-renowned psychologists also confirm this. People are often found talking about their reincarnation. This suggests a sense of being able to travel back in time. Furthermore, if we consider the events of daily life, this seems to be the case. Don't you remember what you did in the evening, or do you recall events from when you were very young? Furthermore, if you took a photo with your camera from four hundred kilometers away, is it

recent or from some time ago? Is it possible to grasp the wisdom of the Gita imparted by Lord Krishna in one lifetime? Krishna had accumulated knowledge from many lifetimes. In the past, people were killed in battles, and their premature deaths were God's will. Humans always rely on fate. If someone predicted that he would live to be 90, he might sit back and not worry about anything. Humans have a similar attitude towards their actions. If success is in their destiny and they know it, they might never put in much effort. Human nature is such, but in all this, they forget that their fate is determined by their karma. It is their accumulated karma (good deeds from previous lives) that are giving them a good life in this life. If they ignore the karma of this life, their account of virtu-

ous deeds will diminish, and their destiny will also change. People often ignore karma, even though karma is the foundation of every life. Now the question is: if someone's good virtuous deeds grant them a long life, is it possible for them to die prematurely, whether prematurely or prematurely? Common symptoms of approaching death include anxiety, fatigue, loss of appetite, and constipation. As death approaches, symptoms like urinary incontinence, delirium and wheezing while breathing start to be heard. You can understand this from one thing, recently Air India's Boeing plane crashed in Ahmedabad, everyone died except one person but there was absolutely no possibility of anyone surviving in that, in the plane crash of late Ajit Pawar, former Deputy Chief Minister, all the

people died, hence the life span written by God can neither be changed nor avoided.

There is no measure to tell when someone will die and how long someone will live. Only God, Lord Rama, can tell this. Because before anyone's death, he starts getting a premonition and when the last journey starts, in Hindu religion, Ram's name is said as the truth. But many people find out the duration of their lifespan by astrology and planetary predictions. Once they find out their age, many people do not care about their deeds. But the scriptures say that if you continuously do wrong deeds or sins, then your good deeds get destroyed. There are many karmas that give you results much later or in the next life, but there are some karmas whose results you get immediately.

Similarly, death also occurs under the pretext of some event based on the karma of your previous lives. Phenomenology is a method of philosophy and research that studies human experiences and the structures of consciousness, focusing on how a person experiences an event or object and what meaning they draw from it. It emphasizes understanding direct, subjective experiences rather than external interpretations. This can be understood by the fact that some people who smoke cigarettes can live to be around 80 years or more, but it is said that this will hasten death, whereas those who do not smoke die before that. Pharmaceuticals manufacture various types of medicines, but their expiry date is not the same; they have different expiry dates depending on their chemical composition.

## Editorial

### Joining hands

## On Manipur and Y. Khemchand Singh as new Chief Minister

Nearly a year after former Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh resigned on February 9, 2025, leading to President's Rule, President Droupadi Murmu revoked the order on Wednesday to facilitate the return of a popular government — Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Yumnam Khemchand Singh was sworn in as the 13th Chief Minister. The two Deputy Chief Ministers are Nemcha Kipgen, from the Kuki-Zo community, and Losii Dikho of the BJP's ally, the Naga People's Front. While these moves were taken to avoid extending President's Rule beyond one year, which would have required moving a Constitution Amendment Bill in Parliament, they also allow the ruling BJP to provide a semblance of democratic governance to help it regain public support during the final year of the Assembly's tenure. As seen in the general election, the disastrous second tenure of N. Biren Singh had led to discontent in the hills and valley of Manipur, reflected in the victory of Opposition candidates. Subsequently, as sporadic violence spread across even relatively peaceful areas, a coalition of internal critics in the BJP, which included Mr. Khemchand Singh, successfully lobbied for a change in leadership. That Mr. Biren Singh was present when Mr. Khemchand Singh was nominated by the BJP leadership to the posts of Legislature Party leader and Chief Minister suggests party consensus. Mr. Khemchand Singh had also signalled his intent in working towards reconciliation between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities by visiting a Kuki-Zo relief camp in the Naga-dominated Ukhrul district last year. Google Preferred Source

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# Social media: A medium of communication or a threat to privacy?

Today is the era of a communications revolution. Everyone is using social media and AI. In modern times, social media has simplified and simplified many of our tasks. In other words, as much as social media has simplified and expanded communication, it has also raised equally complex privacy issues. Today, individuals are voluntarily sharing their thoughts, locations, and daily routines on public platforms by creating personal moments—photos and reels. While sharing these on social media platforms sometimes serves as a means of self-expression, it often inadvertently puts our privacy at risk. In the race for "likes" and "views," personal boundaries are blurring. Simply put, technology has become a vital and essential necessity in our lives. Mobile phones, the internet, and social media have made work easier and faster, but they also carry a significant risk: the threat to privacy.

Sunil Kumar Mahala

Nowadays, most people have smartphones and use social media, but many are unaware that the personal information they provide when signing up for apps or platforms can be misused. Sometimes, this information can be shared without our permission. However, let me remind readers that smartphone use has become increasingly ubiquitous, not just in India but globally. According to the latest global projections, around 2025, approximately 6.8–7.1 billion people worldwide are using smartphones, while the number of active smartphone devices is estimated to exceed 7 billion, as many users own multiple phones. This means that approximately 85–90 percent of the global population is connected to a smartphone in some form or another. Speaking of India, the country has become the second-largest smartphone market in the world. According to 2024–2025 data, the number of smartphone users in India is estimated to be approximately 650–700 million, representing approximately 45–50 percent of the total population. This number is rapidly increasing due to the expansion of internet and 4G/5G networks in rural areas, and according to various reports, the number of smartphone users in India could reach around 1 billion by 2026. In this



context, it is noteworthy that the Supreme Court has strongly reprimanded Meta and WhatsApp in a case. The court clearly stated that no company can arbitrarily use citizens' personal information and that violations of privacy rights will not be tolerated. Today is a digital age, and in this digital era, we are required to provide our personal, and sometimes even biometric, information on platforms like mobile numbers, bank accounts, and Aadhaar. If this information falls into the wrong hands, it could cause significant harm. Another problem is that it's difficult to track where our information has been accessed. This same danger exists on social media, as most people give their consent without reading the terms and conditions. The Honorable Supreme Court noted that these

terms are written in such complex language that the average person cannot understand them. This was called a sophisticated method of stealing personal information. This cannot be tolerated. The Honorable Court also stated that while collecting information in the name of security and identity is fine, strict action should be taken against those who violate the right to privacy. It would not be wrong to say that digital platforms meticulously analyze user activities—what they viewed, what they liked, where they went—and this data is used for advertising, profiling, and sometimes for political or commercial interests. In fact, problems like data leaks, unauthorized tracking, and fake profiles further exacerbate privacy violations. Consequently, individu-

als' identity, security, and freedom are adversely affected. Privacy violations are not just a technical problem but also a social one. Sharing photos without permission, trolling, cyberstalking, and online defamation impact mental health. This threat is even greater for children and adolescents, as they become active online without understanding the digital risks involved. The solution to this challenge is multi-pronged. On the one hand, strong data protection laws, transparent platform policies, and strict accountability are essential; on the other hand, digital literacy and personal caution are equally important—strong passwords, privacy settings, limited sharing, and a culture of permission. Only judicious use of social media can strike a balance between privacy and expression.

# Protection of daughters' honour and health is paramount

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

The menstrual cycle (menstrual periods) is an important part of women's lives as they enter adolescence. Yet, even so, discussing it openly is considered taboo. Even today, menstruation is a topic of little discussion or consideration in Indian society. Perhaps this is why, so many years after independence, the Supreme Court had to order that menstrual health is a fundamental right for women and that every school must provide free sanitary pads.

This recent decision came on a petition filed by social activist Jaya Thakur. In her petition, she stated that girls drop out of school during their periods because their families lack the money to pay for pads. In

its ruling, the Supreme Court stated that menstrual health is a fundamental right under Article 21 of the Constitution. The court ordered that all schools must provide free sanitary pads to female students from grades 6 to 12. The court also sternly stated that failure to comply could result in the school's accreditation being revoked.

It should be noted that in India's judicial history, there are certain decisions that not only interpret the law but also shape social consciousness. The Supreme Court's decisions mandating the provision of free sanitary pads for girls, the creation of separate washrooms for boys and girls, and the provision of disabled-friendly toilets in all government and private schools

nationwide fall into this category. The Supreme Court's mandate of providing separate toilets, free sanitary pads, and menstrual hygiene management corners for girl students from grades 6 to 12 in government and private schools across the country has made it clear that menstruation is no longer a marginalized issue, but a matter of rights, health, and dignity. This decision is not merely an order to provide sanitary pads, but a historic initiative to provide constitutional protection to girls' rights to health, dignity, education, and equality. Menstruation has long been considered a private, almost invisible issue in society, and girls bear the brunt of this neglect in schools. Due to lack of facilities, millions of girl students miss sev-

eral days of school each month and gradually withdraw from studies altogether. By bringing this silent suffering within the ambit of the Constitution, the Supreme Court has made it clear that this is not merely a social problem but a question of fundamental rights. The Court's determination that menstrual hygiene is an integral part of the right to life and privacy under Article 21 marks a significant development in Indian jurisprudence. The right to life is no longer limited to physical survival but also encompasses conditions of a dignified life. When a girl student feels uncomfortable, unsafe, and humiliated simply because basic sanitation facilities are not available to her, it is a direct violation of her right to life. Another significant

feature of this judgment is its connection to the right to education. Free and compulsory education under Article 21 is meaningful only when the school environment is safe, inclusive, and sensitive. If girl students are forced to miss school during their menstrual periods, the right to education becomes hollow. Recognizing this reality, the Court has integrated education not just into books and curriculum, but also into health and dignity. The Supreme Court's directive to provide free biodegradable sanitary pads in all government, aided, and private schools is practical and far-reaching. This decision also ensures that this facility is not limited to any one class or region. Every school, urban and rural, government and private, will be bound by this obligation.

# Delhi Police Arrests Al-Falah University Chairman

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Crime Branch of Delhi Police has arrested Javed Ahmed Siddiqui, the chairman of Al-Falah University, in a case related to forgery and irregularities. This action was taken based on two FIRs filed by the University Grants Commission (UGC). A senior officer provided this information on Wednesday.

**Case Emerged After Red Fort Blast:** According to the police, the case came to light after the blast near the Red Fort, following which an investigation into several alleged irregularities and fraudulent activities related to the functioning of Al-Falah University was initiated. Based on the facts that



emerged during the investigation, the Crime Branch registered an FIR and took further action.

**Arrest Followed Interrogation in Custody:** The officer stated that the Enforcement Directorate

(ED) had also already initiated its own proceedings in this matter. Following the ED's investigation, Delhi Police took Siddiqui into custody for questioning, after which he was arrested. Police Remand Court

Appearance After his arrest, Javed Ahmed Siddiqui was produced before a local court, which granted the police four days of custody (police remand) to conduct a thorough investigation into other aspects of the case. The police say that the investigation is still ongoing and more information related to the case is being gathered. Further action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation. It is worth noting that Al-Falah University came into the spotlight when a Kashmiri doctor was arrested in Faridabad, from whom approximately 360 kilograms of explosives and a large number of weapons were recovered.

## Government should reconsider Sonam Wangchuk's detention: Supreme Court

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Supreme Court on Wednesday raised some important questions regarding the detention of social activist and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk. The Supreme Court asked the central government to reconsider his continued detention in view of Sonam Wangchuk's deteriorating health condition. A bench of Justices Arvind Kumar and P.B. Varale was hearing a habeas corpus petition filed by Wangchuk's wife, Dr. Geetanjali Angmo, challenging his detention under the National Security Act, 1980, as illegal.

It is noteworthy that Sonam Wangchuk was detained on September 26 following violent protests in Ladakh demanding statehood. He was later shifted to Jodhpur. During the hearing on Wednesday, Justice Varale asked Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj whether the central government could reconsider the necessity of continuing Wangchuk's detention, especially in view of his health.

The bench's observation came after the court noted that the previous application seeking expert medical examination for Wangchuk had already been accepted and a medical report had been placed on record. Referring to the period of detention, Justice Varale said that the detention order of September 26, 2025, has been in effect for almost five months. The bench asked, "Especially considering his health and condition, which is certainly not very good... is there any possibility for the government to reconsider?" Justice Arvind Kumar also concurred with the Supreme Court's suggestion.

## People protest outside BJP leader's house in Delhi

**New Delhi, Agency(GNS):** A video has surfaced showing a protest outside the house of BJP leader Vijay Goel in Delhi. In the video, several people can be seen chanting slogans late at night outside his residence in Bengali Market. According to reports, these people are said to be activists advocating for animal rights. Their demands are related to addressing the increasing violence against animals, especially dogs.



In the video, a woman can be repeatedly heard chanting, "Dogs are being raped... Dogs are being raped..." Meanwhile, other people present there can also be heard chanting slogans against Vijay Goel. They are saying, "Vijay Goel shame, shame! Vijay

Goel down with you!"

The information shared in the video, which was shared by news agency PTT, stated: "These people are animal rights activists. They have gathered outside BJP leader Vijay Goel's house to protest against the increasing crimes against dogs." It is worth noting that incidents of dogs being raped have come to light before. In April 2025, Delhi Police arrested a man from the Kailash Nagar area of Shahdara district for allegedly raping several dogs.

## Caste will not be asked at the start of the census people will have to wait for the second phase

**New Delhi(GNS):** The central government has given important information in Parliament regarding India's upcoming census. The government has clearly stated that the caste census will not begin as soon as the census process starts. People will have to wait for the second phase for this. In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai said that questions related to caste will be notified before the start of the second phase.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has clarified that the census work in the country has been divided into two parts. The caste census will be conducted during the second phase. The main population count across the



country will begin in February 2027. However, in some inaccessible areas of hilly and snowy states like Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, this work will begin in September 2026. The ministry says that complete information about this was given in December 2025 itself, but some people are still deliberately trying to spread confusion on

this issue.

Therefore, the government has issued this statement again to completely clarify the dates and the entire process. The census will be conducted in two phases. The government said that the first phase will involve listing and counting of houses. The caste census will be conducted during the second phase.

What will be asked dur-

ing the first phase?

On January 22, the government notified 33 questions to be asked during the first phase. These include questions about the materials used in the house, the number of married couples living in the house, the gender of the head of the household, the type of grains consumed, access to basic and modern amenities, types of vehicles, and other questions that will be asked during the first phase. The house listing work will be done in a 30-day period decided by each state and union territory between April 1 and September 30 this year. There will be an option for self-enumeration in the 15 days immediately preceding the start of house listing.

## What were you doing for 20 years? Delhi High Court reprimands MCD, demands response on RTI compliance

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Delhi High Court has severely reprimanded the MCD (Municipal Corporation of Delhi) on the issue of transparency. The matter is related to the non-compliance with the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The court expressed surprise that the MCD has not updated essential public documents on its website for the past 20 years.

**What is the whole matter?** On Wednesday, a bench of Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyay and Justice Tejas Kariya asked tough questions to the MCD. The court said that the RTI Act was implemented in 2005, but even after two decades, the MCD has not complied with the transparency rules. The MCD has not uploaded information such



as house decisions, resolutions, and committee reports on its website.

**Court's strict remark: No excuses will be accepted:** The court asked the MCD's lawyer, "What were you doing for 20 years? The law was passed in 2005, and you haven't done this work yet." The bench clearly

stated that no excuses would be accepted. It is clear that the MCD has not fulfilled its legal responsibility under the RTI Act.

**Even the budget is missing from the website, says petitioner:** The Center for Youth Culture and Law Environment informed the court that the MCD's web-

site does not even have a proper catalog of information. Even budget information is missing, whereas under Section 4 of the RTI Act, all this information should be automatically available to the public.

**What will the MCD have to do now?** The MCD, in its defense, said that they are making improvements and considering publishing the information. However, the court was not satisfied with this and ordered the MCD to file an affidavit. The court said that you have to explain what steps have been taken to implement Section 4 of the RTI Act. The court even said that you should publicize the information by making a public announcement.

## Mother murdered in Jewar, only son beats her to death with a stick

**New Delhi(GNS):** A quarrel broke out between a mother and son in Dayaurar village of Jewar Kotwali area on Wednesday. During the altercation, the son killed his mother by hitting her on the head with a stick and a metal plate. Police have registered a case and arrested the accused.

According to information received from the police, Virendra Singh lives with his family in Dayaurar village. On Wednesday, Virendra Singh's 55-year-old wife, Rukmani, had an argument with her 25-year-old son, Krishna Kumar, over some matter. During the argument, Krishna attacked Rukmani with a stick and a metal plate. The woman fell to the ground, bleeding profusely. Neighbors took the woman to a nearby hospital, where doctors

declared her dead. The police were informed of the incident. The police said that a case has been registered against the accused son based on the complaint of the woman's husband. The police took action and arrested the accused Krishna. The police are investigating the matter.

**Accused youth mentally ill:** Virendra told the police in his complaint that his son Krishna Kumar has been mentally ill for a long time. He had been treated at several places, but there was no improvement. He hadn't been coming home for the last 10 days. He was brought home only on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, Rukmani had gone to her cattle shed for some work. There, she had an argument with her son Krishna. After that, the son attacked his mother.

## Severe cold wave in Delhi-UP, snowfall in the mountains intensifies the chill

**New Delhi(GNS):** The weather in the plains of North India has taken a turn once again at the beginning of February 2026. According to the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), dense fog is prevailing in states like Delhi-NCR, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, and Rajasthan. Visibility is significantly reduced in the mornings, affecting road, rail, and air traffic.

**Yellow alert issued for dense fog in Delhi:** In Delhi, the minimum temperature is expected to be around 7-9 degrees Celsius on February 5th, while the maximum temperature could reach 21-23 degrees.



The sky remains clear during the day with sunshine, but the morning and evening chill and fog are making it difficult for people to leave their homes. The IMD has issued a yellow alert for

moderate to dense fog in Delhi, and this situation may continue for the next few days.

The situation is almost similar in Uttar Pradesh. Dense to very dense fog is

prevailing from western UP (such as Ghaziabad, Meerut, Noida) to the eastern parts. The minimum temperature in many districts is between 5-10 degrees, and the effect of the cold wave is clearly visible. The Meteorological Department has warned of dense fog in UP until February 7th.

Light rain or hailstorms are also expected in some areas, which could further intensify the cold. Strong cold winds are blowing, making the perceived temperature even lower. Farmers and commuters are particularly affected, as morning travel has become risky due to the fog. Snowfall

on peaks in Uttarakhand, fog warning in the plains

In Uttarakhand, light snowfall continued for the third consecutive day on the Himalayan peaks. Several major peaks, including Char Dham, Hemkund Sahib, and Auli, are covered in snow. In Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, 35 vehicles were stranded due to heavy snowfall at Sadhna Top. They were safely rescued after an overnight operation. According to the Meteorological Department, the weather is likely to remain dry in most districts of Uttarakhand on Thursday. A warning of dense fog has been issued for some places

in Haridwar, Udham Singh Nagar, Dehradun, Pauri, and Nainital. A yellow alert has been issued for fog.

**Cold wave continues in the valley:** Meanwhile, Pahalgam and Gulmarg in Jammu and Kashmir are experiencing intense cold. The weather remained clear in most parts of the state on Wednesday. Tourist destinations Gulmarg and Pahalgam are experiencing severe cold with a drop in night temperatures. A cold wave continues in the valley. According to the Meteorological Department, Srinagar, light snowfall is possible in some parts of the state on the night of January 6th.

# Potholes on Delhi roads will now be fixed within 48 hours

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has formulated a new action plan for better maintenance of roads. Under this plan, any complaint regarding the poor condition of a road under the corporation's jurisdiction will be addressed and the road repaired within 48 hours.

**Status report to be submitted in four days:** After the repair of a dilapidated road, officers will have to submit a status report to their department head within four days. More than 15,000 roads in the capital come under the MCD's jurisdiction. The municipal administration frequently receives complaints about the poor condition of roads around apartments, colonies, and market complexes. Representatives of various RWAs (Resident

## MCD releases new action plan



Welfare Associations) allege that despite complaints, the roads are not repaired on time. This causes inconvenience to the public. According to the data, the municipal corporation receives 1200 complaints related to pot-

holes and road repairs every month.

**Repairs in two days:** To address these complaints quickly, the municipal administration has planned to repair the roads within two days. A senior official of the

corporation said that now, after receiving a complaint about roads under the MCD's jurisdiction, repairs will be carried out as soon as possible. Instructions have been given to all the officers and employees of all zones of the corporation in this regard. The solution to the road-related complaint and the related status report will have to be submitted to the department head within two to four days. The municipal corporation has set a target of repairing one thousand kilometers of roads this year. This work will be done using funds received from the Chief Minister's Development Fund, the Delhi Gramodaya Abhiyan, and the Delhi Gram Vikas Board. This initiative will facilitate easier movement for the general public on the roads.

## A drain and regulator will be constructed to drain water from Noida's Sector 150, the authority has approved it.

**New Delhi(GNS):** Following the death of software engineer Yuvraj Mehta, who was travelling in a car, work has begun on a plan to drain rainwater from Noida's Sector 150 and surrounding sectors. On Wednesday, the authority's CEO, Krishna Karunesh, approved the construction of a drain and regulator to drain the water. This work will cost ₹27 crore. The Irrigation Department will construct the regulator. Yuvraj Mehta, a software engineer, died after falling into a deep pit in Sector 150 on the night of January 16th. Thirteen sectors, including Sector 150, lack drainage systems. The Irrigation Department has prepared the proposal for this project. Under this project, rainwater from these sectors will be drained into the Hindon River by constructing drains and regulators.

**When will the work be completed?** The project cost is estimated to be around ₹27 crore. Authority CEO Krishna Karunesh stated that the proposal from the

Irrigation Department has been approved. The Irrigation Department will now undertake this work. Noida will oversee the work. This work is expected to be completed in four to five months. Currently, these sectors face waterlogging during rains. Some society premises also face waterlogging.

**What arrangements are in place in these sectors?** The authority has completed all development work, including roads, drains, and sewers, in the sectors along the Noida-Greater Noida Expressway. Sector 150 is bordered on one side by the Hindon River and the Yamuna River on the other. There are embankments to protect against floods. Similarly, development work has also been done in sectors 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, and 162. According to the authority, water from these sectors is currently diverted to Sector 168 and transported through a drain to the Yamuna River.

## Delhi's Ring Road to be elevated, detailed report on 57 km stretch expected by June, traffic congestion to be relieved

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Public Works Department (PWD) will have to prepare the detailed project report (DPR) for the important plan to elevate the Ring Road by June. The work of preparing the DPR for the first phase is underway.

**Decision taken due to increasing traffic:** A senior PWD official said that the five-kilometer stretch from Majnu Ka Tila to Salimgarh Fort is a priority, but once the complete DPR is received, it will become clear where the traffic congestion is currently most severe and where traffic will increase in the future. Based on that, the final decision will be made to start the construction work of the project. The Ring Road in the capital is 57.5 kilometers long. Traffic is constantly increasing on it.



There is a problem of traffic jams in many places.

**Project divided into six phases:** To address this problem, last year, the decision was made to build another elevated road on the Ring Road, and an agency was given the

responsibility of preparing its DPR. For the DPR, the road was divided into six phases. This includes Majnu Ka Tila to Salimgarh Fort (5 kilometers), Azadpur Chowk to Metcalfe House Junction (7 kilometers), Salimgarh Fort to

DND Flyover (11.5 kilometers), DND Flyover to Moti Bagh Metro Station (10.5 kilometers), Moti Bagh Metro Station to Rajouri Garden (10 kilometers), and Rajouri Garden to Azadpur Chowk (13.5 kilometers).

## Income Tax Action in Faridabad: Raids on 50 Locations, Including Prominent Schools

**New Delhi,(GNS):**A team from the Income Tax Department conducted simultaneous raids on Wednesday at approximately 50 locations, including two prominent schools in the city, a real estate builder, and an agency providing security guards, among other companies. The action, taken due to suspected financial irregularities, caused a stir among the institutions.

The team seized all mobile phones and electronic gadgets upon arrival. During the operation, fraud exceeding Rs 10 crore was uncovered. The department's investigation continued late into the night. Income Tax Department sources said that information had been received regarding tax irregularities by the businessmen, along

with details of movable and immovable properties worth crores of rupees.

**50 Teams Conducted the Raids:** Based on the information, 50 teams of the Income Tax Department launched a major operation on Wednesday morning, simultaneously raiding 50 locations, including a real estate builder in Sector-21, educational institutions in Sector-17 and 28, the businessman's house, and educational institutions in Sector-19 and Greater Faridabad. During the operation, people inside were prevented from leaving, and outsiders were not allowed to enter the institutions and houses. CRPF personnel were also seen at a businessman's house during the operation in Sector-17. The income tax

action created a tense atmosphere in the city throughout the day.

According to sources, the raids were conducted based on intelligence received by the Income Tax Department, which indicated suspected irregularities in the financial activities of some institutions and companies. Upon arrival, the teams began examining documents, computer systems, account books, and digital records. Employees and management were also questioned at several locations to verify facts related to the transactions.

**Important Documents and Digital Data Seized:** According to sources, important documents and digital data were seized from some

locations and will be sent to the Income Tax office for further investigation. After scrutinizing the records for several hours, the teams also recorded statements from the concerned individuals. The department's operation continued until late in the evening. Currently, no official statement has been issued by the Income Tax Department, but according to sources, further action will be decided after the investigation findings are released. Discussions took place among staff and parents at the educational institutions. Officials examined documents related to fee collection, accounts associated with the trust or society, donations, and other financial transactions.

## Urea in milk, detergent in ice cream, caustic soda in paneer... we are all consuming slow poison - MP Raghav Chadha

**New Delhi**

**(GNS):** Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha has raised the issue of dangerous adulteration in food. He told the Rajya Sabha that poison is being openly sold in the markets with fake labels on food items. He then listed various food items one by one and mentioned the dangerous chemicals being added to them. Raghav Chadha said, "If you buy milk, you find urea in it. If you buy vegetables, they contain oxytocin. Paneer contains starch and caustic soda. Ice cream contains detergent powder. Fruit juice contains synthetic powder and artificial colors. Edible oil contains machine oil, and spices contain brick powder and sawdust." He also listed other food



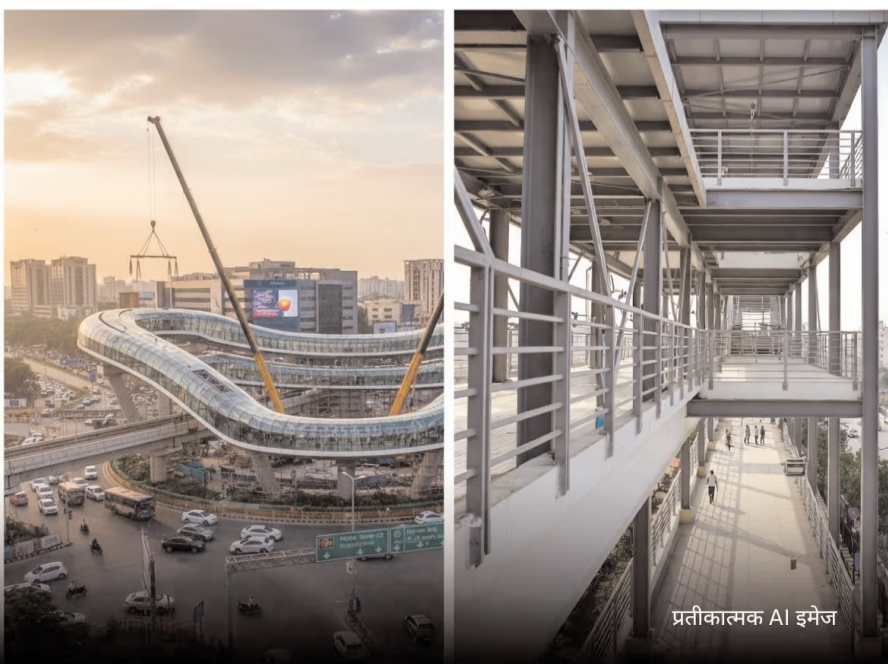
items. The MP further said that a research shows that urea was found in 71 percent of milk samples. He questioned, "The amount of milk being sold in the country is far more than the amount of milk produced in the country." Vegetables, which are considered a storehouse of health, are being sold after injecting them with oxytocin to keep them fresh. Oxytocin is a chemical that causes serious diseases like cancer and heart failure.

## Relief from traffic congestion at Noida Sector-62 roundabout, a skywalk to be built

**New Delhi(GNS):** A skywalk will be constructed at the Sector-62 Model Town roundabout, connecting to the Delhi-Meerut Expressway. It will be built in a zero shape. This will reduce traffic congestion at the Model Town roundabout. The foundation stone for the skywalk was laid on Wednesday. It will be completed in about a year and a half.

The civil work for this skywalk will cost Rs 26.34 crore and the electrical work will cost approximately Rs 8 crore. The total cost of constructing the skywalk will be around Rs 34 crore.

**How massive will this skywalk be?** This skywalk will be 530 meters long and 4



meters wide. It will have escalators at two locations and lifts at two locations. The construction has been awarded to ST Construction. The construction agency will first start the piling work for the pillars. It will be constructed using MS structure.

**These people will benefit greatly:** Noida General Manager SP Singh said that the skywalk will facilitate pedestrians coming from Noida, Ghaziabad, Vaishali, Indirapuram and Delhi. This will also make people's journeys safer. Currently, there is a lot of pedestrian traffic at this roundabout, which also causes traffic congestion.

**Entry and exit at four**

**locations:** The General Manager said that there will be entry and exit points at four locations on this skywalk. People will be able to use it from the Sector-62 side, the Sector-63 side, and from two locations on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway. This skywalk will be connected to the existing foot overbridge towards Khoda Colony on the expressway. This will allow people to easily cross to the other side of the expressway.

**These leaders were present at the foundation stone laying ceremony:** On Wednesday, MP Dr. Mahesh Sharma, MLA Pankaj Singh, BJP

Metropolitan President Mahesh Chauhan, ACEOs Vandana Tripathi and Satish Pal, along with other officials, were present at the foundation stone laying ceremony at the Model Town roundabout.

**Another FOB will be built towards Chhijarsi:** Another foot overbridge (FOB) will be built on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway. This FOB will be built crossing the expressway towards Chhijarsi. Officials say that at the location where the FOB will be built, a large number of people cross the road on both sides to catch buses.