



Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi calls for unity amid West Asia conflict, says 'no place for self-serving politics'

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the 132nd episode of his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat' today (March 29). Addressing his monthly radio programme, the Prime Minister highlighted the growing global instability and called for unity among Indian citizens as tensions escalate in West Asia.

March has been "very turbulent" on the global stage: PM Modi: In the 132nd episode of 'Mann Ki Baat', Prime Minister Modi said the month of March has been "very turbulent" on the global stage. Recalling the hardships caused by COVID-19, he said that while the world had hoped to move forward with renewed momentum, conflicts have continued to erupt across various regions. Referring to the ongoing

war in West Asia, the Prime Minister said millions of Indian families are directly connected to the affected regions, particularly in Gulf countries. He expressed gratitude to Gulf nations for extending support to over 10 million Indians living and working there. "Currently, a fierce war has been going on for the past one month in our neighbourhood. Lakhs of Indian families have relatives living and working in these countries, particularly in the Gulf nations. I am very grateful to the Gulf countries for providing all kinds of assistance to over one crore Indians there," he said.

PM Modi on energy crisis: PM Modi also underlined the impact of the conflict on global energy supplies, noting that the region plays a crucial role in meeting India's fuel needs. "The region



where the war is underway is a major hub of our energy needs, due to which a petrol and diesel crisis is developing worldwide. India is facing these challenges resolutely because of its global relations, assistance from different countries and the capabilities

it has built over the past decade," he said. Calling for collective responsibility, the Prime Minister urged citizens to remain united and avoid politicising the issue. He cautioned against the spread of rumours, stating that misinformation could harm national

PM Modi highlights 'Gyan Bharatam App'

PM Modi highlighted the Gyan Bharatam App, an initiative aimed at documenting and preserving manuscripts from across the country.

Emphasising the role of public participation, the Prime Minister said the Gyan Bharatam Survey seeks to collect information about India's rich manuscript heritage. He urged citizens to contribute by uploading photographs or details of any manuscripts they possess or know about through the app.

He noted that each submission undergoes proper verification before being recorded and expressed satisfaction that thousands of manuscripts have already been shared by people, reflecting the collective effort to safeguard India's cultural legacy.

interests, and appealed to people to rely only on official communication from the government.

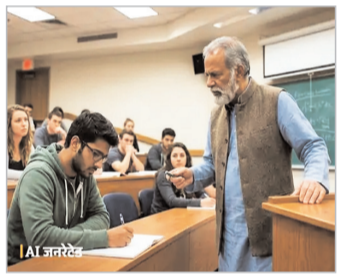
"This is undoubtedly a challenging time. Through 'Mann Ki Baat', I once again urge citizens to remain united and overcome this challenge. Those indulging in politics over this issue should refrain,

as it concerns the interests of 140 crore citizens. There is no place for self-serving politics in this. Those spreading rumours are causing great harm to the country, and I appeal to everyone to stay alert and not be misled by misinformation," the Prime Minister added.

Bengaluru professor calls student a terrorist, suspended

Allegation: University suspended other students for supporting victim in class

Bengaluru(GNS): A case was filed on Saturday against a professor at a private university in Bengaluru, Karnataka, for calling a student a terrorist. The university has suspended the professor. A 58-second video of the incident has gone viral.



angered the professor and he said, "Aren't you ashamed? You terrorist." The professor didn't stop there, saying, "I thought I'd be very calm today. The Iran war happened because of people like you. Trump will get you. You idiot...you're going to hell."

The victim student was repeatedly called a terrorist

According to police, the professor repeatedly called the victim a terrorist and used abusive language in class. There were 60 students in the class at the time of the incident. Police said they have not received a formal complaint from the student but have registered a case against the professor under sections 299 (attempt to outrage religious feelings) and 352 (intentional insult) of the IPC.

Congress, Left trade 'false abuse' in Kerala; BJP is 'A team' assembly polls: PM Modi in Palakkad

Palakkad(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asserted that Kerala is witnessing a shift in political mood, saying the state is "sending a message of change." Addressing a rally in Palakkad, the Prime Minister said that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will transform Kerala into a developed state, and the state will move forward on the strength of Modi's guarantees.



"I sense a new and distinct energy in Kerala. The state is sending a clear message of change. With the growing popularity of the NDA and the increasing support for the BJP among the people, your enthusiasm and strong presence in such large numbers here in Palakkad demonstrate that Kerala's mood has transformed into a movement. Now, Kerala places its trust in the BJP and the NDA," said PM

Modi. People no longer convinced by empty promises of LDF and the UDF. Highlighting the growing support for the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance

(NDA), PM Modi said youth, women, and farmers in the state are increasingly placing their trust in the alliance. He claimed that people are no longer convinced by the promises of the Left Democratic Front (LDF) and the United Democratic Front (UDF).

"The people of Kerala are no longer convinced by the empty promises of the LDF and the UDF. Only the BJP-NDA can fulfil people's aspirations and ensure development," he further said. Later in the day, the prime minister will travel to neighbouring Thrissur, where he is slated to hold a massive roadshow in the heart of the city.

North Korea tests high-thrust missile engine capable of targeting US mainland

Pyongyang (GMS): North Korean leader Kim Jong Un oversaw the test of a high-thrust solid-fuel engine, describing it as a significant step toward strengthening the country's strategic military capabilities, according to state media reports on Sunday. The development is seen as part of North Korea's efforts to expand and modernise its missile arsenal, including systems capable of reaching the United States mainland.

The report by News Agency comes days after Kim addressed North Korea's parliament, vowing to irreversibly establish the country as a nuclear power. In his speech, he also accused the United States of engaging in global "state terrorism and aggression," in an apparent reference to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East.

Engine's maximum thrust is 2,500 kilotons

Kim watched the ground jet test of the newly upgraded engine using a composite carbon fibre material, according to the KCNA, which reported the engine's maximum thrust is 2,500 kilotons, up from about 1,971 kilotons reported in a similar solid fuel engine test in September.

A push to increase the engine power is likely associated with efforts to place multiple warheads on a single missile to increase chances of defeating US defences, observers say.

Adani Defence hands over 2,000 machine guns to the Army

Capable of engaging enemies from up to 1km away; capable of firing 700 rounds per minute

Gwalior(GNS): Adani Defence and Aerospace in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, delivered the first batch of 2,000 'Prahaar' light machine guns (LMGs) to the Indian Army. These 7.62 mm caliber weapons were manufactured at the Small Arms Complex in Gwalior.

The government will use these weapons to enhance security and firepower along the LAC and LoC. The Prahaar LMG has a range of up to 1,000 meters, allowing it to engage enemies from afar. The machine guns weigh 8 kilograms and have a barrel length of 1,100 mm.

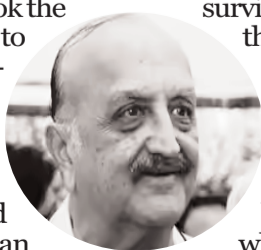


They fire 700 rounds per minute. A ceremony was held on Saturday at the Gwalior plant to hand over the LMG to the Army. Defense Ministry DG A. Ambarasu, company CEO Ashish Rajvanshi, and other senior officials attended. The officials flagged off trucks carrying the first consignment of the machine guns.

Former Raymond Chairman Vijaypat Singhania passes away

Padma Bhushan awardee, also set a world record

Mumbai(GNS): Former chairman of Raymond, who took the textile brand 'Raymond' to every household, was cremated in Mumbai on Sunday, March 29. The last rites were performed at 3 pm at the Chandanwadi crematorium by his son and current Raymond chairman Gautam Singhania in the presence of other family members. Singhania,



87, died on Saturday evening. He is survived by his wife Ashadevi and three children - Madhupati Singhania, Shefali Ruia and Gautam Singhania. Singhania has written in his message that his father was a visionary leader and social worker, whose legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

Anti-Trump 'No Kings' rallies pop up in thousands of US cities

Washington DC(GNS): Eight million people participated in the "No Kings Rally" against President Trump on Saturday in the United States. According to media reports, these demonstrations were held at more than 3,300 locations across all 50 states. Organizers said that compared to the previous No Kings demonstrations in October, this time around 1 million more people attended and about 600 more



events were held. Protesters say they are angry with several policies of the Trump administration. Their anger is particularly directed at escalating tensions with

Iran, stricter immigration enforcement, and rising inflation. In several locations, people displayed posters criticizing Trump and Vice President J.D. Vance, calling for their removal from office. There have been three national "No Kings" protests against Trump so far. The first major demonstration was held in June 2025. The second protest followed in October 2025. The third took place on March 28th.

LPG Crisis: 'Over 55 lakh cylinders distributed', central government says LPG supply normal

New Delhi(GNS): The Petroleum Ministry clarified on Sunday that the supply of domestic LPG cylinders in the country is normal. More than 5.5 million LPG cylinders were distributed on Saturday, along with the sale of 64,000 five-kilogram free-trade cylinders. According to the ministry, there have been no reports of stock-outs at any LPG distributors.



Online bookings surge
Online booking of LPG cylinders has risen to 94% at the industry level. To prevent any deviations at the distributor level, the percentage of Delivery Authentication Code (DAC) based deliveries has increased to 84% from 53% in February.

Refineries are operating at high capacity.

The government has stated that all refineries are operating at high capacity and that adequate crude oil stocks exist. The country also maintains adequate stocks of petrol and diesel. Domestic LPG production from refineries has been increased to support domestic consumption. All petrol pumps across the country are operating normally.

Trump's dogmatism shatters the notion of US global dominance

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The United States undoubtedly holds the highest position among the world's most powerful nations. This is why most countries consider it preferable to maintain cordial relations with the all-powerful United States. To maintain its dominance and clout, the US has been playing a game of divide and rule among other nations. As part of this vicious game, it continues to fuel Shia-Sunni differences in approximately 57 Islamic countries. Under the guise of this propaganda, the US operates numerous strategic bases in several Islamic countries. According to the Council on Foreign Relations, the US operates an extensive network of both permanent and temporary military bases in at least 19 countries in the

region. These include eight permanent military bases located in Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. In exchange for operating military bases in most Islamic countries, the US also receives substantial funding from the governments of those countries. For example, an Islamic country like Saudi Arabia has been paying the United States approximately \$500 million in exchange for partially covering the costs of American troops stationed there. The United States and host countries typically determine how much each country will bear under Status of Forces Agreements and other defense agreements. These countries also benefit from American protection, arms sales, training, defense alliances, and

increased international influence, in return for which they provide some form of payment or resources for the expenses or use of American troops. Following this policy for decades, the United States has been importing oil from numerous oil-producing Islamic countries as needed and also selling them weapons in the name of their security. The message behind this ruse is that America is their protector, otherwise a country like Iran will swallow up the Gulf countries of Central Asia. But since the war imposed on Iran by the US and Israel on February 28th, the way Iran has shown the self-proclaimed superpower America its place has forced the US and Israel, as well as Islamic countries that have for decades harbored the mistaken belief that they are safe on the

strength of US military bases, to reconsider. The eight Muslim countries attacked by Iran include Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Jordan, and Iraq. The real targets of these Iranian attacks were US military bases spread across the Gulf countries, not the "sovereign territories" of these countries. These attacks targeted sensitive US radars, communication systems, THAAD anti-missile radars, hangars, refueling aircraft, and infrastructure, thereby reducing or even completely eliminating US military operational capabilities. Following these Iranian attacks, the Gulf Islamic countries, who considered America their protector, were forced to consider that if America itself could not protect its own military bases, how could it

protect other countries? These circumstances have also forced Islamic countries to consider that building cordial relations among themselves is better than relying on America for security. Moreover, many of these Islamic countries have also recognized the conspiracy behind the Shia-Sunni divide created by America and Israel. Therefore, with the exception of a few vassal countries that are completely dependent on American favors, most countries have decided to maintain a distance from America. Trump's fatal decision to join the military campaign against Iran, either under pressure or through his stubbornness, has sparked widespread opposition not only in many countries around the world but also domestically within the United States.

Editorial

**Consume less
conserve more: that's the
mantra of zero waste**

International Zero Waste Day is celebrated every year on March 30th. The primary purpose of this day is not only to reduce waste on Earth or in space, but also to raise awareness about the protection of the environment and our ecosystems and to bring about positive changes in human lifestyles. In other words, this day is not limited to waste management; it is a global call to action for the entire world, motivating us towards a sustainable and balanced life. One of its important goals is to move the world towards a "plastic-free economy," where natural and sustainable alternatives like mushrooms or seaweed can be used for packaging. Readers know that today the world's population is growing rapidly, and with it, the amount of waste on Earth and in space is also continuously increasing. Simply put, this day is dedicated to making us understand the importance of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling. In fact, it promotes the concept of "reduce, reuse, and recycle." Currently, excessive use of plastic is seriously affecting the Earth's environment and our ecosystem. Therefore, it is crucial and essential that we reduce food waste and conserve all of Earth's natural resources. It's a worrying fact that we generate billions of tons of waste every year, but recycle only a small portion of it. "Zero waste" essentially means adopting a lifestyle that virtually eliminates waste. It simply means using resources judiciously, conserving them, and leaving them safe for future generations. It's not wrong to say that there's a deep connection between waste and climate change. Increasing waste also contributes to global warming. According to available data, urban solid waste contributes to approximately 3-5% of global greenhouse gas emissions. When organic waste, such as food, decomposes in landfills, it produces methane, which absorbs heat much more effectively than carbon dioxide. In fact, this day also recognizes the contributions of millions of informal workers who play a vital role in waste management. I would like to inform readers that approximately 20 million people worldwide are employed in this sector.



There is a deep and complex relationship between the money market and the equity market, which directly influences the decisions of investors. The global economic, political, and energy crisis has been a simultaneous manifestation of the stock market crash. The stock market has rebounded after every crisis; all that's needed is patience, understanding, and the right strategy.



The historic fall in global stock markets including India, and world currencies against the dollar has caused widespread panic.

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

Globally, March 27, 2026, marked another setback in the history of the Indian stock market, with the BSE Sensex closing with a massive drop of nearly 1,700 points, and the Nifty 500 and the small-cap index also falling by 1.74 percent. The day wasn't limited to this, as the Indian rupee plummeted to its lowest level ever, falling to 94.82 against the US dollar. This decline wasn't merely a reflection of currency weakness, but also of global economic tensions, geopolitical instability, and changing investor sentiment. The rupee, which opened at 94.18 in the morning, weakened further by the end of the day, indicating that negative sentiment continued to dominate the market. Viewing this entire development from the perspective of the stock market, it becomes clear that there is a deep and complex relationship between the currency market and the equity market, which directly influences investor decisions. This is not a single incident, but a continuation of a decline that has been ongoing for the past several weeks, causing deep concern among investors. This decline is not solely due to domestic factors. Global crises, particularly the energy crisis, geopolitical tensions, and the withdrawal of foreign investors, have combined to create an environment that hints at a major economic storm. The question arises: does this situation point to another global crisis like COVID-19, or is it merely the result of fear and rumors? I, Advocate

Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, have been monitoring and analyzing the stock market throughout the week, and today I conclude that there are several major reasons for the recent decline in the Indian stock market. The first and most important reason is the continued withdrawal of funds by foreign institutional investors. When large foreign investors withdraw capital from the Indian market, it reduces liquidity and leads to a sharp decline in prices. Furthermore, the limited capacity of domestic institutional investors appears unable to stem this decline. This creates an atmosphere of fear among smaller investors, leading them to rapidly withdraw their investments, creating a domino effect. My personal opinion is that the immense uncertainty and turmoil in the stock market is directly attributable to Trump's statements on the Iran-Israel-US conflict, which I have highlighted throughout the week. We will discuss these in more detail in the paragraphs below.

Friends, if we consider the growing tensions in West Asia, one of the primary reasons behind the rupee's decline was the growing tensions. Any instability in this region directly impacts global oil prices, a major concern for an import-dependent country like India. Rising crude oil prices increase India's import bill, widening the current account deficit and putting pressure on the rupee. When investors perceive a country's economic situation weakening, they begin to distance themselves from

that country's market. This is why stock market selling intensifies and indices fall. Another significant reason for foreign investor selling is the strengthening of the US economy and the strengthening of the dollar. When the US dollar strengthens, global investors turn to the US for safe haven investments. This leads to capital outflows from emerging markets like India. This phenomenon is known as flight to safety. This results in reduced investment in the Indian stock market, leading to a market decline. Furthermore, rising US bond yields also attract investors, forcing them to withdraw funds from riskier markets and invest in safer options. The depreciating rupee impacts different sectors differently. For example, export-oriented sectors like IT and pharmaceuticals benefit because they are paid in dollars. When the rupee weakens, their income increases. Conversely, automobile, aviation, and oil-based industries suffer losses because imports become more expensive. Clear differences in the performance of these sectors are evident in the stock market, which serves as a basis for investors to make strategic decisions. Friends, if we talk about understanding the situation of global stock markets from a comparative perspective, then not only India, but many big stock markets of the world are under pressure at this time. Dow Jones Industrial Average is witnessing a continuous decline, NASDAQ Composite is affected by the weak performance of tech companies, FTSE 100 is also grappling with

energy crisis and inflation, a similar pattern is visible in all these markets, decreasing investor confidence, risk aversion and inclination towards safe and precise investment options.

Friends, if we talk about withdrawal by foreign institutional investors (FIIs): The biggest threat to the Indian market, then withdrawal by foreign investors has become the biggest challenge for the Indian stock market. When foreign institutional investors withdraw money from the market, it puts pressure on the rupee, due to which the Indian rupee weakens. The weakness of the rupee makes imports expensive, which increases inflation and ultimately it affects both the general public and the companies.

Friends, if we consider the impact on small investors: the atmosphere of fear and confusion, then the stock market crash has the greatest impact on small investors. They often sell their shares at the wrong time out of fear, resulting in significant losses. This fear is further exacerbated by social media and rumors. The most important need at this time is accurate information and patience, as the market is inherently volatile. Given the current circumstances, it's natural to question whether the world is heading towards a new economic recession. While it's premature to call it a full-blown recession, several signs raise concerns: (1) rising inflation; (2) declining economic growth; (3) energy crisis; and (4) declining investment. All these factors combined could create a dire situation similar to stagflation.

Bharat Tribes Fest 2026: An Expanded Celebration of Tribal Identity, Self-Reliance and Opportunities

Vinod Kumar Singh

The way Bharat Tribes Fest 2026, held this year at Sunder Nursery, a green and culturally vibrant complex in New Delhi, captured the attention of the public, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and culture lovers, is a historic sign of the renaissance of India's tribal traditions and their economic empowerment. In response to unprecedented public enthusiasm and demand, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with TRIFED, decided to extend the festival until April 5, 2026. This extension is not merely a date extension, but a symbol of a broader vision—a commitment to connecting tribal

communities with markets, respect, and opportunities. This government decision makes it clear that India's tribal heritage is no longer confined to museums or books, but is making a strong presence felt in the country's economic and cultural landscape. The throngs at the festival, the queues at exhibition stalls, the resounding applause at cultural performances, and the people savoring tribal cuisine—all present a picture of a vibrant India.

The expansion of the festival has brought new possibilities, especially for tribal artisans, self-help groups, and Van Dhan Vikas Kendras. This extended period will provide them with the opportunity to directly interact with consumers, which will

not only increase sales of their products but also provide wider recognition to their art and tradition. Direct market access, better prices, and sustainable income—these three aspects are central to this event. This year's event features participation from 78 tribal communities from 22 states, the presence of over 300 art and craft exhibitors from 28 states, and 30 food stalls run by 120 tribal culinary experts from 21 states—these figures are not just numbers, but a powerful symbol of India's diversity and unity. Here, handicrafts, handlooms, natural products, organic goods, and traditional knowledge are showcased.

A significant highlight of the festival was the Van Dhan Conclave

held on March 29th, inaugurated by Durgadas Ukey, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs, in the presence of distinguished dignitaries. This conclave served to give a new direction to tribal entrepreneurship. In his inaugural address, the Minister unequivocally stated that "tribal communities are not merely objects of protection, but active partners in nation-building. Their traditional knowledge, their understanding of natural resources, and their lifestyle can guide today's sustainable development models." The Minister further stated that the government's priority is to make tribal communities self-reliant, not dependent solely on aid. He placed special emphasis on value addition

of minor forest produce, branding of local products, and market expansion through digital platforms. According to him, "When a tribal artisan's product reaches the consumer directly, it is not just a transaction of a commodity, but an exchange of trust, tradition, and culture." Five thematic sessions were held during the conclave, which focused on topics such as sustainable livelihoods, value addition of minor forest produce, market linkages, skill development, and strengthening tribal entrepreneurship. Experts, policymakers, and entrepreneurs deliberated on how tribal products can be made competitive in the national and international markets.

CM meets L-G, pushes green budget vision for sustainable development

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief Minister Rekha Gupta held a courtesy meeting with Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu, where the two leaders discussed key problems related to Delhi's development, public welfare, and the city's future roadmap.

According to officials, the meeting focused on aligning governance priorities



with long-term goals for a more sustainable and citizen-centric

capital. A significant part of the discussion revolved around the recently proposed Green Budget, which aims to accelerate infrastructure growth while maintaining a strong emphasis on environmental sustainability.

Highlighting the importance of the initiative, the Chief Minister underscored that the Green Budget reflects a forward-looking

vision for Delhi, combining development with ecological responsibility. "We had a meaningful discussion on Delhi's development, public welfare, and future direction," she said.

Emphasising the broader vision behind policy decisions, she added: "This year's Green Budget advances this very vision, with infrastructure acceleration, environmental priority, and a commitment to improving citizens' lives at its core."

Youth innovators should contribute to building 'Delhi 2.0': CM Rekha Gupta



New Delhi, (GNS): Young innovators should contribute to building 'Delhi 2.0', Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Saturday.

Gupta attended the 'India Innovates 2026 -- World's Biggest Hackathon' event at Bharat Mandapam, where she encouraged young innovators from across the country.

Highlighting the scale of the hackathon, Gupta said that more than 5,000 participants selected from over one crore

applicants represent the future of India's digital ecosystem.

"Their thinking will shape the direction of governance, society and the economy in the years ahead," Gupta said, urging them to contribute to building 'Delhi 2.0'. The chief minister also underlined the government's commitment to integrating young ideas and innovations into the governance system, with the aim of making public services more accessible, transparent and effective.

5 migrant labourers injured in cylinder blast at Kherki Majra

New Delhi, (GNS): Five labourers sustained burn injuries after a small 5kg gas cylinder exploded while cooking in Kherki Majra village on Friday night. All were immediately taken to the civil hospital, from where they were referred to AIIMS, Delhi, the police said on Saturday. According to the police, six labourers, originally from Bihar, were living on a rented room in Kherki Majra village. They all work as labourers there. On Friday night, one of them went out to buy flour. Meanwhile, other labourers were cooking food in the room using a small gas cylinder. It is being said that due to a gas leak, the cylinder suddenly caught fire and exploded with a loud explosion. The flames engulfed all five people in the room. Others in the building immediately rushed the injured to the civil hospital via ambulance, they added.

Balm in the middle of war:

From Kashmir to Kerala, donations trickle in at Iran embassy

New Delhi, (GNS): A hesitant third-grader, Sarwar, glanced at his father before speaking, his voice barely above a whisper as he tried to explain why he had come to the Iranian Embassy in New Delhi on Saturday.

The child had travelled with a group of men from Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar, carrying with him a small offering -- a gesture of solidarity, one month after the Minab school attack in Iran, that reportedly killed at least 170 schoolchildren and teachers.

Encouraged by his father, Haidar Mehndi (43), a car mechanic, the child softly said, "Mai apne rahbar (referring to Iran's supreme leader Ali Hosseini Khamenei, who was killed in the ongoing war) ko Khiraj-e-aqadat pesh karne aya hu. Mere rahbar shaheed



ho gaye hain (I have come to pay tribute to my leader. My leader has been martyred)."

A steady stream of visitors has been arriving at the embassy since the war between the US and Israel and Iran began, with people travelling from across the country -- including Kerala, Kashmir and Uttar Pradesh -- bringing small donations, handwritten messages and tokens of support. Inside, a clay piggy bank -- left a day earlier by another child -- sat on a table alongside crossed flags of India and Iran

and a white flower, symbolising friendship. In a post shared on social media, the embassy described the gesture as coming from "small yet love-filled hands", calling it a symbol of kindness and a friendship between India and Iran.

Embassy officials said the contributions are being used to procure medicines for those injured in the attack. "We have already sent two consignments and are preparing a third - around 11 tonnes - to be dispatched on Tuesday," an official said showing a room filled with cartons of medicines ready for shipment.

Visitors were seen handing over donations, noting their details for acknowledgment. Among them, Akhbar Abbas handed over a small bundle of cash - Rs 3,410 - which was recorded before being accepted. The men quietly left after

exchanging greetings and sharing a moment of sorrow.

The register placed inside the embassy carried pages of handwritten messages in Hindi, Urdu, and English - some expressing grief, others solidarity. A few were written by schoolchildren who had visited earlier with their teachers. Officials said nearly 20 such registers have been filled since the war began, with people continuing to arrive through the day to extend support. The Minab school strike took place on Feb 28 amid the opening phase of the ongoing conflict. The war has since seen sustained airstrikes and retaliatory attacks, with hundreds of civilians, including children, reported killed, even as investigations into specific incidents - including the school strike - are ongoing and contested.

Delhi Police Bust Investment Fraud Racket with Dubai Links, 5 Arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police has busted an investment fraud racket with Dubai links and arrested five alleged fraudsters in connection with a syndicate. Police said the accused are linked to at least 18 complaints, and analysis of the accounts indicates transactions worth several crores. Police said the case came to light after a complainant, a resident of Arunachal Pradesh currently living in Delhi, reported being duped of Rs 12.22 lakh on the pretext of stock market investment. The man alleged he was contacted by a woman and her associates, who persuaded him to invest through a purported firm.



Delhi to reset liquor barcodes

New Delhi, (GNS): To tighten control, improve traceability and prevent the misuse of outdated product codes in the liquor supply chain, Delhi govt has announced fresh brand registrations for 2026-27 along with a reset of liquor barcodes - an annual exercise undertaken at the change of the financial year.

"On March 31 at 23:59:59, the validity of all active SKUs will expire automatically in the system. After this time, no licensee will be able to conduct trade using these SKUs unless the validity is extended," an official said. In Delhi, every liquor product - based on its brand, size and type - is assigned a separate Stock Keeping Unit (SKU), a unique identification code, used to monitor stock, sales and movement, generate barcodes and ensure regulatory compliance. From April 1, fresh SKUs will be issued to enhance supply-chain control and traceability.

The official said the move is aimed at ensuring better traceability and regulatory control. The excise dept has warned of strict action for non-compliance.

17-year-old stabbed to death, 5 held



New Delhi, (GNS): A 17-year-old boy was allegedly murdered and another left critically injured after a stabbing incident during a wedding ceremony in outer Delhi's Rani Bagh on Friday night.

According to police, the incident occurred around 11:15 pm when a quarrel broke out between two groups of minor boys, aged around 12, attending the function from the same side. The dispute reportedly began over their respective connections to the couple and soon escalated into a heated altercation.

As tensions flared, older boys present at the venue got involved, further intensifying the situation. During the scuffle, one of the boys allegedly stabbed the 17-year-old in the chest, inflicting a fatal injury to his heart. Another boy was also allegedly attacked in the midst. Both were rushed to a nearby hospital, where the 17-year-old was declared brought dead, while the other continues to undergo treatment.

A friend of the deceased said that he believes the victim may have stepped in to defuse the situation. "He must have tried to intervene when the fight broke out. An older individual present there saw the commotion and may have assumed he was involved in hitting the children. They did not actually know whether he was attacking anyone," the friend said.

While some initial reports suggested that the altercation was triggered by a dispute over music being played by the DJ, a senior police officer refuted these claims, stating that the argument stemmed from a minor disagreement between the groups.

Police have apprehended four minors and an adult in connection with the case.

4 injured after jumping from first floor to escape blaze in Delhi's Bhajanpura

New Delhi, (GNS): At least four people were injured after they jumped to escape a fire that broke out on Sunday morning in parked two-wheelers at a house in Bhajanpura.

According to Delhi Fire Services, "The fire department received a call at 2 am about a fire in four two-wheelers parked in the ground-floor parking lot of a house in the Bhajanpura area of North East Delhi. Four people jumped from the first floor and were taken to a nearby hospital. Others were rescued from the house." Officials said 11 fire tenders were deployed in the operation, and the blaze was brought under control by 3:50 am. Meanwhile, in a separate incident earlier, a fire broke out at a factory in the Bawana Industrial Area of the national capital, officials said.

According to preliminary



information, the blaze erupted in Sector 2 of the industrial area. Upon receiving the alert, 17 fire tenders were rushed to the spot as part of a swift response by the Delhi Fire Department. Firefighting operations were carried out to douse the flames and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby units in the cluster.

In another incident, a fire broke out at Hard Rock Cafe in Connaught Place, prompting a quick response from the Delhi Fire Department. Officials said

a call regarding the blaze was received at 12:31 pm, following which four fire tenders were immediately dispatched.

The fire, which originated in the restaurant's chimney, was brought under control within minutes by around 12:50 pm. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far. Authorities said timely intervention helped contain the blaze before it could spread further within the premises or to adjacent structures in the busy Connaught Place area.

Delhi shocker: Gang lures man using dating app, robs him of Rs 7L

New Delhi, (GNS): A man was allegedly abducted, assaulted and robbed of around Rs 7 lakh after being lured through a dating app to meet a woman in south-east Delhi's Nehru Place. Five people, including a woman, have been arrested.

On Wednesday, the man approached police and reported that he had been contacted by a woman, whose profile name was "Sherry" on the dating app. She allegedly persuaded him to meet her at Nehru Place.

When the man reached the location, he was confronted by three male associates of the woman, who allegedly assaulted him and forced him into a white car. Police said the victim was threatened and choked till he became unconscious. Under duress, he was allegedly forced to transfer approximately Rs 7 lakh through UPI transactions.



After the ordeal, the men abandoned him in Nehru Place and fled.

A case was registered at Kalkaji police station under BNS sections pertaining to robbery, abduction for ransom and common intention.

Police analysed CCTV footage of the area and identified one of the vehicles used in the crime. The examination of the digital trail led to a mobile number, which, along with call records, intelligence inputs, automatic number plate recognition data and FASTag records, helped identify a second vehicle.

HC denies compensation claim to man who blamed double amputation on railway accident

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi High Court has rejected a double amputee's claim for compensation from the railways. The man, Tulsi Das, claimed that his injuries had happened because of a fall from a moving train. The court, however, said that there was no proof of "bonafide travel". The high court raised doubts about the "foundational facts relating to the manner of occurrence" of the man's injuries. It said that these details "remain unsubstantiated".

The court upheld the Railway Claims

Tribunal's decision to reject the plea for compensation as it transpired that Das was neither a "bona fide" passenger, nor were his

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injuries the result of any "untoward incident" as defined under the Railways Act, 1989. Das claimed he had boarded Malwa Express from Sonipat station on March 25, 2015, for travelling to Jhansi on a valid second-class ticket. Due to the rush of passengers, he accidentally fell, when the train was between Sonipat and New Delhi railway stations. Das said that he suffered grievous injuries, leading to the amputation of both his arms from below the elbows. Though he had purchased a valid ticket, he lost it at the time of

the incident, Das said, and argued that the non-recovery of a ticket cannot be the sole indicator to declare that he was not a passenger. The tribunal rejected his claim, citing an unexplained time gap between the alleged time of the fall and when the information about it reached police. It also pointed out that no journey ticket was found and the explanation regarding its loss was unconvincing, particularly when other belongings were found to be intact. The court too flagged these "inconsistencies" and noted that Das had

claimed he fell near Sadar Bazar in Delhi but the MLC prepared at Lok Nayak Hospital records the place of accident as platform 10 of Old Delhi

Station. "Admittedly, the said train does not pass through the Old Delhi Station and instead runs via New Delhi Railway Station. Therefore, the inconsistency between the alleged place of occurrence of the incident, and as recorded in the medical records, goes to the root of the matter and casts serious doubt on the appellant's version of bona fide travel," Justice Manoj Ohri said.



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