



Modi said on the West Asia crisis : blocking the Strait of Hormuz is unacceptable

Opposed the attack on civilian and energy facilities, said - importing oil and gas from 41 countries

New Delhi(GNS): PM Modi made his first public statement on the conflict situation in West Asia. In a 25-minute speech in the Lok Sabha, he said that tensions must end and that dialogue is the only solution to the problem. The Prime Minister said that attacks on civilians and power plants are unacceptable. Blocking the route to Hormuz is unacceptable.

The PM said, "The government is trying to avoid an oil and gas crisis in the country. To do this, we are now importing from 41 countries instead of 27. Ten million Indians live in West Asia. Their safety is our priority."

He said that 375,000 Indians have returned safely to the country. Thousands have returned safely from Iran alone. More than 700 of them are young people pursuing medical studies.

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, referring to PM Modi's statement in Parliament on the West Asia conflict, said, "He has informed the country about the current situation. This issue should be discussed in Parliament."



On the West Asia dispute, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said, "We must face every challenge with patience, restraint, and a calm mind. This is our identity, this is our strength. We must also remain extremely cautious and vigilant. Those who seek to exploit the situation will try to spread lies. We must not allow their efforts to succeed."

He said, "I would also like to urge all state governments through the House that during such times, black marketers and hoarders become active. Strict monitoring is essential for this. Action must be taken wherever information is received. When every government and

every citizen of the country work together, we will be able to challenge every challenge."

PM Modi said that in 11 years, the country has increased its solar power capacity to 140 gigawatts. Four million rooftop solar panels have been installed. Under the Govardhan Yojana, 200 biogas plants are operational. The government has increased its future preparedness by promoting nuclear energy production through the Shanti App. In the next five years, 1,500 megawatts of new hydropower capacity will be added.

Modi's 6 big things, said- we are in touch with suppliers from all countries

- **On the oil and gas crisis:** Over the past decade, India has prioritized crude oil storage for times of crisis. Today, we have strategic petroleum reserves of over 5.3 million metric tons. Work is underway to increase this to over 6.5 million metric tons. Our oil companies maintain dedicated storage.
- **On food and rations:** We have sufficient food reserves. We have adequate arrangements to deal with emergencies. At that time, global supply chains were also disrupted. A bag of urea was provided to Indian farmers for less than 300 rupees. We are communicating with our allies to ensure that ships carrying oil, gas, and fertilizers reach India safely.
- **Safety of Indians:** In this time of crisis, the safety of Indians has been a top priority for us. Currently, 375,000 Indians have returned safely to the country. Thousands have returned safely from Iran alone. More than 700 of them are young medical students.
- **On power supply:** One challenge of the war is that the summer season is beginning in the country. The demand for electricity will only increase in the coming days. Coal stocks are available in the country's power plants. Every system, from power generation to supply, is being monitored.
- **On the energy sector:** We know that energy is the backbone of today's economy. West Asia is a source of global needs. We are working on a strategy to minimize the adverse effects of this war on India. The Indian government has formed a group that meets daily and works to address the challenges faced in import and export.
- **Regarding the conflict:** India's position in diplomacy is clear. We have expressed our deep concern. I have spoken with leaders in West Asia and urged everyone to de-escalate tensions. Attacks and obstruction of commercial vessels are unacceptable.

Congress questions PM Modi on BRICS summit, demands initiative on West Asia crisis



New Delhi (GNS): The Congress party has targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the BRICS summit amid ongoing tensions in West Asia. The party has questioned why India is not using this important global platform to resolve regional crises. Congress General Secretary Jairam Ramesh, posting on the social media platform X, said that India is going to host the 18th BRICS summit in New Delhi this year. Therefore, the government should take concrete diplomatic initiatives on the West Asia crisis.

Four labourers died and 15 were injured when the roof of a cold storage facility collapsed in Prayagraj

Prayagraj(GNS): Four workers were killed and 15 injured when the roof of a cold storage facility located on the Prayagraj-Lucknow Highway in

Chandapur, Phaphamau area of Prayagraj district, Uttar Pradesh, collapsed with an explosion. Fifteen people were injured in the accident. The cold storage

facility belongs to Samajwadi Party (SP) leader and former minister Ansar Ahmed. Upon receiving information about the

incident, District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma, Police Commissioner Jogendra Kumar, and other officials arrived at the scene.

Regarding the incident, District Magistrate Verma stated that the Adarsh Cold Storage is located opposite Chandpur village on Lucknow Road.

Tamil Nadu elections: Seat-sharing finalised in NDA, BJP gets 27 seats

Chennai(GNS): The seat-sharing formula in the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) for the Tamil Nadu Assembly elections has been finalized. The agreement was finalized at a crucial meeting held at the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) headquarters in Chennai on Monday. AIADMK General Secretary and former Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and Union Minister Piyush Goyal were present at the meeting. The agreement was reached between the major parties of the alliance after long-drawn negotiations and several rounds of meetings.



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West Asia simmering under the nuclear shadow – Iran-Israel-US conflict

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

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Attacks on nuclear installations—strategic pressure or dangerous gamble? – The changing nature of warfare and rising fears

Attacks on nuclear sites, the threat of radiation, energy wars, and the involvement of superpowers all point to a major crisis that must be resolved through dialogue. Globally, the ongoing conflict in

West Asia has transcended the boundaries of conventional military confrontation and reached a dangerous juncture, where nuclear installations are becoming the focus of war, directly or indirectly. Increasing military activity between Iran, Israel, and the United States has not only exacerbated regional instability but also raised the specter of a major global nuclear crisis. The recent targeting of nuclear plants and research centers has raised the question of whether the world is on the brink of another nuclear disaster. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas

Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that by the 23rd day of the war, there has been a clear shift in the nature of the conflict. While previously targeting military installations, border areas, and strategic infrastructure, nuclear installations have now become the focus of attacks. Israel's airstrike on Iran's Natanz nuclear facility was a decisive step in this direction. Natanz is the center of Iran's nuclear program, where uranium enrichment is conducted. In response, Iran launched missile attacks near Israel's Dimona nuclear facility. This facility is con-

sidered the most important base of Israel's nuclear capability. Thus, targeting nuclear facilities by both sides is not merely a military strategy, but a dangerous gamble, with far-reaching and devastating consequences. The Growing Threat of Radiation: Humanity's Invisible Enemy The greatest threat from an attack on nuclear plants is not just an explosion, but a radiation leak. Nuclear plants contain highly radioactive elements such as uranium and plutonium. If an attack causes a leak, the effects are not limited to the immediate area but can spread thousands of kilome-

ters through air, water, and soil. The effects of radiation are extremely serious, causing cancer, birth defects, weakened immune systems, and long-term environmental damage. The Chernobyl accident and the Fukushima nuclear disaster are vivid examples, the effects of which are still being felt today. If a similar incident were to occur in West Asia, its impact would be felt globally.

Friends, if we consider the role of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the current situation, its role becomes crucial amid these growing concerns.

Editorial

Iran-US conflict creates market turmoil

Escalating war tensions in West Asia have shaken the global economy, and the Indian stock market has been particularly affected. The escalating conflict between Iran and the United States has severely dented investor confidence. Investors lost approximately 12 lakh crore rupees in a single trading day, demonstrating how global events impact the domestic market. This decline wasn't limited to data, but rather created an atmosphere of fear and uncertainty among investors.

The Sensex, the main index of the Indian stock market, recorded a massive drop of nearly 2,500 points, closing at around 74,000. Similarly, the Nifty also fell by more than 700 points. This decline is considered the largest in several months. Selling pressure was visible in almost all sectors of the market, making it clear that this is not a problem specific to any one sector but rather the result of widespread economic concerns.

The biggest reason behind this decline is the war's impact on oil and gas fields. The Gulf region is a major center of global energy production, and when instability increases there, it directly impacts crude oil prices. The war led to attacks on several key energy installations, affecting both production and supply. This resulted in a sharp rise in crude oil prices, reaching around \$115 per barrel at one point. For a country like India, which imports most of its oil needs, this situation is extremely worrying.

The impact of rising crude oil prices is not limited to the market; it also impacts the lives of ordinary people. Higher oil prices increase transportation costs, which in turn increases the prices of goods and services. Therefore, this conflict has also raised fears of inflation. Furthermore, continued selling by foreign investors has further weakened market conditions.

Domestic factors also exacerbated this decline. Major banking and financial sector stocks fell sharply, putting pressure on the overall market. Investors, averse to risk, quickly withdrew their investments, further fueling market panic. Mid-cap and small-cap stocks also fell by around three percent, indicating that smaller investors were disproportionately affected.



Today, India stands at a quiet but profound turning point. While our universities are churning out millions of graduates and postgraduates every year, a large number of these young people are either unemployed or unable to find work commensurate with their qualifications. At the same time, our villages—once the backbone of a self-reliant civilization—are slowly losing their youth. This isn't just an economic problem. It's a structural failure of how we define education, work, and respect.



India's education crisis: Jobless degrees and youth fleeing villages

Dr. Anurag Verma

For decades, our education system bore the imprint of colonial thinking, shaped by the needs of the rulers of the time. The clear objective at that time was to create a class of people capable of administrative and clerical work. India has come a long way politically and economically since then, but the fundamental direction of education remains largely unchanged. Even today, we prioritize degrees over skills, certificates over competence, and urban jobs over local livelihoods. And the consequences are visible everywhere. Young people migrate to cities in search of limited white-collar jobs, often ending up trapped in unstable work. Meanwhile, rural India faces a paradox—interest in agriculture and traditional occupations is declining, while labor shortages and stagnation in these very sectors are increasing.

In fact, this wasn't always the case. India's villages were once strong and self-sufficient economies. Agriculture wasn't just a livelihood, but a science cultivated over generations. Crafts like weaving, carpentry, pottery, and metalwork were not only a source of identity but also a source of income. Communities were interconnected, and livelihoods were locally based. The Gurukul tradition, which we associate solely with education, was actually a broader philosophy where education was connected to life, nature, and responsibility.



Similar models existed in other parts of the world, from community farming to handicrafts. These systems were not backward; rather, they were sustainable, skill-based, and balanced. Today, the irony is that the world is rediscovering the very things we left behind—local production, ecological balance, and a skill-based economy. India needs not to retreat from modernity, but to correct the imbalances.

There's no magic solution to this problem. It requires a phased approach to the entire system. First, education must be linked not just to literacy, but to livelihoods. Schools, especially in rural areas, should teach practical skills such as agricultural science, food processing, repair work, digital literacy, and small business management. This initiative points in this direction, but the real test lies in its effective implementation in vil-

lages. Second, the rural economy shouldn't be limited to raw produce. Farmers and local producers must be empowered with processing, packaging, and direct market access. Through digital platforms, even a small rural enterprise can reach national and global levels. The principle is simple—local production, broad market.

Third, rural work must be respected. A skilled farmer, dairy operator, artisan, or technician is not a substitute, but the very core of a nation's strength. Without them, food security, supply chains, and local economies are weakened. Finally, we must accept the uncomfortable truth that not every educated young person will find a traditional office job, nor should everyone be headed in that direction. A healthy economy requires diverse roles, many of which lie outside the urban corporate frame-

work. Therefore, the challenge isn't just unemployment, but misdirected aspirations and expectations. If education continues to produce easy-job chasers for whom there aren't enough jobs, and neglects the skills that drive the real economy, this gap will only widen. But if we link education to livelihoods—especially in rural India—this crisis can be turned into an opportunity.

India's future won't be secured solely in its cities, startups, or corporate corridors. It will also depend on whether its villages can once again become centers of dignified work, sustainable living, and economic empowerment. The purpose of education must change, empowering rural youth not to leave their villages but to transform them. Only then will India be able to produce citizens who will build a balanced and self-reliant nation, not just degree holders.

India moves towards solutions through participation on the occasion of World Water Day

Binod Kumar Singh

On the occasion of World Water Day, a panoramic view of India moving towards solutions through participation was organized at the World Youth Centre in New Delhi. Today's event was not merely a formality, but rather an opportunity to deeply understand, empathize, and take collective pledges towards solutions to the water crisis and gender equality. Organized by UNOPS on the topic of "Water and Gender Equality," this event showcased a confluence of policy, governance, human rights, and on-the-ground experiences, making the discussion vibrant and effective. The presence of Vinod Mishra, the main organizer and UNOPS Country Manager, Dr. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, Union Minister of State for Water Power, Government of

India, as the chief guest, and Bharat Lal, a special guest, lent dignity to the event. Today's event was not limited to stage speeches. It succeeded in conveying a broad social message through dialogue, participation, and training. When gender equality is discussed in the context of the water crisis, the issue is no longer merely a policy discussion, but rather a reflection of the harsh realities of life. In his address, Bharat Lal clearly highlighted this reality, stating that women manage approximately 60 percent of the country's water resources, spending approximately an hour daily on this task. This is not just a waste of time, but a loss of their life opportunities. Sharing his administrative experiences, he cited the example of rural Gujarat, where 50 percent women's participation was ensured in the formation of water committees. This ini-

tiative not only made water management more effective but also strengthened women's self-confidence and leadership. Their experiences made it clear that when women are included in the decision-making process, schemes succeed not just on paper, but on the ground. Chief Guest Dr. Raj Bhushan Chaudhary, in his address, underscored the government's commitment, stating that through programs like the Jal Jeevan Mission, the country's water resources are being transformed. The goal of providing safe drinking water to every household is not just a symbol of development but a means of social change. Citing government data, he stated that tap water has reached millions of households in the country, and this process is ongoing. He said that when water reaches homes, women are freed from the labor of fetching water,

opening new doors to education, health, and self-reliance in their lives. He also clarified that the government is committed to ensuring women's active participation in water management and is strengthening their role in village-level water committees. A lively part of today's program was a group discussion, in which participants from various sectors shared their experiences, problems, and solutions. This discussion was not a formal dialogue, but an open forum where ground realities were revealed. Representatives from rural areas explained how water scarcity has the greatest impact on women and children. Some participants also shared that where women have been involved in water management, conditions there have improved. This group discussion made it clear that the water crisis cannot be resolved solely through govern-

ment schemes, but through community participation and social awareness. It also emerged that no water management plan can be fully successful unless women are given equal status within society. Another important initiative during the program was the release of a training module booklet. This booklet is not just a document, but a guide, explaining the practical aspects of water management, sanitation, and gender equality in a simple and effective manner. The purpose of this booklet is not merely to provide information but to train communities and empower them to become self-reliant. Through this training module, an effort has been made to ensure that people working at the village level, especially women, understand the technical and social aspects of water management and can implement them in practice.

Mega hospital integration plan to boost research in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday announced a plan to integrate key government medical institutions in the Capital to enhance healthcare delivery, expand medical education and position Delhi as a national hub for research.

The proposed move involves merging Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital (GTB), Delhi State Cancer Institute (DSCI), and Rajiv Gandhi Super Speciality Hospital (RGSSH) into a single autonomous institution on the lines of AIIMS. In parallel, the government is working to develop the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) into a second National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS)-like



centre. According to officials, the integration aims to significantly increase postgraduate (PG) medical seats by pooling faculty and resources currently spread across institutions. "By combining faculty strength, the number of PG

seats will automatically rise, enabling more doctors to receive specialist training," Gupta said. Departments such as radiology, pathology and anaesthesia are expected to witness a major increase in seats. Estimates suggest radiology seats could rise to around 22, pathology to nearly 26 and anaesthesia to about 48 after integration. The plan further includes the introduction of new PG courses in specialised fields currently not offered at some institutions. At DSCI, around 26 seats are expected in areas such as radiation oncology and nuclear medicine, while RGSSH could add about 14 seats in super-speciality disciplines like cardiology and cardiac surgery.

Rain lashes several parts of Delhi-NCR; IMD issues yellow alert

New Delhi, (GNS): Several parts of Delhi-NCR witnessed light rain accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning on Monday morning, bringing a dip in temperatures and relief from recent warm conditions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said light to moderate rainfall is likely to continue, accompanied by gusty winds of around 30-40 kmph in parts of Delhi-NCR, including Noida, Ghaziabad and Bahadurgarh. A yellow alert has been issued for parts of the city till late morning, urging residents to stay cautious during thunderstorm activity.

Traffic Constable Injured After Being Dragged on Car Bonnet west Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): A traffic constable was dragged on the bonnet of a car when he attempted to stop it during a routine drunken driving check in west Delhi's Janakpuri on Saturday. Constable Mohan Pal, along with sub-inspector Gurdeep Singh, was conducting the checks on Saturday at 5:52 pm near Bharti College on Lal Sai Marg. A car with a Rajasthan registration number was flagged down. Instead of stopping, the driver, later identified as Nilesh Kumar of Bagdola in Dwarka, attempted to flee. In his attempt to escape, Kumar hit Pal head-on. He fell on the bonnet of the moving car and was dragged for several metres. Then he fell on the road. People who were nearby intervened and helped stop the vehicle. Pal was taken away for medical attention. Traffic authorities impounded the car, and a challan was issued under sections 185, 184, 179, 184,



and 209 of the Motor Vehicles Act for drunken driving, jumping a red light, misbehaviour, and dangerous driving. Although the driver was initially let off, a complaint was later filed, and police are now searching for him. A video of the incident, recorded by a passerby on a phone, has gone viral on social media. In the footage, the constable is seen clinging to the bonnet for some distance before falling on the road, after which he is hit by the vehicle. The video has drawn widespread attention and highlighted the dangers faced by traffic personnel on duty.

Illegal liquor seized during surprise inspection in Chandni Chowk area



New Delhi, (GNS): Illegal liquor was seized in Delhi's Chandni Chowk area during a surprise inspection led by MCD Standing Committee Chairperson Satya Sharma on Sunday, officials said. In a statement and video shared by her official handle on X, Sharma alleged lapses on the part of enforcement agencies. "During a surprise inspection, illegal liquor was seized in the Chandni Chowk area. Such activities are flourishing due to the collusion of the Delhi Police and the negligence of the MCD," she said. Calling the issue serious, Sharma said directions have been issued for an immediate inquiry and strict action against those responsible. "This is a very serious issue that requires strict action. Instructions have been given to the concerned officers to immediately investigate and take strict action against the culprits, so that such incidents can be completely stopped in the future," she added.

There was no immediate response from the Delhi Police or the Municipal Corporation of Delhi on the allegations

In name of test ride failed bizman made away with luxury bikes, held

New Delhi, (GNS): It all began with a kick-start and a confident smile. To the salesperson at Rohini's Vijay Vihar showroom, Punit Satija appeared to be the ideal customer—a polished, well-spoken man who seemed to know his way around a premium motorcycle. He requested a test ride, twisted the throttle, and vanished into the bustling Delhi traffic, leaving the showroom staff stunned. His spree came to an end on Saturday when he was apprehended in Outer Delhi's Bhalaswa Dairy.

The incident came to light last Friday when the missing motorcycle was reported during what was meant to be a routine test ride. A case was immediately registered, and DCP Shashank Jaiswal formed a team to investigate. The team identified Satija as the prime suspect. Coordinated raids in the Bhalaswa Dairy area culminated in his arrest, where he was found in possession of a stolen Jawa 42 Bobber, allegedly taken from Seemapuri.

A B.Com graduate, Satija once completed a six-month internship as a showroom salesman, gaining knowledge of how luxury bike dealers operate. Later, he tried his hand at a car accessories business in Rewari, investing two and a half years and reportedly losing Rs. 25 lakh in the process. Since 2025, he had been working as a daily-wage laborer, far removed from the high-octane world of premium motorcycles. During interrogation, Satija allegedly confessed to orchestrating multiple motorcycle thefts across Delhi-NCR. Authorities recovered five more high-end motorcycles from Burari, bringing the total number of cases linked to him to nine. Police said he had perfected a deceptive modus operandi: pose as a legitimate customer seeking a test ride, and once outside the showroom, vanish with the vehicle.

Investigators revealed that his alleged thefts spanned prominent localities, including Vijay Vihar, Saket, Seemapuri, Tilak Nagar, Model Town, Moti Nagar, Paharganj, Civil Lines, Gurgaon, and other parts of Delhi. mium models such as the Royal Enfield Shotgun 650, three Jawa 42 Bobber bikes.

Police continue to probe whether Satija acted alone or had accomplices, and if additional stolen vehicles remain to be recovered.

Woman arrested for killing her two daughters in Delhi's Malviya Nagar; lens on domestic dispute

New Delhi, (GNS): A couple of weeks after two sisters were found murdered inside their house in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar, police on Sunday arrested their mother for allegedly committing the crime.

Authorities are investigating a possible domestic dispute angle.

The woman, Sunita Arora, who had attempted suicide, was discharged from hospital following thorough medical and psychiatric examinations. She was subsequently arrested after evaluation of evidence, Anant Mittal, deputy commissioner of police (south), said.

The twin deaths came to light around 6 pm on March 5, after police received a call from a relative of the Aroras that they were not answering the door. Cops found the main door locked from inside and



gained entry through a window after breaking its glass pane.

The bodies of the sisters were found in separate rooms. The 33-year-old elder one had a pillow on her face, while the other, who was 28 years old, had ligature marks on her neck, suggesting that she had

room. Police suspect a crepe bandage might have been used to strangle the daughter.

Cops rushed all three to hospital, where the daughters were declared dead.

Investigators suspect crushed naphthalene balls might have been used to sedate one of them, and that the mother ingested the chemical as well. "The elder daughter used to assist a teacher working with specially abled children, though she had quit the job a few years ago. The younger one had completed a law course," a source said.

Police have come to know of a domestic discord reportedly plaguing the family. The three were not social and might have been battling depression, the source added.

The Aroras lived in a four-storey building. Sunita and her family resided on the grou-

2 brothers injured in stabbing at Tigri area, suspects identified

New Delhi, (GNS): Two brothers were injured in a stabbing incident in south Delhi's Tigri area on Sunday evening, the police said, adding that two suspects have been identified and raids are underway to nab them.

The police said the incident was reported around 4.30 pm near Krishna Park in Tigri, they said. The motive behind the stabbing is yet to be ascertained.

The injured have been identified as Parveen (43), a grocery shop owner, and his brother Vikas (38). They sustained injuries in the attack and were rushed to a nearby hospital, the police said.

Three arrested for illegal LPG cylinder hoarding in southwest Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Three persons have been arrested in connection with the illegal hoarding and supply of LPG cylinders in southwest Delhi, with police recovering a total of 74 cylinders from their possession. The accused have been identified as Krishna (33), Mithilesh (39) and Dinesh Sahu (46).

Deputy commissioner of police (southwest) Amit Goel said the police received specific information on Saturday about the illegal storage of LPG cylinders at a premise located in Mahipalpur. Acting on a tip-off, a raid was conducted, leading to their arrest.

During the search operation, police recovered LPG cylinders along with weighing machines and other equipment allegedly used in the illegal trade. When questioned, the accused failed to produce any valid license or authorisation for storing the cylinders. During interrogation, the accused revealed that they had been involved in the unauthorised sale of LPG cylinders to residents without issuing bills in order to earn higher profits,



police said. They allegedly used a vehicle to transport the cylinders and had rented the premises specifically for illegal storage purposes. Investigators further found that the accused were engaged in transferring gas from multiple filled cylinders into empty ones using metal pipes. This practice was reportedly carried out to increase profit margins and manipulate supply. "All the accused have been residing in Delhi for the past two decades and have been

involved in illegal LPG supply activities in the Mahipalpur area for the last three years," the DCP said.

Among the items recovered were 70 domestic LPG cylinders—54 filled and 16 partially used—and four commercial cylinders, of which three were filled and one was used. Additionally, one electronic weighing scale, two hanging weighing machines and a metal pipe used for gas transfer and refilling were seized from the spot.

EC received on illegal water extraction to be used for rejuvenation of water bodies

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC) has informed National Green Tribunal that over Rs 70 crore in environmental compensation has been levied on illegal groundwater extraction in the city so far. The funds are proposed to be used for rejuvenation of water bodies across the capital.

A local had sent a petition in the tribunal in 2023 complaining that water is being illegally extracted through a borewell for construction of a house in Delhi's Brahmapuri. Though the borewell was sealed, a miscellaneous application was filed this year in the matter. The tribunal was informed that an environmental compensation of Rs 35,064 was imposed on the violator.

In Jan this year, NGT directed DPCC to "prepare an action plan in consultation with dis-



trict wetland committee/state wetland authority for rejuvenation of water bodies in Delhi and to utilise the amount of environmental compensation deposited in the present case within six months."

The report dated March 17 said, "The EC funds will be allocated to the restoration of waterbodies that are not restored under the Gramodaya scheme. The expenditure shall be in accordance with the area of the waterbody and in accordance with the guidelines of the govt of India".

Delhi power tariff may go up as Rs 38k cr recovery plan on anvil

New Delhi, (GNS): After more than a decade, power tariffs in Delhi are likely to increase from April 1 as Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) may soon issue an order to recover more than Rs 38,500 crore accumulated regulatory assets (RA, unrecovered costs) from consumers. This will be done by imposing higher RA surcharge in power bills so that RA accumulated since 2007 can be recovered in a phased manner over seven years. DERC's affidavit of Jan 2026 before

Appellate Tribunal for Electricity, says recovery will start April 1. On discoms' plea, SC passed an order in Oct 2025 directing DERC to liquidate RA in seven years, from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2031. Regulatory assets are the gap created when power distribution companies (discoms) costs - including power purchase, transmission and distribution - are not fully covered by tariffs because as populist measures the govt does not want higher power tariffs.

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Sr. DEN (South), MMCT, Western Railway, invites Sr. No.: 1. E-Tender Notice No.: BCT/25-26/345, dt.18.03.2026. Work and Location: Churchgate - Virar section - Augmentation of platforms to accommodate 15 CAR EMU at Vile Parle, Khar Road, Santacruz and Bandra Stations of Down and UP Local Lines (Slow Lines). Approx. Cost of work: ₹ 70,72,378.90. EMD: ₹ 1,41,500/- Sr. No.: 2. E-Tender Notice No.: BCT/25-26/351, dt.18.03.2026. Work and Location: Churchgate - Virar section- Removal and disposal of muck, garbage, plastic, plastic bags, papers and other waste materials from the track under ADEN (T/S) PL section. Approx. Cost of work: ₹ 1,17,15,686.80. EMD: ₹ 2,08,600/- Date and time for submission for both tender: Till 14.04.2026 up to 15:00 hrs. Date and time for opening for both tender: On 14.04.2026 up to 15:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.irps.gov.in 1247

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Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (W), Western Railway Carriage Repair Workshop, N. M. Joshi Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013, invites E-Tender Notice No.: EL/WA/PL/2024-25/67R4, Date: 18.03.2026. Name of work with Location: The supply, installation, commissioning, testing and modification in LHB non-AC Coaches manufactured at RCF during 2011-2012 as per the scope of work and schedule of the rate at Lower Parel workshop, Mumbai-13. Approx. Cost of the work: ₹ 1,64,44,693.20. EMD: ₹ 3,28,900/- Last Date and time for submission: Till 09.04.2026 up to 12:00 hrs. Last Date and time for opening: On 09.04.2026 up to 12:30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.irps.gov.in 1245

Delhi Cong chief Yadav flags 'underutilisation' of funds

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) on Sunday launched a sharp attack on the BJP-led Delhi Government, alleging large-scale underutilisation of funds and administrative inefficiency ahead of the Budget session beginning Monday.

DPCC president Devender Yadav claimed that nearly 43 per cent of the Rs 57,850 crore revised outlay for schemes and development works in the 2025-26 Budget remained unspent, raising "seri-

ous questions" about governance under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

Yadav termed the government's functioning as "turtle-paced" and alleged that despite a "triple-engine" BJP Government, Delhi had not received adequate support from the Centre for key schemes announced last year.

He said while Rs 59,300 crore was initially earmarked for projects and schemes in the Rs 1 lakh crore Budget, the revised estimate was brought down to Rs 57,850

crore, of which only Rs 33,234 crore, about 57.45 per cent, had been spent till February 2026.

"The government has failed to implement its own budget announcements on the ground, leaving several schemes only on paper," Yadav alleged.

The Congress leader also raised concerns over the government's financial management, claiming that despite plans to borrow Rs 15,000 crore from the National Small Savings Fund, additional funds were now being raised

through state bonds. He further alleged that electricity subsidy allocation of Rs 4,000 crore had been exhausted by February.

Highlighting sector-wise expenditure, Yadav said only 15 per cent of the Rs 437 crore allocated to the Environment Department had been spent, while less than Rs 50 crore of Rs 296 crore earmarked for pollution control was utilised. He also alleged that funds under the electric vehicle policy remained unspent.

Fake property dealer arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): A man who allegedly posed as a property dealer, gained the trust of buyers and sellers, collected advance payments and then absconded has been arrested by the Delhi Police, officials said on Sunday.



The accused, Rahul Paswan, a resident of Laxmi Nagar in Delhi and originally from Bihar's Lakhisarai district, was held on Saturday from the parking area near Kashmiri Gate while he was attempting to leave the city, the officials said.

He had been declared a proclaimed offender on February 3, 2023, in connection with a cheating case registered at the Laxmi Nagar police station in April 2022 under relevant sections of the IPC, they said.

According to the police, Paswan is involved in multiple cheating cases and has been on the run for nearly a year, during which he stayed in Faridabad, Haryana, to evade arrest.

"Acting on credible information, the team laid a trap and apprehended the accused," a senior police officer said.

Paswan's modus operandi involved projecting himself as a genuine property dealer.

Tyagi joins RLD days after JD(U) exit



New Delhi, (GNS): Former JD(U) leader KC Tyagi on Sunday formally joined the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) in the presence of party chief and Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary in the national capital, less than a week after quitting his former party. Tyagi, who was among the founding members of the Janata Dal (United), had not participated in the party's membership renewal drive, signalling his exit from the Bihar-based outfit on March 17.

The former JD(U) spokesperson clarified that he had no differences with the party or Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar over the recently held Rajya Sabha polls. Nitish was elected to the Upper House unopposed last week.

"I began my political career with the Lok Dal itself. This is just its original form; there's nothing new in it... We will help fulfil the dream that Chaudhary Charan Singh left behind... There is no difference between JD(U) and RLD. There was a time when Nitish Kumar and Chaudhary Ajit Singh were set to form a party together. There is no difference between these two," he said at a press conference in the presence of Chaudhary.

Tyagi also dismissed speculation over his parliamentary ambitions, denying that his exit was linked to a desire for a Rajya Sabha seat. "There is not a single instance of me trying for a Rajya Sabha ticket. Even in 2013, Nitish Kumar called me and offered me a ticket," he said.

"I have a 50-year-old relationship with Nitish Kumar. In Jayaprakash Narayan's movement, then in the Janata Party, Lok Dal and later under Karpoori Thakur's leadership, we did politics together," he added. Tyagi had earlier resigned as JD(U)'s national chief spokesperson in September 2024.

AAP will boycott Delhi Assembly's Budget session if suspension of 4 MLAs not revoked: Atishi

New Delhi, (GNS):The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) will boycott the Budget session of the Delhi Assembly if the suspension of four of its legislators is not revoked by the speaker, Leader of Opposition Atishi said on Sunday.

Addressing a press conference on the eve of the session, Atishi accused the BJP of muzzling the AAP through privilege notices and suspensions. The BJP hit back, saying Atishi is unable to digest that the Assembly has been transacting business instead of indulging in political speeches.


The four AAP MLAs - Sanjeev Jha, Kuldeep Kumar, Somdutt and Jarnail Singh - were suspended in the last session and removed from the official WhatsApp group of the 70 Delhi legislators, Atishi said.

AAP MLA Kuldeep Kumar, a member of the Delhi Assembly's Public Accounts Committee, was not called for meetings nor was he sent draft reports of the panel, she claimed. "If the unconstitutional suspension of the four MLAs is not revoked, then none of the AAP MLAs will participate in the upcoming session," Atishi said.


The former chief minister alleged the BJP has been muzzling the AAP through privilege notices and suspensions. She said she alone was served four privilege notices. Atishi said the AAP will take to the streets with lakhs of people if the Opposition's voice is suppressed.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that Atishi is unable to digest the fact that for the first time, bills are being passed in the Assembly and questions of public importance and issues pertaining to Delhi are being raised.


"The previous AAP government only used the Assembly to give political speeches instead of understanding the issues of Delhi and forming policies to run Delhi in an efficient way," he said. The BJP has 48 MLAs in the Assembly, while the AAP has 22.




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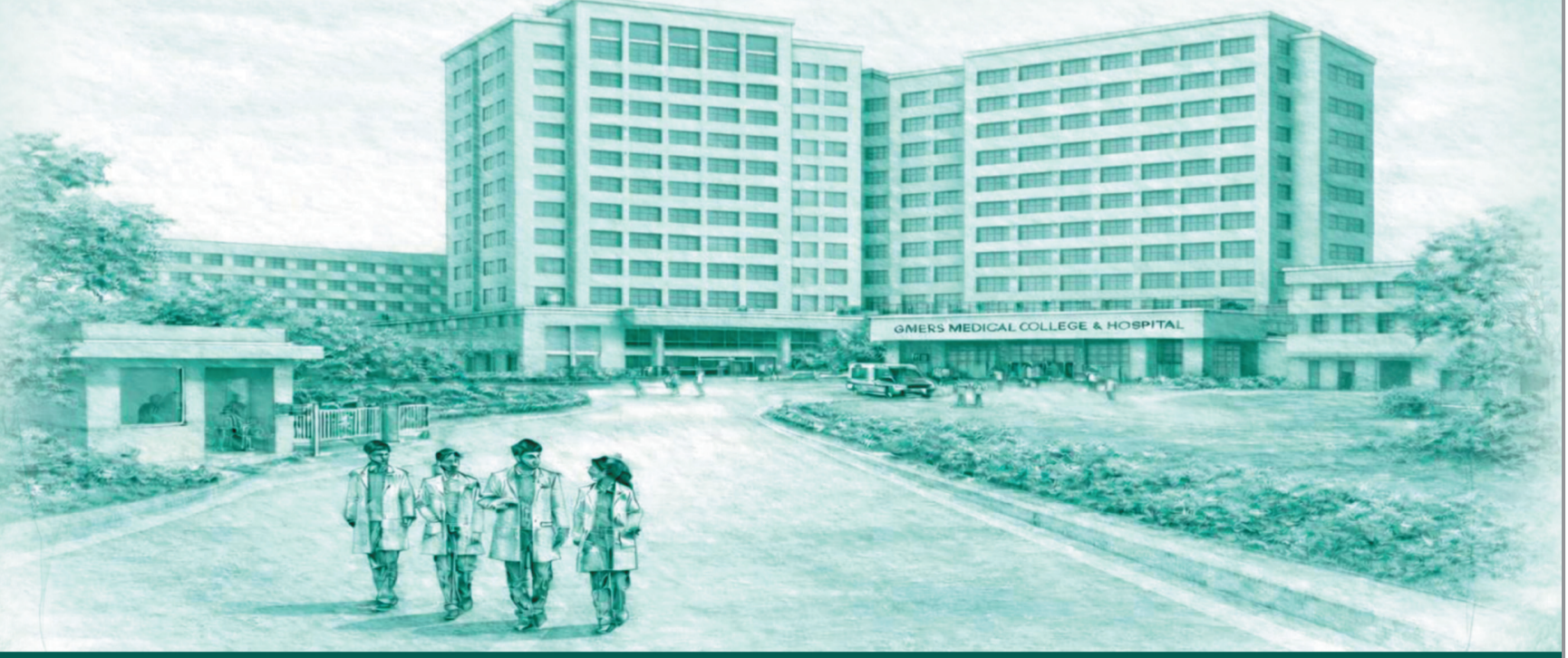


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How driving behaviour, and not vehicle size, is defining danger on Delhi roads

New Delhi, (GNS): For years, the city's roads have followed a familiar pattern - the biggest vehicle has often been the most dangerous one. Private cars have topped fatal crashes, with heavy goods vehicles close behind.

Over the past two years, however, scooters and motorcycles have overtaken heavy vehicles to become the second-largest contributors to fatal accidents, redrawing the city's risk map.

A significant share falls under "unknown" vehicles, largely hit-

and-run cases. But once these are set aside, the pattern becomes clearer.

In 2025, Delhi recorded 1,578 fatal crashes, up from 1,504 in 2024, reveals Delhi Traffic Police data. Of the 922 identified cases in 2025, private cars led to 26.5% of fatal crashes. Scooters and motorcycles followed at 21.7%, overtaking heavy goods vehicles at 20.6%.

The trend had already started to emerge in 2024. Of the 870 fatal crashes that year, private cars caused 27.6%, two-

wheelers 21.5% and goods vehicles 20.8%. This marks a clear break from the past. Until 2023, heavy vehicles firmly held second place. That year, out of 772 fatal crashes, private cars accounted for 23.8%, goods vehicles were at 23.6% while scooters and motorcycles trailed at 20%.

In 2022, private cars accounted for 25.8% of crashes, followed by goods vehicles at 23.4% and two-wheelers at 18.9%. In 2021, the order was unchanged: cars at 25.8%, goods vehicles at 21.8% and scooters at 17.5%.