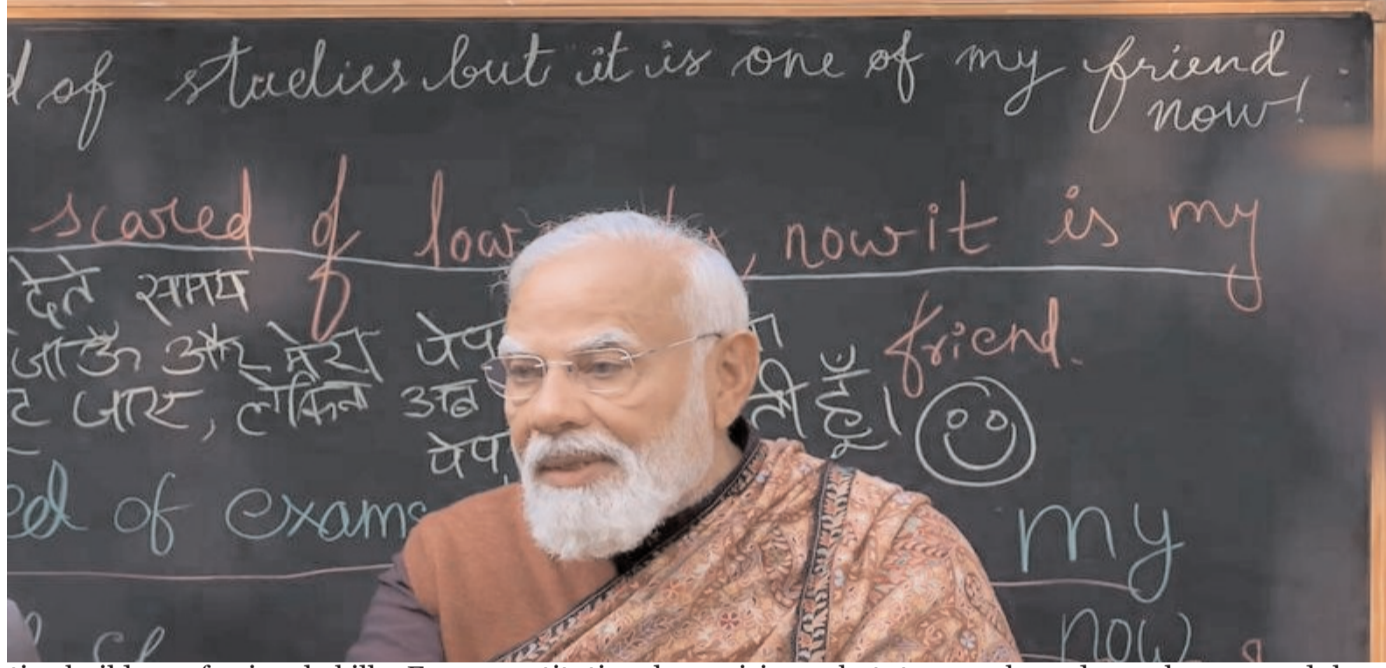




Marks or Skills? PM Modi's clear advice to students at Pariksha Pe Charcha 2026

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday advised students to trust their own study patterns while remaining open to others' inputs on exam preparation. At the ninth edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha, the Prime Minister interacted with students on ways to relieve stress and address confusion during examinations. He also advised teachers to inform students in advance about the monthly topics to be covered in class. "You can study these topics beforehand so that when teachers explain them, you are curious to learn more," he said. Modi welcomed students with the Assamese gamosa, describing it as a symbol of women's empowerment. "It is made at home, and

women across Assam have turned this tradition into a source of livelihood and self-reliance," he said. This year's Pariksha Pe Charcha recorded over 4.5 crore registrations from students, parents and teachers, surpassing all previous records. With a growing emphasis on skill development, Sabavath Venketesh, a student, asked the Prime Minister whether students should value skills or marks more. In response, Modi urged students to maintain a balance between studies, rest, skills and hobbies, calling it the key to overall growth. "There are two kinds of skills - life skills and professional skills; and both deserve equal importance. Books give knowledge, but prac-



...tice builds professional skills. For instance, a person may know all constitutional provisions, but to practise law in court, one must work under a lawyer and learn practical skills," he said.

The Prime Minister criticised outdated exam preparation methods such as excessive reliance on previous years' question papers and guidebooks. "A good teacher completes the syllabus. Life is not just about exams. Education is a medium to make life better. Exams are meant to examine ourselves," he said. He encouraged students to adopt collaborative learning. "Spend time with people who know more than you," Modi said. Emphasising the importance of ambition, Modi said that not having a dream was a loss. "Do not announce your dreams to others; quietly work towards achieving them. Read biographies, as every successful person was once ordinary. Take inspiration from their journey," he suggested.

31 killed, 169 injured in suicide attack at Shia mosque in Pakistan's capital

Islamabad(GNS): A suicide bomber blew himself up at a Shia mosque during Friday prayers in Pakistan's capital, killing at least 31 people and injuring 169, said officials, in one of the worst terror attacks targeting the community in recent years. The powerful

explosion, which was heard from a far distance, took place at Khadijatul Kubra mosque-cum-imambargah in the Tarlai area of Islamabad, the police said in a statement. The suicide bomber was stopped at the gate of the imambargah, but he detonated

himself, police and eyewitnesses said. At least 31 people were killed and 169 others injured in the explosion, a district administration spokesperson said in a post on X. No group immediately claimed responsibility for the blast.

However, police sources said that the attacker was a foreign national and had links with Fitna al Khwaraji, a term used for Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Citing eyewitnesses, Geo News reported that the terrorist first

opened fire and then detonated himself. TV footage showed multiple bodies lying on the floor surrounded by shards of glass and debris. Police and Rescue 1122 personnel were involved in rescue operations.

The army troops and Rangers have cordoned off the area, and security operations are under way in and around the site of the blast. An emergency was declared in the hospitals of the capital to deal with the situation, as the injured were being shifted to hospitals.



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Digital Sovereignty vs Data Imperialism

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani

A historic clash between WhatsApp-Meta, the DPDP Act 2023, and the Indian Constitution - Supreme Court rebukes: If you don't believe in the Constitution, then leave India

Questions have arisen about WhatsApp's take-it-or-leave-it privacy policy introduced in 2021. Are global tech companies willing to operate within the ambit of the Indian Constitution?

Globally, India is no longer just a huge consumer market in the twenty-first century, but has now become the center of global discussions on digital democracy, data sovereignty, and citizen privacy. The digital lives of millions of Indian citizens, their conversations, health information, financial

transactions, social behavior, and ideological inclinations are now being recorded on the servers of technology platforms. At such a time, this question is no longer merely technical or commercial, but directly linked to the Constitution, human rights, and the sovereign responsibility of the state. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDP Act), 2023, is a product of this historical need, making it clear that the data of any citizen in India can no longer be left at the mercy of unchecked corporate power. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the fundamental objective of the DPDP Act, 2023, is not only to prevent data theft, but also to give citizens the right to have their digital existence protected as much as their

physical existence. This law clarifies the purpose for which data can be processed, to what extent, and for how long. The Act makes informed consent a central element, ensuring that no company, whether Indian or foreign, can compromise user privacy by entrapping them in a take-it-or-leave-it situation. In this regard, India, for the first time, appears to be establishing data not just as an economic resource but as a constitutional right. Against this backdrop, the case of WhatsApp and its parent company, Meta, is not limited to just one company's privacy policy, but rather raises the question of whether global tech companies are willing to operate within the ambit of the Indian Constitution. WhatsApp's take-it-or-leave-it privacy policy intro-

duced in 2021 gave Indian users only two options: accept the new terms or leave the service. This policy not only exemplified an unequal power balance but also undermined the concept of genuine citizen consent. In November 2024, the Competition Commission of India (NCLAT) found this policy to be a violation of competition law and imposed a fine of ₹213.14 crore on Meta. The Commission clearly stated that WhatsApp had abused its dominant position by forcing users to accept terms that directly benefited Meta's advertising model. This fine was not merely a financial penalty, but a regulatory message that the digital market in India would no longer be a free-for-all. However, in January 2025, the NCLAT took a contradictory stance. It upheld the

fine while reversing the finding of abuse of dominance. This decision was legally complex, as if there was no abuse of dominance, the question naturally arose as to what was the basis for the fine. Challenging this legal inconsistency, Meta approached the Supreme Court, but perhaps it did not anticipate that the matter would not be limited to competition law but would directly confront the very spirit of the Indian Constitution. The hearing in the Supreme Court on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, gave this dispute a historic twist. The Chief Justice-led bench questioned WhatsApp-Meta's privacy practices with such force and clarity. It signaled that the court was no longer looking at the matter as merely a matter of corporate policy.

Editorial

Intent and outcome:

On India's climate budget for 2026-27

Union Budgets began reflecting greater climate concerns from 2021, in the thick of the COVID-19 pandemic, with a modest ₹4,500 crore to localise solar photovoltaic production and to reduce India's dependence on Chinese imports. But there has been a cautious, disjointed approach to the scale and allocations. While five broad sectors (cement, steel, aluminium and fertilizers; decentralised solar power; greening irrigation pump sets; green hydrogen; and nuclear energy) received attention in Budget 2026-27, the most prominent announcement was the proposed five-year outlay of ₹20,000 crore for Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS). This is a modest provision for a suite of costly and complex technologies. The allocation signals that India is entering a pilot and demonstration phase, rather than embarking on immediate industrial deployment. While operational examples exist in Norway, Canada and the U.S., scaling CCUS has proven expensive and uneven. The technology is primarily relevant to sectors where emissions are embedded in the production process. The EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will impose carbon costs on imports of high-emission products, so for India, decarbonising industrial production is no longer only a climate imperative. It is now a question of export competitiveness, particularly for steel and aluminium, which form the bulk of India's CBAM-exposed exports to the EU.

The Budget also substantially scales up the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana rooftop solar scheme - ₹22,000 crore in 2026-27 from ₹17,000 crore (RE) for the current year. It is a welcome push towards decentralised energy systems that reduce land pressure, transmission losses and household energy costs. However, implementation challenges remain, including discom cooperation and upfront finance. Similarly, allocations for PM-KUSUM (solar irrigation pumps), have been sustained at ₹5,000 crore. Revised estimates suggest stronger-than-anticipated absorption. For nuclear energy, the government has extended zero basic customs duty on imports of nuclear plant equipment until 2035.

The addiction to online gaming and the virtual world is becoming frightening

Two separate incidents on the same day have not only shocked us with the horrors and deadly impact of online gaming addiction and the virtual world, but also cast a profound shadow over our times, our social structure, and our collective negligence. These two horrific incidents on Wednesday exemplify how heartbreaking this trend, which gradually grips adolescents, can be. In one heartbreaking incident, three young sisters from Ghaziabad committed suicide by jumping from the ninth floor. This unfortunate incident claimed the lives of three delicate sisters, aged 12, 14, and 16. Addicts of online Korean games, they dreamed of settling in Korea and starting a new life there. When their family, fed up with their online obsession, took away their mobile phones, they were gripped by stress and depression. Then, the three sisters committed suicide by jumping from the ninth floor.

Lalit Garg

A similar incident occurred in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, where a fifteen-year-old boy committed suicide at home, grieving the loss of his foreign partner from an online game. The boy was a tenth-grade student. These incidents have not only shocked society but also deeply wounded it. This is not a sudden or isolated incident. Similar incidents reported in Jhabua, Bhopal, and other parts of the country indicate how the virtual world is increasingly dominating real life, and we are unwittingly creating a society where emotions, communication, and values are dying behind the screen.

Online gaming itself isn't a crime, nor is technology the enemy. But when it becomes an addiction for children and adolescents, it becomes a slow poison. This poison silently penetrates children's brains, distorting their thinking, emotional structure, and decision-making. The gaming world offers children instant thrills, virtual victories, and imaginary identities, but gradually disconnects them from real life. Family, friends, studies, nature, play, and communication - everything begins to recede. The three sisters from Ghaziabad resort to this extreme and frightening consequence of this disconnect. Experts believe that excessive online gaming weakens children's impulse control, reduces their ability to assess risk, and increases emotional instability. In the face of defeat, failure, or being denied a game, depression, anger, and despair deepen. Sometimes, children even

begin to view extreme steps like suicide as a "game over." This mindset is extremely dangerous in itself. The rise in suicidal tendencies is not just a question of mental health, but a social challenge that raises questions about our upbringing, our priorities and our policies.

In today's families, the busyness of parents, the increasing number of nuclear families, and a lack of communication have pushed children towards loneliness. In many homes, smartphones have become the easiest means to buy children's silence. Whether it's a crying child, a stubborn child, or a lack of time - mobile phones have become a quick solution. But this very solution eventually becomes the biggest problem. We forget that children seek not only entertainment, but also guidance, affection, and time. When they get all this from screens, the role of the family automatically weakens. It's also a harsh truth that many parents themselves are victims of digital addiction. In such a situation, the moral and practical authority to restrain children is also weakened. We expect children to use mobile phones less, while we ourselves have phones in our hands all the time. This duality creates both confusion and rebellion in children's minds. Therefore, the solution to the problem lies not only in controlling children, but also in bringing balance to the entire family environment.

The role of government and society is no less crucial in this crisis. The online gaming industry is growing rapidly, but there is a lack of adequate control and monitoring of its social

impact. Many games present violence, aggression, and risky behavior as normal and exciting. Strict enforcement of age-appropriate content, time limits, and warning signs for children is no longer an option, but a necessity. The government must develop a clear and stringent regulatory framework for online gaming and digital content, with children's safety as paramount. The role of schools is also crucial. Education cannot be limited to the curriculum. Digital literacy, mental health, and life skills must be made a mandatory part of education. It is essential to teach children how to use technology, not how to become its slaves. Teachers must also take seriously signs of changes in children's behavior, such as loneliness, irritability, and sudden declines in academic performance.

The hesitation and shyness in society regarding psychological support must also be broken. Mental health should not be considered a weakness, but an integral part of health. If a child shows signs of depression, excessive silence, aggression, or suicidal thoughts, it is crucial to seek professional help in a timely manner. Delaying this can often lead to irreparable harm. Undoubtedly, these suicide incidents raise serious questions about the detrimental impact of excessive online activity on mental health. These incidents of suicide certainly alert our policymakers and parents to an impending crisis. Indeed, these tragic incidents highlight a dangerous trend: gaming and digital interaction can provide virtual community and entertainment to millions

of young people, but they can also lead to problems such as emotional vulnerability, social isolation, and unmet mental health needs. However, on the other hand, social scientists also emphasize that gaming or online friendships alone cannot be the cause of suicide. Undoubtedly, suicide is a complex and multifaceted phenomenon. But problematic digital engagement, especially when it is accompanied by isolation from offline life, disrupted learning, and intense emotional stress, can further exacerbate distress in vulnerable young minds.

This incident in Ghaziabad also forces us to reflect on the kind of world we've created for children. Did we provide them with communication, or merely devices? Did we provide them with values, or merely facilities? Did we give them time to listen, or merely orders? This introspection shouldn't be limited to the affected families; rather, society as a whole must introspect. This incident is a warning, a turning point. If we brush it off as a simple news item, such incidents will only increase in the future. Society, the government, and every family must collectively take strong and sensitive steps. Rejecting technology isn't the solution, but accepting it without control is also suicidal. Balance, dialogue, and participation are the true foundations of children's safety. Whether it's the three sisters in Ghaziabad or the untimely death of the teenager in Kullu, they remind us that if we don't act now, this electronic threat will continue to engulf our homes, our future, and our sensibilities.

The keys to happiness for children are the responsibility of parents and the consciousness of society

Kantilal Mandot

The Supreme Court's recent comments aren't limited to just one case, but serve as a warning to society as a whole about how dangerous it can be to hand over the keys to privileges to children without teaching them responsibility. The Supreme Court's remarks during the hearing of the infamous Pune minor driver accident case directly question our social structure. The court clearly stated that when parents are unable to spend time with their children and are unable to communicate, they try to compensate for that lack with money and privileges. This tendency later becomes a serious social problem.

The Court also underlined that giving car keys to minors, providing them with large sums of money to indulge in expensive hobbies, and failing to control their activities is not merely an individual mistake but a manifestation of collective negligence. This pattern is repeatedly evident in today's urban society, where underage children attend late-night parties, are exposed to alcohol and drugs, drive at high speeds, and endanger the lives of innocent people. When an accident occurs, attempts are made to tamper with evidence through influence and money, altering medical evidence, and seeking ways to escape the clutches of the law.

This Pune case is shocking because it claimed the lives of two young software engineers who cherished dreams for their future. A moment of carelessness shattered the lives of their families. The three accused whose bail applications were heard by the court faced serious charges, including destroying evidence and altering blood samples. This demonstrates that the problem is not just with the minor, but with the entire system, where attempts are made to suppress the truth even after the crime has been committed.

The most important aspect of the Supreme Court's comment is that it considered parents to be the center

of responsibility. The court said that the basic problem is that parents do not have time to talk to their children. In the hustle and bustle of modern life, in the race for career and social status, parents forget that spending time with their children is their biggest responsibility. When communication breaks down, children create their own world with the help of mobile phones, credit cards and expensive cars. They are not taught that with freedom comes responsibility.

Today, the statistics on accidents caused by minors driving in India are alarming. In 2023-24, nearly 12,000 such accidents were recorded, claiming thousands of lives. This

isn't just a number, but the pain of thousands of families. Behind every accident lies a story: a mother's empty lap, a father's broken support, and a child's incomplete childhood. These statistics demonstrate that, along with the law, social awareness is also desperately needed. The law already exists. The Motor Vehicles Act strictly prohibits minors from driving, and in recent years, fines and punishments have also been introduced for parents. But the law cannot be effective unless society accepts it. Unless parents understand that love doesn't mean fulfilling every demand, but teaching the difference between right and wrong.

Atishi row: Delhi Assembly asks Punjab police to reply

New Delhi(GNS): The privileges committee of the Delhi Legislative Assembly on Thursday sought written replies from the additional chief secretary (home), Punjab, the director general of police (DGP), Punjab, and the Jalandhar police commissioner by February 12 in connection with an alleged breach of privilege.

The directions follow a complaint dated February 2 submitted by Delhi cabinet minister Kapil Mishra, along with a note placed before the committee on February 4. The matter relates to actions taken by the Punjab Police following statements made on the floor of the Delhi Assembly on



January 6. According to officials, the issue arose after the registration of an FIR on a private complaint and public assertions by Punjab Police that a video clip of the Assembly proceedings had been edited or doctored. The

Delhi Assembly secretariat had also flagged non-furnishing of documents sought from the Punjab authorities.

After examining the material placed before him, Delhi Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta concluded that a prima

facie case of breach of privilege and contempt was made out and referred the matter to the committee for examination and a report to the House.

The latest development follows a political row earlier in January this month over a video clip circulated on social media showing Atishi speaking to the press about the suspension of several opposition MLAs from the Assembly. Members of the ruling side alleged that the video misrepresented proceedings inside the House and amounted to misleading statements regarding the Speaker's decisions. Subsequently, the Speaker referred the issue to the privileges committee.

Budget estimate, plans for hike in revenue on MCD's agenda

New Delhi(GNS):The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday continued deliberations on the budget estimates for the coming financial year and the revised estimates for the previous financial year 2025-26 during a House meeting, with 28 councillors offering suggestions and the opposition criticising the proposals as inadequate.

During the meeting, councillors suggested measures to increase the corporation's revenue, including cracking down on and licensing illegal parking, constructing sports complexes in MCD-run schools under the public-private partnership (PPP) model, and conducting a survey of unipoles. Other proposals included better utilisation of green waste

to control pollution, setting up rest houses for female employees in each MCD ward, and equipping every ward with earth-mover and super sucker machines.

The MCD has proposed a budget of 16,697.56-crore which includes theme parks, multilevel parking facilities and a dedicated air pollution action plan. It includes setting up one dog shelter in each of the 12 zones at a cost of 10 crore, and increasing the councillors' funds from 1.55 crore to 2 crore, said officials. Officials added that under the revised estimates for the financial year 2025-2026, the revenue has been pegged at 15,679.72 crore, with expenditure at 16,305.19 crore, and a deficit of 625.47 crore.

Delhi Police arrests drug supplier with heroin worth 1.5 cr

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi Police has arrested a 24-year-old alleged drug supplier and recovered 339.5 grams of heroin worth around ₹1.5 crore from the Civil Lines area, officials said on Friday. The accused has been identified as Guddu, a resident of the Majnu Ka Tila area of Civil Lines, they said.

According to the police, the arrest was made following a tip-off received on Wednesday regarding a person allegedly involved in supplying heroin, who was expected to pass through the Chandgiram Akhara area near the Ring Road red light in Civil Lines on a motorcycle. Acting on the information, a trap was laid and at around 7.40 pm, on the informer's indication, a motorcyclist was stopped and checked, a senior police officer said.

During the search, police recovered a black polythene

packet containing 339.5 grams of heroin. After completing all legal formalities under the provisions of the NDPS Act, the accused was arrested and the contraband seized, the officer said.

During interrogation, Guddu allegedly disclosed that he had procured the recovered heroin from Bareilly and was on his way to supply it in the Trans-Yamuna area, police said. He further told investigators that he had been involved in the illegal supply of narcotics for the past three to four years.

He also claimed that the motorcycle used for transportation of the drugs had been taken from a friend, a resident of Majnu Ka Tila, on the pretext of personal work, police said. The motorcycle was also seized.

Police said Guddu was previously involved in an NDPS Act case registered in 2022 at Rani Bagh police station.

Paid promotion': Delhi Police slam 'missing girls' panic going viral on social media

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police on Friday said claims on social media about a surge in missing girls in the national capital were being amplified through paid promotions, and warned of strict action against those spreading panic for monetary gain.

In a statement, the police said, "After following a few leads, we discovered that the hype around the surge in missing girls in Delhi is being pushed through paid promotion. Creating panic for monetary gains won't be tolerated, and we'll take strict action against such individuals."

Data shared by the Delhi Police shows that the number of people reported missing in the national capital in January this year was pro-



portionately lower than in previous years, countering claims of a recent surge.

According to the data, 1,777 people were reported missing in January 2026, a figure below the monthly averages for the past two years. In comparison, Delhi recorded 24,893 missing

persons in 2024 and 24,508 in 2025, police data showed.

The figures come amid recent concerns sparked by data from the first 15 days of January, which indicated that an average of 54 people were being reported missing each day in the national

capital.

Data includes short-term absences: Responding to the concerns, the Delhi Police clarified that missing-person reports also include short-term absences, such as temporary loss of contact, and do not necessarily point to long-term disappearances.

The police added that detection rates tend to improve over time as investigations progress. Official data further shows that the number of missing persons reported in January this year is below the monthly average recorded since 2024. The Delhi Police said the capital follows an online and app-based system for registering missing-person reports, including cases of short-term absence.

The Silent Bomb of Infection: Biomedical Waste Reaches Dangerous Levels at Safdarjung Hospital; A Warning Bell

New Delhi(GNS): The place of treatment is now sounding an alarm. Biomedical waste at Safdarjung Hospital, one of the capital's largest government hospitals, has reached dangerous levels compared to last year. The hospital's annual report for 2025 has not only revealed an increase in infectious waste but has also raised serious questions about the safety of healthcare workers, patients, and the environment. The report has been submitted to the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, but the challenge of increasing medical waste has become difficult to ignore.

The hospital has also written a letter to the



Environment Department. It details the biomedical waste produced at the hospital throughout the year and its disposal. At the hospital, biomedical waste is collected separately in yellow, red, white, and blue

categories before being sent for disposal. In 2025, the largest amount of biomedical waste collected was in the yellow category.

Biomedical waste

includes infectious waste from clinics and laboratories. This includes bodily fluids, blood, blood-stained clothing, plaster casts, dressings, cotton, needles, syringes, blades, scalpels, broken glass, catheters, tubing, gloves, IV sets, culture stocks, and many other items.

According to the report, 881 training sessions were conducted on biomedical waste management in 2025. 8,529 personnel from all departments were trained. In 2024, 1,107 sessions trained 10,095 people, and in 2023, 528 sessions trained 9,058 people. It should be noted that biomedical waste in hospitals is collected in large boxes of different colors.

Delhi govt drafting bill for unified metropolitan transport authority: CMO

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has directed a task force headed by the chief secretary to draft a bill for a unified metropolitan transport authority for the capital, the CMO said in a statement on Friday.

The task force was constituted by the government in December last year. The process has now been initiated for drafting a comprehensive bill to create the Delhi Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority and a dedicated Delhi Urban Transport Fund.

The proposed bill will seek to rationalise, integrate and coordinate Delhi's presently fragmented transport ecosystem under a single, coherent planning and governance framework, aiming to create a modern, efficient, people-centric and environmentally sustainable transport system, the statement said. The task force, comprising senior officials from transport,

urban development, finance, public works and planning departments, has been directed to prepare and submit the draft bill at the earliest. It also includes representatives from major civic and transport authorities such as Delhi Development Authority, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, Delhi Metro Rail Corporation, Delhi Transport Corporation, the National Capital Region Transport Corporation and Indian Railways. The chief minister has suggested that renowned experts in urban transportation may also be roped in to ensure that best global practices and local realities are integrated into the proposed framework, the statement said.

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Childhood lost in the virtual world, far from reality: How to break free from this 'digital arrest'?

New Delhi(GNS): A few days ago, a 12-year-old boy suddenly started insisting on getting a smartphone. When his parents refused, he threatened to kill himself. When his family ignored him, he tried to harm himself, and he has been undergoing treatment ever since. This information was provided by Professor Dr. Lokesh Shekhawat of the De-addiction Center at RML Hospital.

Case Number 2
A 17-year-old student from East Delhi became addicted to his mobile phone during the COVID-19 pandemic. Even after schools reopened, he couldn't put his



phone down. He would fight with his family when they tried to stop him. Gradually, his academic performance also deteriorated. He is currently undergoing treatment under the supervision of Dr.

Omprakash, a senior psychiatrist at IHBAS.

Case 3
A young man under the age of 20 became so addicted to online gambling that he lost Rs. 15 lakh of his father's

money in three years. His father owns a factory, and the young man started siphoning off money while managing the business. By the time his parents found out, he was already heavily in debt. The young man was then brought to the De-addiction Center at RML Hospital, where he is currently undergoing treatment. These are not just the stories of three children; such cases are being reported in the psychiatry departments of all major hospitals in Delhi, including RML Hospital, IHBAS, AIIMS, and Safdarjung Hospital. The suicide of three sisters in

Ghaziabad has further increased the concerns of their parents. Experts say that on Thursday, more people inquired about this issue than on other days. Experts say that colorful apps and fast-paced online games are not just a means of entertainment for children, but they are designed in such a way that they become addictive. Every level, every notification, and every reward is designed to keep children glued to the screen. As a result, children are becoming increasingly disconnected from the real world and entangled in the digital world. Online Gaming is

Taking a Monstrous Form in IndiaDigital addiction is a major problem in the country, but there are no strong laws to curb it. The online gaming industry is worth billions of rupees, but regulation is weak. The Online Gaming Regulation Act passed in 2025 banned real money games, which prohibits gambling games. However, there is little control over casual games, such as Korean task-based games. The Digital Personal Data Protection Rules 2025 require parental consent for children under 18, but age verification is left to the platforms.

High Court says disregard for Supreme Court directives will not be tolerated, Abhay released

Greater Noida(GNS): In the case of the death of software engineer Yuvraj in Sector-150, the Allahabad High Court has delivered a strict verdict, considering the violation of Supreme Court guidelines during the arrest as a serious matter. The court ordered the immediate release of the petitioner, Abhay Kumar, in a habeas corpus writ. The court clearly stated that Clause-13 of the arrest memo was not followed at the time of arrest, which is legally mandatory. Abhay Kumar was subsequently released late Thursday night. A division bench of Justice Siddharth and Justice Jai Krishna Upadhyay, while hearing the case, said that the negligence in the arrest procedure is not only a violation of Article 21 of the Constitution but also against the safety standards set by the Supreme Court.



A habeas corpus petition was filed in the High Court by Abhay Kumar, director of MZ Viztown and the petitioner, alleging that the police illegally arrested him and did not follow the necessary legal formalities at the time of arrest. The petition also sought to declare his arrest, detention,

and judicial remand as illegal. During the hearing, the High Court found that this case is fully covered by the recent judgment in Umang Rastogi vs. State Government. The court said that the failure to follow the statutory procedure for arrest is a serious lapse, and in such a situation, the detention of the accused cannot be justified. The court also stated that the police must ensure transparency and accountability at the time of arrest. If the rules of arrest are not followed, such an arrest cannot stand in the eyes of the law. Earlier, on Monday, the CJM court had refused to grant relief to the accused.

Remand order declared illegal: The court also declared the remand orders dated January 20, 2026, and January 21, 2026, passed by the Chief Judicial Magistrate (CJM) Gautam Buddh Nagar, as illegal. Abhay Kumar's advocate, Rinku Tongad, stated that the court clarified that if the arrest itself is illegal, then the remand order based on it will also automatically be considered illegal. The bench ordered the concerned authorities to release the petitioner immediately. The court also directed the Additional Government Advocate for the state government to immediately convey this order to the concerned officials without waiting for a certified copy, so that there is no delay of any kind.

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Delhi Car Mirror Dispute: Four People Kill Cloth Vendor, One Injured; Four Arrested

New Delhi(GNS): A 25-year-old cloth vendor was stabbed to death and another man was injured in Delhi's Gautampuri area following a dispute over a car's side mirror. Police have apprehended four people, including two minors, in connection with the incident. The incident escalated due to a long-standing rivalry between two groups, leading to a violent confrontation.



Police received a call about a stabbing incident at the Badarpur police station around 10 pm on Thursday night. Upon arrival, police found a large crowd and bloodstains at the scene. Based on eyewitness accounts, preliminary investigations revealed that the dispute began over a broken car side mirror. The matter quickly turned violent due to a pre-existing animosity between the two groups.

The crime scene was secured, and a forensic team was called to collect evidence. The victims were identified as 25-year-old Arun, a cloth vendor, and 25-year-old Shivam, who works as a house-keeping staff member at AIIMS. Both had been stabbed multiple times and were taken to AIIMS Trauma Centre for treatment. Arun succumbed to his injuries during treatment, while Shivam's condition is reported to be stable. According to the police, the incident started with an argument over a car's side mirror.

Mobile phone theft gang busted in Delhi: Phones being sent to Nepal and Bangladesh, police arrest two including a minor

New Delhi (GNS): Sarojini Nagar police have apprehended two members of a gang involved in stealing mobile phones from Delhi and sending them to Nepal and Bangladesh, including a minor. 34 mobile phones were recovered from the accused, the minor and Abhishek Kumar. They were in contact with middlemen to sell the recovered mobile phones. In addition, 12 phones were recovered by the police team with the help of technical surveillance and the CEIR portal. The police have handed over all 46 phones to their owners.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Amit Goyal said that on the evening of January 27, Sarojini Nagar police



station received a complaint about a phone being stolen from Sarojini Nagar Market. SHO Atul Tyagi's team registered a case and started the investigation. Sub-Inspector Anoop Kumar and Head Constable Rajendra analyzed the CCTV footage, which

showed two suspects roaming in the market. The police identified both of them and apprehended the 15-year-old minor accused from the market itself.

After extensive questioning, the minor confessed to his involvement in mobile phone theft. The minor

revealed during questioning that he would give all the stolen mobile phones to Abhishek. To apprehend Abhishek Kumar, the police raided his rented house in Ghazipur, East Delhi, and arrested him. 34 mobile phones and 23 mobile covers were recovered from him. The accused Abhishek revealed that he is a resident of Maharajganj, Uttar Pradesh. He was in contact with several people who take mobile phones from India and sell them in Nepal and Bangladesh. He would send all the stolen mobile phones out of India through them. In return, he would get a good amount of money. Abhishek said that sending the phones abroad reduced the risk of being caught.

New method of fraud in Delhi: Complaint filed with the power company a day earlier

New Delhi(GNS): A shocking case has come to light in South-East Delhi. A man complained to the power company about a power outage at his home the day before. The next day, citing the same complaint, fraudsters hacked his phone and stole Rs 4.72 lakh. An FIR has been registered six months later based on the victim's complaint. The cyber police station has registered a case based on the victim's statement and has started an investigation. A major question has arisen in the case: how did the fraudsters get the information that the victim's meter was faulty? A police officer said that the victim, Mumtaz Ali Khan, lives with his family in the Moti



Masjid, Zakir Nagar area. In his statement to the police, he said that on July 8, he had gone to the BSES office in NFC to complain about a power outage in his electricity meter.

The next day, July 9, 2025, he received a

WhatsApp call and was told that the caller was from the power company. He was informed that there was no power in his meter, and therefore the meter would be replaced.

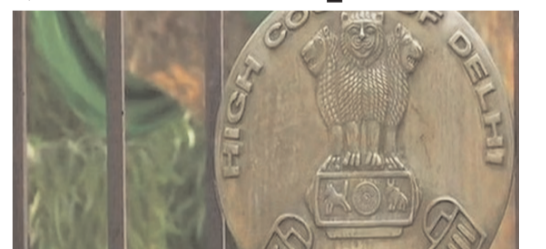
He would have to pay the meter charges, after

which an employee would come and replace the meter. When the victim asked where to pay the charges, the person on the phone sent a link and asked him to make the payment. As soon as the victim clicked on the link, his phone was hacked. After hacking the phone, the accused withdrew a total of Rs 4.72 lakh from his bank account and credit card. The victim reported the matter to the bank and the police. The Cyber Police Station, South-East Delhi, registered an FIR in the case six months later. Currently, the police are gathering information about the accused with the help of the accounts into which the stolen money was transferred.

High Court says: Small establishments cannot be exempted from pollution norms based on scale of operation, conviction upheld

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi High Court has upheld the conviction of a sweet shop owner for discharging untreated wastewater from cleaning floors and utensils/containers into the public sewer. The court said that small establishments cannot be exempted from this offense merely on the basis of their size or scale of operation.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, in her judgment, stated that polluting water bodies has serious and long-lasting consequences. Small eateries, restaurants, and food processing units collectively contribute significantly to river pollution by discharging untreated effluent into public sewers and drains. The court observed that adherence to envi-



ronmental norms is a shared responsibility. Small-scale businesses must also take necessary steps to prevent pollution, as their collective contribution harms the environment. The case pertains to a sweet and savory manufacturing unit in Chandni Chowk, where the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) found during an inspection that there was no treatment facility and the wastewater was being discharged directly into the public sewer.

After Noida, now a 'deadly pothole' in Delhi

Whose negligence claimed Kamal's life? Family members spent the entire night going from one police station to another

New Delhi(GNS): A motorcyclist, Kamal, died after falling into a Delhi Jal Board (water board) pothole in Janakpuri, Delhi. The young man was returning home from work around 10 PM on Thursday night. The family spent the entire night going from one police station to another. The family suspects negligence on the part of the Delhi Jal Board. The police are investigating the matter. This incident is reminiscent of the incident involving Yuvraj in Noida. Once again, negligence has



claimed a life in Delhi. The incident of a software engineer dying after his car fell into a waterlogged pothole in Noida had not even cooled down yet, when a similar tragic accident occurred in the Janakpuri area of the capital Delhi on Friday morning.

It was nighttime, and Kamal was returning home on his motorcycle. The road seemed normal, but suddenly a deep pothole on the road claimed his life. The young man died after falling into this pothole, which was related to the Delhi Jal Board. This inci-

dent is not just an accident but points to serious negligence on the part of the system.

The family alleges that if there had been safety measures on the road, this accident could have been avoided. This incident is not just the sorrow of one family; it is also a picture of urban mismanagement. When Kamal did not return home late at night, the family became worried. The family members searched for him. They went to several police stations, but no one had any information about

him. In the morning, when the police called, the family was devastated. The young man was found dead in the pothole along with his motorcycle. The family is questioning the negligence of the Delhi Jal Board. They are also suspecting foul play. The police have started investigating the entire matter.

AAP leader levels allegations against BJP: Meanwhile, AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj accused the government of negligence in this matter. He wrote on social media (X) that, "An

innocent motorcyclist fell into a deep pothole on the road, remained there all night, and died. The BJP government in Delhi has learned nothing from the Noida incident. They just tell lies every day." Officials will not be spared if negligence is found: Minister Ashish Sood Delhi government minister Ashish Sood said, "I have immediately ordered an investigation into all the safety precautions taken by the Water Board for this work. If any negligence is found on anyone's part, they will not be spared."