



PM Modi says in Malaysia

'No double standards, no compromise' is India's message on terrorism, Kuala Lumpur

Kuala Lumpur, (GNS): India and Malaysia on Sunday unveiled several initiatives to further shore up cooperation in areas of defence and security, semi-conductor and trade after Prime Minister Narendra Modi held wide-ranging talks with his Malaysian counterpart Anwar Ibrahim.

Following the meeting, Modi said India and Malaysia share a "special relationship" and both sides are committed to expanding their ties in diverse sectors.

The prime minister also reiterated India's position on combating terrorism as he said: "Our message



on terrorism is clear; no double standards, no compromise."

Modi arrived in Kuala Lumpur on

Saturday to a grand red-carpet reception, with Ibrahim receiving him at the airport.

Ahead of the talks,

Modi was accorded a ceremonial welcome at Perdana Putra this morning.

"India and

Malaysia share a special relationship. We are maritime neighbours. For centuries, our people have had

deep and affectionate ties," Modi said.

"Today, Malaysia is the second largest country in the world

with a population of Indian origin. Our civilisations, shared cultural heritage and democratic values bind us together," he said.

Modi said both sides will strengthen cooperation in counter-terrorism, intelligence sharing, and maritime security.

"We will also make defence cooperation more comprehensive," he said.

"Along with AI and digital technologies, we will advance partnerships in semiconductors, health, and food security," he said.

The prime minister also touched upon India's approach towards the Indo-

Pacific. "The Indo-Pacific region is emerging as the growth engine of the world," he said.

The prime minister said India is committed to development, peace and stability across the entire Indo-Pacific region together with ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations).

Malaysian Prime Minister Ibrahim said India and Malaysia continue to expand collaboration in trade, investment, connectivity and defence. India has registered a spectacular rise in global trade and economic front, he said.

IN BRIEF

Assam government will send Gaurav Gogoi's case to the Home Ministry: CM Himanta alleges - Congress MP's wife has links with Pakistan intelligence agency ISI



Guwahati (GNS): The Assam government will refer the matter of Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi's Pakistan connection to the Union Home Ministry. The Assam Cabinet took this decision on Saturday, and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced it at a press conference on Sunday.

The Assam government will also seek cancellation of the OCI/visa of Elizabeth Colburn, wife of Congress MP Gaurav, as her presence is detrimental to India.

The Assam CM alleges that Congress MP Gaurav and his wife, Elizabeth, are close to Pakistani agent Ali Tauqeer Sheikh. A Pakistani firm employed Gaurav's wife and then transferred her to India.

Elizabeth collected information related to India and reported it to Ali Sheikh, a Pakistani citizen who paid her a salary for this work.

Private mini aircraft crashes at Mangaluru village, both occupants eject out

New Delhi (GNS): Two people, including the pilot, had a narrow escape when a private mini aircraft crashed into an open field in the Vijayapura district on Sunday afternoon, police sources said.

The two-seater aircraft crashed at Mangaluru village in Babaleswar Taluk of Vijayapura district, they said. Both the occupants ejected before it crashed, sources said, adding the aircraft broke into three pieces.

The duo sustained injuries and have been rushed to a hospital, they added.

It is said that the training aircraft was said to be flying from Kalaburagi to Belagavi, though more details are awaited.

Darjeeling ropeway to Surajkund Fair: Major amusement ride and cable car accidents in India

Surajkund (GNS): The swing ride collapse at the Surajkund International Crafts Mela in Haryana has brought back memories of several accidents involving amusement rides and cable cars reported in India over the years. The incident took place at the mela venue in Faridabad on Saturday when a giant swing malfunctioned and collapsed mid-operation, killing a police inspector and injuring others.

The authorities have halted ride operations and ordered an inquiry. Here is a list of



major amusement ride and cable car accidents in India over the years:

Darjeeling ropeway, West Bengal (2003): Several cable cars slipped due to a mechanical failure, killing four people and injuring several others on October 19, 2003. The ropeway was shut down for an extended

period and later overhauled. Kankaria Amusement Park, Ahmedabad (2019): A pendulum ride at Kankaria Amusement Park in Ahmedabad crashed on July 14, 2019, after a pipe on the main shaft broke, killing two people and injuring nearly 30 others.

Pakistan minister makes fresh allegations against

New Delhi (GNS): Pakistan's Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi on Saturday alleged that India was providing funds to militant outfits inside his country. He, however, provided no evidence to support his claims. Naqvi made the claims a day after India categorically rejected Pakistan's allegations of an Indian link to a suicide blast at a



mosque in Islamabad on Friday that killed at least 36 people and injured more than 160 others.

"It is unfortunate that, instead of serious-

ly addressing the problems plaguing its social fabric, Pakistan should choose to delude itself by blaming others for its home-grown ills," the Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday, describing the attack as "condemnable".

"India rejects any and every such allegation, which is as baseless as it is pointless," it added.

Ready to step down if Sangh asks me to do so: Mohan Bhagwat

New Delhi (GNS): RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said the Sangh had asked him to continue working despite his age, while stressing that he would step down from the post whenever the organisation directs him to do so.

He also said that the person heading the Sangh will always be a Hindu, irrespective of his caste, with the top post going to the best available candidate. "There is no election to the post of RSS chief. Regional and divisional heads appoint the chief. Generally, it is said that after turning 75, one should work without holding any post," Bhagwat said. He was responding to questions during an interactive session with attendees here at a programme to mark the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS)



centenary. "I have completed 75 years and informed the RSS, but the organisation asked me to continue working. Whenever the RSS asks me to step down, I will do so, but retirement from work will never happen," he said. The RSS does not have community-based representation, and volunteers rise through ranks based on their work, Bhagwat said, adding that the RSS chief has to be a Hindu, irrespective of caste.

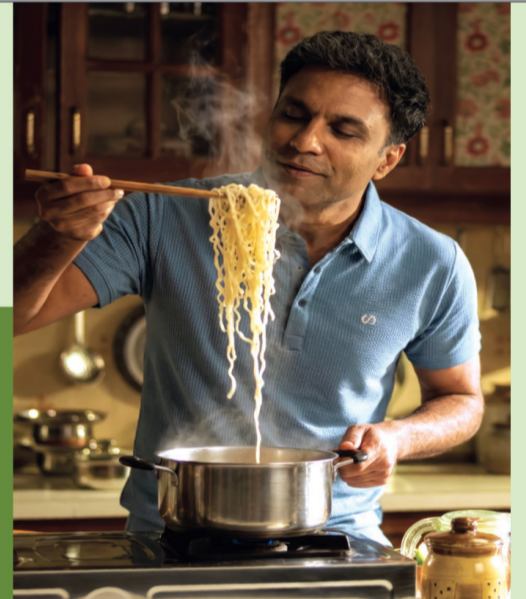
'They are now like family': Piyush Goyal on behind-the-scenes of India-US trade talks

New Delhi (GNS): After hard and bitter trade negotiations — that will shape the future of their countries — where does it leave the mandarins at the centre of the haggling? Speaking for himself, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal says it has brought him and his counterparts so close that they are now like family.

"I have met every negotiator (from the other side) personally. Really. We have built a very strong partnership and relationship," Goyal told PTI Videos in an interview on Sunday. In recent months, Goyal presided over eight free trade agreements (FTAs), notably with the UK, the European Union, and Australia, as well as the most talked about deal — the agreement announced on Saturday on reducing US tariffs from 50 per cent to 18 per cent. Asked to give a sense of behind-the-scenes action during negotiations, Goyal said, "Well, I think it is fun. Negotiations are all about being sharp on the uptake, being able to crystal-gaze into the future, looking at things laterally so that you don't get stuck at a point without understanding the many-dimensional ramifications."

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The fast of Janaki Jayanti is a festival of faith, patience and life balance. Worship of Mother Sita brings positive changes in the lives of the fasting people

Kantilal Mandot

Janaki Jayanti, also known as Sita Ashtami, is celebrated with special reverence and devotion in Hinduism as the birth anniversary of Goddess Sita. This festival is not limited to a single date or religious ritual, but provides an opportunity to refine one's life from within. Goddess Sita is considered the supreme symbol of sacrifice, tolerance, dignity, and feminine power. Therefore, this fast associated with her name is believed to bring profound benefits to those observing it on mental, familial, and spiritual levels. Deeply rooted in classical beliefs and folk faith, the belief that observing the Janaki Jayanti fast with a true heart helps resolve many of life's complexities.

The Janaki Jayanti fast is primarily associated with marital happiness, family peace, and unbroken good fortune. For married women, this fast is said to ensure the husband's longevity, sweetness in marital life, and strengthen mutual understanding. Mother Sita's entire life is an example of sacrifice and dedication. Drawing inspiration from her life, a woman observes this fast, developing patience and tolerance. These qualities contribute to the longevity and strength of any marital relationship. It is believed that worship and fasting on Janaki Jayanti infuse positive energy into the home, gradually reducing family conflicts, disagreements, and tensions.

This fast is not limited to mar-

ried women only. Janaki Jayanti is also said to have special significance for unmarried girls. According to religious beliefs, fasting on this day and worshipping Goddess Sita with devotion fulfils the wish of getting a worthy, cultured and desired life partner. Goddess Sita is seen as the ideal wife and ideal woman, hence it is believed that worshipping her removes obstacles related to marriage. In many families, this tradition has been going on for generations that marriageable girls observe the fast on Janaki Jayanti and pray to the Goddess for wisdom and right decisions for their future.

A major benefit of observing the Janaki Jayanti fast is mental peace. In today's hectic life, when

responsibilities, expectations, and the complexities of relationships can weigh down the mind, fasts and festivals like these offer a chance to pause and connect with oneself. Mother Sita's life teaches us how to maintain restraint and dignity even in adverse circumstances. When the fasting person worships with this spirit, they develop self-confidence and stability. This mental strength gradually becomes visible in other areas of life as well.

From a religious perspective, the Janaki Jayanti fast is also believed to pacify planetary defects and negative influences. This fast is especially beneficial for those experiencing recurring problems, disagreements, or delays in marital life. It is believed that the

planetary conjunctions and date-based combinations formed on this day further enhance the effects of the puja. The joint worship of Mother Sita and Lord Rama brings balance to life, as this puja symbolizes the harmony of male and female energies.

Donations and offerings of Suhaag items on Janaki Jayanti also hold special significance. Donating bangles, bindis, vermilion, and other cosmetics by married women not only bestows religious merit but also awakens feelings of contentment and compassion. This fast does not limit a person to their own happiness, but also connects them with the well-being of others. This is why this fast is considered socially and morally beneficial.

Editorial

Chocolate sweet food has some amazing taste

It is good to eat chocolate which is sweet and has some amazing taste.

Chocolate Day in India is celebrated every year on February 9th as part of Valentine's Day celebrations in India. On this day, lovers gift each other chocolates and hope that their relationship will always remain sweet. Chocolate is one of the most beloved delicacies and has gained unwavering popularity. Chocolate can be consumed as a beverage, as an edible bar, in desserts, or even as a flavoring. Chocolate is a favorite among both children and adults. Chocolate Day is celebrated in some form or another throughout the year, but this day celebrates the use of chocolate as a gift between lovers. The history of chocolate consumption dates back approximately 2,500 years. The Aztecs had recently discovered liquid chocolate and believed that Quetzalcoatl, the god of wisdom, had blessed them with it. Cacao seeds were considered so valuable that they were even used as currency. In those days, chocolate lacked flavorings and was consumed as a bitter drink. In fact, chocolate was sugar-free until the 16th century, when Europeans began adding sugar. This made chocolate more delicious and quickly gained popularity in the market. It became a favorite in many households. Many of today's popular chocolate companies began their operations in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Cadbury was founded in England in 1868 and is today one of the leading chocolate brands. Twenty-five years later, Milton S. Hershey launched Hershey's, now one of the world's largest and most well-known chocolate brands. Nestlé began operations in the 1860s and has grown into one of the world's largest food conglomerates. What started as a beverage became a currency and today it has become one of the largest industries, not only generating income and employing millions worldwide, but also producing foods that many of us love! Chocolate Day also celebrates the incredible versatility of this food ingredient. On Chocolate Day, lovers give each other heart-shaped chocolates as a symbol of love. Gifting chocolate to loved ones helps relieve all stress and sorrow and adds sweetness to relationships.

Is the Prime Minister not safe even in Parliament? Who is responsible for the safety of citizens?

Sanat Jain

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is not safe inside Parliament. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's statement to this effect is serious in itself. Parliament is not just a building; it is the highest institution of democracy. Rules and laws are made in Parliament to protect citizens. Through these same rules and laws, the executive assures citizens that the government is working in their best interests. The government is addressing issues such as their safety, livelihood, education, and health. The public has maintained trust in Parliament since 1947...

What if the Leader of the House is not safe in that very Parliament? The Speaker of this Lok Sabha is the guardian of all elected members of the House. The Constitution empowers him to enforce the Constitution by both the ruling party and the opposition. If he makes such statements, it certainly raises questions in the minds of 1.4 billion citizens: If the Prime Minister, who enjoys such security, is not safe inside the House, where the marshals have been replaced by CRPF personnel? What will happen to ordinary citizens in such a situation? If this allegation becomes part of public discourse, its impact is not limited to the security debate but also raises questions about political messages, parliamentary decorum, public trust, and India's democracy in the world. The issue here concerns the Prime Minister's security. Parliament is considered one of the most secure places in the country. Multi-layered security, intelligence surveillance, and protocols are already in place. Therefore, if a leader, especially the Prime Minister, is unsafe inside the House, it is a matter of concern and scrutiny for the security agencies, the Lok Sabha Secretariat, and the Speaker of the Lok Sabha. The Speaker of the Lok Sabha plays a crucial role in the security of the House and its members, and in their functioning. Ensuring the dignity and security of the House is his responsibility. If he himself claims that the Prime Minister is not safe inside the House, it could be considered evidence of his own incompetence. He should rise above political pres-

sure and clarify the situation based on facts without any bias.

The Prime Minister's refusal to speak in the Lok Sabha during the President's address and the Speaker's assertion that he had forbidden the Prime Minister from attending the House due to the potential for an attack on him has become a double-edged sword for the Speaker himself and the ruling party. This will send a message to ruling party supporters that the Prime Minister is working despite the constant threat, which could garner sympathy for Prime Minister Narendra Modi. On the other hand, the opposition will question this, calling it political theatrics. Prime Minister Narendra Modi enjoys so much security, yet he is not safe even inside the House. The opposition will attempt to exploit this by sharply criticizing his image. This could have an impact on the public: if the Prime Minister himself is not safe inside the House, how can he protect us? The opposition will leave no opportunity to severely undermine the image Prime Minister Narendra Modi has cultivated. The Prime Minister lacks confidence in the government's security system. How can that same system provide security to the common man? The BJP may gain short-term political advantage from this controversy, both by leveraging its patience and by gaining supporters. This is bound to send a message of distrust and weakness of the ruling party, both among the general public and in the institutions of government machinery. In this context, if such examples and language are used in Parliament, the highest forum of democracy for

debate, dissent, and accountability, due to political conflict and conspiracy, then it cannot be considered a good sign for the security of the country and democracy. Dissent should not be seen as a threat, but as a strength of democracy. Over the past 70 years, the House has witnessed intense debates between the ruling party and the opposition. In 2004, during the President's address to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, the then-opposition BJP leaders and MPs went into a well-argued protest, creating even more uproar than the current one. This cannot be denied, but at that time, the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh presented the government's side, while the opposition continued to oppose it. The House is composed of the ruling party and the opposition. The Speaker of the House is the guardian of all members. For some time now, opposition members have been filing complaints regarding the Speaker's role. The opposition is being denied a chance to speak. Even after this, it is the responsibility of the Speaker to treat everyone equally, whether they are MPs from the ruling party or the opposition.

The Prime Minister, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha, and all political parties have a collective responsibility to ensure that Parliament does not become a battlefield for political conflict and personal gain. The Speaker's role is crucial in fostering dialogue between the ruling party and the opposition. In the past, there have been significant clashes between the ruling party and the opposition, and the Speaker's role was crucial.

He or she served as a coordinating force between the ruling party and the opposition. However, over the past few years, the trust that should exist in the relationship between the Speaker and the opposition has been lacking, becoming a major source of problems. The safety of not only the Prime Minister and Ministers, but all MPs, is crucial within the House. Even more crucial is the public's trust in Parliament and its representatives. Public confidence in the Constitution, democracy, and constitutional institutions is maintained.

Parliament is the supreme institution. Its independence, impartiality, and accountability are the true safeguards of democracy. After dialogue between the ruling party and the opposition and discussion on any issue within the House, it is believed that the government will formulate sound rules and laws that benefit the people. The role of the Speaker of the Lok Sabha is crucial in the current situation, but it appears that the ruling party is exerting immense pressure on him. For the past ten years, the opposition was not aggressive, but now it is. In such a situation, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha has the responsibility to act as a good mediator and a good judge, ensuring that the proceedings of the Lok Sabha are conducted impartially and that both the ruling party and the opposition are given a fair opportunity. It is hoped that the Speaker of the Lok Sabha will understand his responsibility and keep democratic traditions alive by treating both the ruling party and the opposition equally.

The long journey to achieve social justice

Ram Puniyani

In the wake of public interest litigations (PILs) filed regarding the suicides of Rohith Vemula and Abeda Salim Tadvi, and the increasing number of students committing suicide in higher educational institutions, the University Grants Commission (UGC) issued a 16-page document containing guidelines to be implemented in higher educational institutions. These guidelines were intended to protect students from humiliation or negative thoughts that could lead them to take their own lives.

Such tragic and horrific incidents have increased over the past few years. According to data provided in the report "Significant Student Suicides (2018-2023)" presented to

the Rajya Sabha, 98 students committed suicide in higher educational institutions, including IITs, IIMs, and central universities, during this period. The situation is even more alarming among marginalized communities: of the 122 students who committed suicide in central institutions between 2014 and 2021, most belonged to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, and minority communities. The number of complaints of caste-based discrimination in universities and colleges increased by 118.4 percent during the five-year period from 2019 to 2024.

In this context, the UGC's recommendations came as a breath of fresh air. However, they were opposed in many parts of North India, mostly by upper castes who were likely sup-

porters of BJP politics. They even took the matter to the Supreme Court, which hastily stayed the implementation of the UGC guidelines. The Supreme Court stated that such measures would divide society. The Supreme Court called them vague and said they could be easily misused. We understand that laws are always vulnerable to misuse, and this can be prevented by making necessary provisions.

The fact is that the number of such incidents increased by 118 percent between 2019 and 2024. Professor Satish Pandey argues that in the past, by taking advantage of the privileges granted through the caste system, upper castes first achieved a high status in society and then began to talk about a casteless society. Professor Ajanth

Subramanian explains how castelessness was linked to the paramount importance of merit, and this was used extensively by upper castes in Tamil Nadu as the subaltern class rose up against injustice. However, with the granting of reservations to economically weaker sections, upper castes are no longer even in a position to invoke merit.

It has been almost 12 years since the BJP came to power at the center. Upper castes know and expect that this government is "on their side" and will spare no effort to neutralize any positive steps taken in the interest of disadvantaged sections of society. A case in point is higher education institutions, where reserved positions for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and OBCs remain vacant, despite the availability of

adequate teachers from these communities possessing the required qualifications.

Furthermore, our experience has been that this government generally protects upper castes, and under its rule, incidents of atrocities against marginalized communities are rapidly increasing. The plight of these communities has deteriorated significantly over the past few decades. This is confirmed by numerous economic, social, and political indicators. Data provided in the report of the National Coalition for Strengthening SCs and STs shows that atrocities against Scheduled Castes increased by 1.2 percent in 2021. Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of such incidents in 2021, accounting for 25.82 percent of the total.

CM orders strict enforcement of safety norms at excavation sites

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday took a strong view of the fatal accident in Janakpuri, where a man died after falling into an open pit, and directed all departments to strictly enforce safety norms at excavation sites across the Capital.

Ordering time-bound action, the Chief Minister asked all departments to submit a consolidated report on ongoing and recently completed digging and excavation sites within three days. The directive comes amid growing concerns over unsafe construction practices and inadequate barricading on roads and footpaths.

Following her instructions,



the Chief Secretary issued an office memorandum outlining an eight-point safety framework that must be implemented without exception by all government departments and executing agencies, including PWD, DJB,

MCD, NDMC, I&FC and power distribution companies.

"The Chief Minister has taken a very serious view of the Janakpuri incident. Loss of life due to negligence is unacceptable and public safety cannot be compromised. Accountability will be fixed wherever lapses are found," a government statement said.

As per the directive, all excavation sites must display clear and adequate warning signage in advance from all directions. Reflector lights, blinkers and luminous tapes have been made mandatory, especially at night and in low-visibility conditions. Strong, continuous barricading must fully secure work sites, ensuring that no open dig-

ging or excavated material is visible to passersby or causes dust pollution. Departments have also been told to create safe pedestrian pathways and coordinate with the traffic police for proper diversion arrangements wherever required. Engineers-in-charge and field officers have been directed to conduct regular inspections and ensure compliance throughout the project duration.

In addition, all departments must immediately review their work sites and submit details of location, safety measures and corrective steps taken to the Chief Secretary within three days. The Chief Minister warned that any violation or laxity would invite strict disciplinary action against responsible officers and contractors, apart from legal proceedings in case of accidents.

Minor fire breaks out at Pacific Mall



New Delhi, (GNS): A minor fire broke out at Pacific Mall in Jasola on Saturday. However, swift action by the Delhi Police and Delhi Fire Services prevented any major damage or casualties, officials said.

A PCR call was received at the Sarita Vihar police station reporting a fire within the mall premises around 12:20 pm. Police personnel and fire tenders reached the spot within minutes and brought the situation under control.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the fire broke out in an office space on the sixth

floor, which was undergoing renovation. According to the police, sparks from welding work on office chairs came in contact with nearby thermocol sheets, causing smoke and flames to spread briefly.

Officials said the fire was completely doused within minutes and did not result in any injuries. The damage was described as negligible and limited to renovation materials.

The police said the incident highlights the need for strict adherence to fire safety norms during interior construction and renovation work in commercial establishments.

Capital's 'heritage trees' missing from Forest Dept records

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi prides itself on being a city of monuments, history and culture, home to three UNESCO World Heritage Sites - Humayun's Tomb, Qutub Minar and the Red Fort. While the city's heritage is preserved and promoted, its living heritage - centuries-old trees - has been left invisible, unrecorded and officially ignored.

A MEDIA investigation has found that the Delhi Government has no consolidated data on "heritage trees" in the Capital. Though an official plan to identify and label them was drawn up nearly a decade ago, it has since gathered dust.

Despite repeated attempts over a week, officials from the Delhi Forest Department failed to provide any information on old or heritage trees in the city. Calls went unanswered, and visits to the department resulted



in The Tribune correspondent being sent from one officer to another, each disclaiming responsibility.

The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), when approached, flatly said it does not maintain any record of heritage trees and directed queries to the Forest Department. At the Forest Department, from Deputy Conservator of Forest Amit Gemawat to biodiversity official Gaurav Singhal to a planning cell official named Sanjeev, everyone pointed elsewhere.

NDMC takes charge of new Sarojini Nagar multi-level parking

New Delhi, (GNS): After years of complaints from traders and shoppers, Sarojini Nagar Market is set to get long-awaited relief from its chronic parking chaos, with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) taking over the newly built multi-level parking facility in the area.

Constructed by National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC), the facility will now be operated by NDMC's parking cell and is expected to become operational later this month.

NDMC vice-chairman Kuljeet Chahal said the conventional multi-level parking structure, with a capacity of about 680 vehicles, has been formally transferred to NDMC's civil department under a memorandum of understanding. "Coordination with the parking cell is in progress to make the facility operational on priority, in view of the growing parking demand. The parking cell has requested sufficient manpower and a fully computerised fee collection system, both of which will be implemented shortly," Chahal said.

Chahal added that the procurement of equipment and machinery required for smooth operations has already begun.

The parking project is part of the larg-



er redevelopment of the govt residential complex in Sarojini Nagar and is aimed at easing on-road parking and reducing traffic congestion around the market.

The ground-plus-four-storey structure features ramp-based circulation for vehicle movement. Each parking slot is fitted with sensors that display availability - red for occupied and green for vacant. Drivers will receive real-time information at the entry point and on every floor, officials had earlier said.

Although an automated multi-level parking facility already exists near the market, shopkeepers said it takes 15-20 minutes for a vehicle to be parked, discouraging its use. "The NBCC parking facility has ramps providing access to dif-

ferent floors, making parking faster and more convenient. This model is likely to see higher footfall. We urgently need a functional solution and hope the facility opens soon," traders said.

Talks to hand over the NBCC parking to NDMC began in April last year, but officials were waiting for the completion certificate. During this period, NDMC assessed the manpower needed to run and maintain the lot.

"For now, the facility will be operated by NDMC staff. However, the civic body plans to transfer the operation of all parking lots to a private concessionaire. Preparations for the tendering process to hire expert agencies for maintenance and operations are underway," Chahal said. NDMC had earlier revised its operational framework for 155 parking sites across Lutyens' Delhi after several failed attempts to appoint an expert agency for an integrated intelligent parking system.

Under the new plan, parking sites have been divided into three zones - Connaught Place, Kartavya Path and areas north of Kartavya Path, including Sarojini Nagar, Bhikaji Cama Place and nearby localities. The civic body aims to complete the tendering process by March.

'Shree Ram Mandir Mayur Vihar': Mayur Vihar Pocket 1 metro station gets new name

New Delhi, (GNS): The Mayur Vihar Pocket 1 Metro station in East Delhi has been renamed to Shree Ram Mandir Mayur Vihar. The station is located on the Pink Line of the Delhi Metro.

The renamed station connects several key parts of the capital, including Anand Vihar Railway Station, Rajouri Garden, Lajpat Nagar and Delhi Cantonment, making it an important transit point for daily commuters.

Explaining the reason behind the name change, Sanatan Dharm Sabha Mayur Vihar President RP Agarwal said that the demand had been pending for years.

"Our committee has been working on this for the past three years. We had sent a letter to Virendra Sachdeva, who forwarded it to the Chief



Minister. This is an important achievement for us. When the metro train moves forward from Mayur Vihar Phase 1, the announcement will be made that the next station is 'Shree Ram Mandir Mayur Vihar'. This will increase the popularity of our Ram temple," Agarwal said.

Highlighting commuter convenience, Sanatan Dharm Sabha patron and Delhi Senior

Citizen Welfare Association Vice President Govind Singh Pawar said that the earlier name often caused confusion.

"People used to get confused between Mayur Vihar Phase 1 and Mayur Vihar Pocket 1. The BJP government, which promotes Sanatan Dharma, has corrected this. The people are very happy with this decision," he said.

The renaming fits into a

broader policy of revising metro station names to better reflect local identity and reduce confusion for passengers. Last year, Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta announced the renaming of three metro stations to enhance passenger convenience. Pitampura Metro Station on the Red Line was renamed to Madhuban Chowk Metro Station, while two stations on the under-construction RK Puram-Janakpuri corridor will be called North Pitampura-Prashant Vihar Metro Station and Haiderpur Village Metro Station.

Addressing the public at the time, Gupta said the changes were linked to local history and identity. She later wrote on X that the renaming was being done "for the convenience of passengers" and to clearly define neighbourhoods.

Inspector Jagdish Prasad, who died during rescue at Surajkund fair, to be accorded martyr status

New Delhi, (GNS): Jagdish Prasad, the 58-year-old on-duty police inspector who died trying to save people at the Surajkund fairgrounds after a giant swing snapped mid-air and collapsed, will be accorded martyr status, officials said.

About 19 people were riding the swing when it tilted around 6 pm on Saturday before crashing onto the ground, leaving 11 injured.

Prasad, who joined the Haryana Armed Police in 1989 and was to retire in March after completing 36 years in the force, showed great bravery in trying to save those trapped in the swing, but received severe injuries in the process, leading to his death, a senior officer said. Haryana DGP Ajay Singhal announced a compensation of Rs 1 crore for the inspec-



tor and a government job to one member of his family.

Stating that Prasad will be given the status of a martyr, the DGP lauded the officer for sacrificing his life trying to save the lives of others.

Meanwhile, the district administration has informed that the 39th Surajkund International Crafts Festival will continue on Sunday, with the swing area closed pending further investigation.

Haryana Tourism Minister Arvind Sharma said that the injured people are out of danger now.

'Headlight was still on': How a pit dug hours before tragedy became death trap for Delhi biker

New Delhi, (GNS): The motorcycle's headlight was still on when the contractor's labourer, Yogesh, reached the spot and informed his boss, Rajesh Kumar Prajapati, about the incident. The sub-contractor arrived within 15-20 minutes, yet no call for help was made.

"When Yogesh saw the victim, the motorcycle's headlight was still on. He then informed his boss Prajapati at 12:22 am that this was confirmed through call records. The subcontractor reached the spot within 15-20 minutes from his home in Tri Nagar," the DCP said.

A day after a 25-year-old biker plunged to his death in a 14-foot-deep pit dug for water works in Janakpuri, Delhi Police



arrested the sub-contractor who excavated the site.

Investigators said that despite being alerted to the accident at night and reaching the

location shortly after, the accused looked at the victim lying inside the pit and walked away without calling for rescue.

The biker, Kamal Dhyani,

remained in the open pit for more than six hours before police were finally alerted the next morning. The arrested sub-contractor has been identified as Rajesh Kumar Prajapati, a resident of Tri Nagar. He told police that he did not inform authorities because he was frightened.

Deputy commissioner of police (west) Darade Sharad Bhaskar said police identified an eyewitness, Vipin Singh, who had seen a bike fall into the pit. Vipin, along with his family, witnessed the accident while returning home to Sagarpur after attending a wedding in Rohini. He informed a security guard at a nearby residential complex, who then relayed the information to the contractor's labourer,

Yogesh.

Police are now searching for Yogesh, who, after being informed about the biker, called his employer but took no steps to help the victim.

Police suspect Yogesh has fled to his hometown Etawah in Uttar Pradesh. Investigators have questioned the security guard to establish the sequence of events and said the main contractor who hired the sub-contractor will also be questioned. Police were alerted to the incident around 8.03 am on Friday by a woman who was on her way to drop her son at school.

MEDIA spoke to the family of the woman who alerted the PCR. They said she noticed the motorcycle inside the pit around 8 am

and first tried to seek help locally. "My wife first informed a security guard (different from the guard whom Vipin informed), but he paid no attention. As more people gathered, she asked them to alert the police, but they made excuses - one even claimed he didn't have balance on her phone," her husband said. Frustrated, she remained at the spot and called the PCR herself, requesting immediate assistance.

Police sources said that on the night of the incident, Prajapati made two to three phone calls, and those he contacted will also be questioned. Prajapati told police that he had entered the construction field only after Covid.

Delhi to boast 4,000-strong e-bus fleet with 500 new vehicles to be flagged off Sunday: CM Rekha Gupta

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi government will roll out 500 new electric buses on capital roads on Sunday, chief minister Rekha Gupta said after laying foundation stone for development works worth Rs 400 crore in Matiala constituency in West Delhi district.

The chief minister asserted that Delhi has emerged as the city with maximum number of electric buses nationwide, and said the number of e-buses in the capital will rise to 4,000 after the 500 new vehicles are flagged off on Sunday.

The Delhi government has targeted to increase the number of e-buses to 11,000, Gupta said, adding that e-buses will be made available to people in every corner of the city within the next two years. She said her government has allocated maximum development funds for Matiala, which is



a rural and one of the largest assembly constituencies in Delhi.

"The rural pockets of the national capital need to be given a new lease of life because without the development of these agrarian areas, unauthorised colonies, slum clusters, Delhi will not

become a Viksit Delhi," she said.

"The previous government in Delhi paralysed the rural development board which has been revived by our government and projects worth Rs 1,700 crore have been sanctioned," the chief minister said.

She lauded West Delhi MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat and Matiala MLA Sandeep Sehrawat for their efforts towards development works in the area, saying the BJP government has tried to solve the long-standing problems of Delhi in its first year in power.

11-year-old beats Stage-IV bone cancer after surgery

New Delhi, (GNS):

When doctors elsewhere told her that losing her leg was the only way to survive, an 11-year-old girl and her mother from Rohini were left staring at a future defined by fear and disability. This week, she is walking on her own, cancer-free, after a series of complex surgeries and chemotherapy at a private hospital that saved both her life and her limb.

The child was diagnosed with advanced bone cancer of the left leg that already spread to both lungs, a Stage IV disease that often leaves families with few options. She arrived at the hospital unable to walk, dependent on a wheelchair and crutches, exhausted by pain and repeated hospital visits.

Instead of amputation, doctors at Fortis Escorts Hospital, Okhla, opted for a limb-sparing approach, choosing to fight the



cancer without taking away her leg.

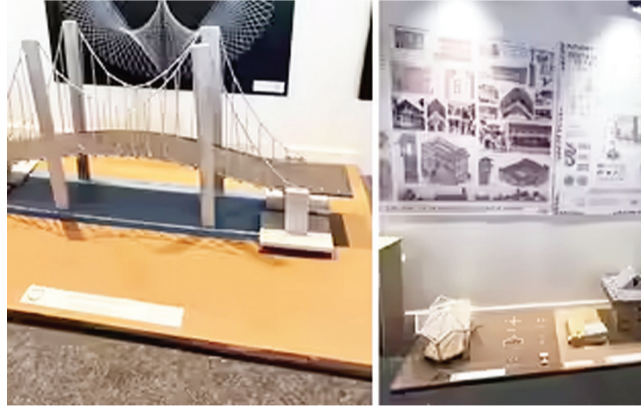
A multidisciplinary team led by Archit Pandit, director and head of Surgical Oncology, and Vineet Goel, consultant surgical oncologist, performed limb conservation surgery. Limb conservation surgery involves removing the cancer-affected bone and reconstructing the limb to preserve function, instead of amputating it. "She already lost so much of her childhood," doctors involved in the case said. "Saving the limb was about preserving her future, not just treating the disease."

JMI architecture students participate in Bharat Parv 2026

New Delhi, (GNS): The Department of Architecture of the Faculty of Architecture & Ekistics represented Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) at the coveted national platform Bharat Parv 2026 by participating in the exhibition curated by the Council of Architecture (CoA) during the Bharat Parv 2026 celebrations at the Red Fort on the occasion of India's 77th Republic Day 2026.

This year the models of the Building Construction and Structures made by the B.Arch students were exhibited along with the work of documentation of Bhimakali Temple showcasing the Indian Knowledge system and Indian Temple Architecture.

The theme of the work aligns with India's rich architectural heritage and underscores the vital role of architecture in shaping the nation's cultural identity, built environment, and sus-



tainable future. The display has been garnering wide appreciation and drawing visitors to the CoA exhibition space. This is serving as an important outreach of architecture to the public domain and will attract fresh talent from all the strata of society to this discipline.

The Council had successfully organised the "Srujan" Exhibition during Bharat Parv 2025, which received an overwhelming and encouraging response from visitors, professionals, and stakeholders.

Namibian cheetah Aasha gives birth to 5 cubs at Kuno, India's cheetah count rises to 35

New Delhi, (GNS): Union environment minister Bhupender Yadav on Saturday announced the birth of five cubs to Aasha, a Namibian cheetah under Project Cheetah, at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, taking India's total cheetah population to 35 and the number of surviving Indian-born cubs to 24. Sharing the update on X, Yadav said Aasha delivered the cubs on February 7, marking the eighth successful cheetah litter in the country. "Kuno welcomes the birth of five cubs. Aasha's legacy leaps forward-India welcomes her five adorable cubs! A moment of immense pride and joy for Project Cheetah as Aasha, the Namibian cheetah and a proud second-time mother, gave birth to five cubs on 7th February 2026 at Kuno National Park. With this, the tally of Indian-born surviving cubs rises to 24, marking the eighth successful cheetah litter on Indian soil - a significant milestone in India's cheetah conservation journey, undertaken and nurtured under the environmentally-conscious leadership of PM Narendra Modi," he wrote.



The minister also praised the field staff and veterinarians involved in the project. "This joyous achievement stands as a shining testimony to the unwavering dedication, skill, and commitment of the field staff and veterinarians working tirelessly on the ground. May Aasha and her cubs thrive, flourish, and sprint India's cheetah story to even greater success. With their arrival, the total cheetah population in India now stands at 35. A truly historic and heart-warming moment for wildlife conservation in India," he added.

Earlier in the week, Madhya Pradesh chief minister Mohan Yadav said eight

more cheetahs would be brought from Botswana later this month. He said he held detailed discussions with Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi on arrangements for the next phase of the reintroduction programme, along with tourism development, expansion of reserve forests and wildlife conservation in the state.

"Today, I met with forest minister Bhupender Yadav, discussed tourism development, expansion of reserve forests, and wildlife conservation in the state. We are transporting wild buffalo from Assam to Madhya Pradesh and need assistance with the relocation. Additionally, eight cheetahs will also arrive in MP from Botswana on February 28, and we discussed the necessary cooperation and arrangements for the arrival of the big cat," the chief minister told reporters.

Project Cheetah is the world's first intercontinental large carnivore translocation programme. It was launched on September 17, 2022, with the aim of reintroducing the species to India, where cheetahs had gone extinct in 1952.

Over 6,500 grilled, 2,563 face action under Delhi Police's Op CyHawk 3.0

New Delhi, (GNS): In one of its largest coordinated crackdowns on cyber crime, the Delhi Police conducted a two-day, citywide intelligence-led operation, CyHawk 3.0, on February 5 and 6. About 6,552 people were questioned and legal action was initiated against 2,563 individuals with fraud complaints worth Rs 627 crore being linked to investigated cases during the operation.

The operation, carried out simultaneously across Delhi and more than 10 states, from Assam and Arunachal Pradesh in the east to Rajasthan and Gujarat in the west, and Haryana, Punjab and Kerala, involved over 5,000 police personnel. It targeted mule account operators, SIM-linked enablers, digital facilitators and financial conduits used in cyber fraud, said the police.

According to police officials, 955 accused were arrest-



ed or bound down. As many as 1,608 notices were issued under Section 35 of BNSS and 299 new FIRs were registered. Additionally, 262 old FIRs were linked to the crackdown, while 3,180 complaints from the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal (NCRP) were connected to the investigation.

Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golchha said CyHawk is

a structured response to organised cyber fraud. "Cyber fraud is not an isolated offence, it is an organised ecosystem. CyHawk 3.0 shows our resolve to act early, decisively and continuously to disrupt these networks," he said.

The operation led to significant recoveries, including cash, gold, precious metals, SIM cards, smartphones, lap-

tops, POS machines, cheque books, UPI scanners and cryptocurrency assets. In one case, police recovered Rs 22 lakh in cash, foreign currency and 1.8 kg of jewellery linked to a fake RTO app scam. In another, an investment fraud racket routing Rs 9.28 crore through mule accounts was dismantled, with 92 SIM cards and 37 mobile phones seized. A third case led to arrests in Assam and Tawang, with gold seized and Rs 30 lakh in crypto assets frozen.

Police said CyHawk 3.0 focused on crippling the financial and digital infrastructure of fraud networks, preventing repeat victimisation and strengthening interstate coordination. The Delhi Police issued a cyber safety advisory urging citizens to report suspicious calls on the NCRP portal and Sanchar Saathi platform, use "cyber-crime.gov.in" for complaints.

Those responsible won't be spared, says Minister Sood

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi's Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood on Saturday conducted a joint inspection of the accident site in Janakpuri and warned that those responsible would "not be spared under any circumstances".

Accompanied by senior officials from the Public Works Department (PWD), Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Traffic Police, Revenue Department and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the minister reviewed safety lapses and directed immediate corrective measures.

Calling the incident "extremely serious," Sood said it reflected systemic negligence rather than a mere accident. He announced a comprehensive technical and administrative inquiry and a safety audit of all ongoing infrastructure works in Janakpuri to prevent similar tragedies.

Following Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's directions, the government has adopted a zero-tolerance approach. Officials found prima facie



negligent have been suspended with immediate effect. An FIR has been registered against the DJB and the contractor concerned, and legal action, including arrests, has been initiated where warranted. Sood said if any DJB officials were found culpable, they will also face strict action.

To improve safety, the minister instructed the PWD, DJB and the MCD to ensure proper barricading, lighting, reflectors, traffic marshals and mandatory police permissions before starting any construction work.

Negligence Flagged But Ignored, Spotlight Is Back On Civic Safety

New Delhi, (GNS): The fatal fall of a 25-year-old biker into an open DJB pit on Friday has brought back civic worksite safety into focus and rene-wed calls for stronger on-ground monitoring.

While a Jan 24 letter from Delhi Jal Board on site safety checks was allegedly ignored, Delhi Traffic Police also flagged unsafe civic work practices in the Tilak Nagar-Janakpuri belt on Feb 4. Officials noted that excavation at the west Delhi site began on Feb 5, a day after the Feb 4 communication. The letter, addressed to the executive engineer, Janakpuri, highlighted civic negligence at the worksites in the entire area, including debris left on main roads and



service lanes even after repair and maintenance work, potholes and inadequate repair of damaged road portions.

Soon after Friday's incident, Delhi govt wrote to the agencies

concerned, including traffic police, directing them to ensure proper protection, barricading and safety compliance at worksites across the city. Delhi Police has already registered an FIR for

culpable homicide against the project contractor and DJB officials. The agency has also suspended three officials. The traffic police's communication had pointed out that potholes and damaged road portions created during work were not properly restored or refilled, posing safety risks and increasing accident potential for commuters and pedestrians.

It also pointed to a wider pattern of lax compliance, noting that agencies increasingly treated work notification as a formality and often began work without proper coordination with the traffic authorities. Sources said early warnings were meant to help agencies make necessary safety arrangements in advance.

Additional CP (traffic) DK Gupta said, "As part of standard procedure, traffic police notify agencies about all works being carried out in an area. The communication is not limited to traffic diversion - it includes instructions on site cleanliness, debris removal and adherence to laid-down safety protocols. In this area, the agency was informed about maintaining sites properly, from clearing debris to following protocols." Senior DJB officials said its Jan 24 communication was issued at the departmental level. Officials indicated that not only the traffic police alert, but repeated departmental warnings also did not fully translate into ground compliance.

Additional CP Gupta said,

"Our officials are constantly on the ground and act as watchdogs at most worksites. Standard advisories include proper signage, barricading and compliance with prescribed norms. Submission of the mandatory proforma and adherence to the laid-down procedures is essential." Delhi Traffic Police also routinely flag urban hazards affecting road safety and traffic flow, including stray cattle blocking roads, pedestrians jaywalking and vendors encroaching on carriageways.

The department issued at least 154 letters until Nov in 2025, identifying problem spots where relatively small corrective measures could improve both safety and traffic movement.