



## 'Blatantly partisan': Opposition submits no-confidence notice to remove Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

**New Delhi(GNS):** Opposition parties on Tuesday submitted a notice for moving a resolution to remove Om Birla from the office of Lok Sabha Speaker, alleging that he had acted in a "blatantly partisan" manner in conducting the business of the House and abused the constitutional office by making "blatantly false" allegations against Congress MPs.

Congress' deputy leader in the Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi, chief whip K Suresh and whip Mohamed Jawed submitted the notice to Lok Sabha Secretary General Utpal Kumar Singh on behalf of several opposition parties,

including the Congress, Samajwadi Party and the DMK.

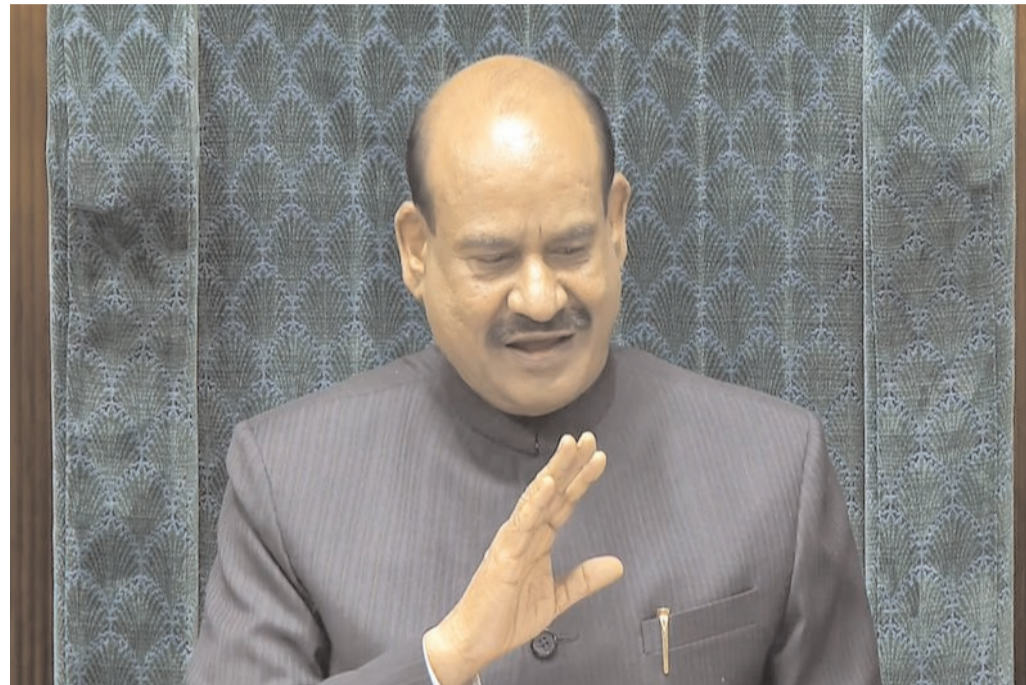
The TMC MPs, however, did not sign the notice and were not a party to it. The opposition leaders said the move followed consultations within the INDIA bloc and carried the signatures of 100 Members of Parliament. They claimed the proposed motion had the backing of several parties, including the Congress, Samajwadi Party, DMK, Left parties, RJD, Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP (SP), among others.

We, the undersigned, hereby give notice of a resolution for the removal of

Shri Om Birla from the office of Speaker Lok Sabha, in terms of the provisions of Article 94(c) of the Constitution of India, because of the blatantly partisan manner in which he has been conducting the business of the Lok Sabha," the notice said, according to sources.

On several occasions, leaders of opposition parties have just not been allowed to speak, which is their basic democratic right in Parliament, the notice said.

The notice also cited that on February 2, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, was not allowed to complete his speech on the



Motion of Thanks to the President's Address. This is not an isolated instance. The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha is almost invariably not allowed to speak, it claimed.

On February 3,

eight opposition MPs were "arbitrarily suspended" for the entire Budget session and are being penalised merely for exercising their democratic rights, the notice said.

The notice also referred to Birla's

remarks that he had "concrete information" that many Congress members might move towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's seat and carry out "some unexpected act" as a result of which he had

requested him not to come to the House to reply to the discussion on the Motion of Thanks on the President's address.

"The aforementioned remarks cast blatantly false allegations against the members of the Indian National Congress and are derogatory in nature. The Speaker, who is required to be the custodian of the Rules of Procedure and the norms of parliamentary decorum, chose the floor of the House to make such statements, which is indicative of an abuse of this constitutional office," the notice said. According to Congress leaders, the decision to move the

notice was finalised earlier on Monday at a meeting held at the residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

The meeting reviewed recent developments in Parliament and what the Opposition described as a pattern of selective interventions by the Chair that favoured the ruling side. The Opposition further alleged that the Speaker's conduct during the Motion of Thanks debate had crossed established norms, particularly in denying the Leader of the Opposition a chance to respond, while allowing members of the Treasury benches to speak at length.

### IN BRIEF

**Sonu Sood offers to help Rajpal Yadav after comedian is jailed in cheque-bounce case**

**New Delhi(GNS):** Actor Sonu Sood on Tuesday stepped in to help Rajpal Yadav with a role and a signing amount after the comedian surrendered himself to Tihar jail authorities in connection with cheque-bounce case. Sood also urged filmmakers and other industry colleagues to come forward and help the comedian in the time of crisis. Yadav, an NSD graduate who is known for his roles in movies such as "Mujhse Shaadi Karogi", "Waqt", "Phir Hera Pheri", "Partner", "Bhool Bhulaiyaa", "Hungama" and "Chup Chup Ke", was sent to Tihar jail after the Delhi High Court rejected his plea seeking more time to repay outstanding amount in a cheque-bounce case. The actor has to pay nearly Rs 9 crore.

In 2010, Yadav borrowed Rs 5 crore from M/s Murali Projects Pvt Ltd for his directorial debut film "Ata Pata Laapata", but the film flopped at the box office.

Before his surrender, Yadav told 'Bollywood Hungama' that he did not have money or any other means to pay the outstanding amount. When asked whether he had sought help from his colleagues, the actor said, "Everyone is on their own" in the industry.

Sood, in a post on X, requested colleagues to help Yadav by paying him signing amount for future works.

"Rajpal Yadav is a gifted actor who has given years of unforgettable work to our industry. Sometimes life turns unfair, not because of talent, but because timing can be brutal. He will be part of my film, and I believe this is the moment for all of us... Producers, directors, colleagues to stand together," he wrote in the post.

## Hindu trader hacked to death in Bangladesh 3 days ahead of election

**New Delhi(GNS):** A 62-year-old Hindu trader was hacked to death by unidentified men in his shop in Trishal upazila of Mymensingh in Bangladesh, a local media report said on Tuesday. The incident took place on Monday night at the Bogar Bazar intersection in the Upazila, Trishal Police Station chief Muhammad Firoz Hossain was quoted as saying by news portal bdnews24.com. Suseen Chandra Sarkar was the owner of 'Bhai Bhai Enterprise' and a resident of Southkanda village, he said. Hossain said the attackers hacked Sarkar with a sharp weapon, left him inside the shop, and closed the shutters. Sarkar's family was searching for him, and when they opened the shutters to the shop, he was found covered in blood.

Sarkar was rushed to Mymensingh Medical



College Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

We have had a rice business for long. No one had any enmity with us. The criminals stole several hundred thousand taka from the store after they brutally killed my father," Sujan Sarkar, the victim's son, said.

He demanded that his father's killers be identified quickly and given exemplary punishment.

Sarkar's murder is the latest

incident of violence targeting the minority community. The Hindu population in Bangladesh has been affected by a series of incidents after the killing of radical youth leader Sharif Osman Hadi in December. Last month, the Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council alleged that as the date of the general election draws near, communal violence is increasing at an alarming rate in the country.

## French President Macron to visit India from Feb 17 to 19



**New Delhi(GNS):** French President Emmanuel Macron will undertake a three-day visit to India beginning February 17, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) announced on Tuesday. Macron will hold wide-ranging talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi besides attending the AI Impact summit. Both the leaders will hold discussions on

strengthening bilateral cooperation across a wide spectrum of areas, the MEA said. In addition, the leaders will discuss regional and global issues of mutual interest, including cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, it said. Modi and Macron will also be in Mumbai to jointly inaugurate the 'India-France Year of Innovation', the MEA said in a statement.

## Govt tightens rules on AI-generated, deepfake content

**New Delhi(GNS):** The government on Tuesday brought in stricter obligations for online platforms on handling AI-generated and synthetic content, including deepfakes, saying platforms such as X and Instagram must take down within three hours any such content flagged by a competent authority or courts.

The government notified amendments to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, that formally define AI-generated and synthetic content. The new rules will come into force from



February 20, 2026.

The amendments define "audio, visual or audio-visual information" and "synthetically-generated information",

covering AI-created or altered content that appears real or authentic. Routine editing, accessibility improvements, and good-faith educational or

design work are excluded from this definition.

Key changes include treating synthetic content as 'information'.

AI-generated content will be treated on par with other information for determining unlawful acts under IT rules.

Platforms must act on government or court orders within three hours, reduced from 36 hours, according to a gazette notification issued by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY). User grievance redressal timelines have also been shortened.

The rules require mandatory labelling of AI content.

Platforms enabling creation or sharing of synthetic content must ensure such content is clearly and prominently labelled and embedded with permanent metadata or identifiers, where technically feasible, it said.

Calling for ban on illegal AI content, it said platforms must deploy automated tools to prevent AI content that is illegal, deceptive, sexually exploitative, non-consensual, or related to false documents, child abuse material, explosives, or impersonation.

Intermediaries cannot allow removal or suppression of AI labels or metadata once applied, it said.

# 74% of America's population is facing a livelihood crisis

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The capitalist nation of America, which teaches the world about prosperity and democracy, is struggling to provide two square meals a day to its own citizens. America's middle class is becoming impoverished. Contrary to the image portrayed globally, a recent survey has revealed a stark contrast. America often hides its true nature behind a veneer of glittering buildings, the stock market, and global power. According to the survey, approximately 74 percent of the American population is grappling with a severe livelihood crisis. This crisis isn't limited to the poor; the middle class and youth have been hardest hit. The situation in America is such that people can't even pay monthly bills for basic necessities like elec-

tricity, gas, and water. Groceries, rent, and health expenses are constantly rising. According to the survey, nine out of ten Americans believe the entire United States is caught in a "cost of living crisis." Eight out of ten respondents agreed that inflation has risen sharply over the past year. Due to which their regular lives have been severely affected. The government's policies over the past year have made life difficult for the common man. The most worrying situation is facing the youth in America. Due to inflation and unemployment, anger, dissatisfaction, and frustration are rapidly increasing among the youth. The American middle class used to use tax refunds for vacations, entertainment, or shopping. Now, the money received from tax refunds is being used to feed themselves and

pay off debts. According to the survey, 73 percent of people agreed that tax refunds have become more important for survival. 60 percent said that refunds should be released soon. Delays in tax refunds make it difficult to manage expenses. This crisis is even more severe for Gen-Z. Nearly 74 percent of young people are unable to meet even emergency needs due to the lack of refunds.

This economic pressure on America is having a direct impact on all classes of people. Internal migration has begun in the United States. People are fleeing from city to city, state to state, and even to European countries. They are no longer able to survive in the places they have lived for years. Surveys show that approximately 50 percent of Gen-Z youth and 38 percent of the total American population have relocat-

ed due to economic reasons. This migration is being considered a process of uprooting them. Ironically, in the states known as "Affordable America," Mississippi, Alabama, and Oklahoma, 60 percent of people believe they are barely managing to make ends meet. A large population in America's most affordable states is struggling with economic hardship. This situation indicates that America is mired in a deep economic crisis. The decisions taken by President Donald Trump over the past year have worsened the situation in America. Its impact is being felt on a widespread social level. Young people see their future as bleak. This is fueling anger, drug addiction, and social tension. A large number of young people in America are now turning to crime. This is the same America where

prosperity is visible on the streets. The luxury and debauchery of capitalists makes one think that America is extremely wealthy. People living in America are very happy, but the situation in America is quite the opposite. Insecurity and fear are growing in the hearts of citizens.

America has reached a turning point where the gap between its glamorous image and ground reality is widening. The livelihood crisis facing 74 percent of the American population is a serious warning for America. America considers itself a world leader, yet it is increasingly trapped in a debt crisis. In its attempt to dominate the world, it is increasingly entangled in the web of its own making. As a result, America is now facing challenges from all sides.

## Editorial

### The 'Hindu Purana' of the Bhagavata

Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat has often addressed the concept of "Hindu." This is also the ideology of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Any organization or its leadership can propagate its ideology. Bhagwat believes that every citizen of India is a "Hindu" at the fundamental and soul level. Their worship practices may differ. This means that communities like Muslims, Christians, Parsis, Jews, etc. are also "Hindus." This reflects India's inclusive character. "Unity in diversity" still exists in our nation, and it exists with complete coordination, harmony, affection, and brotherhood. The fundamental reason for this is that we, as a society and a nation, are "Hindus." The Sarsanghchalak has identified four types of Hindus. This is not practical, and in a country with "unity in diversity," spirituality cannot be categorized. Anyone who is a Hindu is a Hindu, whether they promote their "Hinduness" or not, forget their "Hinduness," or proclaim, "Say with pride, we are Hindus." The RSS chief's categorization of Hindus cannot be accepted, because there have been Hindu scholars, thinkers, politicians, social workers, scientists, and others who were "atheists" at the level of their thinking. They did not visit temples or monasteries or perform regular prayers, but they believed in the "power" of nature and the Supreme Being. However, their interpretations differed. Just think, why was the Arya Samaj founded? Why don't they all believe in the existence and activity of 330 million gods and goddesses? Bhagwat disagrees with those interpretations. He has his own thesis. But in the history of the long period, such "Hindus" are still alive and relevant. They have not been forgotten.

Those who raise the slogan "Proudly Hindu" are members of a political party. They are associated with the RSS, BJP, VHP, and Bajrang Dal. This slogan resonated strongly during the Ram Mandir movement. India also has minority communities like Jains, Buddhists, and Sikhs, whose religious and religious beliefs differ, but they have been considered fundamentally and spiritually "Hindus."

## Calvin Blackman Bridges' journey from lab assistant to genetic scientist

**Calvin Blackman Bridges was an American geneticist who helped lay the foundation for heredity and sex chromosomes. Calvin Blackman Bridges was a renowned American geneticist best known for his work in Thomas Hunt Morgan's Fly Room at Columbia University. He was born on January 11, 1889, in Schuyler Falls, New York. He was a key figure in developing the chromosome theory of heredity. He was an American geneticist who established the role of chromosomes in heredity using the fruit fly, Drosophila melanogaster.**

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In 1910, as Thomas Hunt Morgan's lab assistant, he began tracking how mutations in its chromosomes altered heredity. Bridges used natural errors in the separation of sex chromosomes to show that abnormal fruit flies produced abnormal numbers of chromosomes. Such errors are called nondisjunctions because the chromosomes are not properly linked, resulting in gametes containing an extra copy of the sex chromosome or none at all. They created a nomenclature system for naming fly mutants. They linked Drosophila genes to banding patterns in the salivary chromosome. A year after enrolling at Columbia University (1909), Bridges took a job as a lab assistant for geneticist Thomas Hunt Morgan. He and Morgan designed an experiment using the fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, which demonstrated that genetic changes in the insect could be reflected in changes to its chromosomes. These experiments led to the creation of "genetic maps" and the theory of chromosome inheritance. Bridges, in collaboration with Morgan and Alfred Henry Sturtevant, published these results in 1925. That same year, they published "Sex in Relation to Chromosomes and Genes," which demonstrated that sex in *Drosophila* is determined not only by the number of sex chromosomes (X and Y), but also by chromosome balance—the mathematical ratio between the number of female sex chromosomes (X) and the number of non-sex chromosomes (autosomes). Morgan, using the fruit fly, *Drosophila melanogaster*, He conducted experiments that

showed that insects could exhibit genetic changes, changes in their chromosomes. These experiments led to the development of genetic maps and the genetically proven chromosome theory. Bridges, in collaboration with Morgan and Alfred Henry Sturtevant, published these results in 1925. That same year, he published *Sex in Relation to Chromosomes and Genes*, which showed that sex in *Drosophila* is determined not only by sex chromosomes (X and Y), but also by chromosome balance—the balance between the number of female sex chromosomes (X) and non-sex chromosomes (autosomes). In 1928, Bridges moved with Morgan to the California Institute of

Technology, Pasadena, where he created detailed gene maps of the giant chromosomes found in the salivary gland cells of fruit fly larvae. He later discovered an important class of *Drosophila* mutants caused by gene duplication. He also established that the Y chromosome does not determine sex in *Drosophila*. Bridges' most famous contribution among *Drosophila* researchers is his observation and documentation of the polytene chromosomes found in larval salivary gland cells. The banding patterns of these chromosomes are still used as genetic landmarks by

contemporary researchers. [citation needed] Bridges was elected to the National Academy of Sciences in 1936 for his work with *Drosophila*. Chromosome disorder, any syndrome characterized by malformations or malfunctions in any system of the body, and caused by an abnormal chromosome number. Normally, humans have 46 chromosomes arranged in 23 pairs; the

pairs vary in size and shape and are numbered by convention. Twenty-two pairs are autosomes, and one pair, numbering 23, is the sex chromosome. Any variation from this pattern causes abnormalities or can result in a chromosome arm or part of one arm being missing (deletions). Part of one chromosome can be transferred to another (translocations), which has no effect on the individual, but typically results in deletion or duplication syndromes in their offspring. Changes in chromosome number occur during sperm or egg formation or during early embryonic development. In the latter case, a mixture of cells may occur, some normal (euploid) and some with abnormal chromosome complements, a condition called mosaicism. In both cases, abnormal genetic signals sent by the chromosomes cause developmental abnormalities.

Several chromosomal abnormalities, including Down syndrome, have also been linked to heart disease or malformations. Other evidence of chromosomal abnormalities includes abnormal sexual development, behavioral disorders, malignancy (e.g., the Philadelphia chromosome in chronic myelocytic leukemia), and spontaneous abortion. Sex chromosome abnormalities are more common and less severe than autosomal abnormalities. Normally, women have two X chromosomes, and men have one X and one Y; abnormalities in sex chromosome distribution cause Turner syndrome (XO), Klinefelter syndrome (XXY), and so-called "supermales" (XYY). People with Turner and Klinefelter syndromes have female and male genitals, respectively, with slower

development of sexual characteristics. Supermales are taller than average and have learning disabilities. Although some studies have suggested a connection between supermaleness and criminal behavior, this link has been largely debunked. In fact, many XYY individuals are socially well-adjusted. A year after enrolling at Columbia University in 1909, Bridges took a job as Morgan's assistant. Together, they conducted experiments that demonstrated that genetic variations could be observed through changes in chromosomes. This contributed to the creation of gene maps and confirmed the chromosomal theory of inheritance. In 1925, Bridges, Morgan, and Alfred Henry Sturtevant published several important discoveries, including their groundbreaking paper, "Chromosomes and Genes in Relation to Sex." This research showed that sex determination in *Drosophila* is not solely determined by the X and Y chromosomes, but rather by chromosomal balance—the ratio of the number of X chromosomes to autosomes (non-sex chromosomes). Beginning work as Morgan's lab assistant in 1910, he investigated how visible chromosomal changes affect genetic traits. He identified natural errors, such as nondisjunction—where chromosomes fail to separate properly—that lead to abnormal fruit flies with extra or missing sex chromosomes.

These discoveries provided strong evidence that chromosomes carry genetic information. Bridges also devised a nomenclature system for classifying fly mutants and linked specific genes to banding patterns in salivary gland chromo-

## House stalled, questions unanswered; Congress's attitude on the test of democracy

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The Budget Session of Parliament is the most important platform for determining the country's economic direction. However, when this very platform becomes a hotbed of uproar, sloganeering, and strategic obstruction, it raises questions not only about the disruption of proceedings but also about the erosion of democratic responsibility. Recent developments, including the notice of a no-confidence motion against the Lok Sabha Speaker, the repeated adjournments of Question Hour, and the opposition's continued protests, deepen this concern. The role of the Congress party in this entire scenario requires serious introspection. The opposition's right in the Lok Sabha is to debate, raise questions, and hold the government accountable. This right is protected by the Constitution

and parliamentary traditions. However, when this right turns into a stubborn insistence on preventing the House from functioning, it becomes a sign of democracy's weakness rather than its strength. The Budget Session's continued disruptions over the course of several days leave public issues, discussions on economic policies, and development-related issues behind. If the Congress, which claims to be the guardian of democracy, is seen disrupting that very democratic process, its credibility is understandably questioned.

Bringing a no-confidence motion against the Lok Sabha Speaker is not unusual. This procedure has been adopted before in parliamentary history. However, this step is justified only when it is taken with parliamentary decorum and solid arguments. In the current case, the opposition

alleges that the Speaker is adopting a biased attitude and is not allowing opposition leaders to speak. If this is true, then the issue should be resolved within parliamentary discourse and rules. Sloganeering within the House, creating ruckus in the Well, and repeatedly disrupting proceedings are by no means a solution.

The Congress party's approach here appears more confrontational than oppositional. Disrupting the entire session to demand that Rahul Gandhi speak, while discussions on the country's economic policies are pending, demonstrates a confused party's priorities. In a democracy, institutions are greater than individuals. Parliament is not a platform for any one leader, but a representative chamber representing the voices of 1.4 billion citizens. If a leader objects to speaking, there are rules, a Speaker, and parliamentary commit-

tees. Stalling the session is not democratic pressure, but political dogma.

Congress's history shows that, when in power, it has faced accusations of suppressing the opposition's voice. In such a situation, claiming moral superiority today, without introspection, seems hollow. Parliamentary traditions demand a two-fold responsibility. The government should listen to the opposition, but the opposition also has a duty to maintain the dignity of the House. Appealing with folded hands for a discussion on the budget is not a minister's weakness, but an attempt to preserve parliamentary tradition. Despite this, the continued uproar exposes Congress's negative politics.

Congress's strategy regarding the no-confidence motion against the Speaker also appears unclear. On one hand, a notice of the motion is issued, while on the other, prominent

leaders themselves refuse to sign it. This double message reflects the party's internal confusion. If the Speaker is truly biased, the party should have taken a united and clear stand. But here, this move appears more like a symbolic protest, aimed not at resolution but at creating political pressure.

The way issues like incidents involving women MPs in Parliament, banner and poster politics, and the book controversy have been blown out of proportion has marginalized core issues. The country deserves frank debate on issues like inflation, employment, global trade, and security. But the Congress party's focus has repeatedly been on such controversies, wasting the House's time. This attitude demonstrates neither the maturity of the opposition nor its commitment to democracy.

# Lawrence Bishnoi gang claims daylight killing of Delhi bizman in Bawana; issues chilling social media

**New Delhi, (GNS):** In a chilling development that has sent shockwaves through the national capital, the notorious Lawrence Bishnoi gang has claimed responsibility for the daylight murder of a 35-year-old businessman in North Delhi's Bawana area. The victim, identified as Vaibhav Gandhi, was a plastic granules manufacturer who was intercepted and shot dead on Monday afternoon near his factory in Sector 4 of DSIIDC.

The claim surfaced through a social media post authored by an account under the name "Randeep Malik Anil Pandit." The post, which features a picture of an individual wearing a hoodie, explicitly states that the killing was carried out on behalf of the Lawrence Bishnoi, Jitender Gogi Maan, Hasim Baba, and Kala Rana gangs.

Written in a mix of Hindi and



English, the message alleges that Gandhi was "interfering" in their operations. "He was entering the middle of our call, so we exited him from his life," the post read, adding a chilling warning that anyone who attempts to obstruct their "work" will be eliminated without prior notice.

The incident occurred around

12:51 pm on Monday when Gandhi was reportedly standing outside his factory holding a laptop bag. According to preliminary police investigations, three bike-borne assailants approached him and attempted to snatch the bag.

When Gandhi tried to flee, the gunmen chased him for nearly 50 metres, firing multiple rounds. A

bullet hit him in the chin, causing him to collapse on the spot. The attackers then fled with his belongings. Police initially suspected the killing to be a case of robbery gone wrong. However, the emergence of a gang claim has shifted the focus of the investigation towards a deeper conspiracy involving extortion and organised crime.

Multiple teams led by DCP (Outer-North) Hareshwar V. Swami have been formed to verify the authenticity of the social media post and trace the digital footprint of the "Randeep Malik" and "Anil Pandit USA" accounts mentioned in the claim.

The Delhi Police Special Cell has also been roped in, given the alleged involvement of the Lawrence Bishnoi syndicate, which has been linked to several high-profile assassinations across the country.

# Boy stabbed to death in outer Delhi, four held

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 16-year-old boy was stabbed to death allegedly by a group of youths in outer Delhi's Mangolpuri on Monday. Police have apprehended four boys and are probing whether personal enmity led to the attack.

The deceased, a Class X student of a govt school, lived with his family in Mangolpuri. Police received information about the incident around 1.09pm.

According to relatives, the boy went to school in the morning to collect his examination date sheet. Around noon, another student allegedly rushed to his house and told the family that he had been stabbed. He was taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

"It could not have been the



work of just one person. It seems six or seven people were involved," a relative said. The family denied any knowledge of disputes or enmity that might have led to the attack. Another relative said after leaving school, he went to eat chole bhature near the school. "We were told he was attacked there-beaten up and then stabbed."

Police said CCTV footage is being examined.

# 35-yr-old businessman shot dead in Bawana as police suspect robbery

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 35-year-old businessman was chased and shot dead in the Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) area of Bawana on Monday afternoon, in what police suspect to be a case of robbery.



The deceased, identified as Vaibhav Gandhi, lived at his family's factory premises in Sector 4 of DSIIDC. Police said the factory manufactures plastic granules.

According to officers, a call was received from a hospital around 12.51pm stating that a man with gunshot injuries had been brought in dead. Police reached the spot near the factory, where the shooting is believed to have occurred. A senior officer said Gandhi was on his way to the factory when two men on a motorcycle intercepted him and threatened him. When he attempted to flee, they opened fire. Two bullets hit him, causing him to collapse on the spot. After the attack, the assailants allegedly took a bag Gandhi was carrying and fled. Police are examining the

contents of the bag to determine whether the attack was targeted or linked to robbery or extortion. "A laptop was found in the bag. We are checking whether it also contained money," a police officer said. Investigators are also verifying whether another bag with cash was in the victim's car. Preliminary inquiry suggests the attackers may have been trailing Gandhi or were waiting at the location. A case has been registered at Bawana police station under Sections 103 (murder) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, along with provisions of the Arms Act. CCTV footage from the area is being analysed to identify the attackers. Multiple teams have been formed to trace and arrest them.

# Six more AQI monitoring stations in city

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Monday inaugurated six new Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS), taking the total number to 46. A further 14 monitoring stations are planned to be installed in the coming period. Environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said, "Six new CAAQMS have been installed and they are being calibrated. These stations will start sharing readings in a week."

During the event, the 'Vayu Rakshak' initiative was launched with the deployment of 100 dedicated Vayu Rakshaks to work in coordination with the DPCC for on-ground pollution control. In addition, 600 Vayu Rakshaks, in coordination with Delhi Police, are monitoring violations related to traffic and emissions.

Sirsa said the deployment of



100 Vayu Rakshaks will ensure that pollution control measures are implemented effectively at the ground level. The six new monitoring stations were inaugurated online at Jawaharlal Nehru University, Indira Gandhi National Open

University, SPMSPC Talkatora Garden, Commonwealth Sports Complex, Delhi Cantonment and NSUT (West campus). With these, the total number of CAAQMS in Delhi increased to 46, making it the largest air

quality monitoring network in any city in the country. Of these, 30 stations are operated by Delhi Pollution Control Committee, 10 by India Meteorological Department/IITM, and six by Central Pollution Control Board.

# Uzbekistan woman who had brain complication after cancer gets new life

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 27-year-old woman from Uzbekistan, undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer that spread to her brain, was brought to a private hospital in the city with a visible swelling at the back of her head and worsening neurological symptoms. She underwent brain surgery in her home country months earlier. During that operation, complications forced surgeons to remove a portion of her skull, which could not be replaced. The missing bone left her brain exposed to abnormal pressure changes. Over time, brain tissue and cerebrospinal fluid began bulging outward through the skull defect, a rare and dangerous condition. The patient developed severe headaches, visual disturbances, confusion and disorientation, and the swelling became clearly noticeable, limiting her ability to function independently.

"This is unusual," said neurosurgeon Dr Anurag Saxena, who led the treatment. "Most brain herniations push the brain inward, such as in stroke. In this case, the absence of skull bone allowed the brain to be forced outward." Redo surgery in a patient with metastatic brain disease posed a high risk. After imaging and planning, surgeons repositioned the herniated brain tissue, drained accumulated fluid, repaired the brain covering and reconstructed the skull using a customised 3D-printed titanium implant designed specifically for her defect.



Dr Saxena said the surgery was performed two weeks ago, and the patient was now stable. "She will not face difficulty in day-to-day activities like combing her hair or washing her head. The severe headaches and related symptoms were resolved. She can even dye her hair," he said, underscoring how the reconstruction restored both safety and normalcy.

The patient recovered steadily, was mobilised early, and discharged in stable condition. Doctors said the case highlighted how personalised 3D-printed implants were changing outcomes in complex neurosurgery, even in patients with advanced cancer.

# 'Forest villain' makes visitors take a thoughtful pause at Sunder Nursery

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Long before it became a villain in India's forests, the plant arrived quietly - brought in during colonial times for shade and soil cover, with little idea of the damage it would later cause.

Today, lantana camara is widely known as an invasive species that chokes native vegetation and fuels forest fires, earning the label of 'forest killer' among conservationists. Across the country, tonnes of lantana are routinely uprooted and discarded as waste, with few sustainable solutions for its disposal. This Feb, that perception is being turned on its head at Sunder Nursery, where the invasive weed has been reimagined as material for a public ecological installation. Part of the Aranyani Pavilion, the installation uses treated lantana wood to demonstrate how invasive biomass can be repurposed into durable, low-impact design. Open to the public till Feb 20, it positions the weed not just as an environmental problem, but as a potential resource, offering a glimpse of how design and conservation can intersect to address ecological challenges rather than merely erase them.

Right at the entrance, visitors step into an inward-moving spiral structure built from upcycled lantana, supported by bamboo frameworks. As the pathway narrows, the noise and chatter fade, replaced by forest sounds playing inside the pavilion. Above, a living

canopy of more than 40 native and indigenous plant species rests atop the structure, growing over time. The design allows the invasive plant and native species to co-exist, illustrating how destructive biomass can be repurposed without harming the larger ecology.

At the heart of the pavilion is a quiet, domed chamber housing a large stone shrine carved from a nine-tonne block of soapstone sourced from an off-cut at a quarry in Rajasthan's Bhilwara district. The stone, traditionally used to mark sacred spaces across cultures, anchors the installation. According to student volunteers at the site, the spiral movement symbolises an inward, spiritual journey, inviting visitors to pause and reflect on their relationship with nature rather than merely pass through it. "I am very close to nature, so I came to see this installation," said Joginder Oberoi, 80, who visited the pavilion in a wheelchair. "It is a great concept and very innovative." The pavilion is named after Aranyani, the forest goddess mentioned in the Rigveda. "The idea is to reconnect people with nature by slowing them down and taking them inward," said Alina, a student volunteer at the site, explaining the symbolism to visitors.

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**PROVISION OF WATER LEVEL INDICATOR FOR COACHES**  
 SR.CDO-MMCT invites Tender Notice No: BCT-Div-WLI-2026 Dated 06.02.2026 Work and location: Provision of Water level indicator for coaches with underslung tank of Mumbai Central Division. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹3,06,51,240.20 EMD: ₹3,03,300/- Date & Time of submission: till 10.03.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 10.03.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1102  
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**VARIOUS WORKS**  
 Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008 invites Tender Notice No: BCT/25-26/314 Dated 06.02.2026 Work and location: (1) Lower Parel - Repairs to Roof Leakage of various office building and allied works at Lower Parel (2) Periodical painting and minor repairs of service buildings & August Kranti Colony. Approx. Cost of work: ₹2,25,15,614.66 EMD: ₹2,62,600/- Date & Time of submission: till 10.03.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 10.03.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1105  
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**SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, TESTING, COMMISSIONING & SIGNALLING WORK**  
 Sr. DSTE/MMCT invites Tender No: SG\_216\_2\_114\_137\_WA\_R Dated 06.02.2026 Work and location: Supply, installation testing & commissioning Signalling items in connection with the work of reliability improvement and replacement of defective / overaged midlife signaling gears under the jurisdiction of SSE/Valsad & SSE/Surat along with rehabilitation of MSDAC equipment in Churchgate - Paldi Section of Mumbai Division. Approx. Cost of work: ₹5,45,39,802.16 EMD: ₹4,22,700/- Date & Time of submission: till 16.03.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening: On 16.03.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1096  
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Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Mumbai Central Division, Western Railway Divisional Railway Manager, Commercial Department, NFR section, Mumbai Central - Mumbai - 400 008.					
Work - Display of Advertisement through various NFR media over Mumbai Division.					
Auction catalogue No.		Auction Start (All Lots)			
MMCT-ADVTM25-53		25-02-26 14:00 hrs.			
Sr. No.	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days	Close Date & time of e-Auction	
1	MSS-BCT-MRU-MedStn-45-24-1 (Misc-Static-Services-Medical facilities at station)	Providing round the clock Medical Facilities through Emergency Medical Room at Matunga Road Railway Station for a period of 5 years.	1826	25.02.26	14:30 hrs.
2	MSS-BCT-GTR-MedStn-94-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Medical facilities at station)	Providing round the clock Medical Facilities through Emergency Medical Room at Grant Road Railway Station for a period of 5 years.	1826	25.02.26	14:40 hrs.
3	MSS-BCT-BDTS-MedStn-93-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Medical facilities at station)	Providing round the clock Medical Facilities through Emergency Medical Room at Bandra Terminus Railway Station for a period of 5 years.	1826	25.02.26	14:50 hrs.
4	MSS-BCT-RMAR-MedStn-92-25-1 (Misc-Static-Services - Medical facilities at station)	Providing round the clock Medical Facilities through Emergency Medical Room at Ram Mandir Railway Station for a period of 5 years.	1826	25.02.26	15:00 hrs.
Auction catalogue No.		Auction Start (All Lots)			
MMCT-ADVT-25-76		25-02-26 15:00 hrs.			
Sr. No.	Lot No.	Location / Area	Days	Close Date & time of e-Auction	
1	ADVT-Int-S1-EMU38RM-460-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior)	Display of advertisements through Route Map inside 38 Non-Ac EMU rakes, totalling 462 coaches - comprising 36 EMU rakes with 12 coaches each (totalling 432 coaches) and 2 EMU rakes with 15 coaches each (totalling 30 coaches) - covering a total area of 229.15 sq. mtr over Mumbai Division, Western Railway, for a period of three years.	1096	25.02.26	15:30 hrs.
2	ADVT-Int-S1-EMU39RM-462-25-1 (Advertising - Train Interior)	Display of advertisements through Route Map inside 39 Non-Ac EMU rakes, totalling 471 coaches - comprising 38 EMU rakes with 12 coaches each (totalling 456 coaches) and 1 EMU rakes with 15 coaches each (totalling 15 coaches) - covering a total area of 233.7 sq. mtr over Mumbai Division, Western Railway, for a period of three years.	1096	25.02.26	15:40 hrs.
3	ADVT-EFF-176202-2-25-2 (Advertising - Train Exterior (Full Face))	Display of advertisement on exterior (Full face) surface on the coaches of Gujarat Express (22953/54) and its link rakes (19033/34 & 19035/36) of Mumbai Division, Western Railway for a period of 05 years.	1826	25.02.26	15:50 hrs.
4	ADVT-BCT-PLG-OH-471-26-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Bulk advertising rights for display of advertisement on existing hoarding structures (including painting / repairing / strengthening / etc.) at Palghar, Boisar & Daharu Road station, 14 hoardings, total area of 5830 sq.ft., for a period 3 years.	1096	25.02.26	16:00 hrs.
5	ADVT-BCT-DDR-OH-471-26-1 (Advertising - Out of Home)	Bulk advertising rights for display of advertisement on existing hoarding structures (including painting / repairing / strengthening / etc.) at Dadar, Matunga Road & Mahim station, 8 hoardings, total display area of 4800 sq.ft., for a period of 3 years.	1096	25.02.26	16:10 hrs.
6	ADVT-EBW-S1-16EMUExt-25-1 (Advertising - Train Exterior (Below Window))	Display of advertisements through vinyl wrapping on the exterior side wall surface (below the window) of 16 EMU rakes, totalling 204 coaches - comprising 12 EMU rakes with 12 coaches each (totalling 144 coaches) and 4 EMU rakes with 15 coaches each (totalling 60 coaches) - covering a total area of 4,270.75 sq. mtr over Mumbai Division, Western Railway, for a period of five years.	1826	25.02.26	16:20 hrs.

Contact details:- Landline No.- 02267644212, Email ID- [acmadvtgct@gmail.com](mailto:acmadvtgct@gmail.com). Note: Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-Auction leasing module on IREPS website ([www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)). The lot wise details are available there in under the mentioned catalogue. 1094  
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# 36k EV Charging Points Needed But Delhi Has Only 9k, Noida 69

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi currently has 8,998 EV charging points against a requirement of 36,177, leaving a shortfall of 27,179, or 302%. Delhi govt has set a target to increase the total number to 16,070 by the end of this year. The situation is similar in neighbouring NCR districts. At present, Gurgaon and Faridabad have no public EV charging points, against requirements of 20 and 26, respectively. Noida has 69 charging points against the required 150 while Greater Noida has only three and needs 13 more. In Ghaziabad, there are 126 public charging points as opposed to the requirement of 450, leading to a gap of 324 points. However, it plans to add 100 such points by Dec 31 this year.

According to action plans to deal with air pollution submitted



to the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), Delhi and NCR cities are targeting adding over 7,300 charging points, mostly in Delhi, by the end of this year. Of the total 8,998 EV charging points in Delhi, 8,849 are under the transport department while

the remaining 149 are under Delhi Metro Rail Corporation. As per Delhi's action plan, the authorities will almost double the EV charging points to 16,070 this year, but the gap of over 20,000 will remain. Of the 7,000 points planned in Delhi, most are under

the transport department. Six points each will be installed at Anand Vihar and New Ashok Nagar RRTS stations, and 66 at stations of Delhi metro.

In terms of battery-swapping infrastructure, Delhi has 948 stations against a requirement of 1,606, with a target to scale this up to 1,268 by the end of 2026. Experts said proper EV infrastructure is key for Delhi's clean mobility, but it should be ensured that timelines are adhered to.

According to Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment, "To achieve an ambitious zero-tailpipe-emissions target and improve air quality, the strategy must shift from merely building charging stations to creating a cohesive charging ecosystem."

# Provide 24x7 security to lawyer: HC to police

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi High Court Monday ordered police to provide round-the-clock security to a lawyer who was allegedly beaten up inside a courtroom in the Tis Hazari complex while proceedings were on.

Seeking a report from police and the district judge of Tis Hazari, a special bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justices V Kameswar Rao and Nitin Sambre noted that such an incident not only threatens individual lawyers but also erodes the dignity and propriety of courts.

HC said if such an incident occurred, it was a serious matter, and directed the DCP (North) to provide security to the lawyer, who earlier expressed fear about his safety. The protection will remain in place for now and will be reviewed after 10 days, based on a threat assessment, HC said,



seeking the stand of Delhi Bar Association of Tis Hazari, police commissioner and DCP (North).

Additional solicitor general Chetan Sharma said if any misconduct is found, it can be looked into by the Bar Council's disciplinary body. Representing the police, standing counsel Sanjay Lau said action is being taken. The DCP (North) said police will meet with the district judge to review security. HC directed the probe to be conducted by an ACP under the DCP's supervision.

# E-rickshaw threat: Govt policy to focus on passenger safety

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi govt is set to frame a comprehensive policy to regulate e-rickshaws, a mode of transport that has grown rapidly across the city's neighbourhoods but remained largely unregulated.

Delhi transport minister Pankaj Singh told Media on Monday that officials have been asked to draft the policy. "The objective is to ensure that the livelihoods of those dependent on e-rickshaws are protected, while the policy addresses passenger safety and the safety of other road users. Once the draft is finalised, it will be placed in the public domain to seek feedback from all stakeholders so that a balanced and workable framework can be evolved," he said.

The first meeting for drafting the policy will be held later this month, officials said, adding that inputs from multiple stakeholders - RWAs, e-



rickshaw operator representatives, market associations, citizens, transport officials and police - will be taken into account during the drafting process.

The move follows a Media report on concerns raised by several resident welfare associations (RWAs) over the unchecked proliferation of e-rickshaws and the safety hazards they pose - including underage driving, unregistered vehicles, haphazard parking, lack of licences and uniforms among operators and makeshift charging practices linked to past fire incidents.

# Quick Fix On Dwarka Road As Pit Lies Ignored On Other Side

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The tragic death of a biker in Janakpuri has spurred authorities into action in Dwarka.

Like the pit on Joginder Singh Marg that claimed the life of Kamal Dyani on Friday, another yawning one along a busy road in Dwarka had been hiding in plain sight for over three years. Residents used to dub the unattended pit - this, too, had been dug up by Delhi Jal Board for a sewer project - a ticking timebomb, with collapsed barricades around it providing almost no protection to motorists.

On Monday, Media found a blue tin sheet covering the pit along one of the carriageways of the busy Dwarka-Dabri Road and a barricade fencing off the dug-up zone. However, it appears to be a quick fix at best. The service lane on the opposite side of the carriageway is still exposed - at one point, only a mound of earth acts as a barrier to the dug-up site, while another stretch has been secured with what the locals said is a ribbon-like temporary covering.

The surface of the road around this spot is in poor shape, with uneven and broken patches increasing the risk for commuters, especially two-wheeler riders. During Media's visit to the area on Monday afternoon, bikers were seen slow-



ing down while negotiating the hazardous stretch. Given the key location of the site - it's near Madhu Vihar along a busy corridor used daily by thousands of vehicles heading towards Dabri, Dwarka sectors, IGI Airport and Gurgaon - the road-safety risk multiplies manifold. "Work on the sewer project began in 2022 and was supposed to finish in 45 days. Instead, it has turned into a long-standing public hazard," said Mahesh Mishra, a local and secretary of Federation of South and West District Welfare Forum. "Though the main site is now covered, the other side is in a dangerous condition."

A source in DJB, which barricaded the

pit, said, "It is important to cover these sites to avoid any unfortunate incident."

However, locals called this more of a temporary measure than a permanent engineering solution. Claiming that RWAs had been lodging repeated complaints over the pit, they said that Monday's action is largely reactive rather than proactive.

Beyond the issue of road safety, the residents, who claimed the pit is 30 feet deep and full of water, said their biggest concern is that the Rs 1.34-crore deep-sewer project between Palam drain and Madhu Vihar launched on April 27, 2022 has been dragging on.



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