



"Modi's Historic Visit to Israel: UPI to Launch, Free Trade Agreement on the Horizon"

Tel Aviv (GNS): On the second day of his visit to Israel, Prime Minister Modi first visited the Holocaust Memorial 'Yad Vashem' in Jerusalem, where he paid tribute to the 6 million Jews who were killed under Hitler's Nazi regime.

After that, he met with Israeli President Isaac Herzog. During the meeting, Herzog mentioned that India's economy is growing rapidly, drawing the attention of the entire world. Meanwhile, PM Modi invited President Herzog to visit India.

Following this, PM Modi and Israeli PM Netanyahu held

a joint press conference after their bilateral meeting. It was announced that India's UPI payment system will now be operational in Israel as well. PM Modi also mentioned that India will soon sign a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with Israel.

Modi arrived in Israel on Wednesday, where Netanyahu and his wife Sara received him at the airport. Later, PM Modi addressed the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset, and was awarded the highest honor of the Knesset, the "Speaker of the Knesset Medal." Modi became the first Indian Prime



Minister to address the Knesset. Modi becomes the first person to receive the honor of the Israeli Parliament: According to Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, PM Modi was awarded the "Speaker of the Knesset Medal" for his contribution to strengthening India-Israel relations. He is the first person to receive this honor. Misri also shared that earlier today, PM Modi paid tribute to the victims of the Holocaust at the Yad Vashem World Holocaust Remembrance Center. He also met with President Isaac Herzog and

planted an oak tree as part of the 'One Tree for Mother' initiative in the President's residence. In the delegation-level talks between PM Modi and PM Netanyahu, both countries agreed to deepen cooperation in various sectors including science, technology, innovation, cybersecurity, agriculture, water management, defense, trade, and economic cooperation. A decision has been made to upgrade India-Israel relations to a "Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation, and Prosperity." This decision symbolizes the deep trust and strong partnership between the two nations.

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Air travel becomes more expensive this Holi:

Fares for flights to UP and Bihar have tripled, with airlines charging up to 30,000 for flights from Mumbai to Gorakhpur



New Delhi, Agency: As Holi approaches, airfares are seeing another increase. Flight booking websites have reported up to a three-fold increase in fares for flights to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar from cities like Bengaluru and Mumbai.

The worst situation is for passengers traveling from Bengaluru to Gorakhpur and Delhi to Patna. Normally, the fare from Mumbai to Gorakhpur ranges between 6,000 and 8,000. Before Holi, the fare has risen to nearly 30,000.

Whereas a flight ticket from Delhi to Patna, which used to cost 4,300-5,000, now costs passengers up to 27,000. A Mumbai to Patna flight, which previously cost , now costs 25,000.

Experts say that during the festive season, large numbers of people working in metropolitan areas travel home. Limited seat availability and high demand drive airline algorithms to inflate prices. The situation is even worse on routes with a lack of direct flights.

Additionally, during the festive season, airlines resort to what they call "dynamic pricing." This means that companies vary the prices of their services or products based on demand and supply.

Judicial corruption in textbook: NCERT apologises after Supreme Court rebuke

New Delhi (GNS). The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has tendered an unconditional apology following the Supreme Court's strong displeasure over a controversial chapter on corruption in the judiciary in its Class 8 textbook. The Council has been completely put on the back foot after the apex court termed the content as deeply disturbing and an attack on the basic structure of the Constitution. NCERT clarified that the chapter contained inappropriate text and errors of judgment that were inadvertently included, and will now be completely rewritten in consultation with the appropriate authorities. Amid the controversy, the Council has removed the book from its official website and has also stopped distribution of its copies with immediate effect.



This sensitive issue arose when a bench headed by Chief Justice

Surya Kant, comprising Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M. Pancholi, took suo motu cognizance of the textbook's content. The court held an urgent hearing after senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Singhvi pointed out the seriousness of the matter. The Chief Justice strongly objected to any attempt to undermine the dignity of the judiciary, stating that as the head of the institution, it was

his responsibility to protect impartiality. He sharply remarked that the incident appeared to be a deliberate ploy, deeply concerning not only the bar but also the members of the bench. Justice Bagchi further emphasized the seriousness of the issue, stating that such content creates a false impression about constitutional institutions in the minds of students, which directly violates the basic struc-

ture of the Constitution. According to media reports, the sensitive topic of corruption at various levels of the judiciary was included in this chapter of Class VIII, while discussing the role of the judiciary in society. It also mentioned the lack of judicial infrastructure and the challenges of pending cases, but the court found the presentation offensive. As the controversy escalated, senior NCERT officials clarified that they never intended to undermine the jurisdiction of any constitutional institution. The Council reiterated that it holds the judiciary in the highest regard as a protector of fundamental rights. The content will now be revised, and the revised textbook will be made available to students beginning the 2026-27 academic year. Currently, the process of recalling old stock and removing content from digital platforms has been completed.

Shah roared against illegal infiltration... This is not an election promise, the government will do it.

Araria, (GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah stated that he will expel every single infiltrator from Indian soil, one by one. He stated that this is not an election promise, but the resolve of the Modi government. "This is no longer just a promise; we will soon do this." Union Home Minister Shah addressed the inauguration of the border outposts Leti and Indrawa in Araria, Bihar, and the e-inauguration and e-foundation stone laying ceremonies for various Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) projects. He stated that 556 kilometers of border road has been approved under the India-Nepal Border Roads Project. Work has been completed on 14 of the 18 sections. Work is progressing rapidly on four other sections, which will also be completed soon. Their completion will not only enhance surveillance capabilities but will also improve amenities for citizens. It will also help in bringing development



programs to the last border. He praised the SSB for their commitment to border security. It is true that we are protecting the border with a friendly country, a country which has friendly relations with our country.

He said that it is also essential that our country's enemies and those who wish to harm the country do not use that route to enter the country. Therefore, the Border Security Force will need to maintain a vigilant vigil and strengthen its sources of information. This requires a high level of communication and interaction between soldiers and officers within border villages.

Delhi High Court ruled in favor of soldiers - disability pension cannot be stopped on the grounds of lifestyle disorder

New Delhi (GNS): The Delhi High Court on Thursday ruled that disability pensions of armed forces personnel cannot be withheld merely because the illness is a "lifestyle disorder" or occurred in a peacetime deployment. The High Court acknowledged that military service is stressful under all circumstances and can lead to serious health problems.

A division bench of Justices V. Kameswar Rao and Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora set aside an Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT) order dismissing a retired Indian Air Force officer's disability pension petition. The petitioner suffers from hypertension and coronary artery disease. The High Court held that it is immaterial whether the illness arose in a field or during a peace posting. The key question is whether the illness is related to service conditions. In this case, the medical board failed to establish that the officer's illnesses were not service-related.

Ruckus at ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Company in Surat: Employees on strike demanding a pay hike set fire, female DCP injured

Surat (GNS): A commotion erupted at the ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel Company in Hazira, Surat, Gujarat, on Thursday morning. Workers on strike demanding a pay raise suddenly went berserk. They set more than 10 vehicles on fire.



Furthermore, the protesters also attacked a police team, injuring a female DCP. 5000 employees stopped work demanding a salary hike. This morning more than 5000 employees suddenly left their work and went on strike at the company's

new plant under construction. The main reason for the strike was to reduce the increased working hours and increase the salary. Initially the strike was going on peacefully. But suddenly some employees started violent demonstrations.

Union Minister Gadkari advocated for abolition of green tax in Delhi, asked - what happened to the collection of crores?

New Delhi (GNS): Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has strongly advocated for the immediate abolition of the environmental compensation fee levied on commercial vehicles at Delhi's borders. During a public event, Gadkari raised serious questions about the validity of this tax and the actual use of the huge amount collected under it. He questioned the functioning of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and asked where the crores of rupees collected in the name of environment over the years were spent.

Gadkari revealed that he recently held a high-level review meeting with senior municipal officials. During this meeting, he asked the corporation to clarify how much of the revenue generated from this special fee was invested in green activities or pollution reduction schemes. According to him, officials admitted that no concrete contribution had been made towards environmental improvement. When Gadkari questioned the rationale for this toll collection, officials cited it as part of an old Supreme Court order. The minister took a firm stance, stating that if the funds were not being used for the intended purposes, it was

unfair to impose this additional burden on the public and the transport sector. It's worth noting that the ECC was imposed on heavy and commercial vehicles entering Delhi in 2015 following Supreme Court intervention. Its primary purpose was to discourage polluting trucks from entering the city, and to use the proceeds to improve public transportation and pedestrian facilities. However, Gadkari claims that his ministry's investigation revealed that the collected funds were being used to shore up the corporation's finances and cover expenses like



salaries, rather than pollution control. Suggesting a solution to this financial crisis, the Union Minister said that if this money is essential for the

municipal body's operations, the Delhi government should directly grant it to the corporation. He also indicated that he would intervene in the matter and request the Supreme Court to reconsider this old order. Gadkari's stance brings significant relief to transporters in Delhi-NCR. If this fee is removed, it will reduce the transportation cost of essential goods and facilitate interstate trade. Now it remains to be seen what decision the Delhi government and the court take on this conflict between environmental protection and economic convenience.

National sage Nanaji Deshmukh, who realized the concept of nation building through village development

Surendra Sharma

My life is not for myself, but for my own people; my own are those who are sad, exploited, and suffering. This statement of Nanaji Deshmukh was not only the motto of his life; following in his footsteps, thousands of people dedicated their lives to the service of humanity, the results of which can be seen today in Chitrakoot, Gonda, and other districts.

Nanaji Deshmukh is revered in Indian public life as a karmayogi who used politics as a medium for social service and later left active politics to devote himself full-time to the work of rural development. His life was a remarkable amalgamation of simplicity, patriotism, organizational skills, and experimental approach to rural development. He was not only a politician

but also a visionary social reformer and thinker.

Nanaji Deshmukh was born on October 11, 1916, in Kadoli village, Parbhani district, Maharashtra. His real name was Chandikadas Amritrao Deshmukh. From childhood, he was hardworking, self-reliant, and filled with patriotism. Despite financial difficulties, he received an education and came into contact with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) in his youth. As a volunteer, he played a key role in organizational work and contributed significantly to the Sangh's expansion in Uttar Pradesh.

Nanaji Deshmukh was one of the founders of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He worked tirelessly to strengthen the organization at the grassroots level. He was consid-

ered the Jana Sangh's chief strategist in Uttar Pradesh. His skillful strategy led to a significant challenge to the Congress in the 1967 assembly elections, and the formation of non-Congress governments in several states.

When the Emergency was imposed in 1975, Nanaji Deshmukh was active in defending democracy. He organized the protest movement while remaining underground. His contribution to the public movement against the Emergency was significant. Later, he was also active in the formation of the Janata Party and was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1977.

Despite reaching high positions in active politics, Nanaji Deshmukh decided to retire from politics at the age of 60. He

believed that rebuilding society was more important than power. He dedicated himself to rural development.

Nanaji Deshmukh attempted to put into practice Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya's principle of "Integral Humanism." He believed that villages should be the center of development, as the soul of India resides in villages. To this end, he chose the Chitrakoot region, located on the border of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, as his field of work.

Nanaji Deshmukh and the Bharatiya Jana Sangh

Nanaji Deshmukh is held in high regard among the leading organizers and strategists of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh. He was one of the leaders who strengthened the Jana Sangh at the grassroots

level and played a key role in establishing it as an alternative national political force.

The Bharatiya Jana Sangh was founded in 1951 under the leadership of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee. Nanaji Deshmukh joined the party from its inception and assumed responsibility for its expansion. A former pracharak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, he possessed a special expertise in organizational building and mobilizing workers.

Nanaji Deshmukh is primarily credited with strengthening the Jan Sangh in Uttar Pradesh. He went from village to village and city to city, building a network of workers. His strategy was to first build a strong organization, and then electoral success would follow.

Editorial

India's Human Papillomavirus vaccination programme

India's move to introduce a nationwide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme, for girls aged 14, strikes a strident note for science at a time when an anti-vaccination sentiment has perilously picked up favourable winds, globally. The impact of shunning vaccines is apparent in the United States where, currently, a measles epidemic is making its way across 26 States. The HPV vaccination will be conducted exclusively at designated government health facilities, and in the presence of trained medical officers, supported by skilled health-care teams equipped for post-vaccination observation and management of adverse events following immunisation (AEFI). A single-dose vaccine, a regimen recommended by the World Health Organization, will be deployed. Adequate evidence exists to show that almost all cases of cervical cancer are caused by persistent infection with high-risk types of HPV, particularly 16 and 18. These two types together account for more than 80% of cervical cancer cases in India. Evidence also points to the fact that cervical cancer is largely preventable through HPV vaccination and regular screening, and can be cured if detected early and treated promptly. Globally, over 90 countries are implementing single-dose HPV vaccination schedules. Several countries have demonstrated substantial reductions in HPV infection, pre-cancerous lesions, and cervical cancer incidence following widespread vaccination. Cervical cancer remains a rare cancer where a vaccine has proven to be of great preventive value.

The sheer burden of cervical cancer in India is what makes this decision a critical life-saving intervention: The South-East Asia Region (SEARO) accounts for the second-highest cervical cancer incident (new cases) and death rate among WHO regions, with India contributing over 65% of the burden. The second most common cancer in women in India, it was estimated that the country had 127,526 new cases and 79,906 deaths from cervical cancer in 2022. National screening coverage remains alarmingly low, with only 1.9% of women aged 30-49 being tested. However, India's dark past with an HPV vaccine trial cannot be forgotten. Seven girls who were part of a trial in 2009-10 in Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat died.



February 27th is the martyrdom day of Chandrashekhar Azad, a great revolutionary, a symbol of indomitable courage, unwavering patriotism, and self-respect. Let me remind you that on this day in 1931, he attained martyrdom after being surrounded by the British in Chandrashekhar Park (then Alfred Park) in Allahabad (now Prayagraj).



Chandrashekhar Azad: The immortal saga of revolution, courage and self-respect

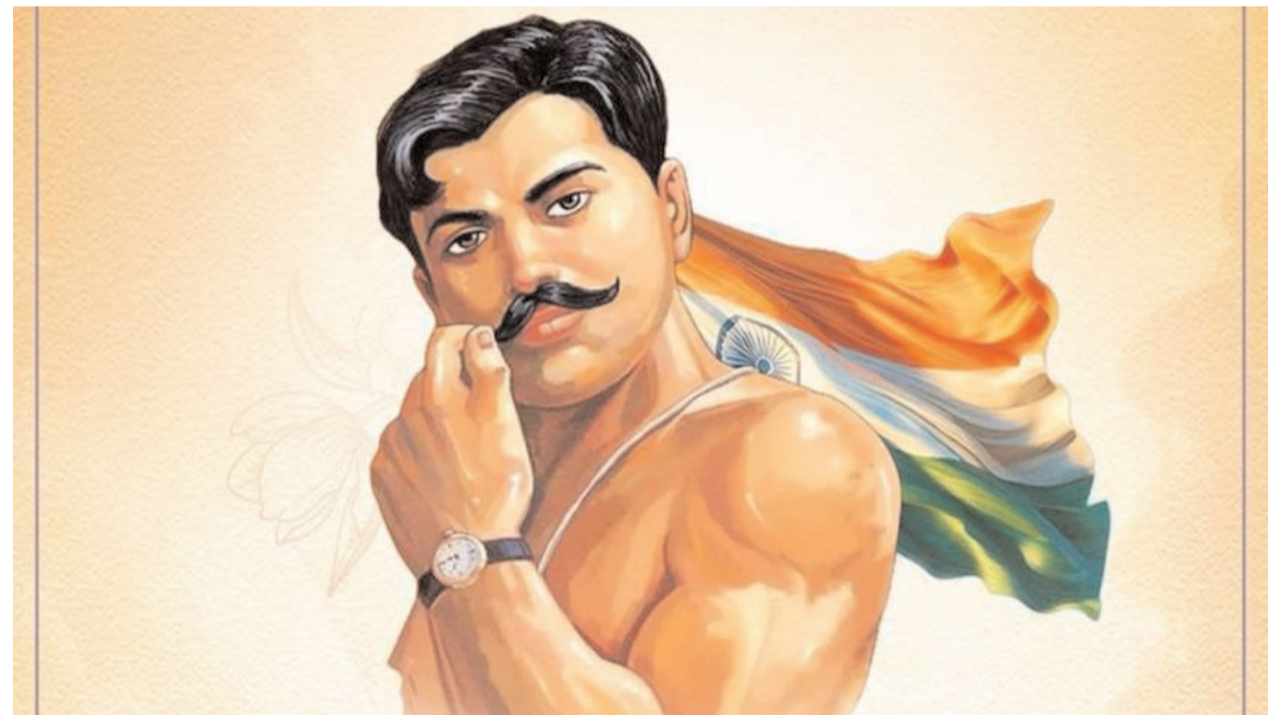
Sunil Kumar Mahala

He was born on July 23, 1906, in Alirajpur district, Madhya Pradesh, and spent his childhood in Bhabra village, Jhabua district, where most of his friends were children of the Bhil tribe. Living with them, he acquired proficiency in bow and arrow as a child, which later became the basis for his impeccable marksmanship.

As a reminder, his real name was Chandrashekhar Tiwari, and he himself declared his name "Azad" in court. When he was arrested in December 1921 for participating in the Non-Cooperation Movement, he gave his name as Azad, his father's name as Swatantrata, and his address as a jailhouse. He was given 15 lashes as punishment, after which he became known as "Azad."

His mother, Jagrani Devi, wanted him to become a Sanskrit scholar, so he was sent to Varanasi's Kashi Vidyaapeeth for his studies. However, the Jallianwala Bagh massacre (April 13, 1919, in Amritsar, Punjab) changed his thinking, and he embarked on a revolutionary path. He often recited a couplet: "We will face the enemy's bullets; we have been free and will remain free."

Readers will know that Azad had sworn never to be captured alive by the British, and he kept his word to the end. He was extremely adept at disguise and on several occasions slipped past the police without their knowledge. It is said that



he once deceived the British by disguising himself as a woman. To evade the police, he also lived as a monk and taught children. In the forests of Orchha near Jhansi, he lived as a monk under the name Pandit Harishankar Brahmachari and also trained his comrades in weapons. Due to his agility and sharp mind, his comrades called him Quick Silver (Mercury).

He was a senior leader of the revolutionary organization and trained young people, including Bhagat Singh. As a reminder, Bhagat Singh respectfully addressed him as Panditji. The pair was considered like fire and air—while Bhagat Singh was ideologically profound, Azad was adept at organizing and revolutionary action.

After Mahatma Gandhi suspended the Non-Cooperation Movement in 1922, he joined the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA). It is

worth noting that this organization was founded in 1924 by Sachindra Nath Sanyal and other revolutionaries. Its prominent members included Ram Prasad Bismil, Ashfaqulla Khan, and Rajendra Lahiri. The Kakori train raid was carried out in 1925 to raise funds for revolutionary activities. The organization was later reorganized into the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA), which was founded by Azad, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Jogesh Chandra Chatterjee, among others, at Ferozesh Kotla in Delhi in 1928. It is also worth noting that Azad was involved in the 1929 plot to bomb Lord Irwin's train. On February 27, 1931, he was surrounded by British police in Alfred Park, Prayagraj. He allowed his companion, Sukhdev Raj, to escape to safety and fought the police alone for approximately 40 minutes. He was

armed with only a small Colt pistol. When his last bullet was left, he shot himself, fulfilling his vow. It is reported that even after his death, the British police were afraid to approach him. To confirm, they fired bullets at his body from a distance, only to approach. Azad lived a very simple life. Few people know that he often went hungry to save money for the organization, but always prioritized the needs of his comrades. His mother was kept incommunicado for a long time after his martyrdom, so as not to deeply shock her. In conclusion, Chandrashekhar Azad dedicated his entire life to the nation's independence. He gave the message to the youth that freedom, self-respect, and the struggle against injustice are the greatest strengths of any society. His life teaches us that with determination, sacrifice, and courage, even seemingly impossible goals can be achieved.

Smartphones have taken away memory, will AI take away imagination?

Sanat Jain

AI is currently making waves in India and across the world. People from all walks of life, young and old, are talking about this technology. Everyone feels that if this technology doesn't reach us, we will lose everything. Recently, an AI summit was held in India, where AI companies from around the world made lofty claims. It seems as if heaven will soon descend on earth. There is no discussion about the dangers that will come with the advent of AI technology. During the summit in Delhi, it was said that this technology will make business easier, farming will improve, and AI technology will enable medical treatment. This is being called the AI ??revolution. After this revolution

comes, humans will no longer have to do anything. It is being seen as a major industrial revolution. Everyone on Earth will have access to everything at their fingertips. Such claims are being made. Regarding the adverse effects of AI technology, Yuval Noah Harari warned about the dangers of AI in his book, Nexus. He claims that for the first time, human civilization is about to face a machine world that will prove more intelligent and powerful than humans. Its use could also be extremely dangerous. With the advent of AI technology, machines will upgrade themselves at a rapid pace. A single machine can perform the capabilities of hundreds and thousands of people. AI will have access to all information, sensations, artificial clouds and rain, poetry, nov-

els, fictional stories, TV serials, education and health-related work, from agriculture to the ocean. The biggest threat posed by the types of devices being developed using AI technology is unemployment. By becoming dependent on machines, we will lose our physical and mental abilities. Such concerns are beginning to emerge. AI technology is now poised to penetrate every area of ??society where only human existence previously functioned. The robots being created are as sensitive as humans and, like humans, capable of performing all the tasks humans have performed. There's a danger that these robots will eventually become capable of performing sex and procreation. These robots will be more sensitive than humankind, capable of under-

standing each other better. Smartphones were introduced some time ago. They have taken away people's memory. Now, smartphones are needed for everything. We can't remember anything; without a smartphone, we can't even access our family members' mobile numbers or email accounts. When AI reaches its full potential, it will revolutionize the human species' imagination and physical capabilities. It is said that there's no need to fear technology. Technology is used to improve life. The way everyone around the world, from small children to the elderly, has lost their senses due to smartphone addiction. The way we are increasingly relying on machines through the AI ??revolution, in such a situation, we will be unable to perform either phys-

ical or mental labor. It's easy to understand what the future holds. Technology should be welcomed, but it should only enter our lives to the extent that it supports us and advances our development. When a few million machines begin to perform the work of millions of people, tasks that would take weeks and months will be accomplished in the blink of an eye. In such a situation, how will the sustenance and social and family life of 8 billion people be protected and preserved? Serious consideration is needed before using technology. Let us, instead of using technology, move towards destruction and social security, we should be led towards destruction. AI technology should be used thoughtfully and in accordance with local needs.

Delhi air pollution: 'Even London took nearly 45 years to achieve clean air'

New Delhi, (GNS): In the one year since the BJP came to office in Delhi, pollution has remained its biggest pain point, with the city recording its most polluted December air in six years. The environment and industries minister outlines the government's plan to help Delhi breathe easier. When can Delhiites expect air quality to meet the national air quality standards I cannot give an exact deadline because there are too many things to do. But our target is to reduce pollution levels by 10-15% every year. This is not a task where you can simply turn on a regulator and see immediate results.

China, for instance, took nearly 11 years to bring down pollution levels. Under the Beijing model, around 350 villages were removed, industries were relocat-



ed outside the city and a large-scale shift from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles to electric vehicles was enforced. Many of these measures are not feasible in a city like Delhi. We cannot relocate all JJ clusters, shut down all industries, or ask residents to give up their ICE vehicles.

This is a complex challenge. In

the coming years, Delhi's approach will be studied as a model. The city is home to over 30 million people, with massive municipal waste generation and heavy vehicular movement, all of which we are managing. Even London took nearly 45 years to achieve clean air.

Cloud seeding was announced

as a key anti-pollution intervention, but both trials were unsuccessful. Will it be attempted again this winter? It is being worked on as a continuous process. IIT Kanpur, with whom we have signed an MoU, is studying how to proceed and what studies need to be conducted. The work will continue as a study through different means, so that if required, it can be again presented as an emergency solution for Delhi. It is not a permanent solution.

What are the biggest lessons in managing Delhi's air pollution? What measures are you putting in place to ensure the coming winter is less polluted? We are working on long, short and medium term solutions. The issue has lingered for over 40-years; the first case related to air pollution was filed in 1985 in the Supreme Court (MC Mehta vs State).

Gangster 'Naveen Boxer' claims responsibility for firing on Lawrence Bishnoi lawyer's car in Delhi



New Delhi, (GNS): A day after shots were fired at a car carrying a lawyer allegedly associated with jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi near ISBT in Kashmere Gate, Delhi Police have registered a case in connection with the incident.

Sources said gangster Naveen Boxer allegedly claimed responsibility for the attack through a social media post purportedly issued by him.

The social media post on the Rahul Fatehpur Naveen Boxer account claimed, "I, Rahul

Fatehpur, Naveen Boxer Goripur, and Sunny Yama, take responsibility for today's attack on Deepak Khatri (lawyer). He acts as an informer and middleman for Lawrence. You should stop arranging extortion deals and bringing back information after jail meetings."

The incident happened around 10.15pm. One of the occupants was shot. Sources said the shooters, from a rival gang, intercepted the car in which a lawyer and his staff were present.

127kg gold, hawala routes: ED files charge sheet against Kannada actor Ranya Rao, aide in PMLA case

New Delhi, (GNS): The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday filed a chargesheet in Bengaluru in a money laundering case against Kannada actor Ranya Rao and two others linked to alleged gold smuggling. Besides Rao, the federal probe agency named Tarun Konduru, the actor's alleged associate, and Bellari-based gold dealer Sahil Sakariya Jain in the prosecution complaint, an ED equivalent of a chargesheet. The chargesheet was filed before a special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) court in Bengaluru.

Harshavardini Ranya, also known as Ranya Rao (32), was arrested by the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) on March 3, 2025, at the Kempegowda International Airport in Bengaluru after she arrived there from Dubai. Officials recovered 14.2 kg of gold bars worth Rs 12.56 crore from her possession.

According to the ED, the probe found that 127.28 kg of gold valued at Rs 102.55 crore was smuggled into India during March 2024-March



2025. The smuggled gold was disposed of in the domestic market through a network of handlers and jewellers, it said. The proceeds of the sale were generated in cash and settled through "hawala" channels in India and abroad, according to the agency. These funds were further layered and routed through multiple bank accounts and entities to appear as legitimate business transactions, it claimed.

The probe found an "organised" and "structured" mechanism, involving the procurement of gold abroad, illegal import into India, cash-based disposal and subsequent laundering of proceeds through hawala and banking channels, was taking place.

'Peaceful Couple, Cheerful Kids': Neighbours In Shock

New Delhi, (GNS): Hours after a woman and her three daughters were found murdered in their house in Samaypur Badli on Wednesday morning, neighbours said the kids, between three and five years, were an epitome of carefree innocence, and their parents led a seemingly peaceful life.

At least three of their neighbours and relatives recalled having met the Kewats on Tuesday and said they had no inkling of the upheaval that would engulf the family the next day.

Rajesh Kumar, the owner of the building where the quadruple murder took place, said the family had moved in four months ago.

"The children were bright and joyful, spreading cheer in the vicinity. They used to prance around, and never troubled anyone," he said, adding that their laughter and infectious energy quickly became a part of the life of the



neighbours. "I used to see them often rush out to play, still holding half-eaten chapatis." A relative of the Kewats said they last saw Anita and her husband at 10.30 pm on Tuesday as they returned from the market after shopping for Holi. They appeared relaxed and happy. There was no indication of the tragedy that unfolded hours later, the relative said, adding, "The couple was also preparing to attend a family wedding at their native

village in April."

A person who used to stay in the same building as the Kewats said, "I was going to the market on Tuesday afternoon when I saw the three kids playing. Anita, their mother, greeted me with a smile and asked where I was going. She seemed cheerful and relaxed," the resident said, noting that the children were well-mannered and polite.

The two elder girls, who were four and five, used to

attend tuition classes, another neighbour said.

Rubi, a relative who used to stay in the vicinity, said she was heading home with her daughter on Tuesday night when Munchun Kewat, the husband, cautioned her against staying out late with the child, citing rumours of kidnappers prowling the area. That was the last time he was seen; his phone has since been switched off. Sushma, another tenant, said the family appeared calm and peaceful. "We never heard arguments or disturbances from their house. They lived quietly, and we had no idea what was going on inside," she said. Another neighbour said that the family used to previously live in a nearby house before shifting to the single-room unit, for which they paid a monthly rent of Rs 4,000. "I heard there was an argument involving the Kewats, after which they left the previous house and moved here," he said.

Shirtless protest: Delhi Police catches 3 more in HP Malviya Nagar couple sent to 14-day judicial custody

New Delhi, (GNS): Shimla: Delhi Police has apprehended three more people, including one of the alleged key conspirators, from Himachal Pradesh in connection with the shirtless protest by Indian Youth Congress members during the recent AI summit at Bharat Mandapam.

Sources said Saurabh had allegedly created a WhatsApp group and was among those who negotiated the procurement of shirts bearing objectionable slogans, with an upfront payment of around Rs 1 lakh. The arrests were marked by high drama as associates of the accused made PCR calls claiming that they were kidnapped by men posing as police.

Himachal Pradesh Police registered an FIR against around 20 Delhi cops for allegedly abducting the trio from Rohru in Shimla without informing local police. ACP Rahul Vikram and inspector Satish Rana were among the Delhi cops detained till late Wednesday.

Shimla Police said it was informed that 15-20 unidentified people, dressed in plainclothes, arrived in vehicles and forcibly took away three persons staying at a resort in Mandli, Chirgaon. The group also seized a Thar vehicle belonging to the



guests. The DVR of the CCTV cameras installed at the complainant's Chanshal Resort was allegedly taken without any seizure memo or receipt. HP Police set up a checkpoint at Dharampur in Solan district and detained the Delhi Police team, along with the three men.

Delhi Police officers maintained they lawfully detained Arbaz, Saurabh and Siddharth, and had proper arrest memos and the required documentation to produce them before a Delhi court. The group

was escorted to Shimla district court, where Delhi Police presented documents related to the Delhi FIR. The court permitted Delhi Police to take the trio to Delhi. However, as the team proceeded towards Delhi, Shimla Police stopped them again near Shoghi, informing them that an FIR had been filed and directing them to join the probe. Himachal CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said Delhi Police should have at least informed Himachal govt officials.

New Delhi, (GNS): A city court on Wednesday remanded Harsh Priya Singh and wife Ruby Jain of Malviya Nagar to 14-day judicial custody after a video allegedly showing them making racial remarks against three women from Arunachal Pradesh went viral on social media, drawing widespread backlash.

Sessions judge Samar Vishal observed that "considering the facts and circumstances of the case, and the reasons given for seeking judicial custody, the application is allowed". Saying so, he remanded the accused to judicial custody till March 10.

The court noted that the two have been charged under various sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), of which Section 196 - promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of race - pertains to a non-bailable offence. Additionally, provisions of Section 3 of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 have been



invoked against Jain, which are also non-bailable in nature.

The defence opposed the charges, contending that the incident stemmed from a "simple neighbourhood argument" that escalated after the video had been circulated online. The counsel argued that Section 3 of SC and ST Act could not be applied in the case as the incident occurred within a residential complex, whereas the relevant provision applies to insults and intimidations committed in "public view". The defence counsel also disputed the characterisation of the remarks as racist.

Goa Thar crash: 'Quiet Delhi student' at centre of fatal accident - who is Shaurya Goyal

New Delhi, (GNS): A day after Goa Police identified 19-year-old BBA student Shaurya Goyal as the driver of the Mahindra Thar involved in the fatal Assagao crash, neighbours and friends in south Delhi's Hauz Khas described him as a reserved youngster "focused on academics" and someone who "rarely drove".

Police said Goyal, a resident of south Delhi and a second-year BBA student at a private university near the capital, was behind the wheel when the Thar allegedly lost control and collided with a Hyundai i20 on Monday evening. The accident claimed the life of 65-year-old Bhopal tourist Bhagat Ram Sharma. An FIR was registered by Anjuna Police for causing



death by negligence and rash driving. Goyal was arrested and later released on bail.

'Mostly kept to himself': At Y Block in Hauz Khas, residents recalled Goyal as a "quiet teenager" who largely kept to

himself. "He was serious about his studies and usually came home on weekends," said a neighbour. Another resident added, "I've seen him drive occasionally, but generally he took a cab for commuting."

Goyal is the elder of two siblings. His family is engaged in the jewellery business, while his younger sister is a school student.

Friends reject 'seat-switching' claims: A childhood friend said the 19-year-old was "extremely disturbed" by the developments following the crash. "We studied in the same school and grew up together. He has always been academically inclined. Many things circulating online - especially claims about seat-switching - are not true," the friend said.

Police dismiss 'woman driving' speculation: While some eyewitnesses initially claimed a young woman was driving the Thar, Goa Police

denied the assertion. "No witness told us that a girl was driving. CCTV footage clearly shows Shaurya Goyal at the wheel," Anjuna Police Inspector Suraj Gawas said, adding that anyone with contrary information could approach investigators.

According to police, the collision occurred around 5.50 pm near a junction in Assagao when the Thar, travelling from Mapusa towards Anjuna, allegedly went out of control and rammed into Sharma's Hyundai i20 coming from the opposite direction. Sharma was rushed to the District Hospital in Mapusa and declared brought dead. His wife, Leela Sharma (59), sustained a leg fracture, while a three-month-

old infant in the vehicle suffered minor injuries. Goyal's medical examination ruled out alcohol consumption at the time of the accident. The investigation is being handled by PSI Saish Kinlekar.

Shock in Bhopal: Back in Bhopal's Sundar Nagar, neighbours of Sharma expressed disbelief. "He and his wife had visited just days ago. We still can't believe this," said a long-time acquaintance. Sharma, who ran a TV repair business, is survived by his wife and three children, all IT professionals based in Delhi.

With the legal proceedings underway in Goa, police said further investigation into the circumstances of the crash is continuing.

For last-mile connect, 500 smaller-than-feeder buses

New Delhi,(GNS): A new fleet of electric buses, which will be smaller than the metro feeder buses, will soon be seen on city roads. These will strengthen last-mile connectivity to congested colonies and boost the electric public transport network.

Delhi govt has decided to procure 500 seven-metre e-buses under the Centre's PM E-DRIVE Scheme. This is part of a larger proposal to bring 3,330 more such vehicles to the roads in the second phase of the city's e-transport expansion.

Officials said the buses will run on narrow stretches and interior roads where bigger buses struggle to operate. This will improve electric transport access



to congested colonies and enhance feeder connectivity to metro stations.

The proposal was sent to a central agency handling aggregated procurement of electric buses. Besides the 500 buses, govt has sought 2,330 9-metre buses for feeder and smaller routes, and

500 12-metre buses for the main arterial corridors and high-density stretches. All the buses will be low-floor and air-conditioned.

"We placed orders for the first lot of 500 seven-metre buses that will operate in Delhi for the first time. Following all the clearances and financial assistance from the Centre, we expect these buses by 2027-28 in batches. Delhi govt aims to ensure that in the coming months, the bus fleet becomes one of the largest and cleanest electric bus networks in the world," CM Rekha Gupta said. Transport minister Pankaj Singh said the tender process has started.

Residents in densely populated colonies often depend on e-rickshaws or private vehicles to

reach main roads or metro stations. The mini buses are aimed at bridging this gap by providing reliable, scheduled services closer to their homes. Despite their smaller size, the buses will offer features similar to the existing nine-metre DEVI electric buses.

These include CCTV cameras for passenger safety, panic buttons, GPS tracking and real-time passenger information systems. The low-floor design is expected to particularly benefit senior citizens, women and persons with disabilities. A senior govt official said that while the additional requirement - separate from the already sanctioned 2,800 buses under Phase-1 - was requested under the subsidy model, Delhi govt is prepared to bear the financial burden if required in order to avoid delays.

Live close to metro or RRTS stn? You can now build higher

New Delhi,(GNS): Properties located near metro or RRTS stations, including those in unauthorised colonies, can now be developed with greater height and density under the revised transit-oriented development (TOD) norms approved by Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

The authority has modified the TOD provisions under the Master Plan for Delhi (MPD) 2021 to expand eligibility and encourage broader participation. Areas under land pooling, low-density residential zones and unauthorised colonies - previously excluded - are now covered, provided the plot size is 2,000 sqm or more and within a 500-metre corridor of a metro station.

Currently, residential usage depends on the existing land classification of a plot. Under the revised rules, any qualifying



plot will be designated a 'TOD plot', simplifying land-use conversion. The changes aim to promote compact, mixed-use and high-density development around public transport hubs, said officials.

"The revised regulations lower the minimum plot requirement from 10,000 sqm to 2,000 sqm for properties within 500 metres of a metro station and can be used for mixed development.

Woman, 3 kids found dead with throats slit in Delhi; missing husband is main suspect



New Delhi,(GNS): A 30-year-old woman and her three daughters aged between three and five were found dead with their throats slit in their house in Outer Delhi's Samaypur Badli.

The killings took place Tuesday night and the woman's husband, identified as Munchun Kewat, has been missing since then. Kewat, a vegetable vendor at Azadpur Mandi, is the main suspect, said Hareshwar Swami, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Outer North). Police were informed of the killings by neighbours in the apartment building in Chandan Park on Wednesday. Police

found no signs of struggle.

"We suspect they were killed while sleeping," a senior officer said. Investigators are examining whether sedatives were mixed into food or water before the attack. Forensic teams have collected leftovers, including kheer and laddoo, for laboratory analysis. Relative's son found children with their throats slit and woman lying face down Police said there was an argument between Kewat and his wife Anita around 9 pm. They also found CCTV footage in which the suspect was seen walking. Sources said Kewat's phone was switched off after 10.30 pm.

Roads cannot become death traps, says HC

New Delhi,(GNS):Roads cannot be allowed to become death traps where human lives become the collateral damage of contractual work, Delhi High Court said on Wednesday, dismissing the anticipatory bail of two contractors in connection with the death of a 25-year-old biker who fell into a pit in Janakpuri earlier this month. Kamal Dhyani, an employee of a private bank in Rohini, died after his motorcycle plunged into a 14-foot-deep pit on the intervening night of Feb 5-6.

"In this court's opinion, the public roads cannot be allowed to convert into death traps, reduce human life to the collateral damage of contractual work, and the accused cannot be allowed to evade responsibility thereafter," Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma observed. Dhyani's death was "preventable", the court said. "It is high time the citizens of Delhi are no longer taken for granted and their lives are val-



ued," it said while dismissing the pre-arrest bail applications.

"A message must also go to the community that a person or entity, awarded a public contract, undertakes it with responsibility, and if such responsibility is abdicated, accountability and the law must follow," the judge said. "Precious lives of the general public cannot be left to the mercy of God while excavation work is carried out on busy roads without ensuring basic

safety." The court said that a young life was lost due to human negligence and, for the accused, self-protection was more important than saving a life.

According to the contract, Himanshu Gupta and Kavish Gupta were duty-bound to ensure adequate safety arrangements at the site, including the availability of necessary rescue equipment if a person or vehicle fell into the dig, the court observed. The provision of first aid facilities,

and prompt intimation to the police and medical authorities were also requirements in the contract.

The "untoward incident" was "inevitable" when the pit, measuring about 20 feet in length, 13 feet in width, and 14 feet in depth, was dug in the middle of a busy road in utter violation of the work permit conditions, tender conditions and traffic police conditions, without any blinkers, barricades or safety measures, the judge said. In its order, the court recorded the "apparent attempt" by the two accused and their sub-contractor to shield themselves by "hurriedly placing signage and barricades" at the spot instead of helping Dhyani. "It is most disturbing to note that even after the accident, no medical assistance was arranged for, the police were not informed, and no emergency response was sought despite the knowledge that the victim lay in the pit struggling for his life.

Centenary celebrations bring SRCC alumni home

New Delhi,(GNS): With '80s classics, old friends and nostalgia in the air, Shri Ram College of Commerce's Alumni Meet welcomed graduates returning after decades. Part of the college's centenary celebrations, the event featured a ceremonial buggy symbolising its legacy and traditional mashaals lit by alumni - the torchbearers of its heritage. SRCC's Indian Music Society, Aarohan, set the mood with nostalgic hits like Yeh Shaam Mastani, Chala Jaata Hoon and Main Yahan Tu Kahan.

"This college taught us how to apply our knowledge"

Retired Supreme Court of India Judge Arjan Sikri, Batch of 1974, said, "I've been coming here off and on, but today's occasion is extraordinary as we celebrate 100 years. The college taught us not just knowledge, but how to apply it. It's always wonderful to meet friends, batchmates and alumni from junior batches." Echoing similar sentiments, Girish Ahuja, President of the Alumni Association and batch of 1965, said, "We gather every year on the second Sunday of February, but this year is special. I have many memories from college, but what stands out most now is that there were no sports and no



female students in my time."

SRCC has always been about building sharp minds anchored in strong values

Ajay S Shriram, Chairman, SRCC Governing Body

'Some students here have come back after 40 years'

Sharing her delight, Prof Simrit Kaur, SRCC Principal, said, "If I say I'm immensely pleased, it would be an understatement. Students have returned to the college, several of them after 40 years!"



Addressing the audience, she added, "Main jahaan khadi hoon, yahan se mujhe bahut se jugnoo dikh rahe hain.

Aur aaj yeh keh sakte hain ki aasmaan ke sitare bhi yahi soch rahe honge kaash hum dharti par, SRCC ke jugnoo bann rahe hote," Isha Gupta, class of 2006, visited the campus for the first time since graduating. "I've come back after 20 years. It feels like no time has passed. I remember we used to roam around the corridors and the verandah."



Tunnel Or Elevated Road Among Options To Decongest SP Margp

New Delhi,(GNS):Heavy congestion at Sardar Patel Marg - a key artery that has been under growing pressure due to increasing traffic load - may soon be a thing of the past. Delhi Traffic Police, New Delhi range, has written to New Delhi Municipal Council (NMDC) proposing a 5.3km elevated road or tunnel from Talkatora Stadium to Dhaula Kuan. The move came after past proposals to widen SP Marg were not considered due to the Central Ridge surrounding the stretch. The proposed project aims to bypass the need to disturb the Ridge flora.

Underlining the need for the direct link, DTP in its proposal stated that while SP Marg has only two lanes on each carriageway, traffic towards IGI airport has increased significantly in recent years, leading to a sharp rise in vehicular movement on the stretch. A copy of the proposal letter was also sent to Public Works Department (PWD) and Unified

Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure Centre (UTTIPIC).

Beginning near Mother Teresa Crescent Road, SP Marg abuts Chanakyapuri, Delhi's diplomatic heartland, as it heads towards Dhaula Kuan, a key junction linking much of the city to the airport and Gurgaon. Flanked by state bhavans, residences and key landmarks, the road carries a weight far heavier than its traffic load alone suggests.

During peak hours, traffic merges from feeder roads like Malcha Marg, Panchsheel Marg, Abai Marg and Shanti Path. Cars move bumper to bumper, and each entry slows the main lane further. While a few vehicles move towards Malcha Marg and Manas Marg, more keep pouring in from Abai Marg, used by office-goers and those heading back from South Campus. Many times, SP Marg sees vehicles reduced to a crawl and snarls eating up to 20-30 minutes of commuters' time.

Walls that speak: Inside Lodhi Art Festival's new murals

New Delhi,(GNS): On a windy Sunday afternoon at Lodhi Art District, the colourful murals at the Lodhi Art Festival gleamed in the sun as a curated walk through the six new murals offered insight into the artists' inspirations and styles, beyond what meets the eye. Organised by the St+Art India Foundation, which works to democratise public art for communities, the festival has drawn visitors from across the world, including diplomats.

'Inspired by Lodhi Colony's Architecture': The artists said they wanted to incorporate the architecture into their work rather than paint around it, carefully weaving windows, archways and eaves into the murals. Sanjana Singh, walk leader from



St+Art India Foundation led the group through the newest murals in the district and said, "What began as an idea 10 years ago has spanned across Lodhi Colony and 65 murals, which mean 65 stories and 65 experiences. So

many international and national artists from around the world have collaborated and shaped the Lodhi Art district."

Anoushka Rabha, curator of this edition of Lodhi Art Festival, shared, "We've built a communi-

ty of people who work on the murals. Many who started with us a decade ago are Lodhi residents and continue to grow with us. It brings joy to the streets and everyday life - people leave for work, pass these colourful walls, and carry a bit of that joy with them."

Of identity and memories: Jumu, a Berlin-based artist with Peruvian and Chilean roots, wanted to explore identity and memory. She depicts a marketplace scene in her mural where women interact with each other, while pointing out the similarities of Indian and Andean cultures. "The women wear bindis, sport flowers in their hair. The archway has the word jaaduyi written in Hindi which translates to magical in English. It's paint-

ed in a Peruvian chicha typography," Sanjana said.

Crafted by Polish artist Bartek Swiatecki aka Pener, Daybreak is inspired by the early hours of the morning where the city is awake but still relatively silent - the calm before the chaos that inspired the artist in Delhi. Sanjana explained, "Pener wanted to bring out the essence of the colour moonlit silk which is the butter yellow shade here. It is the time in the day when the night is over but sunrise hasn't happened yet. He used the colour as a base for all the abstract shapes that he has painted. The colour gives that depth to the painting that has been done exactly how time gives us the depth to the day that will commence."

Svabhvu Kohli, a visual artist

from Goa, collaborated with specially-abled artist Ram from Arunachal Pradesh, merging their styles to create a mural based on drawings from Ram's sketchbook. Unable to step out, Ram sketches what he imagines as he looks through his window - his vision of Pakke Tiger Reserve. He shared, "What you see are many of Ram's drawings mixed and morphed, which amalgamate. The animals are all coming toward the arch which is like a window and it serves as a reminder of how Ram looks out and dreams of the outside world. It's also a subtle reminder to see what's around us." He added, "The colours are a mix of both of our styles and since I also use a lot of colour, it was a seamless collaboration between us."