



**India monitors Pakistan-Bangladesh border with anti-drone sensors**  
*Patrolling along China border increases three-fold, 29 new ITBP outposts opened in Ladakh*

**New Delhi(GNS):** India has increased border surveillance following Operation Sindoor and the Galwan Valley clashes. Anti-terrorist drones, sensors, and laser surveillance have been deployed along the Pakistan and Bangladesh borders. Twenty-nine new outposts have been established along the China border in Ladakh. In addition, Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) patrols have been increased threefold.

According to the Home Ministry's Annual Report 2024-25, two pilot projects of 'Comprehensive Integrated Border Management System' (CIBMS) have been started in 5-5 km area in Jammu region on the India-Pakistan border and Dhubri in Assam on the India-Bangladesh border.

CIBMS is a network of multiple technologies and resources. Meanwhile, work is underway on a 'hybrid surveillance system' in Arunachal Pradesh and Manipur along the Myanmar border.

For the first time, focus on anti-drone system. In response to the growing threat of drones along the borders, security forces are receiving special training and being equipped with modern equipment. These systems are effective in detecting and eliminating illegal aerial intrusions.

Mapping border areas with space tech. The GIS layer and the PM Gati Shakti portal are being used for accurate mapping and strategic planning of border infrastructure. This ensures monitoring of sensitive areas.

**Somnath Temple now has a new logo of Trishul instead of the Shikhara**



**Somnath (GNS):** The logo of the Somnath Jyotirlinga shrine has been changed after 77 years. The new logo will now feature the trident, a symbol of Lord Shiva, instead of the temple's sacred spire. The Somnath Trust has described this change as an important step toward strengthening the spiritual and cultural identity.

The new logo will appear on all official correspondence, signboards, and digital platforms of the Trust beginning April 1st. The Trust has also begun using the new symbol on its social media accounts and in promotions of various religious events. According to the Trust, the trident symbolizes Lord Shiva's power, protection, and faith, which will further strengthen Somnath's identity. Devotees are also responding enthusiastically to the new logo.

**VVIP flights - politicians cannot pressure pilots**

**They cannot do it if the situation is not right; Ajit Pawar changed the rules after the plane crash**

**New Delhi(GNS):** New guidelines have been issued for non-scheduled aircraft and helicopter operators carrying VIPs and VVIPs (such as Chief Ministers, Governors, etc.). The DGCA has clearly stated that flight crews should not be pressured in any way to ensure safety is not compromised. According to the DGCA, last-minute changes to accommodate VIP needs should be made only through operator management, not directly with the crew. Weather regulations must be followed. The crew's decisions must be respected.

The new guidelines ensure that pilots don't become fatigued due to VIP movement. Now, if pressured by a leader, a pilot can simply refuse, and the responsibility lies with management, not the individual pilot.

Ajit Pawar and five others died in a plane crash at Baramati Airport on January 28. Following this, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) has amended rules regarding VIP movement.

**PM inaugurates first phase of Noida International Airport, also lays foundation stone for MRO facility**

**Noida(GNS):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated the first phase of Noida International Airport (Jewar Airport) in Jewar, Gautam Buddha Nagar district, Uttar Pradesh. On this occasion, he also laid the foundation stone for an aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility.

Addressing the public gathering on this occasion, the Prime Minister said that this project is not just an airport, but an effort to give a new impetus to the future of the country's youth. Today, a new chapter is beginning under the pledge of a developed India, and Uttar Pradesh has now joined the list of states in the country where the maximum number of

international airports are being developed. The

Prime Minister said that he was given the opportunity to both lay the foundation stone and inaugurate this project, which is a matter of special pride for him. Dedicating it to the public, he said that this airport will become a new engine of development for Western Uttar Pradesh, benefiting the entire region, including Agra, Mathura, Aligarh, Ghaziabad, Meerut, and Bulandshahr.

He stated that the airport will bring new opportunities for farmers, small and medium-sized enterprises, and youth. International flights will also facilitate regional products' access to global markets. This



project will symbolize the rise of a "developed Uttar Pradesh."

The Prime Minister noted that the ongoing conflict in West Asia has created a shortage of essential commodities like food, petrol, diesel, and gas in many countries. India also imports large quantities of crude oil from this region, but the government is taking every possible step to

address this challenge so that ordinary citizens and farmers are not burdened. He stated that India's growth momentum remains intact despite the crisis. Referring to Western Uttar Pradesh, he said that several major projects have been launched or completed in the region in recent weeks, including the foundation stone laying

of a semiconductor factory in Noida, the progress of the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat Rail, and the expansion of the Meerut Metro.

The Prime Minister said that Jewar Airport exemplifies the work culture of the "double-engine government." He alleged that despite approval in 2003, previous governments kept the project pending for years. It was only after the BJP governments at the center and state that the project gained momentum and became a reality today. He also mentioned the freight corridor being developed in the region, saying that it has improved connectivity to North India's sea ports. Through junctions like Dadri, agricultural

and industrial products will now be able to reach the country and the world more quickly.

Expressing special gratitude to the farmers, the Prime Minister said that this project was made possible by their contribution of land. Expanding modern connectivity will also boost the food processing industry and ensure better prices for agricultural products in the global market. Referring to ethanol production, he said that it has reduced the country's dependence on crude oil and provided economic benefits to farmers. Ethanol blending has saved the country a significant amount of foreign exchange, which has now reached farmers.

**Tourist bus accident in Odisha's Nayagarh: Five killed, over 40 injured**

**Bhubaneswar(GNS):** At least five people were killed and over 40 injured in a tragic road accident late Friday night in Nayagarh district of Odisha. The accident occurred in Hanuman Valley near Takeria in the Dashpalla police station area. The deceased included the bus driver and four women.



According to police, the private tourist bus was carrying around 60 passengers traveling from Brahmapur to Harishankar. The driver lost control at a sharp turn near Hanuman

Valley, causing the bus to hit a large boulder and overturn.

The accident was so severe that several passengers were thrown out of the bus, while over 10 others were trapped

trapped passengers.

The injured were first taken to the Dashpalla Community Health Center, from where about 15 seriously injured were referred to the district headquarters hospital.

According to eyewitnesses, speeding may have been the cause of the accident. Injured passenger Subhranshu Nayak said, "The driver accelerated too fast at a turn, causing the bus to overturn. Many passengers were pulled out through broken windows."

**Israel launches airstrike on Iran with 50 fighter jets: nuclear targets targeted**

**Iran fires 6 ballistic missiles at Saudi Arabia**



**Tel Aviv/Teheran/Washington DC.(GNS):** Twenty-eight days after the Iran-Israel war, Houthi rebels have now joined the fray. Israel launched an attack inside Iran with 50 fighter jets. According to the Israeli military, weapons factories and nuclear facilities were targeted in three areas of Iran on Friday night.

A factory producing ballistic and anti-aircraft missile components.

In addition, the heavy water plant in Arak, which Israel has described as crucial for producing plutonium for nuclear weapons, was also attacked. The plant in Yazd, which produces explosive materials needed for uranium enrichment, was also targeted.

Meanwhile, Iran fired six ballistic missiles and 29 drones at Prince Sultan Air Base in Saudi Arabia on Friday night. At least 15 soldiers were injured in the attack, five of them seriously.

**"Mamata Didi always played victim card politics" Amit Shah publishes 'chargesheet' against TMC govt**

**New Delhi(GNS):** Home Minister Amit Shah released a charge sheet against the Mamata Banerjee government in Kolkata on Saturday. Shah said, "It details the TMC government's 15 years of misdeeds; it's the people's charge sheet. Bengal is in chaos and misery. The economy here has collapsed."



He said, "Mamata Didi has always played victim-card politics. Sometimes she breaks her leg, sometimes she gets a bandage on her head, sometimes she gets sick, and sometimes she abuses the Election Commission. But the people of Bengal have now fully understood Mamata Didi's victim-card

politics." Mamata suffered a head injury before the Lok Sabha elections in March 2024, while she suffered a leg injury before the 2021 assembly elections.

**Shah said - Judicial officers are posted in SIR only in Bengal**  
Amit Shah said, "SIR is happening all over the country, yet

judicial officers haven't had to be deployed anywhere else. What's the reason for doing it only in Bengal? Mamata Banerjee should answer this to the people of Bengal. She is blaming SIR, but today I want to ask the people of Bengal, should the infiltrators housed here be allowed to decide Bengal's future?"

**said - we will stop infiltration in West Bengal**

Amit Shah said that on May 6, the BJP government will be formed in West Bengal and within 45 days, the BJP government of Bengal will provide the land to the Government of India for fencing the border and we will stop infiltration.

**Nepal: Former Prime Minister Oli arrested after Balen became Prime Minister**

**Accused of negligence during Gen-Z protests that resulted in 77 deaths**

**Kathmandu(GNS):** Nepal's former Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and former Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak were arrested by police on Saturday morning in connection with last year's Gen-Z protests.



This action came just yesterday, after Balen Shah was sworn in as the new Prime Minister. According to police, Oli was arrested Saturday morning at his home in Gundu, Bhaktapur.

Ramesh Lekhak was arrested at Suryavinayak around 5 a.m. This action was taken based

on an investigation initiated following a complaint by the Home Ministry. An inquiry commission recommended that these leaders be charged with negligence, which could carry a sentence of up to 10 years.

The report also calls for action against several senior officials. Last year, these protests resulted in the deaths of 77 people and damage to property worth billions.

# Everyone got a sweet pill

**Gurmeet Bedi**

Well, everyone got a sweet pill. Now no one can claim they didn't get anything in the budget. The government distributed a little of what was available to everyone. While some received a bitter pill, the sweet pill was the most generous, so we'll focus on the majority here, because democracy runs on numbers. Now the unemployed will get jobs. Until their appointment letters

arrive, they've been given a sweet pill to suck. Those without teeth will now receive a slightly increased old-age pension, allowing them to get dentures and suck a sweet pill. The budget also provided a pill to milkmen, cow dung collectors, those standing in line, and even those sitting on chairs. The government has done wonders with its budget. All the money has been spent on the production and distribution of sweet pills. The

effect of this sweet pill is remarkable. Upon consuming it, a person feels a bright future, even if the present is groping in the dark. This pill doesn't fill the stomach, but it certainly inflates a balloon of hope. And such hope that one preserves it until the next budget, just as a village grandmother used to preserve her wedding dress in an old trunk. Farmers have also been given a sweet pill, such that even if the crops

in the fields dry up, their speeches will continue to flourish. Businessmen have also received a pill, a free dream of relief from tax hassles. The middle class, in particular, has become addicted to the sweet pill. They take it every year, smile a little, then fall silent upon seeing the EMI installment. And the interesting thing is that this sweet pill doesn't taste the same to everyone. In the mouth of the rich, it tastes

like dried fruit, in the mouth of the poor like jaggery, and in the mouth of the middle class like a lump of sugar—it dissolves slowly, and before it's finished, the wait for the next pill begins. What can the government do? This is the cheapest and most effective solution available to them. Real medicine is expensive, bitter, and has to be swallowed. A sweet pill neither costs much nor provokes much opposition; simply add sweetness and

offer hope. The public is no less intelligent. They know this pill isn't a real cure, yet they swallow it because a sweet illusion seems better than the bitter truth. After all, one must live, and to live, a little dream, a little illusion, and a little sweetness are necessary. So, overall, the budget was a success. No one's stomach was filled, nor did their pockets get heavy, but the mind was certainly entertained.

## Editorial

### IPL tourist tickets

A spectacle steeped in the magic of cricket will be in your city. Whether you choose the bouquet or change your status, it's up to you. This season, the IPL caravan will once again bring traffic to Dharamshala, where the entire atmosphere will be guided by the Dhauladhar Mountains and the weather. This time, when teams from Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore take the pitch, hosting the Punjab Kings, the grass on the field will be spread out in welcome like the greenery of hope. Meaning, the spectacles that often take place in metropolises like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru will be relegated to a small town in Himachal. Could we improve tourism with this passion? Could we make a living from sports tourism? Could we reward Dharamshala, the Mecca of international cricket matches in Himachal for years, for its reputation? During this time, tourism plans were made, and many projects were launched with the support of the Asian Development Bank, but no one looked back to see how far the cricket caravan could be taken. Analyzing three IPL matches or surveying sports fans will reveal how far this journey can go. Ironically, not a single property of the Tourism Corporation has been built with the intention of channeling all the excitement to its premises. There should be a discussion on how sports fans who come to Dharamshala with IPL tickets can spend their entire week in Himachal.

## Renewable energy could be the energy of the future

**By rapidly expanding renewable energy, encouraging adequate investment in the system, and adopting energy policies aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals, countries around the world can save a total of \$20.4 trillion, not only ensuring access to electricity and clean cooking fuels for their citizens... The biggest challenge facing humanity today at the global level is how to prevent the ever-increasing pollution, which is claiming millions of lives every year, and the steadily depleting natural resources, without which a happy human life is unimaginable. The solution to both these challenges and problems is the same: eliminating dependence on conventional energy sources and maximizing the use and implementation of renewable energy.**

**Chetnadiya Alok**

Renewable energy means a source of energy that never depletes. Another name for renewable energy is clean energy, which refers to energy that not only helps maintain environmental cleanliness but also helps alleviate today's global environmental concerns, providing relief to the global community from the worsening problem of climate change (global warming). In today's times, if any nation wants to achieve all-round development, it must utilize various sources of pollution-free renewable energy. In fact, traditional energy resources on earth such as coal, petroleum and crude oil, natural gas, wood, biomass etc. are available in limited quantities, whereas their indiscriminate exploitation has been going on for centuries.

For example, countries around the world, including India, rely on their limited conventional resources to meet basic and vital energy needs like electricity. Furthermore, environmental challenges such as environmental imbalance and displacement also confront today's human community. Consequently, if these conventional energy

resources are not properly utilized and continue to be exploited, it is likely that these resources will be depleted in the near future, leading to a serious global energy crisis. Recognizing the gravity of the impending energy crisis, today's visionary society has recognized the need to promote the increased use of non-conventional energy sources worldwide, leading to efforts to meet global energy needs through renewable sources. Similarly, in India, national efforts have been underway since 2004 to increase public awareness about the development and use of renewable energy sources. A survey conducted globally in mid-2025 to explore the potential benefits of timely initiatives and prudent investments by governments of countries and states to promote renewable energy has highlighted several benefits of ensuring widespread use of renewable energy. According to the report, if renewable energy goals are aligned with appropriate policy formulation and investment, it will not only strengthen the global economy but also significantly alleviate environmental challenges.

Furthermore, encouraging policy investment in renewable energy could bring positive change to the lives of millions of people around the world. According to the report, jointly prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the University of Denver, and Octopus Energy, the living standards of millions of people living below the poverty line could be improved. While this will reduce the ever-increasing emissions of toxic and lethal gases, this transformation is also expected to result in savings of up to \$20.4 trillion in the energy sector. Furthermore, the report anticipates a 21 percent increase in global GDP and an increase in average per capita income by \$6,000 by 2060. According to a joint report by UNDP, the University of Denver, and Octopus Energy, all the above benefits can only be achieved if people in all countries of the world adopt renewable energy as quickly as possible. However, unless a threshold is set, confusion may persist. Therefore, it would be better to adopt the recommendations made by the International Energy Agency (IEA)'s

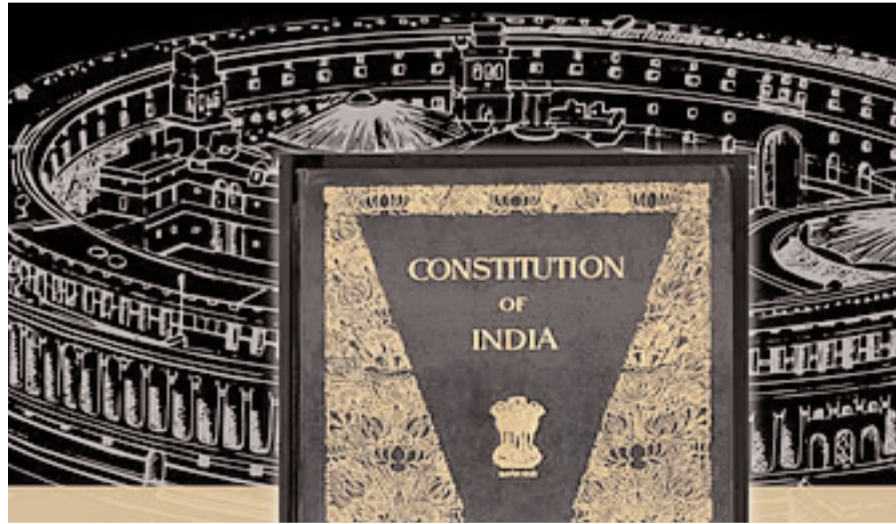
first Global Energy Review (GRE) and triple the use of renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, hydro, and nuclear. In addition, we must also strive to reduce or double our energy consumption and gradually reduce the use of conventional fuels like fossil fuels. It is worth noting that if all countries in the world do this, it is possible that by 2060, their dependence on fossil fuels for their total energy needs will be reduced to only 12 percent. This can be considered a very favorable situation. However, a major benefit of this will be that it will help keep the Earth's temperature below two degrees Celsius. At the same time, by rapidly expanding renewable energy, encouraging adequate investment in the system, and adopting energy policies in line with the Sustainable Development Goals, all countries of the world can ensure the availability of electricity and clean cooking fuel to their citizens, and also save a total of \$20.4 trillion. Of this, energy savings will generate \$8.9 trillion, and the use of affordable and clean energy will generate \$11.5 trillion.

## Questions raised on constitutional institutions

**Questions about the independence and impartiality of constitutional institutions have become a serious issue in Indian democracy. These institutions must function with maturity to avoid being questioned. The opposition alleges that these institutions are being used for political purposes, while the government maintains that it is acting in accordance with the Constitution. This debate has transformed into a mass movement for democracy... Over time, democracy in the country is showing signs of weakening rather than maturing. This is the first time since independence that constitutional institutions are being put on trial for allegations of bias.**

**Yogendra Yogi**

Their functioning is being questioned. They are being accused of acting completely at the behest of the ruling central Narendra Modi government and suppressing the rights of the opposition. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, former Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, and now the Chief Election Commissioner have been implicated in this circle of accusations. A no-confidence motion was introduced with the support of 118 opposition MPs to remove the Lok Sabha Speaker. Opposition MPs claimed that Om Birla had displayed "partisan behavior" and that his office had failed to maintain the expected impartiality. During the debate on the no-confidence motion, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, stated that the democratic process and the role of the Speaker have been discussed numerous



times, and that his name has been invoked and vilified. He stated that this House is the expression of the people of India. This House does not belong to any one party; it represents the entire country. Every time we rise to speak, we are prevented from speaking. The last time I spoke, I raised a fundamental question about the agreements made by our Prime Minister. I have been prevented from speaking several times. For the first time in the history of the Lok Sabha, the Leader of the Opposition has not been allowed to speak.

Attacking Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that his attendance in the 17th Lok Sabha was 51 percent, compared to the national average of 66 percent. His attendance in the 16th Lok Sabha was 52 percent, compared to the national average of 80 percent. His attendance in the 15th Lok Sabha was 43 percent, compared to the national average of 76 percent. He also addressed complaints from some members that they were not allowed to speak due to microphone issues. Shah stated that anyone who dis-

obeys rules or maintains discipline in the House will have their microphones turned off, and asserted that this is how Parliament should function. Before expressing displeasure over Lok Sabha Speaker Birla's working style by introducing a motion to remove him, the opposition had filed a notice to remove Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar in December 2024, leveling similar allegations against him. The opposition alleged that Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar conducts the proceedings in a biased manner. Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge had alleged that Dhankhar was acting as a government spokesperson and behaving like a school principal, often lecturing experienced opposition leaders and preventing them from speaking in the House. Kharge also claimed that Mr. Dhankhar himself was responsible for the disruption in the House. Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh had rejected the

opposition's notice for the removal of Chairman Dhankhar, which accused him of running the Upper House in a biased manner and sought his removal. Harivansh dismissed the opposition's notice, stating that it was devoid of facts and aimed only at gaining publicity. The Deputy Chairman had said that the notice against Dhankhar was unfair and flawed, prepared in a hurry to tarnish the reputation of the Vice President. In his decision submitted to Rajya Sabha Secretary General PC Modi, Harivansh stated that the notice was part of a conspiracy to lower the dignity of the country's constitutional institutions and tarnish the image of the current Vice President. On December 10, constituent parties of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (India Alliance) submitted a notice to the Rajya Sabha Secretary General to introduce a motion to remove Chairman Dhankhar from the post of Vice President.

# Delhi's 24x7 'complete streets': 5 stretches to get night markets

**New Delhi, (GNS):** LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu has reviewed plans to redevelop five key stretches in the capital into 24x7 "complete street" corridors - aimed at making them pedestrian-friendly, economically vibrant and socially active public spaces.

The proposed corridors will feature movable vendor spaces integrated with cultural and informal craft bazaars to promote a night-time economy, along with wide pedestrian pathways, cycle tracks interspersed with public utilities and resting shelters, quality street lighting, short-duration parking and CCTV-based security to enhance safety for women and children.

Delhi govt, with the involvement of the Centre, is likely to undertake feasibility studies for the project. The timeline of the redevelopment will be decided



after the studies are completed and reviewed by the govt.

Five stretches have been identified in the first phase for redevelopment. They include Minto Road-ITO-Karkardooma, which serves as a key link to east Delhi with strong metro connectivity and potential for a night-time economy; Minto Road-Aruna Asaf Ali Marg-Jawaharlal Nehru

Marg-Delhi Gate, connecting central Delhi to its historic core; Netaji Subhash Marg-Shantivan-Mahatma Gandhi Marg along the Yamuna-ITO-IP Estate Metro Station, offering a riverfront edge and proximity to heritage areas; Dhaura Kuan-Jail Road/Cariappa Marg-Tilak Nagar crossing, a busy commercial stretch; and Uttam Nagar-Tilak Nagar-

Rajouri Garden along Najafgarh Road, another high-activity corridor with multi-modal connectivity. The initiative is expected to ease congestion, reduce pollution, improve last-mile connectivity and transform everyday streets into dynamic public spaces, contributing to a more modern, inclusive and vibrant urban experience in the capital.

The LG also suggested that the Kingsway Camp-Mall Road stretch be explored for similar redevelopment in subsequent phases, as part of a broader push to expand economic activity and employment opportunities linked to the night-time economy.

According to officials, the corridors are being designed to encourage a shift towards public transport and non-motorised mobility.

# LG reviews plan to revamp 5 key Delhi corridors

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Lieutenant governor (LG) Taranjit Singh Sandhu reviewed a proposal by the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Delhi, to redevelop key transit corridors across the Capital, transforming them into green, pedestrian-friendly, employment-oriented and recreational public spaces that will remain functional round-the-clock, officials from the LG's office said on Friday.

According to the details shared, SPA officials on Thursday proposed to redevelop five stretches, including ones from Minto Road to Karkardooma, Minto Road to Delhi Gate, Netaji Subhash Marg to IP Estate Metro Station, Dhaura Kuan to Tilak Nagar crossing, and Uttam Nagar to Najafgarh Road. An official, requesting not to be named, said, "During the meeting, the LG assured the SPA team, including its director, Dr Virendra Kumar Paul, of full support in examining the project's viability and facilitating effective inter-agency coordination for its successful implementation. He also advised them that the Kingsway Camp-Mall Road stretch should also be considered in the plan."

According to a statement issued by the LG's office, the SPA's plan for redevelopment included stormwater drainage to check urban flooding and silt accumulation, a scientific green central verge (where possible) to check silt and ensure dust control, and integrated pedestrian pathways with cycle tracks (with zero hindrances or obstructions, such as signage and manholes) interspersed with public utilities and resting shelters. "Movable vendor spaces integrated with cultural/informal craft bazaars for night time economy, quality street lighting, short duration parking, and security surveillance for safety of women and children are other important elements of the transit corridor development project," the statement read.



## In Candlelight Glow Delhi's Past Comes Alive with Music

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Live Your City - Candlelight brought its signature open-air immersive concert experience to two of Delhi's most iconic heritage monuments, Safdarjung Tomb and Purana Qila. The two events, held in quick succession, marked a significant step in how heritage spaces across India are being reimagined as active cultural venues.

On February 28, Safdarjung Tomb hosted the series' open-air debut in Delhi. Set against the monument's 18th-century Mughal architecture and sweeping gardens, the evening came alive with classical devotional melodies that resonated through the stone archways and open night air. On March 14, the series moved to Purana Qila, where the 16th-century fort's towering walls and open skies set the stage for an exclusive Sufi evening centred on themes of love, longing, and spiritual connection. Candlelight is a globally celebrated concert series known for staging live performances in exceptional spaces, creating an intimate atmosphere through the warm glow of thousands of candles. In Delhi, the series found a natural home in monuments that carry centuries of architectural and historical significance, spaces that bring an unmistakable depth to every note played.

The engagements were curated around the tradition of Sufi music, creating a cultural thread across both venues. The choice of Mehfil-e-Sufi as the centrepiece of both evenings was deeply considered, with its roots in devotion, longing, and spiritual expression, felt entirely at home within the walls of monuments that have themselves witnessed centuries of history. Pranjal Begwani, Candlelight Team Lead - India & Thailand (Fever), said, "Delhi's architecture has long embodied the city's spirit; its monuments don't merely belong to history, they continue to breathe and resonate with the present! When we brought Candlelight Concerts to the Safdarjung Tomb and the Purana Qila, we weren't simply choosing beautiful backdrops; we were entering into a conversation with centuries of history. The sold-out shows and the emotion from our audiences reaffirmed what we believed in."

## Traffic advisory for Sonu Nigam's Saturday concert in Delhi; check affected routes, parking rules

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The Delhi Traffic Police issued an advisory on Friday announcing traffic restrictions in parts of central and east Delhi ahead of Sonu Nigam's concert, 'Sattrangi Re,' at Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on March 28. The concert is scheduled from 4pm to 11pm, with peak traffic expected between 2pm and 10pm due to the movement of spectators.

Traffic will be closely regulated along major stretches, including IP Marg, Vikas Marg, and Ring Road between Rajghat and IP Depot, and heavy vehicles will not be allowed from Rajghat towards IP Marg during this period.

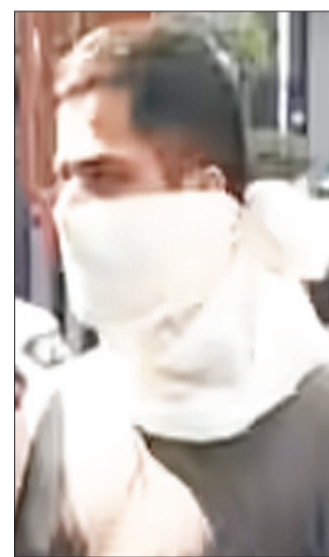
# Engineer slits fellow inmate's throat at de-addiction centre in Delhi

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 27-year-old chemical engineer on Friday allegedly killed a fellow inmate by slitting his throat after an altercation over abuse at a drug de-addiction centre in Alipur, Outer Delhi. He was arrested.

Police said they got information around 4 am about a stabbing in a colony in Hiranki village. A team from the local police station went to the spot - the de-addiction centre - and found blood in several places on the premises. The man who had been assaulted had been taken to Burari Hospital before the police reached.

Doctors declared him brought dead there. The deceased was later identified as Arun Kumar (22) of Burari.

According to his family, Kumar came from an economically weak background, and his father works as a rickshaw driver. They said he had been an addict during his teenage years, following which he was admitted to the rehabilitation centre. A case under section 103 (murder) of BNS was registered. Deputy commissioner of police (Outer North) Hareshwar Swami said the suspect was found at the centre and was apprehended.



He was identified as Arun Joshi, and the knife believed to have been used in the crime was found on him.

"During interrogation, the accused disclosed that a quarrel had happened

between the two a few days ago. During the altercation, Kumar allegedly abused him. To take revenge, the accused committed the act," the DCP said.

Another police officer said the incident occurred around 3.30 am when Kumar was asleep. Joshi allegedly attacked him with a knife and slit his throat. There were around 27 patients at the centre then, and guards were also there. Joshi, a resident of Tri Nagar, completed his schooling and graduation in Rohini and obtained a degree in chemical engineering in 2019 from a college in the area. Police said

his father runs a rented medical shop near their residence. "During inquiry, it was revealed that Joshi had developed a habit of consuming cannabis during his college years around 2015. He was admitted to the private de-addiction Centre in Hiranki about nine months ago for treatment and rehabilitation," Swami added.

Police have found CCTV footage from the premises, reportedly showing Joshi at the scene during the incident. A senior officer said investigators are examining the de-addiction centre's records and probing

potential negligence on their part.

In Dec last year, police arrested the owner of an illegal de-addiction centre in southwest Delhi's Dichaon Kalan following the death of a man admitted there. In Dec 2024, cops busted a de-addiction centre that was allegedly fuelling inmates' addictions by supplying high-dose drugs in Outer Delhi's Nangloi.

The private facility also reportedly functioned as a hub for drug traffickers, who sourced, packaged and sold narcotics to both the youth at the center and others in the surrounding area.

# Art exhibition explores stillness through textile and performance

**New Delhi, (GNS):** On a February evening at Travancore Palace, the setting felt calm and reflective. Candles, flowers and handwritten notes created a space that encouraged visitors to slow down and observe.

Maneesha Sharma presented her showcase under the SaiChi label as a multi-sensory experience. Textile, poetry and spatial design came together to centre the idea of pause. In contrast to the pace of the city, the exhibition focused on stillness rather than spectacle.

She describes her approach as one rooted in reflection and awareness, where the fabric itself guides the outcome.

Collections such as Likhai drew from the works of poets like Kabir



and Tukaram. Instead of direct representation, the ideas were translated into form and texture. Alongside these were textile paintings inspired by the five elements, creating a link between the personal and the natural world.

The exhibition also included music and dance.

A rendition of Kabir's poetry and a Kathak presentation by Mamta Maharaj added another layer to the experience. Visitors spent time reading and reflecting. The showcase offered a simple idea-to-observe and reconnect through craft and memory.

# IARI moves classes online admin moves 'energy crisis'

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The Graduate School of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in Delhi has instructed students to return home and switch to online classes starting April 6 due to challenges in managing hostel mess operations amid the ongoing energy crisis, the institute said in a notice.

"Taking cognizance of the current energy crisis faced by the country and its impact being felt by the institute in seamlessly running its students' hostel mess system... It has been directed that classes for all undergraduate batches, Masters first year and PhD first year batches (AY 2025-26) will be conducted online from April 6 onwards," the notice dated March 25 said.

Officials aware of the matter said that the order is expected to impact around



2,200 students at IARI. "Students of these batches shall leave the campus for their respective homes till further communication," the institute added. It further added that it not be optional for students to choose between online and offline classes.

Classes for second-year master's students, MTech, and PhD programs will continue to be conducted in in-person, the institute stated.

# Delhi wedding scuffle: Teen stabbed to death in Rani Bagh, another injured

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 17-year-old boy died and another teenager was injured after a stabbing during a wedding procession in northwest Delhi's Rani Bagh late Friday night. The incident took place around 11.15pm when a quarrel broke out between two groups of boys attending the celebration.

According to police, the situation escalated into a scuffle, during which a young man was attacked with a knife.

A friend of the deceased said the victim had tried to step in and calm the situation but was mistakenly targeted by another individual present at the venue. It is still not clear whether the victim was involved in the fight or was only attempting to intervene. One of the injured boys is

currently undergoing treatment in hospital.

Our friend had attended a wedding. While he was there, a scuffle broke out among some children. He must have stepped in to intervene. An older individual

present there saw the commotion, perhaps thinking he was hitting the children. They did not actually know whether he was

hitting anyone or not. However, when he stepped into the middle of the altercation to intervene, that individual stabbed him with a knife. There were two of our friends who were stabbed. One of our friends has passed away, and the other is currently hospitalised," he said. Police have detained the main accused along with an accomplice. The knife used in the attack has also been recovered. Further investigation is underway. In a sepa-

rate case, police in outer north Delhi's Alipur area solved a murder within hours after a stabbing at a de-addiction centre in Hiranki.

The victim, identified as 22-year-old Arun Kumar from Burari, was found injured and later declared dead. A case was registered under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Alipur police station. A special team led by Inspector Vivek, under the supervision of Inspector Shailender Sharma and ACP/SP Badli, was formed to track the accused. The police arrested the suspect, Arun Joshi (27), at the scene. A blood-stained knife believed to be the weapon used in the crime was recovered from his possession.

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# Delhi sees warm day as Met forecasts patchy rain and temperature fall

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** City saw a warm afternoon with a spike in the maximum temperature, while the overcast sky towards late afternoon led to respite by evening, even as the Met expected patchy rain on Thursday and Friday.

No area, however, received rain by late Thursday evening, with Met extending the forecast for light to very light rain and gusty winds for Friday as well. A yellow alert for rain and thunderstorms has been issued for Sunday under the influence of a western disturbance.

On Thursday, the maximum temperature at the base station Safdarjung was recorded at 34.8 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal, against 33.5 degrees Celsius a day earlier. The minimum temperature was recorded at 19.2 degrees



Celsius, two notches above normal, against 16.4 degrees Celsius a day earlier.

According to India Meteorological Department (IMD), the maximum and minimum temperatures on Friday are likely to hover around 29-31 degrees and 19-21 degrees Celsius, respectively.

IMD expects the temperature to

be above normal for another 24 hours and subsequently fall.

"Another western disturbance is likely to affect northwest India from the night of March 28. Rise in maximum temperature by 1-2°C during the next 24 hours, fall by 3-4°C during the subsequent 24 hours, and rise by 2-3°C on March 28 and 29 and fall by 2-3°C thereafter.

They will be above normal during the next 24 hours and below normal on March 27, 30 and 31, and normal on the rest of the days over Delhi. A spell of very light rain accompanied by thunderstorm and gusty winds speed 20-30 kmph gusting 40 kmph during morning to forenoon, and another spell of very light rain accompanied by lightning and gusty winds speed 20-30 kmph gusting 40 kmph during afternoon to evening on March 27," stated IMD.

It added that very light to light rain accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds 30-40 kmph during morning hours, and another spell of very light to light rain accompanied by thunderstorms/lightning and gusty winds 30-40 kmph during forenoon to afternoon on March 29.

## Janakpuri pit death: Delhi HC issues notice in contractor's bail plea

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** The Delhi High Court on Friday issued notice on a petition filed by contractor Himanshu Gupta, seeking bail in connection with the death of a 25-year-old motorcyclist in an uncovered excavation pit dug for sewer work in Janakpuri, West Delhi.

A bench of justice Swarna Kanta Sharma sought the Delhi Police's response against a trial court order issued on March 23 and scheduled the next hearing for March 30. "Issue notice. Let a status report be filed," the court said in the order. Kamal Dhyani, a resident of Palam village, plunged into a deep pit on the intervening night of February 5 and 6 on a public road in Janakpuri. The excavation had been carried out to rehabilitate sewer lines under a project of the Delhi Jal Board (DJB). The victim was pulled

out of the pit by fire brigade personnel and taken to Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Investigators found that the site lacked basic safety arrangements, such as barricades, blinkers, warning signage and adequate lighting, all of which are measures mandated in the contract and conditions imposed by the traffic for roadworks. Gupta was arrested by the Delhi Police on March 10 after the Delhi High Court denied him anticipatory bail. On March 23, the trial court rejected his bail plea, observing that the allegations prima facie indicated that a hazardous public excavation on a busy road had been left inadequately guarded, thereby raising serious concerns regarding the duty to protect human life and ensure public safety.

## Water supply hit for 5th day as Chandrawal repairs continue



**New Delhi ,(GNS):** Water supply remained disrupted in parts of central and north Delhi on Friday for the fifth consecutive day, as the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) continued repair work at the Chandrawal water treatment plant (WTP) to restore normal supply.

Supply from the plant was halted on Sunday owing to flooding in the pump house, and operations have since only partially resumed.

On Friday, the DJB said teams were working on a war footing to restore normal operations, adding that full capacity is expected to be restored by Saturday. "Currently, out of the total pumping capacity of 58 million gallons per day (MGD), supply of 47 MGD has been restored. The remaining 11 MGD is expected to be restored by tomorrow (Saturday)," the DJB said in a statement.

The DJB also released a revised water supply roster, stating that water will be available only once a day in parts of the city, instead of the usual twice-daily supply. Areas such as Hindu Rao Hospital, Civil Lines, Kamla Nagar, Roop Nagar, Shakti Nagar, parts of Delhi University, Vijay Nagar, Paharganj, Karol Bagh, Rajendra Nagar, Patel Nagar and East Patel Nagar will receive water in the morning, while parts of Shastri Nagar and Inderlok will get supply in the evening as restoration work continues. Akanksha Singh, a West Patel Nagar resident, said it had been nearly a week since her block last received water, even as nearby pockets had access. "Helpline numbers of the DJB are simply not being answered," she said.

Another resident, Arun Arora, said there was still no water supply in Karol Bagh, Patel Nagar and Rajendra Nagar on Friday. "Tankers are back," he said.

## 27-yr-old held for killing fellow inmate at drug de-addiction centre in Alipur

**New Delhi,(GNS):** A 27-year-old chemical engineer allegedly stabbed a 22-year-old inmate to death on Thursday night at a drug de-addiction centre at Hiranki near Alipur in north Delhi, police said on Friday. The accused, identified as Arun Joshi, was arrested from the spot and a blood-stained knife was recovered, police added. The victim, Arun Kumar, was taken to Burari hospital where he was declared brought dead. Both were admitted to the centre for drug addiction treatment.

"Interrogation revealed that both had a quarrel a few days ago inside the centre over some issue during which Kumar allegedly abused Joshi. Holding a grudge, Joshi stabbed him in the neck," said deputy commissioner of police (outer-north), Hareshwar Swami.

The Alipur police station received information about the incident on Thursday. Senior police officers reached the centre and found blood at the premises. A case of murder has been registered and investigation is underway, police added.

## ED arrests Al Falah Group Chairman in 2nd PMLA case

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** The Enforcement Directorate on Friday said it has again arrested Al Falah Group Chairman Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui in a new money laundering case linked to "fraudulent" acquisition of a Rs 45 crore worth land in Delhi.

The 61-year-old was first arrested by the federal probe agency in November 2025 in a different money laundering case linked to the alleged cheating of students of his educational institutions by misrepresenting the accreditation and recognition of his institutions.

The Faridabad-located university (Haryana) came under scrutiny during the probe into a 'white-collar' terror module linked to the November 10, 2025, Red Fort area blast in which 15 people were killed. He was produced before the special Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) located in Saket (south Delhi) the next day and he was sent to



ED custody till April 4, the agency said in a statement.

Probe found that "forged" documents were prepared and used for fraudulent acquisition of land, and Siddiqui, director and majority shareholder of Tarbia Education Foundation, connived with some individuals and orchestrated the fabrication.

The 1.14-acre land is located at 'Khasra No. 792' in Madanpur Khadar village of the national capital, and it is valued at Rs 45 crore, as per

the ED. The agency said the consideration amount (for the purchase of the land) in the documents was Rs 75 lakh. Efforts are on to trace the complete money trail and identify other beneficiaries and properties acquired therefrom, the ED said. The agency, in its probe in the first case, had alleged that the university generated Rs 415.10 crore between 2018 and 2025 and that funds collected from students were diverted for personal use.

## Not Mumbai's rival, but its own story: Delhi makes a creative pitch at global film fest

**New Delhi,(GNS):** Delhi's first International Film Festival (IFFD) opened with a quiet but deliberate assertion—Delhi will chart its own path on the global cinema map rather than compete with established film hubs like Mumbai. That distinction, filmmaker and IFFD director Rakeysh Om Prakash Mehra stressed, is precisely the point. As thousands of cinephiles streamed into venues across the city, Mehra said Delhi would script its own cinematic identity—one shaped by its layers of history, politics and lived memory—rather than compete with India's established film hub. The inaugural edition of the IFFD 2026, a week-long event that runs till March 31, was inaugurated by chief minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday, who described the city as a rising "creative capital" with a distinctive storytelling energy. Speaking to

Media, Mehra, known for 'Rang De Basanti', said: "Delhi has one of the oldest living histories, and that reflects in its stories." The festival prioritises participation and diversity over competition, with entries from India and abroad, he added. Mehra said the aim is not to rival other film destinations but to build a platform rooted in Delhi's legacy. Calling the festival a beginning, he said IFFD will "100 per cent" be held annually and will grow gradually, much like major global festivals that took decades to evolve. IFFD, he said, may take about seven years to become an important stop on the cinema circuit. He added that organising the first edition came with no major challenges, crediting Delhi govt and coordinated work across departments for smooth execution. The festival, he said, is a long-standing idea that finally found institu-

tional backing. Mehra also argued that the continued labelling of films as "women-centric" misses the point in 2026, noting that women-led narratives already feature strongly across contemporary cinema. A key highlight is a panel titled "Women in Cinema: Voice, Power, and the Future of Storytelling", featuring leading women filmmakers and creative professionals. The discussion will examine the evolving roles of women on and behind the screen, and explore how to build a more inclusive film ecosystem. IFFD, earlier this month, had partnered with Women in Film India, led by Academy Award-winning producer Guneet Monga. As part of this initiative, a programme titled "Her Lens" has been launched to bring women storytellers and women-centric narratives to the global stage.

## MHA amends rules to hire ex-Agniveers as constables

**New Delhi,(GNS):** In a move that directly impacts thousands of young job aspirants, the Ministry of Home Affairs has notified revised recruitment rules for the post of Constable (Executive) (Male) in Delhi Police.

The new rules aim to streamline the recruitment process and make eligibility conditions clearer for candidates preparing for government jobs.

The amendment primarily opens the doors for recruitment of ex-Agniveers as Delhi police constables.

Under the updated rules, recruitment to the post will continue to be conducted through 100% direct recruitment, offering a major opportunity for youth across the country. The age limit for applicants in general has been fixed at 18 to 25 years, with relaxations for reserved categories, ex-servicemen, and special groups as per existing



government norms. Notably, ex-Agniveers will get age relaxation of up to 3 years, and up to 5 years for the first batch, making the scheme more inclusive for defence-trained youth. In terms of educational qualification, candidates must have passed 10+2 (Senior Secondary) from a recognized board. Additionally, a valid driving licence for a motor car or motorcycle is mandatory at the time of the physical test, which is a key requirement for selection. The job comes under Pay Level-3 (₹21,700-69,100), making it an attractive option for young candidates seeking stable government employment.

## Delhi Assembly clears Budget; CM Gupta slams AAP's Rs 47,000 cr debt

**New Delhi,(GNS):** Delhi's Budget for 2026-27 was unanimously passed in the Assembly on Friday, the final day of the session, with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launching a sharp attack on the previous government's financial record and asserting that her administration would prioritise performance over politics. Speaking during the discussion, Gupta said the earlier dispensation led by Arvind Kejriwal had left behind a debt burden exceeding Rs 47,000 crore, with Rs 27,547 crore still outstanding, along with several incomplete infrastruc-



ture projects. "This is a new government with a new way of working. The focus will be on delivery. Every rupee will be accounted for," she told the House. Positioning the Budget as

development-oriented, the Chief Minister said it marked the highest-ever capital expenditure by the Delhi government, aimed at delivering tangible, on-ground outcomes rather than limiting spending to welfare schemes. She added that unfinished projects would be completed and governance would shift towards accountability and time-bound execution. Gupta also took aim at the Opposition, accusing it of failing to uphold the dignity of the House. "They were given full opportunity to speak inside the Assembly but chose to sit on the streets instead,"

she said. Addressing concerns around borrowing, she said her government had exercised fiscal discipline, borrowing only 1.17% of GSDP against the permissible 3%, and that too at a relatively low interest rate of 7.4%.

Highlighting pending liabilities, Gupta said dues included Rs 3,700 crore in expressway projects, Rs 9,087 crore in metro works, over Rs 2,000 crore in hospital construction and Rs 1,031 crore in integrated projects involving the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and PWD. Several schools and hospitals, she added,

remained incomplete, leading to cost escalations. She said her government had begun clearing long-pending dues, including payments for scholarships, EWS welfare, sports persons and the Kishori scheme. Tuition fees worth Rs 114 crore for SC, ST and OBC students and Rs 538 crore for Delhi government colleges had also been released. Alleging financial mismanagement, Gupta claimed that the Delhi Transport Corporation was running losses of Rs 99,000 crore, while the Delhi Jal Board faced a deficit of Rs 91,000 crore.