



Amit Shah launches e-Zero FIR system in Uttarakhand gives citizenship certificates to refugees

Haridwar(GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday attended a program organized at Bairagi Camp in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, to mark the completion of four years of the state government. Here, he launched the e-Zero FIR system and inaugurated several projects worth over 1,100 crore rupees. He then handed over Indian citizenship certificates to three Pakistani and one Afghan refugee under the Citizenship Amendment Act(CAA).

Those receiving the certificates included Shaillesh, a member of the priestly family of the Siddhpeth Hinglaj Mata Temple in Balochistan, Pakistan;

Jaspal Kumar from Bhattagram, Pakistan; Durganath T. Rajput from Karachi; and Hanseri Bai from Afghanistan. Amit Shah said that when he introduced the CAA, leaders of opposition parties created a lot of uproar. Shah said that he wanted to reiterate today that Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, and Jain refugees from Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Afghanistan have as much right to this country as its citizens do.

The Union Home Minister also presented appointment letters to 100 newly appointed constables in the Uttarakhand Police, of whom Aman Singh, Akash, Abhay Chauhan,



Arjun Nath Goswami, and Yogesh Nath received their appointment letters from the state.

e-Zero FIR system, being implemented under Section 173 of the Indian Civil Defence Code, has been specifically developed to provide prompt assistance to victims of financial cyber fraud exceeding one lakh rupees. Now, complaints received on the 1930 helpline or the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal will be registered as e-Zero FIRs at the State Cyber Police Station in Dehradun and then immediately transmitted to the concerned police station via CCTNS. This will help the police to take immediate action in the golden hour, start collecting evidence and freeze suspicious transactions.

During the event, the Home Minister also launched the e-Zero FIR system in Uttarakhand. The

The second phase of the Budget session begins on March 9

A proposal to remove the Lok Sabha Speaker will be presented on the first day itself; the BJP and Congress have issued whips

New Delhi(GNS):The second phase of the Budget Session of Parliament will begin on March 9 and continue till April 2. Both the BJP and the Congress have issued a 3-line whip to their Lok Sabha MPs to be present in the House from March 9 to 11. The Congress has asked its MPs to be present in the House during these days as a motion to remove the Lok Sabha Speaker is likely to be discussed. The BJP has also directed its MPs to be present. The opposition has submitted a notice of motion to remove Speaker Om Birla



from his post. 118 opposition MPs have signed the no-confidence motion. However, Trinamool Congress MPs (29) did not sign the notice. Meanwhile, Trinamool Congress MPs have decided to support the no-confidence motion, as directed by their party chairperson. Sources indicate that TMC MPs will vote against the Lok Sabha Speaker.

Shankaracharya said, "It is unfortunate that we have to embark on a religious war"



He distributed posters reading, "Live Hindus, let's go to Lucknow!" He also organized a "Go Pratishtha Dharma Yudh" meeting

Varanasi(GNS): Shankaracharya Swami Avimuktshwarananda made these remarks in Kashi on Saturday before leaving for Lucknow. Shankaracharya named this movement the "Go Pratishtha Dharma Yudh Sabha." He will arrive in Lucknow on March 11th. He will hold a meeting in the presence of thousands of saints. In this meeting, he will demand the government declare the cow as the mother of the nation.

On January 30th, Shankaracharya issued a 40-day ultimatum to the Yogi government. He then said, "Declare the cow as the mother of the nation. Otherwise, we will launch a movement." Shankaracharya will arrive in Lucknow from Kashi five days later.

Shankaracharya arrived in Jaunpur from Kashi. Here he said, "No one has the right to question our Shankaracharyas. There are four Shankaracharyas in our religion. When the supreme Shankaracharyas have anointed me, then what right does anyone have to say, 'We do not accept them?'" He said that the one who appoints a Shankaracharya also has the right to remove him.

India will not be drawn into the Iran war, its impact will be clearly visible

New Delhi(GNS): The ongoing war between Iran and Israel-USA is having a direct impact on the world. Meanwhile, senior Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said that while India will not be drawn into this war, its effects will be clearly visible. According to media reports, Tharoor said that India should strive to stop this war as soon as possible. He said that India should not lag behind in preventing war and establishing peace.

I am with all those saints who talk about mother cow, Geeta and Sanatan: Dhirendra Shastri

Varanasi(GNS): Peethadheeshwar of Bageshwar Dham, Pandit Dhirendra Shastri has supported Shankaracharya Avimuktshwarananda. He said that I am with all those saints who talk about mother cow, Geeta and Sanatan. Shankaracharya has raised the issue of cow. A campaign is going on all over the country for mother cow. As cow protectors, we support him morally. But we have not received an invitation for Lucknow. I am going for a month's retreat. Dhirendra Shastri reached Kashi with his mother on Friday. He visited Baba Vishvanath. According to media reports, amid his conflict with Chief Minister Yogi, Shankaracharya Avimuktshwarananda will hold a meeting in Lucknow on March 11th to protect cows, the Ganga, and Sanatan Dharma.



Fire at Jind factory, 5 women killed: 17 workers burned

Main gate locked from outside, unable to escape, jump from roof

Jind(GNS): A massive fire broke out at a factory manufacturing Holi colours and gulal in Jind, Haryana on Saturday. Five women were killed and 17 workers, mostly women, were burned in the incident.

The incident occurred in Bhat Colony, Safidon. It is alleged that the factory's main gate was locked from the outside. When the fire broke out, the workers were unable to escape. Fire brigade vehicles arrived at the scene immediately after receiving information and, after considerable effort, brought the fire under control. The injured were admitted



to the Civil Hospital. It is not yet known what started the fire. Upon receiving information, DC Mohammad Imran Raza and Superintendent of Police Kuldeep Singh arrived at the scene and inspected the scene.

The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for the Kota airport, saying it will give a new impetus to the development of the Hadoti region

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing the foundation stone laying ceremony of Kota Airport via video message on Saturday, said that this modern airport will give new impetus to the development of the Hadoti region and will rapidly increase trade, tourism, and employment opportunities here in the future.

The Prime Minister said that today is a day of new hope and new achievements for the entire Hadoti region, including Kota, Bundi, Baran, and Jhalawar. This modern airport, built at a cost of approximately 1,500 crore, will give new impetus to the development of the entire

region in the future. He said that once this airport is operational, travel will become easier in Kota and the entire region, and business will grow rapidly. Previously, people had to travel to Jaipur or Jodhpur for air travel, but now the people of the region will have greater convenience. Describing Kota as a unique hub of education and energy, the Prime Minister said that it produces electricity from nuclear power, coal, gas, and hydropower. This airport will also provide a new identity and market for local products like Kota Doria sarees, Kota stone, and Bundi's Basmati rice. The region also holds immense



tourism potential. Religious and natural sites like Shri Mathuradhish Ji, Garadia Mahadev, and Mukundra Hills can attract tourists from both India and abroad. Improved air connectivity will directly benefit youth, businesses, and the local economy. The Prime

Minister noted that work is progressing rapidly in the area of connectivity in Kota. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, both major railway stations in Kota are being equipped with modern facilities, while the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, passing through Kota and Bundi, is opening new doors for development for the entire region. He noted that while there were only 70 airports in the country in 2014, today their number has increased to over 160. He expressed confidence that the new airport in Kota will similarly provide a new impetus to the region's development.

President Murmu expressed displeasure over the behavior of the Mamata government

Kolkata(GNS): President Draupadi Murmu, who arrived in Siliguri, North Bengal to attend the 9th International Santal Conference, expressed displeasure with the West Bengal government's administrative arrangements and protocol during the event.

During her address from the stage, she indirectly questioned the state administration's functioning, stating that numerous obstacles were created in organizing the conference, causing significant difficulties for the organizers. After arriving at Bagdogra Airport on Saturday, the President went directly to the venue in Gosairpur and then attended the main conference in

Bidhannagar. In her address, she stated that despite the availability of sufficient space in Bidhannagar, permission for the conference was initially denied citing security reasons. Consequently, the organizers had to change the venue four times, which is not appropriate for any major cultural and social event.

The President, speaking emotionally about Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, said that she considers her a sister and considers herself a daughter of Bengal. Despite this, it is extremely unfortunate that such administrative hurdles arise. He stated that such events should receive support and encourage-



ment, as they provide a platform to strengthen the culture, identity, and traditions of the tribal community.

Meanwhile, while addressing the conference, President Draupadi Murmu expressed

from entering. She stated that such a major international event should ensure open participation by all members of the Santal community.

In her address, she also recalled the Santal community's tradition of bravery. She said that nearly 240 years ago, her ancestor, Tilka Manjhi, raised the banner of revolt against oppression.

The President stated that the Santal community does not accept injustice and fights steadfastly against oppression. She said that the Santals are a community of brave people and should be proud of their glorious history.

President Murmu also raised

the issue of protocol. She said that as per rules, the Chief Minister or a senior cabinet minister of the state government is expected to be present at the airport when the President arrives. However, neither the Chief Minister nor any senior minister was present to welcome him at Bagdogra Airport. Only Siliguri Mayor Gautam Deb was present.

The President's statement has sparked a new political debate regarding the state government system and central-state relations. However, a large number of tribal community members attended the conference and were quite enthusiastic about the President's presence.

Yatra Naryastu Poojyante Ramante Tatra Devataah” : O Shakti Swapani, Mother of Creation, I salute you

Binod Kumar Singh

In the vast tradition of Indian culture, a sentence has been echoing for centuries - "Yatra naryastu puujyante ramante tatra devataah". This is not just a classical saying, but it is the proclamation of the soul of Indian civilization. It means that in a society where women are respected, divinity resides there, sentiments remain alive there, culture breathes there and the lamp of humanity never goes out there.

A woman is not just a person; she is the creative energy of life. As a mother, she is the Gangotri of love, as a sister, she is the river of affection, as a wife, she is life's companion, and as a daughter, she is the smile of the future. Indian tradition has not only seen women in social roles, but has also considered them the fundamental power of

creation. This is why nature is also called mother, and knowledge, wealth, and power are worshipped as Saraswati, Lakshmi, and Durga.

Women have always held a privileged place in Indian civilization. In the Vedic era, when discussions of knowledge and philosophy took place, women were equally present. Scholars like Gargi and Maitreyi not only studied the scriptures but also astonished everyone with their brilliance in philosophical discussions. At that time, society held a deep-seated belief that knowledge and compassion were genderless. A person's identity was determined by their thoughts and actions. The flow of time has seen many ups and downs. Medieval conditions transformed social structures, and many stereotypes began to take root in society. Numerous restrictions were imposed on women's free-

dom. Opportunities for education and social participation began to be limited. But history bears witness to the fact that the consciousness of Indian women was never completely suppressed. Time and again, they broke these barriers with their energy and self-confidence. India's freedom struggle gave women power a new direction and a new identity. When the country was bound by the chains of subjugation, many women left their homes and participated in the great struggle for independence.

Rani Lakshmbai's sword was not only a fight against British rule; it became a symbol of the self-respect of Indian women. Sarojini Naidu's words were both poetic and revolutionary. Kasturba Gandhi's sacrifice and dedication were connected to the soul of the nation. The freedom movement proved that women are

not merely a power confined to the confines of the home, but also have the potential to shape the destiny of the nation. This is why the framers of independent India's Constitution resolved to provide equal rights and equal opportunities to women. The Constitution clearly stated that the state would not discriminate against any citizen on the basis of gender. This was not just a legal provision; it was a vision of a new India in which both men and women would progress with equal dignity. In the decades following independence, Indian society gradually underwent a journey of change. The expansion of education brought new light to women's lives. The doors of schools and universities began to open. With knowledge, self-confidence grew, and with confidence, doors to new possibilities opened. Today's India is

witness to a transformation where women are not merely the center of the home but have become active participants in society and the nation. From science laboratories to space launch centers, from sports fields to administrative responsibilities, Indian women are showcasing their talents in every field of art, literature, journalism, education, and entrepreneurship.

When an Indian daughter hoists the national flag on the international stage, it is not just her personal success; it is a tribute to the entire women power that has made its mark amidst centuries of challenges. Yet to say that the journey is complete would be to ignore reality. Society still faces many challenges that make the path of women difficult. In many places, social stereotypes and inequalities still challenge their self-confidence.

Editorial

Nitish Kumar, the BJP and Bihar politics

Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) chief Nitish Kumar is relinquishing his post and stepping aside from active politics. A nominee from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will likely succeed him as Chief Minister. Though the turn of events appears abrupt, it has been in the making for several years, and follows a pattern of the BJP's expansion into newer areas and social groups. Mr. Kumar has oscillated between the BJP and the Congress-led Opposition over the years, and still commands the loyalty of a considerable section of Other Backward Classes (OBC) in the State. At 75, old age had impaired him, and though his decline has been in full public view, he remained in the saddle — a testimony to his political indispensability. In the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) swept 202 of 243 seats, with the BJP emerging as the single largest party with 89 seats against the JD(U)'s 85. The BJP was initially unwilling to declare Mr. Kumar as the NDA's chief ministerial candidate, even while calculating that the alliance could not afford to contest without him. Less than four months after taking oath as Chief Minister for a record tenth time, he filed his Rajya Sabha nomination on March 5, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah by his side. The BJP is navigating a very fine line, trying to gently push Mr. Kumar aside without toppling the apple cart of the social combination that holds various Hindu caste groups together. Any sense of insult to the OBCs can be politically costly; but the party is equally determined to formalise its primacy in Bihar politics, a fact on the ground since at least the 2020 Assembly election, when it won 74 seats to the JD(U)'s 43. The transition in Bihar also aligns with the four-decade pattern of the BJP's growth. The Hindutva party finds a foothold in new areas and among new social groups through alliances with regional outfits first, then emerges on top, and finally replaces the former ally. In 2020, the BJP already outran the JD(U) in seat tally but swallowed its ambition to keep the coalition intact and Mr. Kumar in place. In 2025, it retained that lead — 89 to 85 — and the arithmetic of the Rajya Sabha vacancy provided the occasion, and a measure of cover, for the inevitable transition.



Give to Gain Campaign, Shakti Walk-She Leads, Builds India Padyatra - Overall Analysis Only when women achieve equal participation in education, employment, leadership and decision-making, will society become truly just and prosperous. Programmes organised in many countries of the world including India show that empowerment of women is the basis of progress of humanity.



International Women's Day 2026 is not just a celebration but a symbol of a global movement

Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

International Women's Day, celebrated globally every year, is a significant occasion for the global community, honoring women for their contributions to society, economy, politics, science, education, culture, and human development. In 2026, this day holds special significance because its central spirit is not limited to celebration but focuses on concrete action for the rights, justice, and empowerment of every woman and girl. Today, as the world is rapidly changing, women's participation and leadership are considered the foundation of development. This day reminds us that gender equality is not just a matter of social justice, but an essential condition for sustainable development and global peace. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that International Women's Day is not just a platform for discussing problems, but also a celebration of women's achievements. Today, women are achieving remarkable achievements in fields such as science, space, politics, sports, defense, business, and the arts. Women scientists, entrepreneurs, athletes, and leaders around the world have proven that given the opportunity, women can excel in any field. On this day, felicitation ceremonies, conferences, cultural events, and awareness campaigns are organized in various countries to recognize the contributions of women and inspire society.

Friends, if we consider the Give to Gain campaign and global cooperation, the Give to Gain campaign is also being discussed globally on the occasion of International Women's Day

2026. The campaign's core message is that cooperation, empathy, and generosity are essential to achieving gender equality. When women advance in education, health, and economic opportunities, the entire society benefits. Therefore, this campaign inspires people to use their resources, time, and knowledge to empower women. In this way, the campaign reinforces the idea of collective progress. International Women's Day holds special significance in India because women's role has been significant in every sphere of social, cultural, and economic life. In Indian society, women are considered symbols of power, knowledge, and creativity. However, at various points in history, they have faced social limitations and inequalities. Today, the Government of India and various social organizations are implementing numerous schemes for women's education, health, employment, and security. Women's Day provides a perfect opportunity to advance these efforts and launch new initiatives.

Friends, if we talk about the Government of India's National Celebration at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, the Government of India is organizing a grand national celebration of International Women's Day on March 8, 2026. The Ministry of Women and Child Development will organize this event at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi. The President of India will be the chief guest. The Minister of Women and Child Development and the Minister of State will also be present. This event reflects the government's commitment to advancing women-led development in India. Various audio-visual presentations will be showcased, highlighting women's

increasing participation in the workforce and key government schemes. Panel Discussions and Policy Dialogues: Two important panel discussions will be held during the event. The first discussion will be on the topic of labor codes, promoting women's empowerment, which will consider equal opportunities, safety, and labor rights in the workplace. The second panel discussion will focus on "Women from Self-Help Groups as Entrepreneurs," which will discuss measures to promote women entrepreneurship in rural and urban areas. Experts, policymakers, and women leaders will participate in these discussions. Approximately 1,000 women from over 150 ministries, departments, and organizations are expected to attend the event. These will include representatives from diverse sectors, such as the armed forces, police, media, healthcare, sports, and industry. This diversity reflects the active role women in India play in every field and are contributing significantly to the country's development.

Friends, if we talk about the Shakti Walk - She Leads, Builds India walk, on the occasion of International Women's Day, the Ministry of Women and Child Development will organize a women-led walk titled Shakti Walk - She Leads, Builds India on the Kartavya Path in New Delhi. The walk will run from 7:30 am to 10 am and will cover a distance of approximately two kilometers from India Gate to Vijay Chowk. Approximately 3,000 women are expected to participate in this event, including representatives from various ministries, organizations, the armed forces, the police, the media, and social organizations. The walk aims to convey the message

that women play a central role in India's development. When women lead, the potential for inclusive and balanced development in society increases. Therefore, the message of She Leads, Builds India demonstrates that women are not only participants in development, but also its creators. During the Shakti Walk, exhibitions will be set up along the Kartavya Path, showcasing key government schemes for women. Additionally, cultural performances will be held at India Gate, featuring traditional dances such as Dollu Kunitha, Kalaripayattu, S r i n g a r i m e l l a m , Ranchandi, and Ghoomar. These performances will symbolize India's cultural diversity and the power of women. Friends, if we talk about the National Conference on Women's Power for Developing India, a national conference on the theme of "Women's Power for Developing India" is being organized at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on the occasion of Women's Day. This conference will be held under the title "Bharati Nari Se Narayani." Its objective is to elevate women beyond the boundaries of the family and establish them as active forces in nation-building. Objective and Vision of the Conference The goal of this conference is to create a platform where women can connect, share ideas, and offer solutions. This platform is considered an important step towards increasing women's participation in policymaking and strengthening the goal of a self-reliant India. Through the conference, multifaceted policy recommendations will be presented to the government and efforts will be made to create a national network of women's leadership.

There is a need for a symposium in honour of women on International Women's Day

Sanjay Goswami

A symposium is a formal intellectual gathering where experts present their ideas, research, and perspectives on a specific topic or issue. The topic is explored comprehensively through question-answer sessions, discussion, and in-depth analysis. It is a structured dialogue method that encourages interaction. Every year, March 8th is celebrated as International Women's Day. On March 8th, 1917, women in Petrograd, Russia, went on strike for four days and ultimately won the right to vote—a pivotal moment that led to the establishment of March 8th as the official date for International Women's Day. This day was officially recognized by the United Nations in 1975. Therefore, to honor women, the Hindi Vigyan

Sahitya Parishad, Mumbai, and the Association of Mutual Funds in India organized a national webinar on March 6th, 26th, at 7 p.m.

In this program, Dr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal, invited speaker of the Council, delivered his lecture on the topic 'Let's Talk of Money' in online mode on behalf of AMFI at 7 pm. As is known, the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) is the largest organization of all registered asset management companies in India. It was formed on August 22, 1995, to meet the need for a comprehensive set of standards and a reliable mediator to regulate the rapidly growing mutual fund sector. Meanwhile, the Hindi Vigyan Sahitya Parishad, Mumbai, was formed in 1968 by senior scientists of Mumbai with the aim of spreading science in Hindi to the masses.

It was founded with the aim of promoting the national language, making scientific literature accessible to the general public, and carrying out the work of creating and disseminating scientific literature in a well-organized manner. The most important and permanent activity of the Council is the regular publication of a scientific journal. To introduce the webinar, the Chairman of the Council, K.K. Verma, expressed his views about the webinar and the Council. After that, Mr. Prakash Kashyap, Executive Member of the Council, introduced the speaker. He told that Dr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal is a well-known academician, data scientist, financial literacy expert and entrepreneurship mentor, who has an excellent track record in education, research, innovation and

startup ecosystem development. His expertise extends to mathematical modeling, statistical analysis, data science, financial literacy and entrepreneurship development. Ph.D. With a Bachelor's degree in Mathematical Modelling and D.Stat from the University of California, USA, Dr. Agarwal has made significant contributions in both academic and professional fields. Then the key note speaker Dr. Sanjay Kumar Agarwal told in the webinar on Let's Talk of Money at 7.00 pm that this program has been organized on International Women's Day. As is known, International Women's Day is celebrated every year on 8th March, which is a day to celebrate the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women across the world. Therefore, women should have understanding and

awareness about investing money in the right way and this program is not only for women but also for the common citizen to get the right information about investment. The discussion was about money. To earn money. Their main objective is to tell about such a system through which we can take decisions regarding our life long earnings and remain worry free throughout the year. In Let's Talk, the speaker talked about how to invest in mutual funds in the right way. He told that to understand the working of mutual funds and how to take informed investment decisions, we have to invest in the right company so that our money remains safe. He told that different types of mutual funds, their different risk factors and tax implications have been explained in simple language.

Amritsar BJP workers upbeat over Taranjit Singh Sandhu's appointment as Delhi Lt Governor

New Delhi, (GNS): A day after India's former ambassador to the US and BJP candidate for Amritsar Lok Sabha seat, Taranjit Singh Sandhu was appointed the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, Amritsar BJP leaders and workers were upbeat at his elevation.

Hailing from Amritsar, Sandhu comes from a prominent Sikh family. BJP leaders were of the view that his appointment will help turn around the fortunes of the party in Punjab in general and the district in particular.

His family hails from Rai Buri Ka village of Tarn Taran, which was earlier part of Amritsar district. The 1988 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer started his political debut from Amritsar after joining the BJP.

Sandhu is the grandson of Teja Singh Samundri, who played a major role in the Gurdwara Reform Movement and the Civil Disobedience Movement, and served in the Indian Foreign Service for 38 years. His grandfather was a founder-member of



the SGPC and in recognition of his services to the Sikh Panth, the SGPC named its

headquarters in Amritsar as "Teja Singh Samundri Hall".

"Before Partition, Sandhu's grandfather Teja Singh's father Deva Singh served in the armed forces. When he retired, he was awarded around 25 acres of land for his distinguished service in Samundri area located in the Punjab province of Pakistan. In those times, instead of mentioning caste after the name, the introduction was given by adding the area the person belonged to. Thereafter, Teja Singh wrote Samundri after his name. He came into the limelight during the Gurdwara Reform Movement. His son Bishan Singh (Sandhu's father), also continued to write his name as Bishan Singh Samundri," informed a source.

His father Bishan Singh Samundri was the founding vice-chancellor of Guru Nanak University and also served as the principal of Khalsa College in Amritsar. His mother Jagjit Kaur Sandhu completed her doctorate in the US and returned to serve as the principal of the Government College for Women, Amritsar.

PWD begins overhaul of drainage infra in east Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Public Works Department (PWD) has begun upgrading drainage infrastructure in parts of east Delhi to tackle chronic waterlogging ahead of the monsoon. The department has allocated Rs 8.9 crore for drainage improvement on Neelam Mata Mandir Road and adjoining areas. The project involves constructing and upgrading drains, installing drain covers and building box culverts to improve stormwater flow and reduce flooding.

Officials said the work includes replacing existing stormwater drains along the stretch and executing all related civil works, including foundation, substructure and superstructure tasks. Sludge from existing drains will be cleared and transported to authorised municipal dumping sites under the direction of the engineer-in-charge.

Safety and traffic management provisions form a key part of the contract conditions. According to officials, footpath development will follow the Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (Planning and Engineering) Centre guidelines. The selected agency will prepare layout plans and cross-sectional drawings for departmental approval before construction begins.

Structural drawings will be prepared by an approved consultant and vetted by IIT Delhi or another govt institute when required.

Additionally, Rs 1.1 crore has been sanctioned for constructing a box culvert on Kotla Road and nearby areas in Shashi Garden and the Auto Market to address recurring waterlogging.

Officials said these projects form part of a broader push to strengthen Delhi's drainage network before the monsoon.

Couple alleges molestation to stage robbery on bus; arrested



New Delhi, (GNS): A husband-wife duo allegedly staged a robbery on a moving bus by creating a commotion and then threatening a passenger with a knife, police said.

According to investigators, the couple - Deepak, 26, and his wife Dipali, 23 - allegedly used a ruse to single out their target. Dipali accused a fellow passenger of misbehaving with her, drawing the attention of other commuters and creating confusion inside the bus. As the passenger responded to the allegation, Deepak purportedly produced a knife-like object and threatened him, said police.

"The incident occurred around 11.50am on Thursday when the complainant, Ravi Kumar of Swaroop Nagar, was travelling towards The Mann School in Kheda Khurd. As the bus approached Kheda Kalan, the couple allegedly targeted him," additional DCP (Outer North) Patel Nirav Kumar said.

Fearing for his safety, Kumar handed over his mobile phone and wallet containing Rs 7,600 in cash. The bus conductor made a PCR call. As the bus slowed down, Deepak allegedly tried to jump off and flee, while Dipali was caught by the complainant and bus staff. Police said the patrol team nearby responded after hearing the commotion, chased the suspects and apprehended them.

During the search, police recovered the complainant's mobile phone, the stolen wallet with identity documents, cash and the knife allegedly used in the crime.

Police said Deepak, a resident of Swaroop Nagar, had previous involvement in four cases of robbery and theft, and was released on bail in Dec last year.

A case has been registered. Police said they are verifying whether the couple had carried out similar robberies on public transport in the past.

DDA to take over day-to-day upkeep of flats from April

New Delhi, (GNS): In a major move aimed at boosting the sale of its flats, including those constructed before 2021, Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has decided to take over day-to-day maintenance of these complexes.

The authority will collect quarterly charges from flat owners and provide routine services such as security, sweeping of common areas, cleaning of roof and overhead and underground water tanks, basement upkeep, maintenance of electrical installations and lifts, and cleaning of garbage chute areas.

The services will also include minor repairs and maintenance of common areas such as staircases, lift lobbies and corridors, and maintenance of STP-treated water supply lines used for horticultural use.

DDA will continue to manage day-to-day maintenance until occupancy in a housing pocket reaches 80% or until a



residents' welfare association is registered with DDA, whichever occurs later. For unsold flats, DDA will pay service charges to the RWA as decided under its bylaws.

A standard operating procedure (SOP) specifying a structured mechanism to address day-to-day maintenance issues in various DDA housing pockets was recently approved by the competent authority, according to a notification. The SOP will come into effect from April 1, 2026.

It will be operationalised in

a time-bound and coordinated manner to ensure efficient delivery of maintenance services, clarity of roles and accountability among the departments concerned, the notification stated.

According to the SOP, the provisions will apply to the pockets under the housing schemes announced between 2010 and 2021. For the flats allotted under the schemes launched in 2023 and thereafter, the maintenance cost for the first year was already collected along with the capital

maintenance cost. As a result, regular service charges will be levied only after the completion of the first year. "Where this period is already completed, bills will be generated with the addition of arrears," the SOP stated.

Officials explained that at the time of selling flats, DDA collected a one-time capital maintenance charge from allottees for major repair or revamp works, such as improving the entire sewerage system, whitewashing or undertaking structural repairs. "However, day-to-day maintenance charges were not collected under the schemes introduced till 2021. That is why a decision has now been taken to implement a regular maintenance mechanism," an official said.

Monthly service charges will be levied per square metre of the plinth area, based on the flat category and the building typology, with the applicable GST charged separately. Initial

rates were calculated on the basis of estimated inputs received from the engineering zones and averaged for uniformity. For subsequent financial years, the rates will be determined pocket-wise based on the actual expenditure incurred during the preceding year, pending liabilities and the cost inflation index notified by Central Board of Direct Taxes. These rates will be approved annually by the competent authority or the chief engineer of the zone concerned. Service charges will be billed quarterly and residents will be given a grace period of 10 calendar days from the date of billing to make the payment without interest. "Payments can be made through digital platforms or at cash deposit counters in the complex. If payment is not received within 10 days, simple interest at the rate of 12% per annum will be levied. Interest will be calculated from the date of billing," the authority stated.

Man accused of siphoning off Rs 8.9 crore from company bank account denied bail

New Delhi, (GNS): A Delhi court has denied bail to a man accused of siphoning off Rs 8.9 crore from a company's bank account through fraudulent internet banking transactions, observing that the offence was "grave and serious in nature" and involved "systematic and layered" transfers carried out as part of a criminal conspiracy. The defence had argued that since the investigation was complete and the chargesheet had been filed, there was no justification for keeping the accused in custody during trial. The court, however, held that the filing of the chargesheet did not mitigate the gravity of the alleged offence.

According to the prosecution, the fraud occurred between July 11 and Aug 30, 2024, through 94 internet



banking transactions initiated after the accused allegedly changed the mobile number linked to the corporate bank account using forged documents. The accused, Nitin Birmal Dongre, had contended that he had been in judicial custody since April 2, 2025, and sought bail on the ground of parity, claiming his role was similar to two co-accused who were granted bail earlier.

Rejecting this argument, the court held that Dongre's role was distinct and could not be equated with that of the others. Sessions judge Shunali Gupta observed that Dongre

appeared to be the "prime accused" and the beneficiary of the siphoned funds, describing him as the alleged "kingpin" of the operation. The court also noted that two other suspects were yet to be arrested.

Opposing the bail plea, the prosecution highlighted the seriousness of the allegations, stating that the accused and his associates siphoned off crores of rupees within nearly 50 days through fraudulent online transactions.

Investigation revealed that the Axis Bank account - opened in 2008 in the name of Larsen & Toubro & Shanghai Urban Construction Operation at the bank's Lajpat Nagar branch - was compromised after a request was made on June 7, 2024, using forged company documents to change the registered phone number.

Woman jumps on Metro railway track, injured

New Delhi, (GNS): A woman suffered serious injuries after she allegedly jumped onto the track at the Rajiv Chowk Metro station here on Friday morning in a bid to commit suicide, the police said. The incident was reported around 10.15 am at platform number 10 of the busy interchange station. The woman, aged around 45, was found injured and unconscious, they said.

According to the police, as the woman jumped on the track, alert commuters pulled her away before a train could reach the platform, preventing a major tragedy.

Metro police and security personnel rushed to the spot soon after receiving information about the incident and shifted the woman to Lady Harding Medical College.

At the hospital, her medico-legal case was prepared.



Doctors said the woman was currently "not fit for giving statement". A woman cop has been deployed at the hospital, the police said. No identification documents or personal belongings were recovered from the woman. A Metro ticket recovered from the spot shows that she boarded the train from Janakpuri East station, they said.

The police are examining CCTV footage from the station and surrounding areas to ascertain her identity and the circumstances leading to the incident, an officer said.

Sewage inflow creates kilometre-long pool inside JNU

New Delhi, (GNS): A kilometre-long, lake-like stretch filled with sewage water has developed on the Jawaharlal Nehru University premises, triggering concerns among students and staff that the contamination could pose health risks and harm wildlife that depends on water sources in the campus forest.

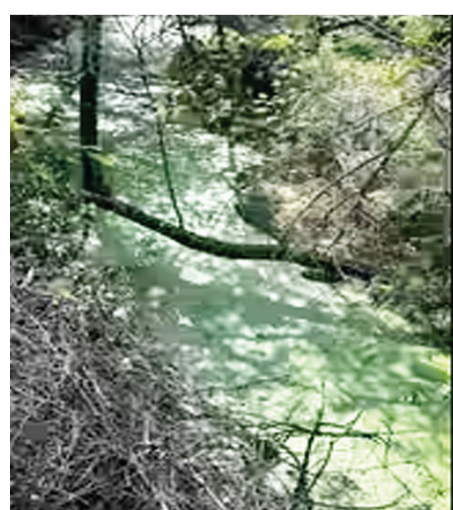
The sewage water is flowing into the campus from a damaged line along the boundary with neighbouring residential areas, JNU officials said, and has collected along the stretch

of road leading towards the vice-chancellor's residence and the Poorvanchal residential complex. Spread across more than 1,000 acres on Southern Central Ridge of Aravali, nearly 30% of the university's campus is designated as forest cover.

During a visit on Friday, Media found that in several sections, the wastewater had stagnated into a large, murky waterbody, with dark green patches and froth visible on the surface, emitting a strong smell in an area frequently used by students and residents.

The accumulation has formed in a depression alongside the road that earlier functioned as a rainwater catchment during the monsoon.

University officials said the sewage was meant to flow into a treatment plant. Civic bodies earlier tried to stop the inflow, but the sewage continues to enter the campus, officials said. "The wastewater



entering from a damaged sewage line from the neighbouring Vasant Kunj has been flowing into the cam-

pus for the past five years. We have written to the civic agencies several times, most recently during the previous monsoon," an official said, adding that Delhi Jal Board (DJB) had promised to look into the matter. "Briefly the flow was stopped, but the sewage has started entering again and we plan to write to the agencies again."

Residents said the stagnant water had turned the stretch into a foul-smelling passage. "JNU is a campus with dense greenery and maintaining it is

important to prevent any outbreak of disease that could affect both residents and wildlife. The stench not only makes it difficult to pass through the area but may also lead to water-borne diseases," said Ram, a visually impaired PhD scholar.

A walk through the campus forest revealed other concerns as well. A makeshift cowshed was found with several cows tied there. Students and locals alleged that dairy workers from nearby Masudpur village had been rearing their cattle in the area. Nearby, a

large mound of construction and demolition waste has formed a hill-like structure, with broken concrete, bricks and rubble scattered across patches of the forest.

The visit also revealed a damaged stretch of the boundary wall and an abandoned guard post, making it easier for outsiders to access the campus forest. Pointing at the damaged wall, Rajpal, a 60-year-old retired sanitation worker from Masudpur, said he often walked through the ridge, feeding animals. "Many people

enter the forest at night from this side and engage in illegal activities," he said, claiming that the area has become a hub for drug-dealers.

WESTERN RAILWAY
IMPROVEMENT & RENOVATION WORK
Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400 008. Invites E-Tender
Notice No: BCT/25-26/332 Dt. 05.03.2026.
Work and Location: Mumbai Central (J.R. Hospital) - Improvement & Renovation of Nursing Station, Dark, EEG, EMG Room, Neuroscience OPD and Divyang Toilets etc. at J.R. Hospital. Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 2.13,08,039.24. EMD: ₹ 2,56,600/- Date & Time of Submission: Till 31.03.2026, 15:00 Hrs. Date & Time of Opening: On 31.03.2026 at 15:30 Hrs. For further details please visit our website www.iraps.gov.in 195
Like us on: [facebook.com/WesternRly](https://www.facebook.com/WesternRly)



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi made a notable mark among the top ranks as the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) on Friday announced the final results of the civil services examination.

Akansh Dhull, a BCom graduate from the University of Delhi, secured the third rank. His optional subject was

commerce and accountancy. Raghav Jhunjhunwala and Ishan Bhatnagar secured the 4th and 5th ranks, respectively. In the 7th rank was AR Rajah Mohaideen, who prepared for the exam at the residential coaching academy (RCA) of Jamia Millia Islamia.

Dhull is from Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC),

UPSC: 3 of Top 5 Have Delhi Link

He began preparing for UPSC in 2021 and improved his performance steadily over successive attempts. In the 2023 examination, he secured the 342nd rank, which improved to 290 the following year. According to him, his consistent preparation, disciplined study routine, and a strategic approach led to his third rank.

Dhull, originally from Rohtak, said: "I completed my schooling in Chandigarh before pursuing higher education in Delhi. I credit my father for motivating me to pursue a career in the civil services. It is a dream that inspired me from an early age." During his time at SRCC,

Dhull developed strong analytical and debating skills, which he believes proved useful during his UPSC preparation. He also said that his interest in travelling and gaining varied experiences helped broaden his perspective while preparing for the examination.

Jhunjhunwala, who completed his BA (Hons) in economics from the University of Delhi, opted for economics as his optional subject.

Bhatnagar, a BA LLB (Hons) graduate from National Law University, had sociology as his optional subject.

Ranked seventh, Mohaideen, originally from

Chennai, is an MBBS graduate who completed his medical degree in 2022. After graduating, he decided to pursue the civil services and began preparing for the examination soon after. This year marked a turning point for him. "This was my third attempt," he said. Before moving to Delhi, Mohaideen had prepared for the exam in Chennai. He said: "The prelims were actually the blocking point for me." Determined to overcome this, he sought guidance from seniors at the Jamia academy who had cleared the stage multiple times.

Outside his studies, Mohaideen turns to music to

stay balanced during the intense preparation process. A trained Carnatic musician, he both sings and plays the keyboard, a pursuit he has followed since childhood. "I started practicing around third standard," he said. Music, he added, helped him manage stress and step away from the pressures of the exam cycle.

Jamia's RCA leaves a mark: As many as 38 candidates from RCA, Centre for Coaching and Career Planning, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI), achieved remarkable success in the UPSC civil services examination. Of these, four candidates secured positions in the top 50 ranks.

Global Vision: What New LG Sandhu Brings To Table

New Delhi, (GNS): The office of Delhi's lieutenant governor was busier than it had ever been between 2015 and 2025. LG after LG clashed with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) govt, and tensions were dialled all the way up during the tenure of Vinai Kumar Saxena. The past year has seen those tensions dissipate as the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to office.

With retired Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Taranjit Singh Sandhu set to take over from Saxena soon, sources said, the LG's role is also set to change.

"The appointment of a high-profile diplomat to the post of LG might seem a little odd at the outset since it is mostly retired IAS officers that have occupied the office in the past, but the Centre's vision to project Delhi as a global destination puts the move into context. Delhi has hosted the G20 Summit and the AI Summit in the past two years, which makes Sandhu the perfect candidate," said a senior govt officer. "He has the bandwidth and experience to engage with foreign delegates on a variety of issues. With more and more international events scheduled in spaces such as Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi, his appointment puts Delhi in an advanta-



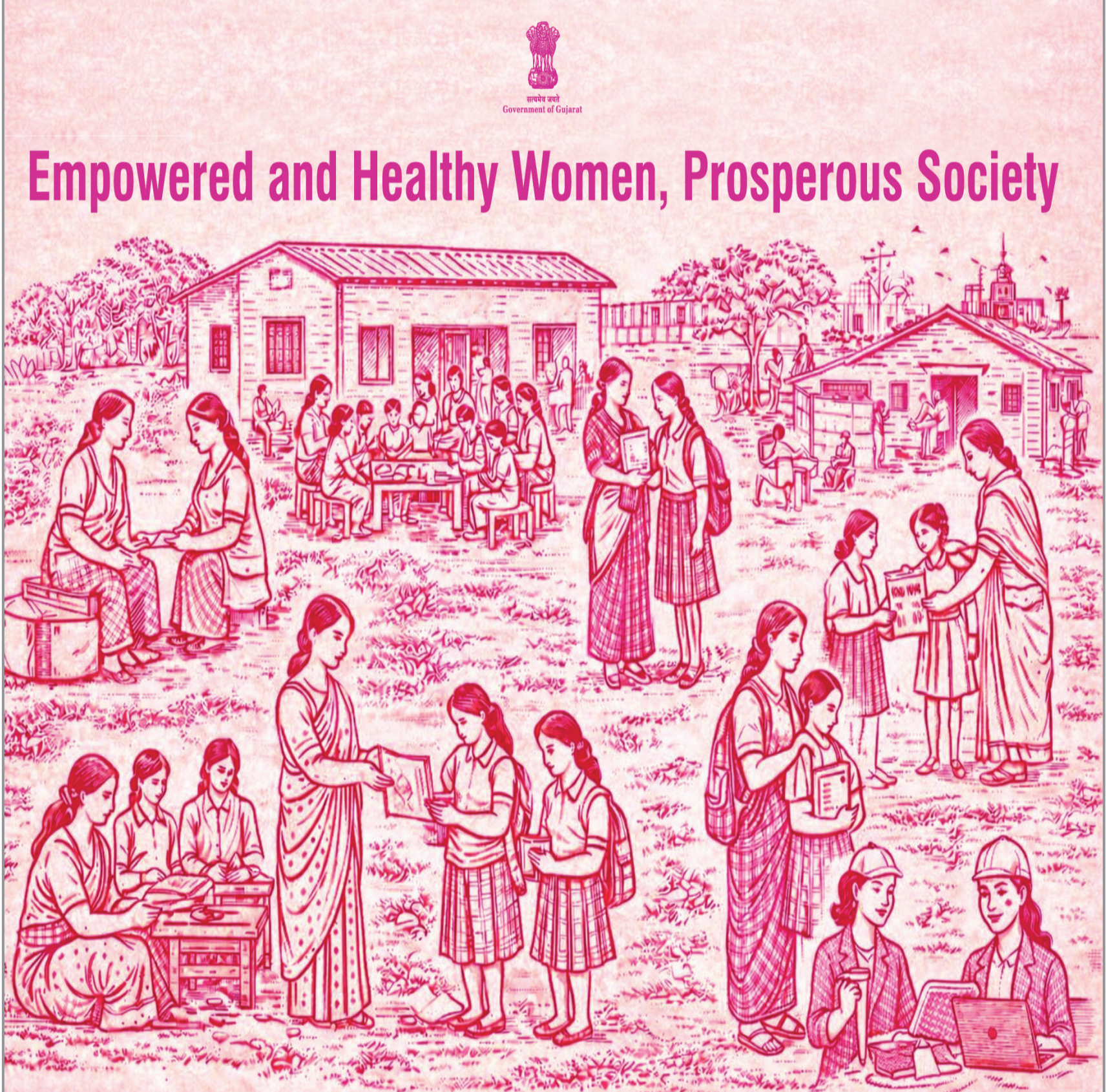
geous position," a senior BJP functionary said.

Sandhu has served as Ambassador in Washington DC, Deputy Chief of Mission in the Indian Embassy from July 2013 to Jan 2017, and as First Secretary (Political) from 1997 to 2000. The only other IFS officer to serve as Delhi LG was Romesh Bhandari, who served between 1988 and 1989. "Having lived abroad for several years, Sandhu can bring a global perspective to Delhi's problems such as air and water pollution. He has experienced different systems up close. As Delhi's administrator, having a broad vision is crucial," the BJP functionary added.

Delhi, however, is unlike other Union Territories when it comes to its governance structure, which was also the biggest point of contention between the AAP govt and the LG's Office. Major sections such as land, law and order, policing and services come directly under the control of the LG in Delhi.

If cogent, testimony of child survivor can be safely relied upon: HC

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi High Court has underlined that even in the absence of corroboration of medical evidence, the testimony of a child survivor, as long as it was found to be cogent and reliable, could be safely relied upon. In a recent verdict, it rejected the argument of a rape accused that since the mother of the minor survivor refused consent for the internal medical examination of the child, he should get the benefit of the same. A bench of Justices Navin Chawla and Ravinder Dubeja found no merit in the argument and pointed out that the mother herself explained she did not wish the girl to undergo further trauma by being subjected to such a medical examination. "This explanation does not appear to be unnatural on the part of the mother. In any event, once the testimony of the victim is found to be truthful and consistent, the mere refusal to permit a medical examination cannot be fatal to the prosecution case," it noted. The high court, however, set aside the conviction of the man under Indian Penal Code and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act for raping the minor and held him guilty of attempted sexual assault, reducing his sentence from 30 years' life to 10 years' imprisonment. "We hold that the appellant is guilty of an attempt to commit aggravated penetrative sexual assault and is, therefore, liable to be punished under Section 18 of PoCSO Act.



Empowered and Healthy Women, Prosperous Society

A total provision of ₹7,690 crore for the Women and Child Development Department

Provision of ₹2,848 crore under the Ganga Swarupa Arthik Sahay Yojana

Provision of ₹1,128 crore for the honorarium of Anganwadi workers/Tedagars and Mini Anganwadi workers

Provision of ₹972 crore under the Purak Poshan Yojana to serve fresh breakfast and meals to children aged 3 to 6 years in Anganwadis, as well as Take Home Ration (THR) to children, adolescent girls, and pregnant/lactating mothers

Provision of ₹205 crore to provide fortified milk under the Doodh Sanjeevani Yojana

Provision of ₹245 crore under the Vhali Dikri Yojana

Provision of ₹360 crore for the construction of 2,000 Anganwadi centers



From the moment a daughter is born to ensuring the nutrition, dignity and safety of every mother, the state government stands firmly committed to the well-being of women at every stage. The ₹7,690 crore budget allocation for Women and Child Development will fulfil our commitment to 'Empowered and Healthy Women, Prosperous Society'

- Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

'We apologised but she did not listen'

Vehicles torched, roads blocked in Delhi after man killed in Holi colour dispute

New Delhi, (GNS): Anger spilled onto the streets of southwest Delhi's Uttam Nagar on Friday as protesters blocked a major road for hours, vehicles were set ablaze and traffic ground to a halt following the death of a 26-year-old man who was beaten during a Holi clash. Members of Hindu outfits, including Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad, gathered in large numbers beneath the Uttam Nagar East Metro station, sitting on the road and raising slogans while demanding strict action against those accused in the killing. Amid the rising tension, a car and a motorcycle parked in JJ Colony were also set on fire. Meanwhile, heavy police deployment has been made across the area, with additional officers and paramilitary per-

sonnel stationed to prevent any escalation. Drones were also deployed to monitor the protest site and identify those blocking the road.

Man killed over Holi colour dispute: The unrest follows the death of Tarun, 26, who succumbed to injuries after a violent clash between two families during Holi celebrations in JJ Colony on Wednesday. According to police, the dispute began when coloured water from a balloon splashed onto a woman, triggering a heated argument that quickly spiralled into a physical fight. Speaking to Media, Tarun's uncle, Tek Chand, said their relative, an 11-year-old girl, was playing Holi on the terrace when she threw a water balloon at her father standing below.