



PM inaugurates semiconductor plant in Sanand:

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Sanand (Gujarat)(GNS): PM Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated Micron Technology's semiconductor assembly, testing, marking and packaging (ATMP) facility in Sanand, Gujarat.

The PM said that until 10-11 years ago, there was little discussion of data and chips in India. Previously, the country was known primarily for software, but today, India is also recognized for hardware manufacturing.

This plant will mark the first commercial production and shipment of Made in India semiconductor memory modules. This is the first project of the central government's Make in India Semiconductor Mission.

The plant was built at a cost of 22,516 crore. Following the inauguration, the Prime Minister will address the gathering.



Indian Embassy in Israel advises Indian nationals to avoid unnecessary travel

New Delhi (GNS): The Indian Embassy in Israel issued an advisory on Saturday, urging Indian nationals residing in the country to refrain from non-essential travel and to stay near designated safe shelters. This advisory follows reports of the US and Israel bombing several locations in Iran, including the residences of President and Supreme Leader Ayatollah Syed Ali Khamenei.

In light of the current security situation in the region, the Embassy stressed that all Indian nationals in Israel should exercise extreme caution and remain constantly vigilant. Indian citizens are strongly urged to meticulously follow all safety guidelines and instructions provided by the Israeli authorities and the Home Front Command.

Updated instructions can be found at: oref.org.il/eng.

The Embassy further advised all Indian nationals to stay in close proximity to designated shelters and to become familiar with the nearest protected areas in their vicinity, whether at home or work. Additionally, Indian nationals have been advised to avoid all non-essential and unnecessary travel within Israel until further notice.

IndiGo temporarily suspends flights to Middle East



New Delhi(GNS): IndiGo on Saturday temporarily suspended flights to and from the Middle East in view of the evolving situation in Iran. "In view of evolving airspace restrictions around Iran and the Middle East, all flights to and from the Middle East are cancelled till 0000 hrs," it said in a post on X. The suspension is till 0000 hours IST. Services have been suspended to and from Dubai, Jeddah, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Bahrain, Sharjah, Kuwait and Ras Al-Khaimah, according to a source. The airline said these measures have been instituted as the safety and security of its customers and crew is the highest priority. Services have been suspended to and from Dubai, Jeddah, Doha, Abu Dhabi, Dammam, Bahrain, Sharjah, Kuwait and Ras Al-Khaimah, according to a source. The airline said these measures have been instituted as the safety and security of its customers and crew is the highest priority.

After the NCERT controversy, the CJI got angry again and said – why interfere in every policy?

New Delhi (GNS): The country's Supreme Court is currently in the news for its critical stances and comments. After recently expressing displeasure over the inclusion of topics like corruption in the judiciary in the educational curriculum, Chief Justice Surya Kant has now made a highly significant comment on the limits of judicial interference. Hearing a public interest litigation related to nuclear energy policy, the court clearly indicated that subjecting every policy decision of the government to judicial scrutiny is neither necessary nor appropriate in the national interest.



During the hearing, Chief Justice Surya Kant questioned the over-interference of the courts. He stated that it would be unfair to interfere with government policies based solely on imaginary concerns, without considering larger issues such as development, investment, and national security. The court also warned that if every major project in the country remains embroiled in lengthy legal battles and litigation, they could fail financially, directly impacting the country's progress and growth rate.

This entire controversy arose over the liability of private companies in the nuclear energy sector. Senior advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing the petitioner, argued why the liability of private companies involved in nuclear power plants was limited to a certain limit. He questioned that in the event of a major nuclear accident in the future, the responsibility of these companies should be clear and adequate.

The petition challenged the law passed by Parliament, stating that the government had limited the civil liability of private companies to a maximum of 3,000 crore, whereas in the event of a major disaster like Chernobyl or Fukushima, the losses could reach millions of crores of rupees. Responding strongly to these arguments, the Chief Justice presented a broad perspective. He stated that in today's times, coal-based energy is being discouraged due to climate change. In such a situation, nuclear energy is an essential option for a developing country like India, and the country cannot progress without it. The CJI emphasized that we must strike a balance between national interest and imaginary fears.

If a wrong decision is taken, there are higher courts to correct it

Dharamshala (GNS): Union Minister Kiren Rijiju, on the acquittal of Aam Aadmi Party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal and party leader Manish Sisodia in the CBI case related to the alleged liquor scam in Delhi, said that if a wrong decision is taken, there are higher courts to correct it. Rijiju reached Dharamshala in Himachal Pradesh on Saturday. Here, regarding Kejriwal and Sisodia, he said that this is a normal process. If any mistake remains in the decision of the lower court, then the case is taken to the higher court for its correction. If a wrong decision is given or if the facts



are not investigated properly, then an appeal can be filed in the higher court, from where the correct decision is taken. Meanwhile, Kiren Rijiju, speaking about the Youth Congress protest at the AI ?? Summit,

said, "I don't have much information about the matter, but I've been told there's a conspiracy behind it, and some strings are involved. However, I'm not currently handling the Home Ministry, so I haven't been given full details." He also said that whatever the matter is, it should be resolved. He said, "Himachal is a hilly state, and I love it. I keep coming here." This time, there are some projects in the Chamba area that are related to his ministry. Work is underway to advance those projects. He further said, "I recently visited Lahaul-Spiti, where the ministry is also working on several projects there."

Teacher dead after motorcycle hits tractor in Beed

New Delhi(GNS): A teacher at a school for children with disabilities in Kaij in Beed district died on Saturday morning after sustaining serious injuries in a road accident a day earlier, a police official said. The motorcycle of 38-year-old Quamroddin Sadroddin Farooqui had rear-ended a sugarcane-laden tractor near Nandurphata on Manjarsumba-Ambajogai road on Friday night, he said. He was taken to the Sub-District Hospital in Kaij, then shifted to Swami Ramanand Teerth Rural Government Medical College Hospital in Ambajogai before being admitted to a private hospital in Latur. He died at 3am today," the official said.

21 dead, 8 critically injured in Andhra Pradesh cracker unit explosion, CM to visit spot



New Delhi(GNS): As many as 21 people were killed and 8 others critically injured in the cracker unit blast here in Kakinada district on Saturday, Andhra Pradesh Minister Kandula Durgesh said. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is expected to visit the site, he said. As far as I know, 21 bodies are seen here (at the site). Another eight persons are undergoing treatment in hospitals. Approximately there were 30 people in the unit," the minister told reporters. This is the biggest blast in the state. Full details are yet to come. There is no chance that anyone would survive. Some people are undergoing treatment, he said. He further said officials are inquiring into the cause of the fire, which led to the blast. All workers belong to poor sections of society. The chief minister will certainly make a decision on supporting the families. But we can not bring back lives. It has come to my knowledge that there is a lot of stock in the unit (at the time of the blast).

South stars Vijay-Rashmika met the PM and invited him to their wedding reception

New Delhi(GNS): South Indian actors Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna are in the news for their wedding. The couple tied the knot on February 26th in Udaipur, following Telugu and Kodava traditions. A grand reception will be held in Hyderabad on March 4th, for which the couple personally invited PM Modi. Vijay Deverakonda and Rashmika Mandanna met with PM Modi in Delhi. Photos of this meeting are going viral on social media.

In the photos, Vijay and Rashmika are seen dressed in traditional attire. They are seen presenting a shawl to PM Modi. A glimpse of happiness is clearly visible on both their faces. The couple also presented PM Modi with an invitation card for their wedding reception to be held in Hyderabad on March 4th. Earlier, Vijay and Rashmika met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah and invited him to the reception. Earlier, PM Modi wrote a letter to Vijay Deverakonda's parents, congratulating them on their son's wedding. In his letter, PM Modi wrote, "Heartiest congratulations to both the Deverakonda and Mandanna families on the joyous and auspicious occasion of their wedding. This wedding marks a new and beautiful beginning in Vijay and Rashmika's lives. Taking the seven vows means becoming friends for life."

According to the report, in the letter, PM Modi also mentioned the two actors' film careers, writing, "Both Vijay and Rashmika are no strangers to scripts and stories. They know how to create magic on screen. But this new chapter in their real life, filled with love and trust, will surely outshine the magic they create on the silver screen. May you both understand each other's responsibilities, embrace your shortcomings, learn from your strengths, and complete life's journey as true partners."

Dictator Kim Jong Un gifted sniper rifles to his officers and commanders

Pyong Yan, (GNS): After being elected to the top post of North Korea's ruling party, Kim Jong Un has gifted new sniper rifles to his top officials and commanders. In a ceremony, Kim Jong Un gifted rifles to people. His daughter was seen aiming with the rifle. There is talk that Kim Jong Un wants to make his daughter his successor. Kim said that gifting rifles shows that he has complete faith in his officials. Apart from this, he is completely loyal to the Workers' Party.

According to media reports, recently, Kim Yo Jong, the dictator's sister, has been making numerous statements against the United States and South Korea. Consequently, there has been a lot of discussion about her. However, Kim Jong Un was once again elected Chief of the Workers' Party. Photos released by local media show Kim Yo Jong holding a rifle.

Kim Jong Un's daughter is currently 13 years old. Kim Jong Un doesn't typically take his family out in public. He recently took his daughter with him during a missile test.



Several photos of his sister have also surfaced. Recently, Kim Jong Un took his daughter with him on a trip to China. The Workers' Party held a seven-day annual celebration, which lavished praise on Kim Jong Un. Let us tell you that Kim Jong Un has said that if America abandons its hostile policy and accepts North Korea's constitutional status as a nuclear-armed nation, then North Korea will be ready to improve relations with America. Kim made this comment at a nuclear military parade organized on the occa-

sion of the 9th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea. He said that if America respects the current status of a nuclear nation defined in North Korea's constitution and withdraws its hostile policy towards North Korea, then there is no reason why we cannot establish good relations with America. According to the report, Kim Jong said that the US and North Korea can work together, but only if the US accepts that North Korea's nuclear weapons will remain permanently.

If you have the guts, then hold fresh elections in Delhi, Modi

Sanat Jain

CBI Special Judge Jitendra Singh delivered a 598-page judgment. In the judgment, the court acquitted all 23 accused, including former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, in the excise policy scam case due to lack of evidence. The special judge stated in his order that dragging the accused into a criminal trial without evidence constitutes an abuse of the judicial process. The criminal process has been misused by the investigating agency. The court clarified in its order that the prosecution failed to withstand the test of judicial scrutiny. The court confirmed the claim of a widespread conspiracy to frame the accused, which is a major blow to the CBI. The court made serious comments, calling the investigating agency's methodology

premeditated and choreographed. The special judge clearly stated in his judgment that no one can be implicated in a criminal case in this manner. The court strongly criticized the portrayal of political disagreements as criminal matters. It is noteworthy that the investigating agency detained Kavitha, the daughter of the then Chief Minister of Telangana, for 165 days under the name of South Lawi, and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh was jailed for 181 days without any reason. The court has strongly commented on this. In its decision, the court considered this an act of inciting political hatred between the North and South. The court also strongly objected to the designation of excise officer Kuldeep Singh as accused number one. The CBI criticized the way in which it implicated numerous individuals one after

another to forcibly prove the excise policy as a crime. Dubious witnesses were created and attempts were made to fabricate evidence based on statements. The special judge stated that CBI officials, while conducting the investigation, examined election campaigning, hotel bookings, and payments, etc. The CBI exercised the powers of the Election Commission and exceeded constitutional limits. The CBI made witnesses those who admitted to receiving and paying money, and based on the statements of those witnesses, others were implicated. The court stated in its decision that the court did not receive a copy of the prosecution's statement. A review of the record reveals that the investigating agency misled the court. The trial court, after deliberating on all the cases and acquitting all the accused due to lack of evi-

dence, followed by the actions taken by the central government, the CBI, and the ED against opposition parties just before the elections, and the way the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections were influenced by the BJP. This has led to renewed pressure on the ruling party and the investigating agencies in the country. Kejriwal, tearfully addressing the media, said that the court's decision was a political conspiracy by Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. Five senior leaders of his party were jailed before the elections. By jailing the Chief Minister and ministers, every effort was made to discredit the Aam Aadmi Party and prevent it from contesting the elections. Arvind Kejriwal challenged Modi and Shah in a press conference, saying, "If the BJP has the guts, they should hold re-elections

to the Delhi Assembly and Lok Sabha."

This trial court decision has changed the course of Indian politics. Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, his Aam Aadmi Party, and all opposition parties have become aggressive. Opposition politicians have been targeted by the CBI and the Enforcement Directorate (ED). Leaders of political parties have been implicated in criminal cases. Just before the elections, both agencies—the CBI and the ED, and later the Income Tax Department—were involved. They were taking action against the opposition under complete government pressure. This decision has given the opposition a new lease on life. It will be difficult for the ruling party to misuse the law and investigative agencies in the future.

Editorial

On AI Summit, Youth Congress protest, police action

The India AI Impact Summit 2026, in New Delhi last week, was ostensibly a gathering of industry hands from global and Indian technology communities, and showcased to the general public to inculcate an awareness of the tech phenomenon that is already revolutionising economies worldwide. But the summit also revealed an unedifying aspect of officialdom and exhibitionism. This was evident when a private university participating in the convention falsely claimed a Chinese-made robot to be its own development. Or in how "VIPs" and various functionaries hogged the limelight and blocked product developers and AI enthusiasts from attending the summit on some days. Then there was a protest by some activists of the Indian Youth Congress (of the Congress party) who staged a non-violent "flash mob"-like protest against the India-U.S. interim trade deal. These events only reflected the underbelly of technological promotion in India and its politicisation, as both the BJP-led government and the Opposition sought to use the glare over the summit for publicity rather than public interest. Granted, the Congress party's use of the summit's media coverage and the venue to stage a protest was inappropriate. But the Delhi police, which arrested the activists in the protest, has also blown the actions out of proportion by registering charges that range from rioting, promoting enmity between groups, making assertions prejudicial to national integration, criminal conspiracy, unlawful assembly and common intention. The flurry of arrests also triggered an unprecedented standoff between the Delhi and Himachal Pradesh police following the detention of some of the activists in Shimla.

Too often in recent years, officials in the Union government and BJP-led State/UT governments have treated even peaceful dissent as crimes that are equivalent to riotous and violent actions. This has been the case in the arrests of student activists dissenting communally coloured actions of these governments such as the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, with many charged under draconian laws and held without trial just for peaceful protest.



The decision by a Delhi trial court, acquitting Aam Aadmi Party convenor and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, and other accused in the alleged excise policy case, is considered extremely significant in the contemporary political and legal landscape. The case was registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and has been at the center of public debate for a long time.



Acquittal of AAP leaders in excise policy case is a big lifeline

Lalit Garg

The court clearly stated in its decision that the prosecution's allegations were not based on solid evidence and credible testimony, and that the claims made in the charge sheet do not stand the test of judicial scrutiny. The court's observation that conjectures and speculations cannot be accepted as legal evidence sends serious warnings not only for this particular case but also for the entire investigation process. This decision in the excise policy case is a major lifeline for the AAP. It will help the AAP regain its image of "staunch honesty" and adopt an aggressive stance for the upcoming elections, boosting the morale of opposition parties. The clean chit from the court has restored the credibility of AAP leaders, buoying party workers. The decision bolsters the narrative of "political vendetta," allowing AAP to assert its unblemished image. Opposition parties are viewing this incident as a victory against the alleged misuse of central agencies, the CBI and ED, giving them a major issue to oppose. This decision will strengthen AAP in Delhi and Punjab, allowing it to campaign aggressively for the upcoming elections.

The dispute stemmed from the new excise policy implemented in 2021. At the time, the Delhi government argued that increasing private sector participation in the liquor trade would increase revenue, reduce corruption, and make the system more transparent. However, after the policy's implementation, allegations of irregularities and alleged favoritism surfaced. These allegations later became

the basis for a criminal case. Since July 2022, the issue has become a major topic of political discourse and has been widely raised in election rallies. Now that the trial court has found the prosecution's arguments insufficient, it is natural that it will have political implications. However, the Central Bureau of Investigation has announced its intention to challenge this decision in the Delhi High Court. Therefore, the final legal position remains unclear. Furthermore, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) has stated that the investigation into the money laundering case related to it is proceeding independently. If the High Court upholds the lower court's decision, the question naturally arises as to how the legal consistency of various investigations related to the same incident will be ensured.

The most important aspect of this entire episode concerns institutional credibility. In a democratic system, the role of investigative agencies is extremely sensitive. They not only investigate crimes but also represent the initial stage of the justice system. If the court comments that the investigation appears to be moving in a predetermined direction or that insufficient evidence has been presented, this is not merely a technical error but rather a question mark on institutional integrity. A fundamental principle of justice is that an accused is presumed innocent until proven guilty based on legal evidence. It is also worth noting that the impact of serious allegations like corruption is not limited to individuals but affects the overall credibility of governance.

If the allegations are proven, severe punishment is necessary; however, if the allegations fail due to lack of sufficient evidence, it also undermines the credibility of political discourse. Political competition is natural in a democracy, but if allegations are used primarily as an electoral strategy and cannot be proven in court, it creates doubt in the minds of the public.

This decision has naturally given the Aam Aadmi Party a moral boost. However, viewing this fact solely as a victory or defeat for one party is insufficient. It also sends a broader message that the judicial process is independent and does not hesitate to highlight the weaknesses of the prosecution. The court's harsh comments indicate that the seriousness of the allegations alone is not enough; they must also be supported by strong evidence. On the other hand, it is equally important to question why, if there were indeed irregularities in a policy, concrete evidence was not presented to support it. Were there technical deficiencies in the investigation process? Was there a lack of care in collecting evidence? Or was the drafting of the charges insufficiently clear? These questions are not limited to this case alone but can serve as guidelines for future investigations.

Effective steps towards preventing corruption are possible only when investigations are fair, transparent, and lawful. Political parties must also understand that the moral appeal of anti-corruption is effective only when it is itself evidence-based. If the allegations are weak, they will not withstand

judicial scrutiny, weakening the fight against actual corruption. This development has raised another important question: the balance between the autonomy and accountability of investigative agencies. While independence is essential for agencies in a democracy, that independence is subject to legal standards and judicial control. The court's observations indicate that the integrity of the process cannot be compromised. If the prosecution presents charges without adequate preparation, the result will be a weakening of the case at an early stage.

This case certainly reminds us that the rule of law is not merely a process of punishment, but also a guarantee of due process. The burden of proving charges lies with the state, and that too based on evidence beyond reasonable doubt. If this standard is not met, no person can be convicted solely on public perception. Whatever the final outcome of this decision—as a challenge is pending in the High Court—it certainly provides an opportunity to make our anti-corruption strategy more robust and evidence-based. Political discourse must shift beyond the intensity of allegations to the quality of evidence. Investigating agencies must also ensure that their actions exemplify fairness and legal rigor.

The strength of a democracy lies in the credibility of its institutions. When the court boldly points out flaws in an investigation, it strengthens the system, not weakens it. What is needed is to view this decision as an opportunity for institutional reform, rather than through the lens of partisan gains and losses.

A pledge for equality (beyond color, caste, and religion): A step towards zero discrimination

Sunil Kumar Mahala

Zero Discrimination Day is celebrated every year on March 1st. The main objective of celebrating this day is to promote equality (both at the legal and behavioral levels), mutual respect, and a discrimination-free environment in society. Simply put, its goal is to eliminate discriminatory laws and social perceptions. Initially, the day focused on discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS, but over time, it has evolved into a global movement against discrimination based on color, religion, physical appearance, gender identity, and all other forms of discrimination. The day is actively celebrated by the United Nations (UN) and other international organizations.

It's worth noting that this day was initiated by UN-AIDS. UN-AIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, is a flagship program of the United Nations, established in 1996 to address the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, the organization works worldwide to prevent HIV infection, provide treatment and care to infected individuals, and eliminate discrimination and social stigma associated with the disease. It also supports governments in developing policies, campaigning for awareness, and achieving the global goal of eliminating AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

If we look at the history of this day, it was announced in December 2013 on the occasion of World AIDS

Day and was first celebrated on March 1, 2014. It was initiated by Michel Sidibé, the then Executive Director of UN-AIDS.

Each year, a theme is set for this day. To be precise, "Protect the rights of all, to protect the health of all" is its original and official theme, which specifically emphasizes the removal of discriminatory laws that deny people access to treatment and dignity. On the other hand, the slogan "People First" is originally associated with the campaign for World AIDS Day (December 1). Since both campaigns are led by UN-AIDS, these slogans are often confused with each other on social media and the internet. In conclusion, the official theme of Zero Discrimination Day on March 1 focuses on protecting rights and health, while "People

First" embodies a broader humanitarian approach.

The symbol of this day is the butterfly, which conveys the message of change and rejuvenation. The butterfly symbolizes transformation. Just as a butterfly emerges from its cocoon completely transformed and captivates the world with its beauty, society must abandon its old mindset of discrimination and embrace a new approach of equality and inclusion.

This day is not only about raising awareness about HIV/AIDS, but also about dispelling the fear, misconceptions, and stigma prevalent in society. Particular emphasis is placed on protecting the rights of women, children, and the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer) community, as these

groups often face inequalities in health services, education, and employment opportunities. This day aims to educate people that HIV is not spread through normal social contact and can be controlled through timely testing, counseling, and treatment.

In conclusion, Zero Discrimination Day is an important occasion to reinforce the spirit of equality, respect, and human rights in society. It teaches us that discriminating against anyone on the basis of caste, gender, religion, language, or health status is inhumane. Equal opportunity, justice, and dignity are fundamental rights of every individual. So, let us all pledge to build a society where every person has the opportunity to live a life of dignity, without any discrimination.

What Anna Hazare said on Kejriwal's discharge in Delhi liquor policy case

New Delhi, (GNS): Social activist Anna Hazare on Friday welcomed the discharge of AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case, saying the court's verdict must be accepted as judiciary is supreme. The anti-corruption crusader also advised Kejriwal to work for society and the country and not to think of himself or about his party.

On his critical comments made against Kejriwal in the past concerning the excise policy case, he said the court had not delivered any verdict at that time.

A court in the national capital on Friday discharged former Delhi chief minister Kejriwal, his deputy Manish Sisodia and 21 others from the politically-charged liquor-policy case, and pulled up the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), saying it did not find any "overarching con-



spiracy or criminal intent" in the policy.

Kejriwal, arrested on March 21, 2024, by the Enforcement Directorate in the excise policy case and later by the CBI, which was probing the corruption charges, had been released on

bail after spending 155 days in jail. "Our country runs on the judiciary. The judicial system is the supreme system in the country. Ours is a big country comprising several political parties, castes, creeds and religions, and still it is running properly

because of the judicial system," Hazare told reporters at his native village Ralegan Siddhi in Maharashtra's Ahilyanagar district. In the absence of a strong judiciary, criminal elements would gain upper hand and there would be a riot-like situation in the country, he said.

"Whatever I had said about Arvind Kejriwal regarding his involvement in the case was before any decision had come from the judiciary. At that time, the allegations were in the air. Now the judiciary has given its verdict that he had no role in the (wrongdoing). We have to accept the verdict," he said.

"Now the court has given its decision. In our democracy, we must respect the judiciary," he added, in response to his past critical comments about the former Delhi CM.

Elated workers celebrate early Holi



New Delhi, (GNS): The iconic "Rang De Basanti Chola" song that used to play in AAP rallies and roadshows returned to the party's headquarters at 1 Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane as party workers and senior leaders gathered to celebrate early Holi after a Delhi court discharged Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and others in the alleged excise policy scam.

The party workers danced in celebration and played Holi as it was a big victory for them.

AAP Delhi chief Saurabh Bharadwaj, along with Vishesh Ravi, Ghanendra Bhardwaj and several other leaders, reached

the party headquarters. A large number of workers also gathered there.

Saurabh Bharadwaj and other leaders also joined in the celebrations, and everyone played with 'gulaal' and congratulated one another at the party office. Workers danced to dhol beats, distributing ladoos and gujiya among visitors and raising slogans such as 'Arvind Kejriwal Zindabad.' Inside the house, Kejriwal was seen hugging his wife and children, while former deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, who was among those discharged, was also part of the celebrations.

Justice Singh no stranger to delivering strong orders

New Delhi, (GNS): Last year, Delhi's law minister Kapil Mishra suffered a legal setback as his challenge to a summons by a magistrate for alleged online hate speech was tossed out.

What came as a surprise, however, was the strongly worded order that followed, in which the judge slammed Mishra's posts as ones that "appear to be a brazen attempt to promote enmity on the grounds of religion". Special MP/MLA court judge Jitendra Singh highlighted that the use of the word 'Pakistan' was "very skilfully woven by (Mishra) in his alleged statements to spew hatred, careless to communal polarisation that may ensue in the election campaign, only to garner votes."

Singh's no-holds-barred approach was on full display again on Friday as he took apart the CBI's liquor policy case and discharged all 23 accused.

Currently manning the sensitive roster of the MP/MLA court as special judge at the Rouse Avenue court complex, Singh is a senior judicial



officer of Delhi Higher Judicial Service. He was appointed as an additional sessions judge in Oct 2024 and has since handled complex matters.

On Nov 14, 2024, Singh ordered the release of AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan in a money-laundering case connected to alleged irregularities in the recruitment process of Delhi Waqf Board during his chairmanship. The judge refused to take cognisance of ED's supplementary chargesheet against Khan under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) for lack of requisite sanction under section 197(1).

'Molestation claim used as cover': Gang loots Rs 15 lakh, 22 iPhones worth Rs 30 lakh in Delhi; 5 arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): Five people, including three women, have been arrested for allegedly robbing a businessman's employee in north Delhi after accusing him of molestation to distract bystanders and flee with cash and high-value mobile phones.

Police said the gang had boarded a bus from Jammu. The employee of a mobile store in Jammu, Ramesh Chand, 39, was travelling to Timarpur with two bags - one containing Rs 15 lakh and 22 packed Apple iPhones worth Rs 30 lakh, and the other carrying his personal mobile phone.

As he got off the bus, the gang followed him in an autorickshaw, surrounded him and falsely accused him of molestation and assault. While the women reportedly created a scene, the men fled with the bags. The arrested accused have been identified as Hashu



Bibi, 23, Juna Begum, 31, Maneeva Akhtar, 24, Tarig Hussain, 33 and Mohammad Farole, 28, all residents of Jammu.

The incident took place on Feb 17. Police said the three women were caught on the spot with the help of bystanders and the victim's mobile phone. Deputy commissioner of police (North) Raja Banthia said that during ques-

tioning, the accused revealed that a man named Parvez had planned the robbery. They also said the male accomplices initially returned to Jammu. On Feb 20, Farooq was arrested in Chandigarh, Punjab, while he was on his way to meet an advocate for anticipatory bail, aware that police were closing in. He told officers that Parvez had taken the stolen cash and phones.

A separate team tracking Tarig traced him to his native village, Farole, but he was absconding. Tarig owned two buses that ran between his village and Udhampur, and despite police laying traps at both ends of the routes, he managed to evade arrest.

Teams then pursued the accused through remote parts of Udhampur for five days, navigating forests, hilly terrain and unpaved tracks. Officers even spent nights in the forests. After an eight-day search, Tarig was arrested in his village, and Rs 2 lakh was recovered from him. Initially, he withheld information about the stolen property. However, after interrogation, he disclosed that Parvez had told him to hide the cash and phones in an animal enclosure at his house. Police later recovered Rs 13 lakh and 21 Apple iPhones from the spot.

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New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi govt on Friday launched a double-decker bus service, called Dekho Meri Dilli, aimed at boosting tourism. Chief minister Rekha Gupta flagged off the vehicles.

The 63-seater electric bus is equipped with safety systems and has a panoramic upper deck to allow visitors a view of Delhi's heritage and contemporary landmarks, a senior official said. The service will start daily at 9 am from Delhi Haat. Launched by Delhi's tourism department in collaboration with the Hinduja Group, the bus will cover Vijay Chowk, Rashtrapati Bhavan, North Block and South Block, National Museum, National Gallery of Modern Art, Prime Minister's Museum, National War Memorial and India Gate before returning to INA.

The fare is fixed at Rs 500 with a 5% GST. Children aged 5-10 years will be charged Rs 300 plus GST. Tickets are



available online on the Delhi tourism website and offline at designated counters across the city, including Connaught Place, INA and Indira Gandhi International Airport.

Officials said that more buses will be launched in the coming months, depending on the response to the service.

Evening tours are also planned and the route largely finalised, said an official, adding that since the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya

closes at 6 pm, the tour will begin from the museum and then proceed to other destinations. The double-decker bus can accommodate over 63 passengers besides the driver. Officials said the service is intended for both domestic and foreign tourists and is designed to operate mostly in Lutyens' Delhi.

Gupta said the initiative aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of development alongside heritage

preservation. She noted that Delhi, known for its rich historical legacy, is also shaping a new global identity through modern landmarks such as Bharat Mandapam, Yashobhoomi, the new Parliament Building and the Central Vista. The bus service, she said, will allow tourists to experience this blend of "heritage and modernity" in a single ride.

Tourism minister Kapil Mishra described the launch as more than the introduction of a vehicle, calling it an effort to place Delhi on the global tourism map. He said the capital, which has more than 1,200 monuments, offers a unique integration of ancient civilisation, British-era heritage and world-class modern infrastructure. He added that plans are under way to host global events, including an international film festival, live entertainment and a creator economy.

Acquittal of Kejriwal, Sisodia a 'triumph of truth', says AAP

New Delhi, (GNS): Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders on Friday welcomed the Delhi court's acquittal of AAP national convener and former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia in the Delhi excise policy case, describing the verdict as a vindication of truth and integrity.

Expressing his satisfaction over the Rouse Avenue Court decision in a post on X, Manish Sisodia wrote: "Satyamev Jayate. Today once again we feel proud of Babasaheb Ambedkar's far-sighted vision and the Constitution he gave us. Despite the entire party of Modi ji and all agencies making every effort to prove us dishonest, it has been established



today that Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia are staunchly honest." Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann also lauded the judgment. In a post of X, he said: "Truth always

triumphs. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia have been acquitted by the Delhi court in the liquor case. This decision

of the court has brought the truth before everyone. With time, the truth of all other cases will also come out. Inquilab Zindabad." AAP Delhi State president Saurabh Bharadwaj reflected on the personal ordeal faced by the leaders and their families. "Arvind Kejriwal rose from a small village in Haryana to study at the IIT, later clearing the Indian Revenue Service exam and serving as an Assistant Commissioner in the Income Tax Department. He left a well-paying job to work for the people in the jhuggis of Sundar Nagri. During the raids, even his children witnessed authorities entering their home in a shocking manner, raising doubts among the public about his integrity," he said.

Neeraj Shridhar turns DU fest into a 2000s rewind

New Delhi, (GNS): Neeraj Shridhar headlined Vivekananda College's annual fest Pallavi this week, drawing a packed crowd of Delhi University students who sang along to 2000s chartbusters, from Tha Kar Ke to Heyy Babyy. Students soaked in the nostalgic energy even before the singer arrived, grooving to the DJ's dance numbers.

'SRK encouraged me to write Love Mera Hit Hit': Addressing the audience after two songs, Neeraj said, "I

was told that you guys are very excited about the concert and I'm equally excited to be here with you!" Accompanied by Gorisha Nath on lead vocals, the singer powered through late 2000s and 2010s hits with a live band, turning the venue into a high-energy singalong. Sharing the story behind one of his most famous songs, Love Mera Hit Hit from Billu (2009) Neeraj shared that it was Shah Rukh Khan who encouraged him to add a Punjabi touch to it.

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Lower court verdict not a clean chit: CM Rekha

New Delhi, (GNS): Reacting to the discharge of former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and former Deputy CM Manish Sisodia by a Delhi court in the alleged liquor scam case, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday emphasised that the lower court's decision does not amount to a clean chit and alleged that evidence in the case had been tampered with.

Gupta said, "The verdict delivered by the trial court is part of the legal process, not the final truth. The truth will ultimately prevail, and Kejriwal should not shed crocodile tears. Bail and acquittal are two different things in legal terms."

The Chief Minister questioned several aspects of the excise policy implemented during Kejriwal's tenure. "If the liquor policy was so excellent and revenue-enhancing, why was it withdrawn as soon as the investigation began? Why was there a U-turn by scrapping the new policy and reverting to the old one? Who benefited



from the increase in wholesale profit margin from five to 12 per cent? The former Chief Minister must answer these questions," she said.

Gupta also raised concerns about the destruction of mobile phones and digital records during the investigation. "During the investigation, around 160-170 mobile phones were changed in approximately 200 days. Why were such actions necessary? Why were questions raised

regarding digital records? If there was nothing to hide, why did these circumstances arise? All of this creates serious suspicion," she said, citing earlier observations by the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court about prima facie indications of financial irregularities.

The CM further pointed to the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) report, which indicated potential revenue losses of thousands of crores.

Man's genitals cut in north Delhi, case filed

New Delhi, (GNS): A woman allegedly severed her friend's genitals in north Delhi's Wazirabad on Feb 25.

Police received information from a hospital regarding the admission of a 22-year-old man, a resident of Rampur, UP. In his statement, the man said he came to Delhi on Feb 24 and was staying with a female friend in Sangam Vihar, Wazirabad.

He alleged that during the night, she administered an intoxicating substance to him mixed in milk. Around 2:30 am, while he was asleep and under the influence of the substance, she allegedly attacked him with a sharp-edged weapon, causing grievous injuries and severing his genitals. He rushed to the hospital, carrying the severed part.

Colours and flowers: A year on, AAP headquarters turn jubilant



New Delhi, (GNS): With a court discharging AAP's Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia in the excise policy case, celebrations returned to the party headquarters on Friday, nearly a year after the dismal Feb 2025 assembly elections.

AAP functionaries and workers gathered outside national convener Kejriwal's residence on Feroze Shah Road and at the party headquarters at neighbouring Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Lane, many carrying colours and flowers. Groups of workers danced to dhol beats and applied colours on one another as security personnel

managed the crowd. Kejriwal's journey from home to the party headquarters, though short, became a victory roadshow. High in intensity, the procession reflected the charged mood among workers. Showered with flower petals, the former chief minister emerged through the sunroof of his car, greeting supporters lining the route to the party office. The atmosphere reverberating with the beats of dhols and chants of "Satyamev Jayate", Kejriwal acknowledged the crowd with folded hands, thanking them for their support.

Delhi quadruple murder: Woman, three children not drugged, autopsy reveals; husband still absconding

New Delhi, (GNS): The postmortem examination of the woman and her three children, who were found murdered at their rented accommodation in northwest Delhi's Samaypur Badli, was conducted on Friday.

According to a senior police officer, the autopsy report confirmed that the woman was not pregnant at the time of her death.

The examination also ruled out the possibility that she or the children were drugged before the killings.

Police sources said teams are conducting raids in Rajasthan, Bihar, and other states to trace her husband, Munchun Kewat, who is the prime suspect in the case.

When asked about reports that the family took a loan of Rs 5 lakh, an officer said the matter is being verified. There were also claims that a shopkeeper, Kewat's friend, was



missing; however, police said they had no information confirming this.

The incident came to light on Wednesday morning when a relative discovered the bodies and alerted the neighbours, who informed the police. A team from the local police station rushed to the house in the Chandan Park area and found the woman and her 3 daughters lying dead on a bed. The deceased woman was identified as Anita. Her daughters were between three and five years old.

All 14 arrested for JNUSU march granted bail

New Delhi, (GNS): Police on Friday arrested 14 people, including office bearers of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) in connection with a protest the union held a day earlier that allegedly turned violent. They were later granted bail.

Among the arrested were Nitish Kumar, a former JNUSU president, Aditi Mishra, the current union president, Gopika Babu, its vice-president, and Danish Ali, the student body's joint secretary. Police said around 25 personnel were injured during the protest and 51 people were detained on Thursday.

The JNUSU attempted to take out a march from the university campus to the education ministry to protest against the alleged casteist remarks by vice-chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit.

Police have registered an FIR 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 Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). They said the march, called by the JNUSU, turned violent after participants attempted to move out of the campus despite being denied permission to do so.



"The JNU administration had already told the organisers that no permission had been 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 to not proceed beyond the campus, around 400-500 students gathered at the main gate around 3.20 pm to march towards the ministry, police said. They allegedly damaged barricades installed at the site. A senior police officer said that some protesters turned aggressive. "They threw banners, sticks and shoes at police personnel, and even resorted to assault," DCP Goel said. Some protesters bit the police personnel, the officer said.

The bail order on Friday said that about 27 police officers were injured. "Assaulting police officers on duty is a serious concern which cannot be permitted in the garb of peaceful protest," the bail order said. "However, it cannot be ignored that the offences... are punishable with a maximum imprisonment of five years only. The accused persons are students and are not habitual offenders. They have their entire career lying ahead. Therefore, considering the facts and circumstances, the accused persons are admitted to bail in the sum of Rs 25,000," the order added.

The bail was given on the condition that the 14 people will not induce or threaten any person acquainted with the case, and must refrain from committing any offence while on bail. They have to provide correct permanent and residential addresses, along with an active mobile number, in their bail bonds, and promptly inform the court of changes. They must appear before the court for every hearing and are prohibited from leaving the country without permission.

In a counter-protest on Friday, a faculty member at JNU began an indefinite hunger strike on campus against JNUSU and the JNU Teachers' Association.

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