



Murder over a colored balloon dispute, bulldozer action at the accused's home

Mob burns belongings; youth murdered on Holi in Delhi

New Delhi (GNS): On Sunday, the Delhi Municipal Corporation (MC) bulldozed the encroached portion of the house of murder accused Nizamuddin. The action was taken against the accused Nizamuddin in JJ Colony, Uttam Nagar. A heavy police presence was maintained at the scene. On March 4th, a dispute over throwing a colored balloon on Holi was sparked by the murder of a young man named Tarun (26) by several people, including Nizamuddin. Police have arrested seven people in connection with the case, and one suspect has also been detained. A case has been registered against the accused under murder and the SC/ST Act. Following the incident, Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad activists protested near the Uttam Nagar East Metro station on March 6.



Ahmedabad (GNS): The Indian cricket team created history by winning the ICC Men's T20 World Cup for the third time. In the final match played at the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad, India defeated New Zealand by 96 runs to win the trophy. With this, India became the first team in the world to win the T20 World Cup twice in a row. Jasprit Bumrah was named Man

India becomes T20 World Cup champion

Defeats New Zealand by 96 runs to win the title for the third time
PM Modi and Amit Shah congratulate Team India on winning the T20 World Cup

of the Match for his brilliant bowling. In the final, New Zealand won the toss and elected to bowl first, but the Indian batsmen performed aggressively and posted a mammoth total of 255 runs in 20 overs. Sanju Samson played a brilliant innings of 89 runs for India, which is the highest individual score in a T20 World Cup final. Ishan Kishan contributed 54 runs and Abhishek Sharma contributed 52 runs. In the final overs, Shivam Dube scored 26 runs off 8 balls to take the team to a strong total. Chasing the target, New Zealand couldn't hold out against the Indian bowlers for long. Opener Tim Seifert scored 52 and captain Mitchell Santner scored 43, but the other batsmen failed to contribute significantly. The Kiwi team was bowled out for 159 in 19 overs. India's bowling performance was impressive, with Jasprit Bumrah taking 4 wickets for 15 runs in 4 overs, while Axar Patel took 3 wickets for 27 runs in 3 overs. With this victory, India became the first host team to win the T20 World Cup at home. They also became the first team to win the T20 World Cup three times.

Modi said on the presidential controversy "The public will teach Mamata a lesson"

This is not an insult to the president, but to the Constitution; one day, arrogance ruins everything

New Delhi (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that the country and women power in West Bengal will not forgive TMC for insulting President Draupadi Murmu, the public will teach them a lesson.



PM Speaking at a public rally in New Delhi, he further stated that what happened in West Bengal was an insult not to the President but to the Constitution. He added that an arrogant person, no matter how powerful, ultimately leads to ruin.

In fact, on Saturday, the President expressed his displeasure over the relocation

of an event in West Bengal. He said that neither the Chief Minister nor any minister came to receive him during his visit to North Bengal. The BJP called this an insult to the President. Earlier on Sunday, the Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation

stone for projects worth ₹33,500 crore in Delhi. He inaugurated 2,722 newly constructed flats under the General Pool Residential Accommodation (GPRA) redevelopment plan. He also inaugurated two new metro corridors and laid the foundation stone for three more.

On the third day of CM Mamata's sit-in protest she said, "The BJP is obsessed with the idea of one country, one leader, one party"

Kolkata, Agency: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's protest continued for the third day on Sunday. The TMC supreme referred to the Election Commission as the "Vanish Commission." She alleged that the BJP is "misusing the Vanish Commission to remove the names of genuine voters from the electoral rolls." His comment comes on a day when the full bench of the Election Commission is scheduled to visit Kolkata to review the election preparations ahead of the state assembly elections. Mamata said - In the madness of one country, one leader, one party, BJP has systematically weaponised every democratic institution and constitutional post to fulfil its anti-people desires. Banerjee claimed that the ultimate aim of the BJP is to replace the Constitution made by Babasaheb Ambedkar with its party manifesto.

I am proud of my father's work and will work for the welfare of the people under his guidance: Nishant Kumar

Patna (GNS): Amid Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) National President Nitish Kumar's move to the Rajya Sabha, his son Nishant Kumar formally joined the JDU on Sunday. The party's National Executive President and Rajya Sabha MP, Sanjay Kumar Jha, inducted him into the party at the state office in Patna, handing him a membership slip.



Nishant Kumar's joining the party was met with tremendous enthusiasm. Party workers from various districts welcomed him with garlands. The state office premises reverberated with cheers, drums, and slogans, and the workers' enthusiasm was at its peak.

After joining the party, Nishant Kumar said that he would work to strengthen the party organization under the guidance of his father and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. He stated that he would make every effort to live up to the expectations of party workers and the general

public. He also stated that Nitish Kumar has accomplished historic milestones in Bihar's development and social justice over the past 20 years, a feat the entire state and country are proud of. He pledged to continue to make these developments and achievements known to the people. On this occasion, JDU State President Umesh Singh Kushwaha stated that this is a historic day for the party. He stated that while E. Nishant has formally joined the party today, the values and values of JDU and Nitish Kumar are already reflected in his personality.

Ahead of the Uttarakhand elections, Shah targeted the Congress, targeting it on issues of corruption and appeasement.

Dehradun, Agency: The heat of the upcoming assembly elections is already being felt in Uttarakhand politics. The picture of a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the main opposition Congress is becoming clear. In this context, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, during his visit to Devbhoomi, launched an all-out attack on the Congress, setting the agenda for the upcoming election battle. Shah's stance makes it clear that the battle of accusations and counter-accusations between the two parties will only intensify in the coming days.



In his address, Amit Shah challenged the Congress party, from historical perspectives to current political situations. He cited the Rampur Tiraha incident, a dark chapter in the Uttarakhand statehood movement, and raised serious questions about the role of the then Congress government.

Shah stated that the Congress party has always opposed the creation of smaller states. At the time of the creation of Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh, the opposition argued that smaller states would be unable to progress, but today, all three states are rapidly progressing on the path of development. The Union Home Minister criticized the Congress's position by citing the BJP government's tough decisions, such as the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) and the anti-conversion law. He directly asked the public gathering whether they wanted a government

focused on development or a Congress party with a pro-Mughal mentality. He also targeted Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, on the issue of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). Shah stated unequivocally that despite opposition, the central government will grant citizenship to refugees fleeing religious persecution from neighboring countries. Accusing the Congress of supporting infiltrators, he said that under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress has completely disintegrated and he sees only negativity in every positive work.

Air India to operate 78 additional flights on nine international routes from March 10

New Delhi (GNS): Amid the West Asia crisis, Tata-led airline Air India will operate 78 additional flights on nine international routes from March 10 to 18. This move by the airline will help maintain connectivity in difficult circumstances. In a statement issued on X-Post, Air India said that in view of the increased travel demand due to tensions in West Asia, the airline will operate 78 additional flights on nine routes between March 10 and 18 to provide more options to passengers. The company further wrote, "We are arranging extra capacity for New York JFK, London Heathrow, Frankfurt, Paris, Amsterdam, Zurich, Colombo and Male."

Balendra Shah defeats PM Oli by a landslide, on his way to becoming PM

Kathmandu, Agency: Balendra Shah of RSP has defeated PM KP Oli by a huge margin in the elections in Nepal and is on his way to form the government. He dealt a blow to the traditional political parties in the first general elections held after last year's violent 'Gen Z' protests demanding generational change and corruption-free governance. Rapper-turned-politician Balendra Shah 'Balen', the PM candidate of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), defeated Nepal Communist Party-CPN-UML Chairman Oli by a huge margin of around 50,000 votes in Jhapa-5 constituency. According to media reports, the Nepal Election Commission said that 35-year-old Balen secured 68,348 votes compared to 74-year-old Oli's 18,734. According to results announced last night, the RSP, formed by Ravi Lamichhane in 2022, won 70



of the 87 seats declared so far. The election body's data said the RSP swept the Kathmandu district, winning all 10 seats, and was leading in 52 seats nationwide.

Nepal recorded a voter turnout of nearly 60 percent in the House of Representatives elections held on March 5. Counting of votes began late Thursday night and continued in 162 constituencies until 5 p.m. Saturday.

India was closely monitoring the election, hoping for a stable government in the politically unstable Himalayan country to advance the developmental partnership between the two sides.

Meanwhile, Oli said in a social media post, "Balendra Babu, congratulations on your victory. Nepal has seen 14 governments in the last 18 years." Congratulating Balen, Oli said, "I wish you a smooth and successful five-year term, and hearty congratulations." Oli attached a photo from 2022 showing him presenting a tabla to rapper-turned-politician Balen, after he won the Kathmandu mayoral election as an independent candidate. The RSP had declared Balendra Shah "Balen" as its prime ministerial candidate and launched its first election campaign from Janakpur in Madhesi. The party appears to be sweeping other parties in the province.

Tehran shaken by bombing of oil depots and refineries, a major blow to Iran's lifeline

Tehran, Agency: The ongoing conflict in the Middle East has assumed its most horrific form yet. Late Saturday night, the US and Israeli air forces carried out the most severe airstrikes ever on Iran's capital, Tehran. The main objective of this military action was to destroy the oil

depots and energy infrastructure, which are considered the economic backbone of Iran. After the attacks, the entire capital was shaken by the sound of explosions and flames and smoke were seen far and wide in the sky. According to Iranian sources, several missiles were



fired at the Shahran oil depot in southern Tehran and the north-western region. The strikes were so precise and devastating that they were heard as far as the neighboring city of Karaj. Photos and videos shared on social media clearly show huge fireballs in the Tehran sky. The Israeli mili-

tary claimed responsibility for the attacks, claiming to have targeted specific fuel storage facilities used by the Iranian armed forces for their military activities. The main refinery in the Shahr-e-Rey district near Tehran and several important oil depots in Alborz province were also hit.

How powerful will Nepal's Balen Shah prove to be?

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Balen Shah, who has emerged as a new political figure in Nepal, a country bordering India, has set a precedent by challenging traditional party politics. This is the first general election in Nepal since the Zenji movement last year. The victory of his party after such a sensitive time, as the former mayor of Kathmandu Metropolitan City, indicates that the public is now ready to break away from the old political structure and give a chance to new and independent leadership. Balen Shah, known as an engineer, rapper, and social activist, has gained popularity primarily due to his clean image, sharp decision-making, and his promise to change the system.

Nepal has a parliamentary democracy, with its Parliament

consisting of two houses: the lower house, the House of Representatives, and the upper house, the National Assembly. The House of Representatives is considered similar to India's Lok Sabha. Consequently, the results of Nepal's parliamentary elections signal a major shift in the country's politics. Initial trends indicate a strong victory for the Rashtriya Swatantra Party, led by former Kathmandu mayor and young leader Balen Shah. Shah's party, 35, is leading in several seats, making his chances of becoming Prime Minister quite strong. Meanwhile, Nepal has witnessed increasing political activism among young people. This is the first general election in the country since last year's Genji movement, which forced the resignation of then-Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and the dissolution of the par-

liamentary assembly.

Speaking of Balen Shah, after becoming mayor, he suddenly took numerous steps, including removing encroachments in Kathmandu, improving the chaotic urban infrastructure, and bringing administrative transparency, as promised. These decisions transformed him from ordinary to prominent. The most significant aspect of all this is that Balen Shah, despite not being affiliated with any major political party, achieved power by defeating established leaders. This shift signals a new mindset in Nepali politics. Now, the question arises: if he becomes a popular figure in Nepal and becomes Prime Minister, what will be his actual power? As the head of a local body, his powers were limited, and many major decisions are made at the provincial or central government level.

Consequently, his plans often get entangled in bureaucratic or political squabbles. This is why, despite his popularity, the complexities of the system pose a significant challenge. Nevertheless, Balen Shah's greatest strength lies in the public's trust. If he maintains public confidence through his work and transparent administration, his political role will not be limited to Kathmandu. In future, he can also play an influential role in the national politics of Nepal.

Speaking of his dynamic political career, Balen Shah is one of the most prominent young faces to emerge in Nepal's political landscape. An engineer by profession and formerly a popular rapper, Shah surprised traditional political parties by winning the 2022 Kathmandu Metropolitan Mayor election. His victory was seen as a

symbol of youthful hope and public anger against corrupt politics. The question is: how effective has he been in his mayoralty?

Balen Shah's tenure began with a series of aggressive and symbolic measures. He launched a bulldozer campaign against illegal encroachments and squatters in the city, demolishing numerous buildings and structures. The aim was to free up public land and streamline the city. Balen Shah's tenure was also surrounded by controversies. Many criticized the encroachment removal action as harsh and insensitive, as it affected small traders and the poor. The crackdown on roadside vendors and allegations of use of force by the city police also drew criticism. Human rights organizations criticized this move as impacting the livelihoods of the poor.

Editorial

Trump and Netanyahu's faces fell

Iran and China showed their strength

The US and Israel jointly launched a massive attack on Iran. Donald Trump and Netanyahu believed they would bring Iran to its knees within a week and effect a regime change in Iran. However, the way Iran has responded aggressively to each attack has left US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu distraught. Iran's destruction of US military bases in the Gulf countries has caused even more damage to Israel than the damage it has inflicted on Israel. This has stunned countries around the world. Israel had thought that after the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, and other top leaders, Iran would have no choice but to surrender. The Iranian people would take to the streets and revolt. But the exact opposite happened. After Khamenei's assassination, the entire Iranian population united. Israel and the US had no idea about Iran's preparations for counter-attacks, including missiles and drones, in the face of constant threats. The US and Israel were unaware that Russia and China could support Iran in this way, resulting in the first-ever war with Iran, resulting in both Israel and the US suffering heavy losses. Donald Trump and Netanyahu are having to fight within their own country to maintain their power. The US and Israel have never before suffered such significant losses as they are facing in this war with Iran. Israel has imposed complete censorship on news. No news is escaping regarding the damage caused by Iranian attacks in Israel. Iran has completely destroyed US military bases in the Gulf countries. Due to US and Israeli influence in the media, accurate news about the war is not reaching the public. However, the way news is being received indicates that the US and Israel have suffered significant economic and strategic losses in this war.

Iran is receiving assistance from Russia and China. In many cases, the missiles, drones, and weapons used by Iran have even surpassed Israeli technology. Israel is unable to defend itself. The Iron Dome and other defense equipment that Israel has boasted about have been destroyed in this war.



Iran and Arab countries suffer major setbacks: Iran war, Hormuz crisis, and 30-day oil waiver from Russia Congress is furious: how long will US blackmail continue? Global geopolitics and the changing oil market – a comprehensive analysis The Hormuz crisis has shown how geopolitical tensions can impact the global economy. Is the US concession an attack on Indian sovereignty? Globally, the ongoing military tensions in West Asia are no longer just a regional conflict, but have challenged the energy security of the entire world. The escalating military confrontation between Iran and several Arab countries has destabilized the sea lanes considered the lifeline of global oil supplies.



The ongoing conflict in West Asia is a serious warning for the global energy system

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The narrowest sea route through which approximately one-third of the world's maritime oil trade passes has been the most severely impacted. As the conflict escalates, uncertainty and fear have gripped the oil market. At this time, the biggest challenge facing energy import-dependent countries like India is how to stabilize their domestic energy needs. In this context, the US's temporary 30-day waiver to India for purchasing crude oil from Russia has become a crucial geopolitical and economic decision. Congress is not only calling the waiver an attack on Indian sovereignty but is also criticizing the central government, asking, "How long will the US continue to blackmail us in this manner?" I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Maharashtra, believe that this decision will not only impact India's energy security but could also establish new equations in global energy politics. India is the world's third-largest oil consumer and meets a large portion of its energy needs through imports. The country's economy is growing rapidly, and energy demand is also increasing steadily. India's daily oil consumption has steadily increased over the past few years and is projected to continue increasing in the coming years. In such a situation, if global supply is disrupted, it could directly impact India's economy. Therefore, it has become extremely important for India to diversify its energy sources and maintain supply stability. Against this backdrop, the US granting India a temporary

30-day exemption to purchase crude oil from Russia is an important strategic step. The US Treasury Department has clarified that this exemption is only for transactions involving oil tankers already stranded at sea. Its purpose is to ensure that the flow of oil in the global market is not completely disrupted. US officials say this move is short-term and will not bring any major economic benefits to the Russian government. However, it could help temporarily alleviate the global energy crisis. This crisis has once again made Russia a significant player in the global energy market. Despite Western sanctions, Russia remains one of the world's largest oil exporters. India has significantly increased its oil imports from Russia in recent years. This is primarily because Russian oil is relatively cheap and suitable for Indian refineries. Russia is a significant asset for India during the current crisis.

It has emerged as an important alternative source of energy and could significantly strengthen energy cooperation between the two countries.

Friends, if we consider the conflict in West Asia and the instability in oil supplies, West Asia has long been a hub of the global energy market. A large portion of the world's largest oil-producing countries are located in this region. However, the current conflict has shaken the stability of the entire region. Military confrontation between Iran and its rival countries has affected both oil production and exports. Many oil tankers are stranded at sea, and security risks on several routes have increased, leading companies to hesi-

tate to sail. This situation has destabilized the global oil supply market. As a result, fluctuations in international crude oil prices have increased, further complicating the situation for countries dependent on energy imports.

Friends, if we consider the lifeline of global energy, the crisis in West Asia has had the greatest impact on the sea route, considered the hub of global energy supply. This waterway lies between Iran and the Arabian Peninsula and is crucial for the world's oil trade. Any disruption to supplies through this route immediately impacts global oil prices. The current conflict has increased military activity in the region, forcing the detention or diversion of numerous ships. This has created uncertainty in oil supplies. This is why many countries have begun searching for alternative supply sources.

Friends, if we consider the capacity and potential of Indian refineries, India has one of the largest refining capacities in the world. Several of the country's large refineries are capable of processing millions of barrels of crude oil per day. The import capacity and storage capacity of these refineries determine the amount of oil India can purchase. According to experts, if India utilizes its maximum capacity, it could import a significant amount of crude oil from Russia in the next 30 days. Historical data and potential imports: According to energy sector data, India has set several oil import records from Russia in recent years. For example, in June 2025, India purchased approximately 2.1 million barrels of Russian oil per day, the highest

ever. If India resumes imports at this level, approximately 63 million barrels of oil could be purchased in 30 days. This volume could play a significant role in stabilizing India's energy needs for some time.

Friends, if we consider India's daily oil consumption and understand its reality, India's daily oil consumption is steadily increasing. In recent years, this figure has increased from approximately 5.6 million barrels per day to 5.7 million barrels. It is estimated that by 2026, it could reach approximately 6 million barrels per day. Thus, if India imports approximately 60 million barrels of oil from Russia in 30 days, it would be equivalent to meeting the country's needs for approximately 10 days. Therefore, this exemption is not a long-term solution, but it can certainly provide short-term relief. Oil imports depend not only on purchases, but also require adequate storage and transportation facilities. India's strategic petroleum storage facilities are limited, although the government has been making efforts to expand them in recent years. If India is to import large quantities of oil, the capacity of refineries and storage facilities must be fully utilized. Furthermore, challenges such as maritime transport and insurance also play a significant role. Friends, if we consider the tanker stranded at sea and the immediate opportunity, Russia reports that approximately 9 million barrels of oil are already loaded onto ships at sea, awaiting India's signal. An additional proposal has been made to send approximately 6 million barrels.

Rays of hope amidst growing hatred

Ram Puniyani

Sectarian hatred is the most potent weapon for dividing people. Broadly speaking, the severity and longevity of communal violence depends on the depth and pervasiveness of the hatred in society. Violence results in communal polarization, with communities becoming isolated within their own confines. We have witnessed this trend rapidly increasing over the past few decades. Under these circumstances, religious minorities become fearful, feel helpless, and marginalized. The climate of hatred against Muslims in India has been fueled by issues like cow slaughter, love jihad, the demonization of Muslim kings, and other tactics.

A recent study by the Centre for the Study of Society and Secularism

(CSSS), Mumbai, conducted by Irfan Engineer, Neha Dabhade, and Diya Padalkar, details hate speech and highlights its various types and dimensions. The study found that the number of such speeches declined in 2025 compared to 2024. However, the report clarifies that while the data collected by CSSS indicates a decline in the number of such speeches, there may be other sources of data that are less easily accessible. The report clearly demonstrates that hate speech originates at the top. The report states that in 2025, the highest number of hate speeches (10) were made by Nitesh Rane, Minister of Fisheries and Port Development of the Maharashtra Government. This was followed by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath (6), Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, and Union Home Minister

Amit Shah (5 each). Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave three hate speeches.

Despite this backdrop of these speeches originating from the top and then being repeated in a more aggressive form at the lower levels, there have been some recent incidents which indicate that despite the poison of hatred spreading in the air and the common use of abusive language against religious minorities, there are many people in the society who have a feeling of love and brotherhood towards all.

While attempts to demonize minorities have increased, many people remain committed to the values of love and brotherhood and still believe that our multi-religious society possesses fundamental unity. For them, Ganga-Jamuni culture and respect for all religious communities

remain important. The new insights we have now revealed about the incident in Kotdwar, Uttarakhand, discussed in a previous article, allow us to better understand it. Deepak Kumar is the protagonist of this story. He runs a gym. When he saw Bajrang Dal activists intimidating Vakil Ahmed, he stepped in to intervene. Seventy-year-old Vakil Ahmed has been running a shop called "Baba School Dresses" for the past 30 years. The goons questioned him for using the word "Baba" in his shop's name, arguing that only Hindus have the right to use this word. One can only pity their ignorance, as they don't know that Baba is a Persian word used for saints of both Hindu and Muslim religions. Deepak Kumar gave them a befitting reply, saying that it is the shop owner's right to name his shop. When Bajrang Dal

members asked Deepak his name, he replied, in keeping with India's shared traditions, as Mohammad Deepak. When this incident became public, Rahul Gandhi invited and congratulated him. Deepak Kumar is planning to organize a yatra called 'Insanityat Yatra' that will spread the message of peace.

Another major, hope-inspiring incident occurred at Lucknow University. The university campus houses the Lal Baradari Mosque, where Muslims living on the campus offer prayers. Because the mosque is very old and in a dilapidated condition, its doors are locked, and prayers are offered outside. During the month of Ramadan, when some Muslim students approached the mosque to offer prayers, they were prevented from doing so by right-wing students.

1,000 robotic surgeries at AIIMS Delhi, but 'miles to go', says doctor who started it

NEW DELHI, (GNS): In a landmark that doctors said called for celebration, AIIMS Delhi has completed 1,000 robotic surgeries since the programme began in the hospital. The milestone follows installation of the "da Vinci robotic surgical system", with the first such procedure led by Dr Hemanga K Bhattacharjee in Nov 2024 after years of preparation by the surgical team.

Surgeons at the top hospital are now performing robot-assisted surgeries free of additional cost. This, doctors said, makes AIIMS one of the fastest-growing robotic surgery centres in the public sector and the programme now covers a wide range of complex procedures including cancer operations, pelvic surgeries and organ transplants. For patients, the shift represents

a technological leap in how surgery is performed.

"Studies have consistently shown that the technological aspects of robotic surgery result in less pain and better precision," Dr Bhattacharjee told Media. "The robot allows the surgeon to achieve outcomes that are often more precise than conventional techniques."

Robotic surgery belongs to a broader category of minimally invasive procedures that emerged over the past three decades. Traditional open surgery involves large incisions to access organs, often leading to longer recovery times and greater pain. Laparoscopic surgery—which uses small incisions and instruments guided by cameras—revolutionised the field in the 1990s. Robotic surgery takes this approach a step



further.

The surgeon operates from a console that provides a highly magnified, three-dimensional view of the patient's anatomy. Instruments attached to robotic arms mimic the surgeon's hand movements but with greater flexibility and steadiness, eliminating tremors and allowing access to difficult areas deep inside the body.

For certain types of procedures, particularly pelvic surgeries, the advantages

can be significant. The enhanced precision helps surgeons preserve delicate nerves and reduce bleeding during the operation, which in turn improves recovery and long-term outcomes.

Despite these advantages, India's adoption of robotic surgery came relatively late. The technology has existed for more than two decades, but its expansion was slowed by one major barrier: cost.

Robotic surgical systems can cost several crores of

rupees, with additional expenses for maintenance and specialised instruments. As a result, most early adopters in India were large private hospital chains, where patients often paid several lakh rupees for robotic procedures.

But all that is about to change. Govt hospitals are increasingly entering the field, bringing the technology within reach of a wider segment of patients. "There is no extra cost involved for patients here," Bhattacharjee said. "But we do select cases carefully. Certain procedures benefit more from robotic assistance, and since we currently have only one robot in the department, we choose patients based on where the technology will make the most difference."

Demand, however, is growing rapidly. Patients

are increasingly aware of the technology and often ask specifically for robotic surgery. "Adoption does not look difficult," said Bhattacharjee, adding, "Earlier patients used to ask for laparoscopic surgery. Now many are asking whether robotic surgery is possible."

The expansion of robotic surgery also raises questions about training the next generation of surgeons. Operating a robotic console requires new technical skills beyond those used in traditional surgery.

At AIIMS, resident doctors are now undergoing extensive training on the system as part of their surgical education. The hospital has also invested in specialised training facilities to ensure doctors become proficient with the technology before performing live oper-

ations.

Looking ahead, experts believe robotic surgery could become far more common in India, especially if more public hospitals adopt the technology. "But price is one of the biggest constraints," Bhattacharjee said. "Not many public hospitals are able to adopt the technology because of the cost. If the govt finds ways to make it more viable, many more patients could benefit." Beyond robotics, the next frontier may involve artificial intelligence assisting surgeons during operations. "Artificial intelligence is progressing day by day," Bhattacharjee said. "Research on animals has already shown that some automated robotic procedures are possible. But it will take time before such systems become part of routine surgery."

Adopted daughter who attacked mom pardoned

New Delhi (GNS): Noting that a mother-child relationship is sacrosanct, Delhi High Court has ended criminal proceedings for attempt to murder against an adopted daughter for attacking her mother. The court took into account that the mother wanted to forgive the adopted daughter, and they reached an out-of-court compromise. "If justice is ever to be tempered with mercy, this is a fit case... That profound sentiment must, in the peculiar facts of this case, transcend any societal or public interest in securing the petitioner's conviction," Justice Prateek Jalan observed last week.

The court pointed out that "most importantly, the dispute is in the nature of a family dispute" since the relationship between the parties "is akin to a mother-and-child relationship, a relationship that is socially recognised as singular and sacrosanct".

Hearing their plea to quash an FIR, HC recorded that the young woman had apologised for her past conduct, including for the attack on her mother, and expressed gratitude for the family's love and care. The daughter will, however, have no right, title, interest, concern or connection with any assets of the mother.

Meet the girls driving India's transit revolution at Namo Bharat speed

NEW DELHI (GNS):

From the dusty lanes of rural Uttar Pradesh to the high-tech cockpit of one of India's most advanced transit systems, 24-year-old Shivani's journey has been anything but ordinary. The daughter of a Bareilly farmer, she once cycled to college every day. Today, she operates Namo Bharat trains on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor, designed to run at 180 kmph with a maximum operational speed of 160 kmph.

After completing a diploma in electrical engineering, Shivani - who uses only her first name - joined the Namo Bharat project without realising she would eventually be entrusted with driving the trains. "I didn't know the job would involve operating trains. The responsibility came later, after medical and other tests," she said. Despite having never driven even a scooter or



a car, she now handles a sophisticated, semi high-speed system. "Initially, I was scared and nervous. During training, some people would wonder how a petite girl like me could drive such a train. Today, I feel proud to operate it and travel 400-500 km daily," she told Media. Women now make up nearly 30% of the operational staff on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor. A full journey

from Delhi's Sarai Kale Khan to Meerut's Modipuram takes just 58 minutes. "I'm the first woman from my village to work outside it," Priyanka Awasthi, 25, has been steering Namo Bharat trains since the inaugural run on a limited stretch in Oct 2023. From a village in Unnao, her path to the operator's cabin has been challenging. Her father, a private bus con-

ductor, often stands all day collecting fares - not all of which passengers pay. "I used to think I'd do a job where payment is made first," she said.

Priyanka is also the first woman in Bhardar Naushara village to take up employment outside it. Her most cherished moment came when her family travelled on a train she was driving. "They couldn't enter the operator's cabin, but they kept asking each other whether I was at the controls. They were proud," she said. Priyanka now supports four younger siblings who are still studying.

Small gestures from commuters, she said, brighten her day. "Once, a passenger gave me a thumbs-up after getting off. It stayed with me."

"Each journey, a new learning curve for us"

For 23-year-old Isha Dheerwan of Meerut, the RRTS corridor had long been

just a construction stretch she saw around the city. She lost her father two years ago and became the family's primary support after securing the operator's job. "As the eldest child, I took responsibility for the family. Working here makes me feel proud that I'm breaking barriers," she said.

Kanchan, 24, from Modinagar, has been operating trains for nearly a year. The early months were tough, she said - dealing with technical snags, managing delays and ensuring punctual operations. "But I learned so much. The experience has made me stronger," she said, adding that women can excel in any field with hard work and dedication.

"Earning blessings on the way"

Poonam Verma, 24, from Azadpur in north Delhi, once dreamt of becoming an air hostess.

Delhi to get 81-ft Lord Ram statue in Mangolpuri; Rs 55 crore project cleared

NEW DELHI (GNS): A towering statue of Lord Ram, matching the Jhandewalan Hanuman statue, is going to be installed in northwest Delhi's Mangolpur Kalan Hanuman Mandir Park. Delhi Village Development Board on Friday sanctioned Rs 55 crore for the project in Mangolpuri, including Rs 50 crore for the 81-foot-high statue.

Board chairperson Raj Kumar Chauhan told Media, "There was a demand for a large Ram statue from people in the area and elsewhere in Delhi. I received multiple requests and accordingly the project was sanctioned."

The project aims to redevelop the park near the upcoming Mangolpur Kalan metro station into a cultural landmark, with the statue as its centrepiece. The 81ft statue will be mounted on a base of about 10ft, topped



with an ornamental canopy of over 6ft, taking the overall height close to 100ft. The structure will be built on a reinforced RCC foundation with a structural steel framework and covered with bronze panels to ensure durability and visual appeal. A Hanuman temple already exists inside the park.

Chauhan said the location was chosen to create a striking skyline view for people. "Both the metro line and the statue will be visible to people from a single spot, offering a visual similar to the Hanuman statue near Jhandewalan," he added.

According to the proposal, Lord Ram, in a blessing gesture, will be depicted standing on a lotus pedestal, holding the bow resting on the ground. It will incorporate traditional sculptural elements inspired by classical depictions of Ram, including a halo behind the head. The department estimates that construction will take around 18 months from the date of the award of work around March. Chauhan said officials were directed to expedite the tendering process, which would "invite agencies with prior experience in similar work".

Behind every successful woman cop, is her own strong skillsets

NEW DELHI (GNS): For women cops working for Delhi Police's Mission Reconnect, every ping is a personal test - sending them across cities to recover stolen phones while managing life beyond the uniform.

The initiative, which led to the recovery of 580 mobile phones, was driven by the relentless efforts of head constables Anju Tomar, Ruby and constable Neelam.

Their days are spent tracking digital footprints, verifying leads and confronting suspects across state borders. Yet the same officers return home, shapeshifting into homemakers - ensuring homework is done, meals are laid out and their children feel supported.

Amid long hours, acing mind games

Head constable Anju Tomar, a graduate who joined the force in 2009, spends long hours during police week analysing SIM data and call records as part of the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) recovery team. Her role involves digital monitoring as well as field visits to various locations to verify claims and confront suspects.

"Tracking phones isn't easy. People lie, switch off devices or keep changing locations. Sometimes it takes days of continuous monitoring," she says.

Her background in science provides an edge to her work with the CEIR team, where she sifts through SIM details and call logs to dismantle the lies of those

found with stolen property. Despite the long hours spent monitoring shifting locations, Anju credits her family - especially her husband and children - for supporting her demanding schedule.

Handling scepticism and hostile calls

In the Crime Branch, 32-year-old constable Neelam, a political science graduate and mother of two, encounters a different challenge: citizens who often mistake her calls for scams. Her work is uniquely challenging; she frequently endures scepticism from the very people she is trying to help, often being mistaken for a scammer. She has even had to field abusive calls and video calls from wary citizens. "People sometimes mistake me for a scammer because fraudsters often impersonate police officers. At times, they even call back late at night. I handle all of this with calmness," she says. Her responsibilities do not end even if the workday does. Yet, even on her holidays, Neelam remains tethered to her work, tracking signals across state lines and managing the "innocent" buyers who realise too late they've purchased stolen goods.

Her husband, also a Delhi Police constable, helps share responsibilities, she says.

When work-related travel eats into family time

Constable Ruby, who joined the force in 2010, recalls travelling to several states including Punjab, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh while pursuing recovery leads.

Manacles On J'khand's Trafficked Girls - Broken By City's Rescue Facility

New Delhi (GNS): After three years of abuse by her affluent employers in Gurgaon - who made her sleep in a toilet on their terrace - 13-year-old Manisha (name changed), a tribal girl from Godda, was rescued after her father sent an SOS that triggered a joint operation led by Jharkhand Bhawan's Integrated Research and Rehabilitation Cell (IRRC). Lodged in a children's home in Delhi since late Nov, she now waits to return to the village she was taken from at age 10 by a trafficker who promised a better life.

Eight-year-old Nisha left Khunti with her parents, unaware she would soon be abandoned on a train with only a mobile phone. Found at Anand Vihar station six months ago, she has been in a children's home

while authorities traced her family. The inquiry led to her grandmother, who is eager to take her back despite her own hardship. Nisha will return once officials finalise a rehabilitation plan and enrol her in a residential school.

In Jan, Rashi and 17 other children boarded a train from Ranchi, lured by a woman trafficker who promised a fun trip to Delhi and work to ease their families' poverty. Before they reached the Capital, an alert from Jharkhand Police led to their rescue at a Delhi station. Four of them - including Rashi - were shown as adults after the trafficker produced birth certificates. With no long-term support for those just above 18, Rashi was sent back to the home she had earlier fled.

These cases of girls aged 8 to

18 illustrate a growing pattern of minors falling prey to unsafe migration routes or organised trafficking networks. Children reported missing in village police stations often resurface in NCR, trapped by placement agencies, intermediaries or employers who treat them as bonded workers. Salaries are diverted to agents posing as relatives, and the girls are denied phones, mobility and contact with their families.

On the eve of Women's Day, Media visited the IRRC facility run by Jharkhand Bhawan, where case files and counselling reports reveal how traffickers continue to expand their networks despite tighter enforcement. They routinely forge Aadhaar and birth certificates to avoid arrest.

Since 2015, the IRRC has restored 1,077 Jharkhand chil-

dren to their families or to institutional care in tribal districts. Nodal officer Nachiketa said that in the current financial year (2025-26), 122 children have been returned so far. Of all repatriations since inception, 98% are girls. Each year, 20-25 children from other source states such as Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Assam and Nepal are also rescued.

Most rescues take place across NCR - Gurgaon, Faridabad, Noida and Ghaziabad - though teams have travelled to UP, Haryana, Punjab and even Telangana, where six children were recently recovered from a biscuit factory.

Working out of a facility in Vasant Kunj, the team keeps a ready space for children brought directly from households before

they are escorted to their villages. The 24x7 unit responds to calls from district administrations, police and citizens on its helpline 10582.

"Case after case shows that social vulnerabilities push children into trafficking," Nachiketa said. "It's not just poverty - single-parent homes, children left with siblings while parents migrate for work, or families where survival needs overshadow childcare make them easy targets."

The trafficking chain, she said, is layered to avoid detection. Each trafficker through the chain of intermediaries from the stage of acquiring the child to placing the child through agents in a home as a household probably makes around Rs 1 lakh from one child over a year," she

added. "The children get nothing - their wages go to traffickers, they have no phones, no freedom, and are kept like bonded labour," Nachiketa said. After restoration, the IRRC monitors each child for three months, ensuring access to schooling, skilling and state-sponsored support. But girls who turn 18 before or during repatriation often fall through systemic gaps. "We need support beyond shelter homes for young women who are legally adults but still extremely vulnerable," Nachiketa said. The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, in its 2018 SOP on repatriation of trafficked children, acknowledged the central role state bhawans can play in Delhi-NCR rescues - a responsibility Jharkhand Bhawan has carried out since 2015.

Dismissing 'kitty' jibes, women step in and RWAs step up

New Delhi (GNS): For decades, Residents Welfare Associations—the hyper-local power centres that quietly shape the daily rhythms of neighbourhood life—were seen as the domain of retired men with time to spare and the inclination to supervise civic minutiae. RWAs were often dismissed as "toothless bodies", existing more for routine paperwork. But across Delhi, that perception is steadily being dismantled. An unmistakable shift is underway: women, many of them full-time professionals, are stepping into these traditional bastions and transforming them with their resolve, creativity and community-driven lens. This wave of women leaders is reshaping the character of RWAs—once viewed as rigid, bureaucratic spaces—into responsive, people-first platforms.

Media spoke to several women who, while balancing demanding careers, are taking on RWA leadership roles and redefining what civic engagement looks like in Delhi's neighbourhoods.

It has nearly been a decade since Neha Puri, president of the Green Park Extension RWA, first joined the association on her mother-in-law's suggestion. But the journey, she recalls, was anything but smooth. "Despite serving as general secretary earlier, people labelled our team as a 'kitty group' five years ago when many women joined as RWA members," she says. "People doubted our ability to make any difference... and warned that the work would disturb our professional lives and household responsibilities."

The remarks unsettled her for a moment—but they also galvanised her.



Determined to test the waters herself, Puri plunged into civic work with a persistence that gradually changed perceptions. She began making rounds of MCD, DJB and the district magistrate's office so regularly that "officials—from junior staff to senior officers—began recognising us and paying attention to our concerns."

With support from her team, she tightened response time for residents' complaints, intensified ground monitoring and persistently followed up on long-pending projects with elected representatives. "Gradually, that helped

streamline several civic issues," says Puri, who spent 17 years in the corporate sector before switching to hypnotherapy. The early scepticism has since receded, replaced by tangible improvements and a renewed trust in the RWA.

In south Delhi's Navjivan Vihar, Dr Ruby Makhija, an ophthalmologist and general secretary of the RWA, has spent nine years building a model that civic bodies now cite as an example: a neighbourhood with 100% waste segregation at source. The colony's waste management system—complete with composting units, a dry waste collection centre and a reduce-reuse-recycle hub—has become a template for others looking to replicate sustainable practices.

"I might have taken up the RWA role with excite-

ment, but it was definitely not an easy journey," she says. Her initial work involved checking on senior citizens living alone, organising health camps through her professional network and gradually earning residents' trust. Sometimes that meant stepping out late at night for security-related conflicts; during the Covid pandemic, she helped the colony host one of Delhi's earliest vaccination camps, benefiting nearly 5,000 people. "These efforts encouraged people to take my work seriously, including those who initially dismissed us," she says.

For Anantimala Potdar, a lawyer and president of the D Block RWA in Saket, her professional experience and association with district committees proved invaluable. "Disparities exist everywhere, but thankfully people are aware and open-

minded," she says. Rather than dwelling on criticism, she focuses on solutions—whether tackling parking encroachments or running an initiative to educate underprivileged children.

At A1 Block, Safdarjung Enclave, interior architect Payal Kapoor believes RWA work, as its president, is largely about time management. Tech-savvy and hands-on, she gained attention during the Covid lockdown when she single-handedly began revamping the area's only park. The effort drew residents into collective maintenance and eventually led to her leadership role. "It is not rocket science—your goodwill, organisational skills and coordination skills eventually help resolve issues. My efforts were even felicitated by former MP Meenakshi Lekhi," she says.

'ED's contentions not taken into account'

New Delhi (GNS): The interim bail granted to Al-Falah University trustee and chairman Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui has come as a surprise to ED as none of its contentions was taken into account, particularly the fact that Siddiqui as the chancellor is facing charges of having recruited doctors who were terror suspects and involved in the Red Fort blast.

Siddiqui, who is in judicial custody, had applied for interim bail on the grounds that his wife Usma Akhtar is undergoing terminal stage cancer treatment and he is the only caregiver for her. "Siddiqui's wife appeared before ED on summons unaccompanied by any caregiver, indicating the condition was not that serious," sources said.

Akhtar has been undergoing cancer treatment since 2022. "The travel history of her children show that they rarely visited India and even when visiting India they stayed for a very short duration. If the ailment was such serious, all the children would have visited India and stayed with their mother," sources said. The children have not appeared before ED in response to its summons.

2.35 lakh worth of lost belongings returned, 10 accused arrested in railway property theft cases, action taken in 21 chain-pulling cases-in Rjt. Rly. Div. of W.R.

The Railway Protection Force (RPF) of the Rajkot Division of Western Railway has achieved notable success in ensuring passenger safety, assistance, and protection of railway property through various operations conducted during the month of February.

Under Operation Amanat, the RPF returned lost belongings worth approximately ₹2.35 lakh to passengers. In addition, 10 accused were arrested in cases of railway property theft. Action was also taken in 21 cases of unauthorized chain pulling, while under Operation Nanhe Farishte, 5 children were safely rescued and reunited with their families.

Under the initiative "Seva Hi Sankalp", and under the guidance of IG-cum-Principal Chief Security Commissioner Shri Ajay Sadani and the supervision of Divisional Security Commissioner, Rajkot Shri Kamleshwar Singh, the RPF Rajkot Division has been continu-

ously taking effective measures to ensure the safety of railway premises, passengers, and railway assets.

Key Achievements:

● Operation Amanat:

Lost belongings worth approximately ₹2.35,867 belonging to 27 passengers were recovered and safely returned.

● Operation Nanhe Farishte: 5 children were safely rescued and reunited with their families.

● Operation Rail Suraksha: 10 accused were arrested in cases related to theft of railway property and legal action was taken.

● Operation Samay Palan: 28 cases of unauthorized chain pulling were registered, with action taken against 21 accused.

● Operation Suraksha: One person involved in stone-pelting on trains was apprehended and legal action was taken under the Railways Act.

● Operation Dignity: Two persons who had been sepa-



Separated from their families were reunited with them.

Awareness Campaign

Under Operation Janjagan, the RPF Rajkot Division conducted awareness campaigns at railway stations and nearby areas. Through public announcements, banners, meetings with village sarpanches, and public awareness programs, people were educated about not crossing railway tracks, avoiding stone-pelting on trains, the dangers of intoxication, women's safety, and prevention of human trafficking. Appreciating the efforts of the RPF team, Divisional Railway Manager, Rajkot, Shri Giriraj Kumar Meena stated:

"The safety of passengers and protection of railway property are our top priorities. RPF Rajkot Division remains continuously committed to ensuring passenger safety, assistance, and safeguarding railway assets."

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CBSE encourages schools to use PM eVidya lessons

New Delhi (GNS): Schools are being encouraged to bring broadcast lessons into everyday teaching, with curriculum-linked content available through dedicated TV channels and online videos.

Central gov't's PM eVidya platform offers recorded lessons that students can revisit at their own pace as supplementary academic support while also supporting subject enrichment and teacher training. In a circular, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has asked affiliated schools to actively use the platform's TV channels and e-videos in classrooms. While teachers say the move can strengthen digital and competency-based learning, some note that technological gaps in certain schools still need to be addressed. The directive focuses on the use of the PM eVidya CBSE-15 television channel, part of the broader PM eVidya initiative that includes 200



DTH educational TV channels launched in 2024 to expand access to learning resources.

"Curriculum-aligned programmes covering pedagogy, classroom practices, assessment approaches and subject-specific learning were created. The idea is to improve equitable access to quality educational resources, particularly for learners who may face geographical or socio-economic constraints in accessing digital tools," said a CBSE official.

Currently, 67 educational e-videos have been made

available through the TV channels and associated digital platforms, covering both student learning topics and teacher training themes.

The repository includes lessons such as real numbers and coordinate geometry for Class IX, along with broader educational modules like art-integrated learning, storytelling as a pedagogical tool, understanding artificial intelligence and its domains, planning to teach mathematics, cooperative learning and universal design of learning.

First in 15 years: Temperature crosses 35°C in March's first week; what's behind the rise in mercury?

New Delhi (GNS): The mercury rose to 35.7 degrees Celsius, seven degrees above normal, on Saturday. This was the earliest instance of the temperature surpassing 35 degrees Celsius in the first week of March in at least 15 years, IMD data showed. It was 34.4 degrees Celsius a day earlier. The day temperature is predicted to show a gradual rise and may further touch 37 degrees Celsius by March 11.

Last year, the mercury crossed the 35-degree mark in the second week of March at 36.2 degrees Celsius on March 14. In 2024, this happened only in the last week of March, while in 2023, the temperature remained below 35 degrees Celsius throughout March. In 2022, this mark was breached in the third week of the month. "In March 2021, the day temperature surpassed 35 degrees Celsius on March 11. This time, it crossed four days earlier," said RK Jenamani, senior scientist, IMD.

Continuous clear skies have pushed the temperatures. Delhi has been largely experiencing dry weather since the last intense rainfall on Jan 28. Feb brought only two spells of very light showers. With no active western disturbance influencing the region, the city consistently has been recording clear skies, contributing to the rise in mercury.

"The day temperature is expected to show a gradual increase. However, a western disturbance would

impact the region from March 9 and it may cause rain activity only in hills. Though no rain is expected in the plains, the wind direction may change to easterly on March 10, which may cause a dip in the mercury by one to two degrees in Delhi," said Jenamani.

IMD predicted that the mercury is likely to hover between 34 and 36 degrees Celsius from Sunday to Tuesday. It is predicted to rise to around 37 degrees Celsius by Wednesday. "A rise in maximum temperatures by 1 to 2 degrees Celsius is expected during the next 24 hours and no large change is predicted during the subsequent three days. However, it may rise by 1 to 2 degrees Celsius on March 11 and fall by 1 to 2 degrees Celsius thereafter. The maximum temperatures are likely to be markedly above normal (5.1 degrees Celsius or more) during the next seven days," said IMD in its bulletin.

Apart from days, the nights continue to record temperatures above normal. The minimum temperature settled at 17.4 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal. It may touch 19 degrees Celsius by March 11.

Meanwhile, Delhi's air quality worsened to the poor category with an AQI of 246. It was 172 in the 'moderate' range the previous day. It is likely to dip to the moderate category on Sunday and Monday and may again deteriorate to poor on Tuesday, according to the Centre's Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi.

Delhi court discharges Lawrence Bishnoi, 2 others in Rs 1 crore extortion case; cites lack of evidence

NEW DELHI (GNS): A Delhi court recently discharged gangster Lawrence Bishnoi and two others in a case related to an alleged Rs 1 crore extortion attempt, holding that the prosecution failed to establish the essential ingredients of the offence. Chief judicial magistrate Nupur Gupta, in an order dated Feb 20, observed that the allegations did not demonstrate any actual delivery of property, a key requirement for the offence of extortion. The court emphasised, "To constitute an offence of extortion, there must be actual delivery of property, money, or valuable security induced by fear. Mere demands threats do not suffice."



plaintiff had merely alleged receiving calls demanding Rs 1 crore. "Nothing has been mentioned about the physical act; rather, it has simply been said he was asked to pay a particular sum of money," the court noted.

The case stems from an FIR registered at Sunlight Colony Police Station

on a complaint by Raman Deep Singh, who alleged receiving calls from an unknown number on the night of April 23-24, 2023, demanding Rs 1 crore and threatening his life, following which an FIR was registered.

Delhi Police Crime Branch filed a chargesheet against four accused - Lawrence, Sampat Nehra, Ashish Sharma and Haren Sarapadiya - under sections 386 and 387 IPC read with Section 120B IPC.

The prosecution argued that sufficient material had been placed on record to "prima facie" establish the involvement of the accused. However, the defence contended that none of the

accused were named in the FIR and no recovery was made from their possession, adding that the arrests were based solely on disclosure statements of co-accused.

Magistrate Gupta observed that the provision requires a "visible overt act" showing the accused put a person in fear of death or grievous hurt. "In the absence of any apparent overt act leading towards the act of extortion, it cannot be said that an offence committed was extortion by threat," the court said. The court also noted that Section 386 IPC requires proof that property was delivered under such fear. However, neither the complainant alleged any delivery nor did the chargesheet indicate that any property was handed over. In its absence, the court held the offence could not be made out and discharged all the accused.

Campuses join semiconductor talent push

New Delhi (GNS): Leading educational institutions in Delhi are contributing to India's semiconductor workforce programme under the gov't's Chips to Startups (C2S) initiative, part of the India Semiconductor Mission, as the country prepares to build a larger talent base for the global chip industry.

Union minister for electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw said the programme has expanded semiconductor design training to 315 academic institutions nationwide and will be extended to 500 universities under the Semicon 2.0 phase.