



## PM Modi inaugurates AI Impact Summit

# Over 300 companies showcase advanced gadgets; focus on agriculture, education, and health



**New Delhi(GNS):**The "India AI Impact Summit 2026," one of the world's largest technology events, began in India, February 16th. Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally inaugurated the event. He then visited the pavilions of



participating startups to learn about their innovations. The event will run until February 20th at the Bharat

**PM Modi said, "People from all over the world are welcome."**

In a post on the social media platform X, PM Modi wrote, "The India AI Impact Summit begins at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi. I heartily welcome the world leaders, prominent business leaders, innovators, policymakers, researchers and technology experts who have come to participate in this summit."

The theme of this summit is "Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya," meaning "well-being and happiness for all." This reflects our shared resolve to use artificial intelligence (AI) for the advancement of humanity.

Mandapam in New Delhi. The summit will also coincide with the India AI Impact Expo 2026, where companies from around the world will showcase their latest AI solutions. Here, common people will be able to see how AI works in real life and what changes AI is going to bring in the future in areas like agriculture, health and education.

# 8 workers burnt alive in a massive fire at a chemical factory in Bhiwadi, Rajasthan

**JaipurNew Delhi(GNS):** Eight workers died tragically in a massive fire that broke out at a chemical factory in the Khushkeda Industrial Area of Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, on Monday morning. The factory's plot number is G1/118B. According to preliminary information, the fire started for unknown reasons and spread rapidly due to the flammable chemicals present in the factory.



Upon receiving information about the incident, teams from the administration and fire department arrived at the scene. Bhiwadi's Superintendent of Police, Tijara's DSP Shivraj Singh, and Additional District Collector Sumitra Mishra arrived at

the scene to oversee relief and rescue operations. Several fire engines were called in from Bhiwadi, Tijara, and surrounding areas to control the fire. After approximately one and a half hours of intense effort, the fire was brought

under control. The bodies of Eight workers were recovered in the subsequent rescue operation. According to the administration, approximately 20 to 25 workers were working in the factory at the time of the accident.



Some workers managed to escape in time, but many were trapped inside and died from smoke and flames. According to media reports, Additional District Collector Sumitra Mishra confirmed Eight deaths. The process of identifying the deceased is underway and families are

being informed. Following the accident, anger was seen among family members and local residents outside the factory premises. A heavy police force was deployed at the scene to control the situation. The administration has ordered an investigation into the cause of the fire.

# Bomb threats to 32 schools in Gujarat

**Email reads, "We will blow up the bus, India will be torn apart." Parents return with their children.**

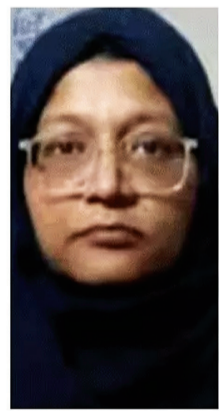


**AhmedabadNew Delhi(GNS):** Bomb threats were sent via email to 32 schools in Gujarat, including 17 in Vadodara and 15 in Ahmedabad. The emails threatened to turn Gujarat into Khalistan and tear India apart. Upon receiving the information, parents immediately rushed to the

schools and brought their children back. Bomb squads have begun searching the schools. Schools have been evacuated, and vehicles and school premises are being checked. As a precautionary measure, the dormitory at Urmi School in Vadodara has also been evacuated.

# Delhi Blast: Doctors formed 'Ansar Anantim': Radicalized in 2016, white-collar module aims to attack

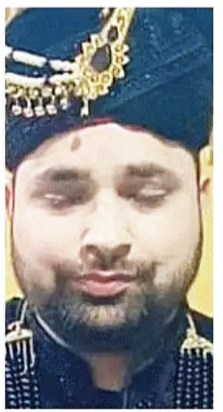
**New Delhi(GNS):** Jammu and Kashmir police recently uncovered a "white-collar" terrorist module. Police reported that several doctors had formed a terrorist organization called "Ansar Antim" to carry out terrorist activities. Police have arrested several doctors in connection with the case.



Sunday that the accused had embraced radical ideology in 2016. The



National Investigation Agency (NIA) is investigating the case. On



November 10, 2025, a car bomb exploded near the Red Fort in Delhi, killing 15 people. The bomber was Dr. Umar Nabi. During the investigation, several doctors from Al Falah University in Haryana were arrested, which is why it was named the White Collar Terror Module. The network was discovered in October last year.

# Bombing in Rajasthan will be conducted on the lines of Operation Sindoor

**For the first time, an aircraft capable of attacking like a hawk will be seen in the sky in border areas**

**Jaisalmer(GNS):** Bombing will take place in the border areas of Rajasthan, similar to Operation Sindoor. Enemy targets will be selectively destroyed. For the first time, a hawk-like attack aircraft will be seen in the sky. This remote-controlled aircraft can destroy targets in the blink of an eye. Additionally, 277 state-of-the-art weapons will be dis-



played.

The Air Force will showcase its might on February 27th in Pokhran, Jaisalmer. This biannual exercise has been named

"Vayu Shakti-2026." A full dress rehearsal will be held on February 24th. The main event is on February 27th. During this exercise,

the air force will practice locating enemy positions and conducting air strikes and bombing operations in support of the army.

President Draupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah are likely to attend this special military exercise.

# Discussion on no-confidence motion against Om Birla on March 9, government confident of majority

**New Delhi(GNS):** The opposition's no-confidence motion against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is likely to be discussed and voted on in the Lok Sabha on March 9. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the motion will be debated and voted on the first day of the second phase of the Budget session.

Minister Rijiju said on Sunday that the government wants to resolve the issue quickly so that the Speaker can conduct the House proceedings normally and the government can move forward with its legislative agenda. He expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) has sufficient sup-

port in the House. The NDA has the support of 293 MPs in the 542-member Lok Sabha and is expected to receive support from members of some other parties as well. Therefore, the government is confident that the proposal will not be passed. According to sources, the ruling coalition is reluctant to let this politi-



cal controversy drag on. It is believed the government wants to clearly demonstrate its support

for the Speaker. The government's recent decision to send Birla to Bangladesh to represent the swearing-in ceremony is being seen as a political signal. Meanwhile, the opposition is trying to build unity on this issue. The stances of parties like the Indian National Congress, the Trinamool Congress (TMC), and the Aam

Aadmi Party (AAP) are being closely watched. The Congress has reportedly raised the issue of the proposal to remove Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, while the TMC has been vocal against the Election Commission regarding the Special Revision (SIR) of voter lists in West Bengal. Political analysts

believe the March 9 debate will be not just a parliamentary exercise but also a test of strength between the government and the opposition. If the motion is defeated, the government will present it as a sign of its strength, while the opposition will try to send a political message by linking it to issues of fairness and parliamentary traditions.

# The Epstein Files, Proving the Exceptional to Be Waste

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The revelations in the Jeffrey Epstein files have caused a stir worldwide. Recently, the US Department of Justice released over three million pages of new files, exposing the names of many high-profile individuals. Jeffrey Epstein, a resident of the United States, and his parents were Jewish. Born on January 20, 1953, in Brooklyn, New York, Epstein died mysteriously in prison in 2019. His death was officially ruled a suicide. However, since prison cameras were found to be malfunctioning and guards were asleep on the day of his death, suspicions of murder are also raised. The murder theory is also being floated because it is believed that Epstein possessed evidence of the atrocities

and dark deeds of self-proclaimed celebrities that could expose them. Jeffrey Epstein owned properties in the US in Florida, New Mexico, Paris, and the Caribbean. He owned several properties, including a private island in the Virgin Islands. He was accused of sexually exploiting and trafficking minor girls, having sex with minor girls, providing them for sex to his special guests, and even murdering them after sex. Wealthy Jewish financier Epstein lured hundreds of underage girls, most aged 11 to 17, to his homes, private islands, and private jets and brutally sexually exploited them. He would lure the girls under the guise of massages, pay them, and then force them into sex. Epstein had a particular interest in having sex with girls in their early teens. He admitted that he

needed sex at least three times a day and preferred young bodies. Purchasing girls made him feel like a god. He controlled poor girls by offering them money and gifts. His partner, Ghislaine Maxwell, who is currently in prison, recruited the girls to satisfy Epstein's lust. According to reports, Ghislaine's father, Robert Maxwell, was associated with the Israeli intelligence agency, Mossad. At Mossad's behest, Epstein ran a honeytrap racket targeting prominent figures around the world. Most of Epstein's victims were girls from poor, vulnerable, and vulnerable family backgrounds. Many of these victims are still alive today and have testified in court. Epstein was convicted in Florida in 2008. However, it is said that his wealth resulted in a lesser sentence. In

2019, he was arrested again on sex trafficking charges. More than 100 victims testified against him in court. Based on these documents and photographs, he was sentenced again in this classic child sex trafficking case. And in 2019, he mysteriously died in prison. Now, the world is in an uproar over the connection between the world's self-proclaimed elite and such a notorious criminal and enemy of humanity. Why did the world's most prominent figures visit Epstein's various islands? US President Donald Trump, who currently attempts to control the entire world, appeared several times in flight logs in the 1990s. His name was found in the Black Book. Similarly, former US President Bill Clinton's name also appeared on several flights and in

numerous photographs with Epstein's partner, Ghislaine Maxwell. Former British Prince Andrew's name has been the most controversial. His name has appeared not just once or twice, but hundreds of times in allegations of sexual abuse. Similarly, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak is reported to have regularly met and contacted Epstein. Former Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's name also appears several times in package and travel records. Politicians like former British minister and ambassador Peter Mandelson, former New Mexico governor Bill Richardson, and former Colombian president Andres Pastrana Arango are also named in the Epstein Files in some form or the other.

## Editorial

### Airstrip of war

When Prime Minister Modi landed his C-130J aircraft on the first emergency airstrip in the Northeast, in Dibrugarh, Assam, he became the first world leader and the first head of government. This record is a significant achievement and multifaceted. Our Rafale, Sukhoi-30, and Tejas fighter jets also touched down on the emergency airstrip and then took off. This 40-minute maneuver must have been witnessed by China, 200 kilometers away, and many countries around the world must have been alarmed! Prime Minister Modi formally inaugurated the airstrip and witnessed the maneuvers. This landing of the world's first Prime Minister is not just an electoral or political narrative; it is also a demonstration of our defense preparedness, strategic strength, technological capabilities, and, of course, national security shield. It is also an expression of self-reliant India. This air defense bulwark and emergency airstrip are also necessary because the style of warfare is changing. Now, the enemy first attacks air bases, bases, and positions to cripple the enemy country's air force. During "Operation Sindoor," Indian Air Force fighter jets and missiles attacked and destroyed key Pakistani airbases. Deep craters were created within the airbases, leaving behind a vast expanse of debris. It has been reported that our aircraft destroyed nine enemy airbases, radars, AEW systems, and other airbases to such an extent that conducting air force operations from there and preparing the airbases for war would take a long time. Although our relations with China are changing and improving, China remains a rival and untrustworthy country, and a section of the ruling and political establishment within India continues to consider it "enemy number one." Nevertheless, this 4.2-kilometer-long airstrip, built on National Highway 37, at a cost of 100 crore, will be able to land 40-ton fighter jets and also operate 74-ton transport aircraft. In case of war or any emergency, rescue and military operations will be possible immediately. An emergency airstrip was also constructed on the Purvanchal Expressway in Uttar Pradesh. The Prime Minister also landed there.



**The world's largest AI summit began on Monday in India's capital, Delhi. The event will last for five days. CEOs from over 100 companies, 20 heads of state, and delegates from 135 countries are attending the summit. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and several of his ministers will represent India at the summit. According to current information, over 300,000 people have registered to attend. AI is going to be used extensively in the fields of health, agriculture, and education. Furthermore, robots based on AI technology will also be seen on a large scale in the service sector in the next few years.**



# Is India the world's largest AI capital?

Sanat Jain

Through AI technology, the world seems to be moving towards a new transformation. Whether its consequences will be good or bad is difficult to say. Just as the 1993 global trade agreement unleashed an economic revolution across the world, a new trend of borrowing and spending to fund development has spread among countries and their citizens. The vision of a new market economy has been realized. Countries across the world borrowed money and joined the race for development. At the same time, ordinary citizens were also pushed towards market economy by providing loans through banks and NFC companies. Today, its adverse effects are visible in countries across the world. Governments of all countries are burdened with huge debts. Institutions are also heavily indebted. Similarly, ordinary citizens across the world are also burdened with debt. The burden of interest and installments has steadily increased. The vision of development has now begun to be crippled. The entire world is facing a crisis due to the debt-based economy. Inflation and unemployment have made life difficult for the common man. At this time, there is no discussion about the positive or negative consequences of the



new experiments being conducted through AI and digital technology. Countries across the world are making grand claims about AI. Classrooms will become smart, eliminating the need for teachers. Smart classes will teach children in schools and colleges using digital tools and AI. Similarly, agricultural tasks that used to require large numbers of laborers will now be accomplished in much less time using machines equipped with digital and AI technology. As for the remaining gap, robots are increasingly replacing humans in the service sector. At a time when this technology is at its peak, there is no discussion about how people will be connected to employment or wages.

AI technology hasn't fully arrived yet. Despite this, most countries around the world, includ-

ing India, are grappling with problems like unemployment and inflation. People are burdened with debt, and their purchasing power is constantly declining. In such a situation, if they can't even find employment, how can social order be controlled? There's no discussion anywhere about this. Everywhere, there's talk of enhancing skills and training through AI-related technology. All sectors are being integrated with technology, including education, health, and agriculture, where human resources are utilized on a large scale. The service sector used to employ millions of people worldwide, including India. Now, all those jobs will be handled by AI-powered digital machines. There's no discussion in any country on how the future human race will survive in such a situation. In the global

credit-based economic system that was played worldwide under the Global Trade Treaty in 1993, the rich grew richer, while the poor grew poorer. A handful of capitalists benefited from this. As a result, all countries around the world are currently struggling with their own people due to inflation, unemployment, and other problems. No one is concerned about the impact the new wave of AI will have on the world's social, economic, and political systems. It seems we are once again moving back to the Adamic era, where we don't consider anyone else's existence except our own. We no longer have any commitment or morality for social and human development. Economic and material resources have rendered us as insensitive as machines. Changes occur with time, and it is essential to adapt to change. The way the world is moving forward without thinking about AI requires reflection. In the Indian context, social, economic, and political perspectives must be considered. If we pursue AI technology and neglect other considerations, it could lead to serious problems down the road. The Indian government needs to make a decision only after careful consideration. AI should be used in social, economic and administrative systems only to the extent that is necessary for the country in the current context.

# The willpower of the mind is an important weapon possessed by man, with the help of which great victories can be achieved in every field including health

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The creator of the universe has created a mine of amazing qualities in the human race, the precious diamond of the universe. We just have to recognize it with our precious sharp intellect and adapt it in our lives, then everyone will say, look what a beautiful and happy life it is. We can spend the precious moments of our lives very happily and peacefully by creating the atmosphere of Satyayug in ourselves, family, neighborhood, society. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani Gondia Maharashtra, believe that one of the many qualities is the power of determination, the effect of which on the mind and health we will discuss through this

article. Friends, if we talk about our human body, then if the mind is healthy then the body is healthy. The determination of the mind is the inner strength of a human being. If the human body is like a chariot then the mind is its driver. The real power of a human body is its mind. In the absence of the mind, the body has no value. The mind is the motivating power which makes a human being do great things. If there is a feeling of weakness in the mind, then even a powerful body and various types of resources become useless. The mind is very powerful. All the actions of the body depend on the mind. If there is power, enthusiasm and excitement in the mind then the body also works faster.

Hence, the victory or defeat of a person depends on the weakness or strength of his mind.

Friends, despite being physically weak and inferior, determined people perform such tasks that one is left astonished at their extraordinariness!! Generally, even people who appear ordinary are successful in turning the tide of even the most dangerous storms with the power of their determination. Psychology believes that plants remain awake, animals sleep, consciousness sleeps even in stones and humans think and contemplate, hence they are different from these other living and non-living beings. Thinking and contemplating are the characteristics of humans which are directly

related to the mind.

Friends, without using willpower, people accept defeat without even trying. Gradually, they develop the feeling that they can never win. Successful people, on the other hand, are always optimistic and hardworking. They always strive for victory. As long as our mind is dull, we cannot achieve anything. Human life is like a playground. Here, every person is a player. To win in a game, a player must be agile and healthy, as well as have confidence in himself. Only those who have a strong mind are truly healthy and self-confident.

Friends, if we talk about the historical Kabir verses about the mind, then

If the mind loses, it is defeat; if the mind wins, it is victory.

Kabir says, you can attain God through faith in your heart.

Meaning: Victory and defeat in life are merely mental expressions. When we accept defeat at the very beginning of a task, we truly lose. But when we struggle to achieve our goal, falling and standing up again and again, our self-confidence increases manifold. Afterward, when we reach our destination, the joy is exponentially greater. Therefore, no one else can determine your victory or defeat. It depends on you. This story also explains this. This saying holds true for a country or nation, just as it does for a person's life.

# Global heavyweights, UN chief all set to converge in Delhi for AI Impact Summit

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A formidable lineup of Presidents, Prime Ministers and top global dignitaries will converge in the national capital this week for the AI Impact Summit, underscoring India's growing stature in shaping the global artificial intelligence discourse.

The arrivals will begin in the early hours of Tuesday, with France President Emmanuel Macron scheduled to land in Mumbai at 1 am before proceeding to New Delhi later. Estonia's President Alar Karis will arrive at 5.10 am at Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGI).

Among the early arrivals on Tuesday are Edmand Lara Montano, Vice President of Bolivia (8.05 am), Bharrat Jagdeo, Vice President of Guyana (2.40 pm), and Anura Kumara Disanayake, President of Sri



Lanka (5.35 pm), all landing at Terminal 3 of IGI Airport. Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic of Serbia will arrive at 6 pm in Delhi. The second day of arrivals on Wednesday will see a packed schedule. Finland Prime Minister Antti Petteri Orpo (6.05 am) and Sebastian Pillay of Seychelles (8.05 am) are slated to land at IGI Airport.

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez will touch down at AFS Palam at 8 am. He will be followed by Navinchandra Ramgoolam of Mauritius (8.55 am), Andrej Plenkovic of Croatia (9.05 am), and Peter Pellegrini, President of Slovak Republic (10.50 am), all arriving at IGI Airport. The United Arab Emirates will

be represented by Sheikh Khaled Bin Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan of United Arab Emirates, who is scheduled to land in Delhi at 11.30 am.

International organisations will also have a prominent presence. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, will arrive at noon at IGI Airport, while Antonio Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, is expected at 12:55 pm.

Other key arrivals on February 18 include Dick Schoof of Netherlands (12:30 pm, AFS Palam), Nikol Pashinyan of Armenia (1:15 pm, AFS Palam), Tshering Tobgay of Bhutan (1:45 pm, IGI Airport), Olzhas Bektenov of Kazakhstan (2:20 pm, AFS Palam), and Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva of Brazil (2:25 pm, AFS Palam).

## Armouries in hotels, snipers in position



**New Delhi, (GNS):** To ensure there is no shortage of ammunition in case of any emergency during the duration of the AI summit, security agencies are reported to have set up "special armouries" at select hotels in the city. These strategically placed stockpiles will allow commandos to maintain an uninterrupted supply of bullets and other essential equipment during operations, sources said.

The armouries, the idea for which had first been proposed during a security preparedness meeting, are also stocked with loaded magazines, backup weapons, medical supplies, stun and smoke grenades and wire-

less set chargers.

During the meeting, it was decided that a robust supply chain would be maintained to support commandos in real time. If an attack were to occur, the supply team would move alongside the main operational team with all necessary material. This will eliminate the need for the commandos to return to their base for additional supplies, ensuring the operation could be executed smoothly and without interruption.

Police will use gesture recognition cameras and intrusion alert systems at the venue at Bharat Mandapam and at hotels where delegates are staying.

## Rely on human intel and not AI, says SC judge at moot court

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Students of law must rely on "natural human intelligence and legal reasoning rather than blindly depending on artificial intelligence", Justice B V Nagarathna of Supreme Court said at the prize distribution ceremony of the 22nd K K Luthra Memorial Moot Court Competition on Sunday.

The chief guest of the event, which was held at India Habitat Centre, lauded the initiative that aims in equipping students with the experience of a courtroom and "bridging the gap between theory and practice".

A moot court simulates real proceedings with law students arguing hypothetical cases. The event also featured Justices Anup Jairam Bhambhani, Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora and Sanjeev Narula of Delhi High Court as guests of honour.

Organised by Campus Law Centre, University of Delhi, in association with Nirmal Luthra Foundation, the competition saw participation from 138 institutes across India and abroad, with 72 teams advancing to the final rounds.



Symbiosis Law School, Noida secured the first prize of Rs 30,000, while Lloyd Law College finished second.

Congratulating the Luthra family on completing 22 years of the competition held in memory of senior advocate K K Luthra, Nagarathna underscored the importance of mooting, noting that, "academic learning alone is insufficient in legal profession and moots help in sharpening one's advocacy, research and articulation skills."

## 'She betrayed me after 15 years': Man's last message before death

**New Delhi, (GNS):** On Valentine's Day, a couple was found dead inside a car in Noida. During investigation, the police found a WhatsApp message in which the man claimed that he had been in a relationship with a girl for around 15 years. In the message, he confessed of taking the extreme step after learning about the girl's marriage to someone else.

The deceased were identified as Sumit (32), a resident of Trilokpuri in Delhi, and Rekha (28), a resident of Salarpur in Sector 101, Noida.

Sumit had left a WhatsApp message stating that "I am Sumit. I am going to die. Rekha is responsible for this. She was with me for 15 years and had promised to marry me. Now, she is going to marry someone else. That is why I am committing suicide, because Rekha has betrayed me". The police said Sumit and Rekha had been missing since Friday. Their families had already



field missing persons report. Both families were aware of their relationship. The bodies were later found inside a car that was locked from the inside. A pistol was recovered from Sumit's hand, the police said. Forensic teams were visited the spot to collect evidence and the bodies were sent for post-mortem examination.

However, Sumit's family questioned the preliminary

police findings, alleging that the couple might have been murdered. They claimed that the couple received caste-based taunts from the woman's family. The man's family had allegedly received threats, including calls from international numbers warning of possible police action. Sumit's relatives also said the spot where the car was found was only a few hundred metres

from Rekha's village in Salarpur. There was no pressure from their side regarding the relationship. Rekha had attended their several family functions over the years.

"We believe that they have been murdered and were victims of casteism," a cousin of Sumit alleged, adding that the couple had been together for more than a decade and both families were aware of it. The police said investigation is on and all angles, including the family's allegations, are being examined. Further details are expected after the post-mortem and forensic reports are received.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Noida) Yamuna Prasad said the police received information about a suspiciously parked car near Dadri Road, close to pillar 84, under the jurisdiction of the Sector 39 police station. When officers reached the spot, they found the vehicle was locked from inside.

## Protest backing UGC rules turns violent at varsity

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A demonstration held in support of the UGC Equity Regulations - 2026 at Delhi University's North Campus turned violent after clashes broke out between rival student groups, triggering police action and multiple complaints.

The protest, organised by a social group backing the new recruitment framework, witnessed heated confrontations between student bodies, leading to the allegations of assault, caste-based targeting and intimidation. Journalist and influencer Ruchi Tiwari, who was present at the site to cover the protest, alleged that she was physically assaulted during the chaos. Student organisations, however, countered her claims, accusing her of provoking violence.

According to the police, altercations erupted among several students during the demonstration. Tiwari alleged that she was manhandled, her clothes were pulled and police personnel on duty failed to intervene promptly. However, the police said the fight could have tured severe if they had not intervened in time. She further claimed that action was taken only after she nearly lost consciousness,



following an alleged attempt by someone to grab her neck. Female police officers later escorted her out of the crowd. Tiwari attributed the attack to caste-based hostility, stating that she was targeted because she is a Brahmin.

Complaints were filed by both sides at the Maurice Nagar police station on Saturday. A senior police official confirmed that FIRs have been registered under Sections 74, 115(2), 126(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and CCTV footage from the area is being examined to establish the sequence of events. The All-India Students'

Association (AISA), in a statement, alleged that when its members went to file a complaint, they were confronted by a group of around 50 people at the police station, who allegedly hurled abuses, rape threats and murder threats at activists.

Meanwhile, the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) claimed that during protests at the Faculty of Arts campus, Ruchi Tiwari was manhandled while questioning AISA members. The organisation alleged that those involved in the violence have a history of aggressive conduct and claimed that many were not bona fide students of the university.

## Bizman Murder: 5 Held Robbery Motive Likely

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Police have arrested five people over the murder of a businessman near his factory in Bawana on Feb 9. Robbery was the likely motive behind the crime, according to the cops, though Rs 1 crore in cash was found intact in the car of Vaibhav Gandhi, the businessman, after it had been waylaid.

The five - Arun (37), Sandeep (28), Sanjay (54), Ravinder (42) and Harish Kumar (45) - wanted to drive away with the car after killing him, but couldn't, police said. Though they were allegedly linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, cops have not found any evidence of this association.

On the morning of Feb 9, Gandhi was travelling from his Karol Bagh house to his factory that manufactures plastic granules. He was in his car and accompanied by three of his employees, police said. At around 11.45am, three men intercepted the car near his factory. Gandhi was chased and gunned down. The



assailants fled with three bags containing his diaries, laptop and mobile phone.

The next day, Randeep Malik and Anil Pandit, gangsters based in the US, in a social media post claimed responsibility for killing the businessman, alleging he was interfering in their affairs. However, police have found no evidence to support this angle. To hunt down the assailants, several police teams had been formed and footage from 1,000 CCTV cameras across Delhi-NCR was analysed, Ravindra Yadav, special commissioner of police (law and order), said.

## Cops issue traffic advisory ahead of AI Impact Summit

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The Delhi Police on Sunday issued a traffic advisory in view of the AI Impact Summit-2026, which will be held at the Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, here, from February 16 to February 20, officials said.

According to the advisory, essential services will be allowed uninterrupted movement across the city. Medical emergency vehicles will be given priority and ensured obstruction-free passage throughout Delhi. The movement of the general public will also be facilitated through designated alternate routes and modes of transport. Metro services will remain fully operational at all stations. City buses may be diverted as required during VVIP



movements. Auto-rickshaws and taxis will not be permitted to park on roads except at designated parking locations, and neces-

sary traffic diversions may be implemented during VVIP movements. The event will be attended by Heads of State, Heads of

Government, ministers and delegates from invited countries, along with heads of international organisations. In the interest of public safety and convenience, elaborate traffic regulations will be enforced across Delhi, particularly in the New Delhi district and adjoining areas. These measures aim to ensure smooth and hassle-free movement of all modes of transport while maintaining ease of travel for the general public, the advisory stated.

Commuters have been advised to avoid several roads during the summit period, including Mathura Road (from Subramania Bharti Marg T-point to Lodhi Road flyover), Subramania Bharti Marg, Rajesh

Pilot Marg, Tees January Marg, Akbar Road, Teen Murti Marg, Mother Teresa Crescent, Sardar Patel Marg, Janpath, Firoz Shah Road, Shanti Path, Satya Marg, Africa Avenue between Bikaji Cama Place and R/A Yashwant Place, Kamal Ataturk Marg, APJ Abdul Kalam Road, 'C' Hexagon, Dr Zakir Hussain Marg, Sikander Road, Ashoka Road, Prithviraj Road, Kautilya Marg, Purana Quila Road, Sher Shah Suri Marg, Tilak Marg, Bhagwan Das Road, Central Spine Road, North Access Road, Ring Road between Brar Square and AIIMS, Cariappa Marg up to Kirby Place, Lodhi Road, Nila Gumbad, Kartavya Path, Rafi Marg, Outer Circle at Connaught Place, Sansad Marg, Baba Kharak

Singh Marg, Aurobindo Marg (from AIIMS U-turn), Tughlak Road, Safdarjung Road, Panchkuian Road (Mandir Marg T-point to Connaught Place), Ulaan Bator Marg, Dwarka Link Road, AFS Palam Road, Thimayya Road, Parade Road, NH-48 from Rangpuri to Dhaula Kuan, Rao Tula Ram Marg, Panchsheel Marg, San Martin Marg, Nyaya Marg and Brigadier Hoshiyar Singh Marg.

The advisory further stated that Bhairon Marg, excluding the Ring Road T-point, and Mathura Road (between Subramania Bharti Marg T-point and Dr Dinesh Nandini Dalmia Chowk) will remain restricted, with entry of general vehicles prohibited during route movements.

# Delhi skill push falters: 5 years after launch seat closures and sharp drop in student intake

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Conceived to provide job-oriented skill education to youth from low-income and underserved communities, Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU), set up in 2020 by merging 10 govt polytechnics to widen access, is witnessing a sharp decline in seats and enrolment, according to data submitted to a Delhi govt-appointed committee examining complaints about its functioning.

The public state university has seen a significant number of seat closures, including the elimination of all 802 girls-only diploma seats. Diploma intake has fallen by 44%, from 5,286 in 2020 to 2,970 in 2025, while the number of diploma courses has reduced from 28 to 17. Between 2022 and 2024, the university shut 3,332 of 8,107 undergraduate seats (41%),



with 78% of seats listed in 2023 alone marked closed.

Enrolment remains weak across DSEU campuses, with 39% seats vacant in the ongoing academic session. As many as 26 of 37 programmes are running at less than half capacity and 12 at below 25%. At the Wazirpur-I campus, a 40-seat diploma course has just one student enrolled. Several undergraduate and postgraduate programmes

launched in 2023 and 2024 have since been discontinued due to low enrolment.

The decline has coincided with a steep fee escalation. Diploma fees rose from about Rs 30,000 to Rs 49,650 by 202122, increased marginally to Rs 51,700 over the next two years, and then jumped to over Rs 1.9 lakh in 2024-25, before slightly reducing to about Rs 1.8 lakh this year - nearly four times the earlier level.

Infrastructure at the varsity has also deteriorated, with campuses reporting non-functional labs and smart boards, and basic facilities such as toilets and drinking water categorised as moderate to poor. There was no immediate response from DSEU registrar Shailendra Singh Parihar.

A meeting between DSEU officials and the Delhi govt-appointed panel was recently held to review complaints of alleged malfunctioning. In Dec last year, Media had reported a four-member panel was constituted to examine the university's overall functioning, including the impact of the merger of govt polytechnics and World Class Skill Centres, following repeated complaints of alleged governance lapses. Data submitted before the panel shows year-wise closures accelerated sharply.

## Moo-ving in: Neglect turns Delhi park into cattle shelter, residents frustrated



**New Delhi, (GNS):** A neighbourhood public park meant for recreation has gradually turned into a grazing ground, with cattle roaming freely alongside children, senior citizens and families who use the space daily.

Welcome to Baba Mangaldas Park in Aya Nagar, where stray and owned cattle move freely across lawns and walkways. Broken boundary walls, exposed wires and open gates have effectively turned the park into a daytime shelter, with cattle reportedly left here by owners and taken back in the

evening for milking. Residents say the situation has continued for years. "It's always been like this," says Mohammad Nizam, 26, who has set up a stall inside the park every Sunday for the past six years from 11 am to 8 pm. He says unchecked cattle movement disrupts park users and vendors during the weekly market. Pointing to damaged fencing, he adds that parts of the boundary wall have been broken for five to six years. "This can be fixed in a day or two, but there is no guarantee it will be done," he says.

# IGNOU conducts pan India placement drive

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) has achieved a significant milestone in learner employability by successfully conducting a pan India placement drive through its Campus Placement Cell (CPC), in coordination with six Regional Centres across the country. The nationwide initiative brought together students and alumni from diverse academic backgrounds, opening doors to employment opportunities across multiple sectors.

The four-day mega placement drive was organised in association with IGNOU's Regional Centres at Bijnapur, Mumbai, Nagpur, Pune, Bengaluru and Dehradun. It witnessed enthusiastic participation from learners across Karnataka, Maharashtra and Uttarakhand, with more than 70 candidates ultimately securing job offers from leading Fintech, IT and BPO companies.

Recruiting organisations offered a wide range of roles, including assistant relationship manager, customer support executive, HR generalist, sales expert, collection officer and other key positions, along with attractive salary packages and performance linked incentives. The initiative was part of IGNOU's broader effort to conduct industry oriented placement drives across multiple cities in February, reinforcing its commitment to enhancing learner employability and strengthening industry linkages.

Appreciating the collective efforts behind the success of the drive, Vice Chancellor Uma Kanjilal said, "Such Pan India drives offer a massive recruitment platform for better talent acquisition and diverse career opportunities. It not only enhance professional prospects but also reinforce our mission of inclusive and career oriented education."

**New Delhi, (GNS):** With the arrest of five persons, the Delhi Police on Sunday claimed to have solved the murder of a businessman who was shot dead in the outer Delhi, the police said on Sunday.

The accused have been identified as Arun, alias Pagal (37), Sandeep (28), Sanjay, alias Tau (54), Ravinder (42) and Harish (45). One of the five accused was held after exchange of fire in the Bawana area. He sustained gunshot injuries on his leg during the encounter.

Vaibhav Gandhi, a businessman, was shot dead in the DSIIDC industrial area of Bawana on February 9. A pistol, cartridges and a stolen motorcycle were recovered during the investigation. According to the police, the incident took place around 11.45 am in front of factories in Sector 4, DSIIDC, Bawana. Gandhi was rushed to a hospital where he was declared dead on arrival. A case was registered at the Bawana police station under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Arms Act, Special Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Ravindra Singh Yadav said.

The next day, a social media post surfaced in which two alleged USA-based



gangsters claimed responsibility for the killing, stating that the businessman was interfering in their affairs, the cop mentioned. Several teams from the Outer North district of the Delhi Police were formed to investigate the case. The police said teams worked on technical surveillance, manual intelligence and scanned footage from around 1,000 CCTV cameras across Delhi-NCR.

During interrogation, the police found that one of the accused, Ravinder, alias Ravi, who had earlier worked as a driver for another businessman, had visited Gandhi's office on a few occasions for financial transactions. He allegedly shared information about the availability of money at the office with Sanjay, alias Tau, a criminal with a long history of cases, Yadav added.

## 46-year-old NGO director arrested for stabbing man to death over financial dispute

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 46-year-old NGO director was arrested for allegedly stabbing a man to death in west Delhi following a financial dispute in the early hours of Sunday, police said. The police received information about the incident that occurred in the Hari Nagar area from a hospital at around midnight.

Acting on the information, the police reached the hospital and identified the deceased as Harish Kandwal, 46, a resident of Uttam Nagar.

After registration of an FIR, the police arrested Ashim Ali, a resident of Farash Bazar, a senior police officer said.

According to the police, Ali is reported to be the director of an NGO, Sai Sadhna Social Welfare Foundation, which was operating from his residence, he said.



Preliminary inquiry suggests that the incident stemmed from a financial dispute between the accused and the victim, who were associated with the NGO.

The two had spent much of the day together before the quarrel broke out in Hari

Nagar, police said.

Several residents in the Hari Nagar area complained of feeling unsafe following the incident, alleging a lack of security measures and poor lighting in the area.

"I found out in the morning that a murder has happened

here. It has become very difficult to go out at night," Amresh Singh, a local, told PTI. There are no streetlights, and it is always dark here. Fearing that he cannot send children anywhere, Singh said. Despite the police station being at a short distance, no patrolling happens here, and there is no guard either, he added. Another local, Gaurav, said the absence of streetlights and dense tree cover makes the neighbourhood pitch dark at night. Several others complained of an unsafe environment in the area.

"To make matters worse, our local parks are now openly used by people for smoking weed and drinking alcohol, and the area has become very unsafe," a local alleged. Police said that further investigation into the case is under way.

## Delhi govt to begin trial of WhatsApp-based public services in March

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi govt is preparing to launch trial runs of its WhatsApp-based governance platform in early March, aiming to make public services more accessible and responsive. Officials said preparations are in the final stages, and the revenue department-along with a few other departments-will begin offering select services during the pilot phase.

"The administrative approval for WhatsApp-based governance was issued by the IT minister on Sept 15, 2025. The tender was floated soon after, and the related processes are now close to completion. We plan to begin trial runs in early March," said an official.

The initiative aims to integrate key e-services with WhatsApp to offer a seamless, 24x7 digital interface. "AI-enabled chatbots and WhatsApp dynamic flows will handle service requests, proactive notifications and certificate delivery, making the system simple and user-friendly. This will reduce the need for citizens to visit government offices," the official

added.

Once fully operational, residents will be able to apply for birth and caste certificates, pay property tax, track welfare scheme applications and avail nearly 50 public services directly through WhatsApp. The project, titled 'Governance through WhatsApp', will consolidate services currently scattered across the e-District and departmental portals into a single AI-enabled chatbot. Through the platform, users will be able to submit applications, upload documents, make payments and receive real-time status updates without navigating multiple websites. The IT department has drawn up the blueprint and the selected technology partner will design the interactive workflows. The chatbot will initially support Hindi and English, with more languages planned later. It will integrate with govt databases and authentication systems, enabling secure transactions through UPI, WhatsApp Payments, credit and debit cards and net banking.

# Biker's death: Kin protest at mishap site

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Family members of a 25-year-old biker, who died after falling into a pit dug by the Delhi Jal Board, staged a protest at the incident site in Janakpuri on Sunday, demanding justice, compensation and strict action against those responsible.

Kamal Dhyani, a bank employee, fell into a pit on the intervening night of February 5 and 6. His family alleged that the excavation site lacked basic safety measures, including proper barricading and warning signs.

"A 25-year-old youth has lost his life, and the family must get justice," said the vic-



tim's uncle, also named Kamal Dhyani, while addressing the protesters. Alleging gross official negligence, he said the deceased was the sole earning member of the family. "He died due to the government's negligence. One dependent should be given a government job, those responsible must be punished strictly, and the family should be provided proper compensation as per rules," he said.

Renu Ghildiyal, another protester, said the family had received no concrete assurance from the authorities so far. "We only want justice. The administration

must take responsibility for its mistake," she said. Gopal Singh, a representative of a migrant organisation from Uttarakhand, claimed that timely intervention could have saved the youth's life. "If the police response and medical assistance had reached on time, his life could have been saved. This is a case of gross negligence," he said.

Outlining the demands, Singh said action must be taken against the construction agency and officials responsible, adequate compensation should be announced, and one family member should be offered a government job. "Until these demands are met, we will continue our indefinite protest," he

said, adding that the agitation could be intensified if the government failed to respond. "If no representative comes forward to assure the family, we will decide our next course of action." A senior police officer said seven people were detained in connection with the protest and later released. "Adequate police force has been deployed at the site to maintain law and order," the officer said, adding that the situation remained under control. The Delhi Police are monitoring the protest. During the demonstration, protesters held placards reading "We will not remain silent" and "Give justice to the son of the hills."