



Delhi Liquor Policy Case :

Kejriwal says Modi-Shah conspired

New Delhi (GNS): Following his acquittal in the CBI case related to the Delhi liquor policy, former Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) convener Arvind Kejriwal held a press conference at the party office. The former CM said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah conspired against us. When they couldn't defeat AAP, they set out to destroy it." Kejriwal said, "Today a huge burden has been lifted from my heart. Modi and Shah filed so many cases



against us. They unleashed the ED, CBI, and police on us. At one point, AAP's top five leaders were in jail, but you couldn't do anything. Now, you can only control Kejriwal by getting him

murdered." The former CM said, "The BJP has used the term 'liquor scam' extensively over the past four years. In a time when all institutions and authorities are being threatened, the court has delivered a historic verdict. The judge has truly shown great courage in delivering such a significant justice. Many thanks to the judiciary and the judge."

All 23 accused, including Kejriwal and Sisodia, acquitted

Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court on Friday morning acquitted all 23 accused, including Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, in the CBI case related to the Delhi liquor policy. The court also issued a sharp rebuke to the CBI. The court said the investigating agency's charge sheet contained numerous flaws that had nothing to do with any witnesses or statements. Special Judge Jitendra Singh said Kejriwal had been implicated without any concrete evidence. The court acquitted Sisodia and the other accused, stating that the CBI had failed to prove the charges. The thousands of pages of the charge sheet contain material that is not supported by any witness' testimony. The judge stated that the charge sheet contains misleading statements.

Kejriwal says Modi has become like a scared cat in front of Trump

Kejriwal said, "Today, the country's businessmen, industrialists, farmers, and youth are unhappy. Trump abuses Modi every day. PM Modi can't say anything to him. Modi has become like a wet cat." Kejriwal said, "When there is no evidence, how will the CBI present it in the higher court? The court discharged us because no case is made out. The ED case is also over. We will file an application next week." Kejriwal also criticized the Congress party, saying, "Congressmen have no shame; none of their members have been jailed."

Shankaracharya's lawyer receives death threat: Message on mobile reads, "We will bomb the Banaras court, including you"

Varanasi, Agency: Shankaracharya Swami Avimukteshwarananda's lawyer and Bar Council of India member Shrinath Tripathi has received a death threat. This threat was sent via an SMS to his mobile phone, which also threatens to bomb the Varanasi court. Advocate Shrinath Tripathi has informed senior officials about this.

It should be noted that this is the fourth time in the last 14 days that a threat has been made to blow up the Varanasi courthouse. Investigating agencies are currently on alert following this message. It should be noted that a threatening email was also received on Tuesday, following which a thorough search operation was conducted at the District and Sessions Court in Varanasi.

Shrinath Tripathi, a member of the Bar Council of India and a senior criminal lawyer at the Varanasi court, received a death threat SMS, causing a stir.

Earthquake of 5.4 magnitude hits several districts of Bengal, including Kolkata

Strong tremors felt, buildings swayed, people took to the streets; epicenter was in Dhaka, Bangladesh

Kolkata, Agency: An earthquake struck several districts, including Kolkata, the capital of West Bengal, at around 1:30 pm on Friday. The epicenter was Agargaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh. The quake measured 5.3 on the Richter scale.

The distance from Agargaon to West Bengal is estimated to be about 26 kilometers. The tremors were so strong that multi-story buildings in Kolkata swayed for several seconds. People rushed out of their homes and offices as soon as they felt the sudden tremor.

In addition to Kolkata, panic gripped the districts of Howrah, Hooghly, Jhargram, and West Medinipur. Even ceiling fans that had been turned off in many buildings were seen shaking. There were also reports of some older houses tilting. However, no major damage has been confirmed yet.

A young woman named Swagata in Kolkata said, "We were sitting on the sofa when we suddenly felt a tremor. We immediately ran out of the house. The sofa and fan were shaking, and a bottle on the table fell over. We all ran downstairs."

Murmu is the first President to fly in the Prachanda fighter helicopter

Jaisalmer (GNS): President Draupadi Murmu on Friday flew an indigenously built Light Combat Helicopter (LCH) Prachanda from the Jaisalmer Air Force Station, becoming the first President of the country to fly a Prachanda helicopter as a co-pilot. The President saluted from the helicopter cockpit during the flight. Murmu had previously become the first President of the country to fly in the



Sukhoi and Rafale fighter jets. President Murmu arrived at the Jaisalmer Air Force Station around 9:15 a.m. Military officials briefed her on the helicopter. She then boarded the helicopter's cockpit. Then, at around 10:15 a.m., he flew a helicopter with Group Captain N.S. Bahua. During the 25-minute flight, the President took an aerial view of the border areas and the Pokhran Field Firing Range.

Pakistan launches airstrikes in several locations, including Kabul

Afghans claim to have captured several Pakistani posts and killed soldiers

Islamabad (GNS): The decades-long border dispute between Pakistan and Afghanistan escalated into a major military conflict on Friday. Pakistan declared open war against the Afghan Taliban, bombing Kabul and Kandahar. Earlier, Afghanistan retaliated by intensifying attacks along the border and claiming to have killed a large number of Pakistani soldiers. Bombing is taking place from both sides.

Responding to last week's airstrikes by Pakistan, Afghanistan retaliated late Thursday night, claiming to have killed approximately 55 Pakistani soldiers along the Durand Line and captured several Pakistani posts.

Subsequently, Pakistan launched Operation Ghazab-lil-Haq against the Afghan Taliban, bombing Taliban defense positions in Kabul,



Kandahar, and Paktia early Friday. Pakistan's Defense Minister Khawaja Asif declared open war against the Afghan Taliban, saying that Pakistan's patience had run out. Zabihullah Mujahid, a spokesman for the Taliban government in Afghanistan, said in an X-post, "The cowardly Pakistani army has carried out airstrikes in some areas of Kabul, Kandahar, and Paktia, but there are no reports of casualties."

Former Afghan President Hamid Karzai condemned Pakistan's attack. He wrote in an X-post, "Pakistani planes once again bombed Kabul, Kandahar, and Paktia."

Former AIADMK CM Panneerselvam joins DMK

Chief Minister Stalin granted him membership, three-time Tamil Nadu CM

New Delhi (GNS): Tamil Nadu politics witnessed a major shift. Former Chief Minister and former AIADMK leader O. Panneerselvam (OPS) joined the DMK on Friday. He joined the party in the presence of Chief Minister MK Stalin. This move comes ahead of the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections scheduled for April-May. Panneerselvam was the CM thrice. Panneerselvam, a close associate of J. Jayalalitha, first became Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu in 2001. However, he resigned after just six months. He then served a second term in 2014, but this time too, he only served for a month. He then became Chief Minister for the third time in 2016, but resigned again in 2017. There was also a tussle within the AIADMK regarding him. It is said that many party leaders were against him. As a result, he was expelled from the party in 2022. OPS said- thanks to the DMK leader After joining the DMK, Panneerselvam said, "I thank the DMK leader for accepting me into the party."



Cricketer Rinku Singh's father passes away, sports world mourns



New Delhi (GNS): The news of the passing of Indian cricket team batsman Rinku Singh's father is extremely saddening. My deepest condolences are with Rinku Singh and his entire family in this difficult time. May God grant peace to the departed soul and give the bereaved family the strength to bear this immense loss.

According to Board of Control for Cricket in India Joint Secretary Devjit Saikia, Rinku Singh has left the team camp in Chennai and returned home to attend his father's funeral. Devjit Saikia expressed deep grief over the demise of Rinku Singh's father and said that the board stands with Rinku and his family in this difficult time. BCCI Vice President Rajiv Shukla said in his message on social media the family.

Six people killed in a horrific road accident in Balotra, Rajasthan

Jodhpur/Balotra (GNS): Six people were killed and several passengers were injured in a horrific road accident on National Highway 25 in Sarwadi village of Balotra district in Jodhpur division on Friday. Most of the passengers on the bus were from Jalore and Sanchore. The collision between the trailer and the sleeper bus was so severe that the driver's side of the bus was completely destroyed. The bodies of the passengers were seen hanging from the bus. Two brothers, aged three and six, were beheaded. The accident caused chaos on the highway, with long queues of vehicles forming on both sides. Anusha (22), daughter of Bhagwana Ram Data, a resident of Sanchore, and Narpat (30), son of Sadaram, an LDC in the Commercial Tax Department in Jodhpur, also died in the accident.

Surat-Tight-police-arrangements-after-violence

Tight security arrangements after violence at Surat company

Hazira area turned into a police cantonment, combing operation continues

Surat (GNS): Following the violent incident at AM/NS Company in Hazira, Surat, on Thursday, the entire Hazira area has been transformed into a police cantonment since Friday morning. Police are on high alert to prevent any untoward incident following stone-pelting and vandalism by L&T contract workers. Tight security arrangements have been deployed at all industrial units,

and intensive combing operations are underway, led by senior police officers.

Police immediately dispersed the gathered workers: The effects of Thursday's incident were felt on Friday morning as well. According to police, more than 50 L&T contract workers had gathered again. However, the police already deployed there took immediate action, removed



everyone from the spot, and brought the situation under control. Police's "digital": investi-

gation into social media has revealed that social media played a significant role in inciting violence. Videos of the workers' protest in Panipat, Haryana, circulated on WhatsApp and Telegram groups to incite workers. Some messages also revealed threats to target the police. Currently, the Cyber ??Cell is closely monitoring Instagram, Facebook, and WhatsApp groups. A case of attempted murder

has been registered against more than 40 people: Several police officers, including DCP Shefali Barwal, were injured in Thursday's stone-pelting incident. Police have so far registered cases against more than 40 miscreants under serious sections, including attempt to murder. The investigation has been intensified based on CCTV footage and mobile location to identify other unidentified individuals.

Infinite possibilities of IICT and Orange Economy in the journey of developed India

Vinod Kumar Singh

IICT and the Orange Economy will play a decisive role in building a developed India. In the third decade of the 21st century, India is emerging not just as a developing nation but as a newly awakened civilization poised for global leadership. Under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the pledge for a developed India is no longer just a word, but has been transformed into a powerful force, policy, technology, and innovation.

The AI Impact Summit 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam sent a message to the world that India is no longer a follower of the digital age, but is ready to become a leader. A glimpse of this is the decisive role that IICT and the Orange Economy will play in building a

developed India. In the third decade of the 21st century, India is emerging not just as a developing nation but as a newly awakened civilization poised for global leadership. Under the visionary leadership of Narendra Modi, the pledge for a developed India is no longer just a word, but has been transformed into a powerful force, policy, technology, and innovation. In the yagna of national re-building, the Orange Economy and the Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) are emerging as new pillars of India's creative power, cultural self-reliance, and digital independence, which have the potential to establish the country as a global knowledge-based superpower in the future. That is why India remains a center of discussion and contemplation. With Modi himself holding the reins of

development in his hands, the pace of change accelerates. India is rapidly progressing in mission mode under the able leadership of Modi, which was recently seen during the four-day 'AI Impact Summit 2026' held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. This summit not only presented the outline of future plans by bringing the world on one platform, but also gave concrete shape to many agreements as per the conditions and requirements of India. This gave the message that in the phase of economic and social change that India is going through, the knowledge and technology based economy is continuously expanding and this will become the basis of future global competition. In the third decade of the 21st century, under the leadership of the Modi government, a new economic stream is emerging, which is called

the "Orange Economy" on the global stage. This economy is based on creativity, culture, digital media, entertainment, design, gaming and innovation. For a young and digitally connected society like India, this is not just a new industry but also an opportunity for economic and cultural leadership. Today, as the world's economies are moving towards a knowledge-based model, the role of creative industries is becoming more decisive than traditional industrial sectors. We are trying to introduce you to the IICT campus. First of all, let me introduce you to the Board of Directors of IICT: Sanjay Jaju, IAS, Chairman of the IICT Board. Secretary - Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Dr. Ashish Kulkarni, Director - Punaryug Artvision, Rajan Navani - Chairman and

Managing Director, Jetline Group of Companies, Shrikar Pardeshi, Secretary to the Chief Minister, Government of Maharashtra, Manvendra Shukla - Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Lakshya Digital, Chandrajeet Banerjee, Director General - Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Mrs. Swati Mhase Patil - IAS, Managing Director. The executive team consists of Dr. Vishwas Deoskar, Chief Executive Officer (CEO of IICT), Ninad Raikar - Chief Operating Officer (COO of IICT) - leading and guiding the team members. Let us tell you that on 19th September 2024, the Government of India announced the establishment of National Centre of Excellence for areas like animation, visual effects, gaming, comics and extended reality. This was done with budgetary support of Rs. 15 crore.

Editorial

Delhi-Himachal police clash

Neither were you unfaithful, nor are we. This is the result of a debate that was perceived as a high-voltage drama between the Delhi and Himachal Police. The scene is set within this and the current situation in the country. The country's law and order is being carried on bullock carts. The situation is that the country's biggest AI event seems to be disrupted because young Congress members took off their shirts and protested. The key role lies in the Congressman who now possesses the courage to fight against the Modi government. Now, in the face of the current situation, the government is searching for those whose vests had printed their opposition to AI. A story of this hide and seek became the story of Himachal's hosting. This is an amazing love affair in your orders, you've started searching for your letters in my basements. In other words, first, in the dark of night, the Delhi Police searched Himachal Bhawan and the House, and then the sand of the image began to fall away. Now, having reached Rohru, they have launched an attack against "Inquilab Zindabad." Obviously, due to power, Himachal is now the shrine of the Congress, so all rituals will be performed from here. Surprise came when, with the intention of usurping the position of the youth brigade from the Congress Mecca, not one or two, but twenty members of the Delhi Police, mistaking Himachal for a crime-breeding force, considered it a myth. Shimla is indeed far from Delhi, and Rohru is not even close. Therefore, the Himachal Police, renowned for its vigilance, showed courage and set up a checkpoint to find the culprits in the central police. People's sleep is never disturbed by the question of who is stealing solar light batteries or why the tiles of the Smart City are breaking without any argument, but when our police are truly seen in a police-versus-police confrontation, we are certainly seen as a land of heroes.

If three young Congressmen aren't safe in a Congress-ruled state, how will they form the government next time? On the other hand, if China's "robo dog" hadn't been discredited in the country's AI campaign, Congress wouldn't have faced this struggle. Stories of robots are already old in India, as the Prime Minister himself built one in school, and Himachal



National Science Day is celebrated across India on 28 February

The day commemorates the discovery of the Raman Effect by physicist Sir C.V. Raman in 1928, for which he received the Nobel Prize.

Highlighting the importance of scientific applications in daily life, the day is a nationwide effort to promote India's technological development and inspire young scientists. Science exhibitions, quizzes, and debate competitions are held in schools, colleges, and research institutes. On 28 February 1928, C.V. Raman discovered the Raman Effect, which brought Indian science to global prominence. This year's event aims to encourage indigenous technology and scientific research for a developed India.



National Science Day and physicist Sir C.V. Raman

Sanjay Goswami

Its primary objective is to promote scientific thinking and raise awareness about the importance of science in our daily lives. India may never have another C.V. Raman—but by learning from his life, the Raman tradition, or scientific discoveries, can be carried forward. "The sooner the new generation becomes inspired scientists, doctors, teachers, soldiers, and farmers, the sooner India will join the list of developed countries." We must understand that research requires hard work and dedication, not expensive equipment. C.V. Raman said, "Always ask the right questions, and nature will reveal all its secrets." He also said, "The purpose of education is to enable people to think independently and make their own decisions." His views suggest that C.V. Raman was an advocate of learning, teaching, and rational questioning. If science and scientists don't delve into the whys and hows, how can discoveries and inventions be made? C.V. Raman, who considered education the most important human need, was born Chandrashekar Venkatraman. With a relentless inquisitive nature, C.V. Raman won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1930. His Nobel Prize attracted global attention to the Indian scientific community. Indeed, in this world, people make an impact through their actions. Their impact shapes their personality. History bears witness that C.V. Raman's "Raman Effect" left such a profound impact on the global

stage that he was forever included in the list of great scientists. The Bharat Ratna, the Nobel Prize in Physics, the Franklin Medal, the Lenin Peace Prize, and the Royal Society awards steadily enhanced C.V. Raman's reputation and popularity. The process of becoming the C.V. Raman we know today was a process of austerity and sacrifice. "I am responsible for my own failures; if I had not failed, how would I have learned so much?" C.V. Raman, a proponent of this view, Raman was born on November 7, 1888, in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. He was provided with an environment of mathematics and physics at home. His father, Chandrashekar Iyer, was a lecturer in mathematics and physics. It was from him that Raman developed a passion for science and teaching. This passion remained until his last breath. The promising young man has smooth leaves!

Young C.V. Raman was deeply interested in science. As a child, he would experiment while playing. Engaging in small scientific experiments became a staple of his daily routine, both with his classmates at school and dormitory, and with his brothers and sisters at home. He applied the principle of cause and effect to all phenomena. He would question himself until he found the final answer. A deep interest in science and his father's teaching of mathematics and science left an indelible mark on young C.V. Raman's mind. This inspired him to pursue science and mathematics. The talented C.V. Raman

finished school very early, completing his secondary education at the age of 11, his higher secondary education at 13, and his bachelor's degree at 16. He received a gold medal in physics. He then earned a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Madras with excellent marks. After receiving his master's degree, he began working in the Indian Finance Department, but continued his research at the laboratory of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science in Calcutta. Passionate about teaching and learning, C.V. Raman left his government job and became a professor of physics at the University of Calcutta in 1917. All of C.V. Raman's research was accomplished at this workplace. Science ran in C.V. Raman's blood, which is why he spent most of his time in the lab. When his mind grew tired in the lab, physicist C.V. Raman turned to music. Teaching students, conducting experiments in the lab, and immersing himself in the veena were his daily routine. He never considered a lack of resources a problem; he said, "Poverty and poor laboratories gave me even more determination to do my best." According to Raman, the golden age of his life was 1919, when he was awarded two positions as "Honorary Professor" and "Honorary Secretary" of the Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science. During his postgraduate studies, C.V. Raman wrote his first research paper on the behavior of light. He sent it to one of his professors to read, but due to his busy schedule, his profes-

sor was unable to read it. Subsequently, Raman submitted his paper to a renowned magazine. His paper was published, and Baron Rayleigh, a renowned British scientist, read it. Baron Rayleigh was a great scientist in mathematics and physics. He was deeply impressed by Raman's research and wrote a letter to Raman praising him. Baron Rayleigh mistook Raman for a professor, addressing him as "Professor" in his letter. In fact, he was so impressed by the paper's originality and conclusions that he felt only a brilliant professor could have written such a paper. Raman's spectroscopy was mentioned by Dr. Ernest Rutherford in his presidential address to the Royal Society in 1929. Raman was acknowledged by the Royal Society and awarded a knighthood. This meant that Raman's work and research were being recognized globally. India also benefited from this. In 1921, C.V. Raman was traveling by ship to Britain. He saw the beautiful blue color of the water in the Mediterranean Sea. At that time, he became suspicious about the blue color of the sea water. When he returned to India, he brought some instruments with him. Using these instruments, C.V. Raman studied the sky and the sea. He concluded that the sea also scatters sunlight, which is why the sea water appears blue. He continued his research on the separation of light into solids, liquids, and gases. The conclusion he ultimately reached was called the Raman effect, which influenced the entire world.

Will the traitors hiding in the country learn a lesson from the silent warrior dogs?

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

Recently, the Indian Army's dog, Tyson, risked his life to serve the Indian Army in operations against terrorists in the Kathua, Udhampur, Doda, and Kishtwar districts of the Jammu division. The dog was even injured in terrorist fire. Army dogs, often called "silent warriors," play a crucial role in security, reconnaissance, mine detection, search, and rescue operations. Trained at the Remount and Veterinary Corps Centre in Meerut, these dogs, consisting of breeds like German Shepherds, Labradors, and Belgian Malinois, save the lives of soldiers in counter-terrorism operations. On the other hand, consider that across the country, from Kashmir to Kolkata, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala, terrorists and their aides, both active and linked to sleeper cells, are

being apprehended. Despite living off the nation's food and water, they are fueled by religious fanaticism and hateful venom, yet they betray the nation. These traitors, despite being born as humans, are not only failing to fulfill their duty of loyalty but are also helping in fulfilling the plans of the enemies of the country. Despite being born as animals, they can also learn a lesson from the dogs who work for the country by taking training.

Security forces recently achieved a major success on February 22, 2026, during Operation Trashi-1, a campaign to eliminate these terrorists operating in the Jammu division. In a fierce encounter in the dense forests of Kishtwar, Jammu, Indian Army soldiers fired rockets at terrorists hiding in a temporary shelter built by shepherds to shelter during changing weather, killing three terrorists,

including Saifullah, a top Pakistani commander of Jaish-e-Mohammed and a 10 lakh bounty hunter who had been eluding security forces for seven years. According to a report, the powerful blast from the rocket fire was so powerful that one terrorist's skull was completely shattered and the bodies of all three were completely burned. Two AK-47 rifles and a large quantity of ammunition were recovered from the encounter site.

Over the past few years, these terrorists had been constantly shifting their hideouts and taking advantage of the mountainous terrain and dense forests to build their network. Tyson, a sniffer dog from the Indian Army's auxiliary dog squad, played a major role in making this operation successful. He was the first to approach the terrorists' hideouts. According to reports, the brave dog of the Army's

K9 unit, which has participated in numerous anti-terrorism operations, will not only make you proud but also curse the traitors hiding in the country. Even when the terrorists were firing at the army, Tyson did not stop, instead charging towards the terrorists. In the ensuing firefight, Tyson was hit by a bullet. Yet, he stood firm like a rock, and despite being seriously injured, he led the soldiers to the terrorists' hideout, after which the army killed three Jaish terrorists. Following this operation, Tyson was airlifted to a hospital in critical condition. He is recovering. Despite his injuries, Tyson fought the terrorists bravely, eventually bringing them within range of the security forces, and Indian soldiers killed them. According to military reports, Tyson, a member of the Indian Army's K9 unit, displayed indomitable courage while

fighting the terrorists in Kishtwar. Despite being shot, he stood firm like a rock. With Tyson's help, three Jaish terrorists were killed. German Shepherd dogs like Tyson are the pride of the Indian Army, serving the nation after rigorous training.

A statement issued in this regard stated that thanks to Tyson's bravery, the White Knight Corps, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and CRPF were able to accurately target and eliminate the Pakistan-backed terrorists. Tyson has proven to be a true warrior. In addition to Tyson, many sniffer dogs have made significant contributions to various military operations conducted by Indian security forces against terrorists. According to a newspaper report, an Army dog named Domino and her handler, Lucky Kumar, were honored in 2023 for their crucial role in locating a terrorist in Rajouri.

Delhi recorded poorest February air quality in three years, 20 'poor' AQI days so far: CREA

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi has recorded its poorest February air quality in three years, with the average Air Quality Index at 234 till February 26, according to an analysis by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air. The data showed that February 2026 has been the worst since 2023, when the monthly average AQI stood at 237.

In comparison, the average February AQI was 218 in 2024 and 214 in 2025, while in 2022 it was 225.

In terms of daily air quality categories, the capital witnessed 20 'poor' air quality days and two 'very poor' air days this February, while four days fell in the 'moderate' category.

According to the Central



Pollution Control Board, an AQI between zero and 50 is classified as 'good', 51 to 100 as 'satisfactory', 101 to 200 'moderate', 201 to 300 'poor', 301 to 400 'very poor', and 401 to 500 'severe'.

Data from the SAMEER app's AQI calendar indicated that ozone was the most prominent

pollutant for most of the month, emerging as the leading pollutant on 21 out of 27 days.

PM10 was dominant on four days, while nitrogen dioxide emerged on top on one day.

The highest AQI of the month was recorded on February 4 at 339, in the 'very poor' category,

with ozone identified as the primary pollutant.

Experts attributed the dominance of ozone to its nature as a secondary pollutant formed when nitrogen oxides and other gases react in the presence of sunlight.

The Indian standard for ozone is set at 100 micrograms per cubic metre as an eight-hour average, as prescribed in the World Health Organization guideline. Exposure at or above this level can cause chest tightness, throat irritation, coughing and difficulty in breathing. It may also reduce lung function and inflame the airways, particularly affecting people with asthma and other respiratory conditions.

On Friday, the 24-hour average AQI stood at 200, placing it in the 'moderate' category.

Projects launched to boost city's power infra

New Delhi(GNS): Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday launched a series of projects aimed at modernising Delhi's power network and infrastructure while preserving the heritage character of the Walled City. The key highlight was the inauguration of the underground cabling project in Chandni Chowk, alongside the foundation laying for a new grid sub-station at Mandoli and four battery energy storage system (BESS) projects in south and west Delhi.

The Chandni Chowk project, estimated to cost nearly Rs 160 crore, will convert the existing overhead electricity network into a modern underground system across 26 key roads in the area. Nearly 52.5km of wiring will be shifted underground, said BSES. The project includes the installation of



almost 500 new feeder pillars and decorative street lighting poles, and the deployment of digital twin technology for real-time monitoring of the network.

Officials said the work will be carried out in phases, largely during night hours, to minimise disruption to residents, traders and traffic movement. Nearly 10,000 consumers are expected to directly benefit, they added. The initiative aims to reduce fire hazards, curb weather-related disruptions, enhance safety and significantly improve the visual landscape of the historic precinct, the CMO stated.

Can't change school sports calendar solely for bad air in winter, govt tells HC

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi govt recently informed the high court that it was averse to changing the annual school sports calendar to prohibit outdoor sporting events during the winter months solely on the ground of deteriorating air quality.

It submitted that govt had to factor in practical and logistical considerations involving thousands of students for whom trials and coaching camps were held during this period, from Nov to Jan. Delhi govt's counsel contended that imposing a blanket ban on outdoor sports during the winter months would not be feasible given the scale of operations and scheduling constraints.

The high court was hearing a contempt plea filed by a group of school students who claimed that, despite an HC order, govt continued to hold sport-ing events when Delhi's air quality frequently fell into the "severe" and "hazardous" categories. The court acknowledged the constraints within which Directorate of Education operates and pointed out it could not decide how or when the



annual sports calendar was drawn up by the administration. The court also clarified that the earlier remarks made in Nov 2025 were not binding directions but merely a request that authorities make an "endeavour" to address the issue.

"The court understands that they are children. The department also understands... they have some difficulty and cannot redo it for some reason. We can adjust the decision taken, but we cannot take the decision," the high court orally observed, as it listed the matter for March.

AI no longer a shortcut, it's part of students' daily study routine now

New Delhi(GNS): AI has become a routine part of how senior school students study - mainstream, but not yet dominant - with its impact visible not only in homework habits but also in how a section of teenagers navigate academic stress.

Nearly 70% of Class XI and XII students use AI tools at least once a week, including 19% who use them daily, while a significant minority have reported turning to AI during periods of stress and pressure, pointing to early mental-health concerns emerging alongside AI's rapid integration into students' academic lives, according to a new study.

Based on a survey of 910 CBSE students across 10 private schools in Delhi, the study by the Centre for Policy Research and Governance (CPRG) - an Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) recognised institution - showed that AI use has moved into routine academic



practice.

Only 13% reported that they rarely or never use AI, making non-use the exception. At the same time, the report cautioned that students have not replaced teachers or coaching centres with AI, particularly for high-stakes examinations. The report noted that "AI is becoming a common tool within the school education ecosystem", but stops short of describing it as dominant. While students rely heavily on

AI for information search, writing assistance and concept clarification, they remain cautious about treating it as a primary substitute for structured exam preparation.

The findings intersect with warnings in the Economic Survey 2025-26, which flagged digital addiction among children and youth as a growing threat to learning outcomes. The Economic Survey said excessive digital exposure is undermining attention, moti-

vation and emotional well-being, adding that "access is no longer the binding constraint; the focus needs to shift to behavioural health considerations". Seen through the lens of Economic Survey's concerns, the report flagged early behavioural signals. While most students reported limited non-academic use of AI, around one-third said they turn to AI during periods of stress, and nearly one in five reported regular use.

Within this landscape, the CPRG study found that generative AI tools are overtaking conventional EdTech platforms in daily academic use, particularly outside science streams. Commerce and humanities students reported using generative AI tools more frequently than exam-focused EdTech apps, citing flexibility and instant access. "Generative AI tools are incorporated into everyday study practices across disciplines," the report noted.

Delhi Police arrested 14, including JNUSU office bearers, after protest march turns violent

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police arrested 14 individuals, including office bearers of the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU), in connection with a march held on Thursday that allegedly turned violent. Those arrested include Nitish Kumar (former JNUSU President), Aditi Mishra (JNUSU President), Gopika Babu (JNUSU Vice President), and Danish Ali (JNUSU Joint Secretary).

Police said around 25 personnel were injured during the incident, including ACP Vasant Kunj Ved Prakash, ACP (CAW) Sanghamitra, SHO (Sarojini Nagar) Atul Tyagi, and SHO (Kishangarh) Ajai Yadav. A total of 51 people were detained on Thursday.

An FIR was registered under Sections 221 (obstructing a public servant in discharge of public functions), 121 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt to deter a public servant from duty), 132 (assault), and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).



According to police, a protest march called by the JNUSU turned violent after participants attempted to move outside the campus despite being denied permission. A call was given for a "Long March" from the university campus to the Ministry of Education.

"The JNU administration already intimidated the organisers that no permission was granted for such a protest outside the campus, and they were advised to restrict

themselves to the university premises," DCP (Southwest) Amit Goel said. Despite repeated requests not to proceed beyond the campus, around 400-500 students gathered at the main gate at about 3.20 pm and began marching towards the Ministry of Education, police said. Barricades installed at the site were allegedly damaged during the protest.

A senior police officer alleged that the situation escalated when some protesters turned aggressive. "They pelted banners and sticks, threw shoes at police personnel, and even resorted to physical assault, including biting some of our staff," DCP Goel said, adding that several personnel sustained injuries.

Police said protesters were stopped and restricted near the North Gate of the campus to prevent further escalation. Those who allegedly turned violent and failed to comply with lawful directions were detained.

Expect traffic disruptions near New Delhi Railway Station due to civic works

New Delhi(GNS): Multiple construction and civic works in and around the New Delhi Railway Station are expected to disrupt traffic over the next few weeks, with key arterial stretches facing partial closures and diversions.

According to the traffic advisory, one carriageway of Asaf Ali Road from Turkman Gate to Delhi Gate via Delite Cinema will remain closed from Feb 26 to March 12 due to station-redevelopment work. Traffic on the stretch is likely to remain slow and partially restricted during this period. The affected corridor includes Asaf Ali Road between Turkman Gate and Delhi Gate Chowk, as well as Chaman Lal Marg. Motorists have been advised to use alternative routes to avoid congestion.

Those travelling towards Delhi Gate Chowk from Hamdard Chowk or RA Kamla Market may take Minto Road, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Marg

and BSZ Marg. Commuters approaching from Guru Nanak Chowk can use Mirdard Chowk, Mirdard Marg and BZA Marg towards Delhi Gate.

In a separate advisory, Delhi Traffic Police said excavation work will be carried out on Chelmsford Road opposite the station from Feb 26 to March 5 for restoration of a sewer line by Delhi Jal Board. Traffic movement on Chelmsford Road and adjoining routes is likely to remain affected and partially restricted.

The impacted areas include Chelmsford Road opposite the station, the Munjia Chowk stretch and connecting roads leading to the Paharganj side.

Railway passengers have been advised to plan their travel and keep additional time for possible congestion. Motorists have been asked not to park on diversion routes and to follow instructions issued by traffic personnel deployed at key junctions.

'Helping' hand behind fake ED raid at retired employer's Delhi home and how plot unravelled

New Delhi(GNS): A domestic help teamed up with relatives and associates to stage a fake Enforcement Directorate (ED) raid at the residence of her employer, an 86-year-old retired architect in southeast Delhi's New Friends Colony. The victim's grandson, an ED lawyer, confronted them on the phone, forcing them to flee with part of the cash.

The maid, Rekha Devi (40), and her sister-in-law, Pooja Rajput (45), have been arrested. The plot also involved Pooja's husband, an ITBP constable, and two others. Around 10am on Feb 11, three people in police uniform forcibly entered the home, claiming to be ED officials who'd been asked to conduct a search. They did not show any warrant, authorisation letter, or identity proof.

They allegedly intimidated the family, confiscated their mobile phones, and prevented them from seeking help. The trio demanded that all cash and valuables in the house be handed over. When a bag containing Rs 10-12 lakh was given to them, they arranged the



cash on the dining table and took pictures, threatening the family with arrest.

The victim's wife, meanwhile, managed to contact her grandson, a lawyer affiliated with

ED, who confronted the group over the phone. The suspects then fled in a car with Rs 3-4 lakh. A case has been registered.

Deputy commissioner of police

(Southeast) Hemant Tiwari said a team was formed under SHO Rajender Kumar Jain. Investigators analysed over 350 CCTV cameras. By stitching the footage together, they mapped the suspects' movements from the crime scene.

"The trail extended beyond Delhi, showing the car passing through Sarai Kale Khan, crossing the Ghazipur border, and entering Uttar Pradesh, finally stopping at sector 4, Vaishali, Ghaziabad. Footage also helped capture the vehicle's registration number," DCP Tiwari said. Once the car was located in Ghaziabad, technical surveillance using mobile tower data and IMEI tracking identified mobile numbers active at both the New Friends Colony crime scene and the Vaishali parking location at the relevant times. This led investigators to Pooja's residence in Ghaziabad. Local intelligence con-

firmed that Rekha frequently visited the address, indicating an insider connection. During the raid on Pooja's house, police recovered a deputy commandant's uniform and ID card, a wireless set box, jewellery and a pistol with an expired licence.

Interrogation revealed that Rekha, who had been working as the maid for two years, was the mastermind of the plot.

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