



9 people died in a stampede at Mata Shitala Temple in Nalanda district



Nalanda (GNS): A stampede broke out at the Sheeta Mata Temple in Bihar's Nalanda district on Tuesday morning. Nine people were killed in the incident. Eight women died on the spot after being crushed by the crowd, while one man died in hospital. On the last Tuesday of the month of Chaitra, a large number of devotees visited the temple. A fair was also held there. Those present said that adequate arrangements were not in place to handle the crowd. The rush to have darshan led to jostling. In the chaos, many people were crushed in the crowd. A large number of people were also injured. Following the accident, the temple and fair were

closed. Today, the President attended the convocation ceremony at Nalanda University. 2,500 police personnel from eight districts were deployed for her security, while not a single policeman was deployed to protect the 25,000-strong crowd gathered at the temple. Following the accident, the Patna Commissioner has been sent to Bihar Sharif. The Chief Minister has directed the Chief Secretary to investigate. Station House Officer (SHO) of Deepnagar police station, Rajmani, has been suspended. The government has announced a compensation of 6 lakh to the dependents of the

deceased, while the central government has announced a compensation of 2 lakh.

Prime Minister expressed grief over the Nalanda accident and announced financial assistance for the families of the deceased

New Delhi (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep condolences over the tragic accident in Bihar's Nalanda district and announced financial assistance for the families of the deceased. The Prime Minister stated that the families of those who lost their lives in the accident will receive an ex-gratia of 2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF), while the injured will receive 50,000. In a message released on the official X handle of the Prime Minister's Office, the Prime Minister described the Nalanda incident as deeply tragic. He expressed condolences to the bereaved families and said his thoughts are with the affected families in this difficult time. He also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured.



BJP's Promise of AIIMS in Kerala 3000 Pension for Elderly and Women

Announcement to Reclaim Land Occupied by Bangladeshi Muslims in Assam



Delhi/Thiruvananthapuram/ Guwahati/Kolkata/ Chennai, (GNS): On Tuesday in Thiruvananthapuram, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released its manifesto for Kerala. It promised to establish an AIIMS in the state and develop a high-speed railway network from Thiruvananthapuram to Kannur. The party stated that under the 'Bhaktshya Arogya Suraksha Card' scheme, needy women will receive 2500 per month for medicines and ration. Additionally, elderly people above 70 years of age, widows, and needy women will be given a monthly pension of 3000. Earlier, the BJP had also released its manifesto (Sankalp Patra) for Assam. It includes promises of action against "love jihad," reclaiming land encroached by infiltrators, implementing a Uniform Civil Code (UCC), and providing 2 lakh jobs to youth over five years. The document contains a total of 31 promises.

Assam CM Says Infiltration Will Continue as Long as Bangladesh Exists: In Guwahati, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma told the media that as long as Bangladesh exists in the world, infiltration will continue. He said the fight against infiltrators must go on continuously, and no deadline can be set to eliminate the issue.

Nitin Nabin Says BJP Vote Share Rose from 2% to 20% in Kerala: In Kerala, BJP leader Nitin Nabin said that the party's vote share in the state has increased from 2% to 20%, indicating steady growth. Under the leadership of Narendra Modi, he said Kerala aspires to transform from "Kerala" into a "Developed Keralam," and the BJP is confident of victory this time.

Promise of Two Free LPG Cylinders for Every Household in Kerala: The BJP has promised to provide two free LPG cylinders every year to poor families in Kerala during the festivals of Onam and Christmas. It also announced that every household will receive 20,000 liters of free water per month. Additionally, the party spoke about reforms in the Devaswom Board to ensure the security of major religious sites like Sabarimala and Guruvayur. It also assured coordination with Tamil Nadu on water issues and overall state security.

Rahul Gandhi Promises 3000 Pension, Interest-Free Loans up to 5 Lakh: In Kozhikode, Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that if his party forms the government in Kerala, elderly citizens will receive a monthly pension of 3000 and a separate ministry will be created for them. He further said that youth who want to start businesses or become entrepreneurs will be given interest-free loans of up to 5 lakh. A new scheme named "Oommen Chandy Health Insurance Scheme" will be launched, offering health insurance coverage of up to 25 lakh for every family.

PM Modi inaugurated the semiconductor plant in Sanand

Said - during the Corona period, we resolved to make India a global hub in this sector



Ahmedabad (GNS): PM Modi inaugurated Keyence Semicon's Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat. He then toured the plant and interacted with engineers. The PM said,

"This morning I was at the Divine event and now I am at the Digital event. He added, "We had decided during the COVID-19 pandemic that India would become the new hub for the semiconductor sector. With the PM's inauguration,

professional production will begin at the Keyence Semiconductor plant. The first plant was also commissioned in Sanand in February 2026. The PM will also lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth 20,000 crore in

Vav-Tharad. Earlier, he inaugurated the Samrat Samprati Museum in Gandhinagar at around 10 a.m. After touring the museum, the PM received the blessings of national saint Pujya Acharya Padmasagar Surishwarji.

She-Box portal being upgraded, 17,000 police stations to be connected:

If someone taunts or harasses you, file a complaint on the portal and help will arrive immediately from the nearest police station.

New Delhi (GNS): To protect women from harassment, the central government is connecting all 17,000 police stations across the country to a technical monitoring system. The She-Box portal is being upgraded to achieve this.

Currently, government and private sector offices are connected through the portal, where working women can register complaints of any kind of sexual harassment on the portal without revealing their identity.

The portal operates under the Ministry of Women and Child Development. A ministry official told media that complaints of exploitation, harassment, and taunting that occur on the way from home to work can now be filed on the portal.

This will include bus stands, railway stations, buses, trains, markets, etc. The portal is being technically upgraded for this purpose. The upgrade will be completed in the next one or two months, and women will begin to benefit from the service.

Surat building fire kills 5: Four women, a child among them; house stocked with 8 tonnes of sarees

Surat (GNS): Five people died in a house fire in Surat, Gujarat, on Tuesday afternoon. The deceased included four women and a child. Fire brigade teams arrived at the scene and brought the blaze under control. According to neighbors, this house in the Limbat area of the city belonged to a businessman and contained approximately 8 tons of sarees. This left no room for walking in the house. Consequently, the fire



spread so rapidly that no one had a chance to escape.

Names of the deceased:
Shahnaz Begum Ansari (65 years old)
Husa Begum Ansari (age 18)
Shabin Ansari (age 28)
Parveen Ansari (age 19)
Shubhan Ansari (age 4)

IT rules will change

Safe harbor ends if instructions are not followed: Social media companies are now responsible for all content; data cannot be deleted



New Delhi (GNS): The Central Government has released a new draft amendment to the IT Regulations 2021. This will prevent social media platforms from ignoring government directives. They will be required to follow these directives, guidelines, and advisories. If they fail to do so, the digital media companies concerned will be

held directly responsible. This will remove the legal shield these companies enjoy under the Safe Harbor Act. The most significant change in the IT rules is that platforms cannot delete data.

- According to the new rules, platforms will not be able to delete data if it is required to be preserved under any other law, including financial, tax, or investigation matters.
- Currently, the Digital Media Ethics Code was applicable only to news publishers, but users posting news or current affairs on social media will also be covered under it.
- The government can refer any content-related matter directly to the review committee, without having to wait for a complaint.

CAG report: Many soldiers did not receive their salaries and allowances on time

Deficiencies found in military hospitals, recommending digitization of military work records

New Delhi (GNS): The Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (CAG) report on defense was presented in Parliament on Monday. It also pointed to deficiencies in the maintenance of several military hospitals. It also pointed out that a significant number of army personnel did not receive their salaries and allowances on time and in an accurate manner. According to the report, site records related to military



construction projects were not maintained properly. This made it difficult to determine the quality of work and contractor accountability. The audit recommended that the Ministry of Defense digitize site records. Site records contain information related to work progress, materials, and test reports. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is the body responsible for auditing government expenditure and performance.

Husband has no right to property inherited from his parents:

Andhra High Court said in a family dispute - everything belonging to a childless woman will go to her father's heirs

Amravati (GNS): The Andhra Pradesh High Court has ruled that if a Hindu woman inherits property from her parents and dies without issue or a will, her husband or in-laws will have no legal claim to the property. Such property will pass to the legal heirs of the woman's father. Justice Tarlada Rajashekhar Rao said that Section 15(2)(a) of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956 is clear in this regard. The case concerns a family's property. In 2002, a woman gifted her property to her first granddaughter. In 2005, that granddaughter died childless. Subsequently, the grandmother revoked the previous gift and bequeathed the property to her second granddaughter. After her grandmother's death in 2012, the second granddaughter applied to have her name registered in the revenue records.

Fool's Day: Our joke should not become the reason for someone's pain

Yogesh Kumar Goyal

Fool's Day is a festival of smiles in stressful times

Celebrated worldwide on April 1st, "Fool's Day" is not just an ordinary day, but an occasion for laughter, joy, and lighthearted fun, providing a moment of respite from the stressful everyday life. On this day, everyone, young and old, jokes with each other, creating a joyful atmosphere through laughter and banter without any malice. The most special thing about this day is that the jokes are usually harmless.

People present imaginary or fabricated stories that the other person easily believes, and when the truth is revealed, both sides burst into laughter. Sometimes, even the most intelligent and clever people become the victims of jokes on this day, making the atmosphere even more entertaining.

This tradition isn't limited to ordinary people; major media outlets, prestigious companies, and well-known brands also entertain people with unique and creative pranks on this day. History offers many interesting examples. In 1957, the BBC broad-

cast a news story about the "Spaghetti Tree," claiming that spaghetti grows on trees in Switzerland. Thousands of people believed it. Similarly, in 1996, Burger King surprised people by announcing the "Left-Hand Whopper" burger. This tradition has become even more widespread in the digital age. Through social media and online platforms, such pranks reach millions of people within minutes. However, sometimes people ignore even true news, thinking it's an April Fool's prank, and later regret it. There are various

theories about the origin of Fool's Day. According to one popular belief, in ancient times, the New Year began on April 1st in many countries. When the calendar system changed and the New Year began to begin on January 1st, some people continued to follow the old tradition. To mock such people, April 1st was celebrated as 'Fool's Day'. Gradually, this tradition became a means of entertainment. Although this tradition may have come to Indian culture from the West, its underlying spirit (laughter, joy, and mutual understanding) resonates with Indian

values. In today's hectic and stressful lifestyle, where people have less time for laughter, this day provides a joyful opportunity. However, it's important to remember that jokes should be within the bounds of decency and sensitivity. Jokes that hurt, insult, or harm someone's feelings are contrary to the spirit of this day. The purpose of Fool's Day isn't to humiliate anyone, but rather to bring everyone together to laugh and share happiness. In fact, pure humor not only reduces mental stress but also strengthens relationships.

Editorial

The art of smiling in every situation: The philosophy of life to find happiness in sorrow

Life itself is a continuous flow, in which both happiness and sorrow flow together. Just as the cycle of day and night never stops, the coming and going of happiness and pain is also natural in life. Humans generally desire happiness and want to avoid sorrow, but it is true that sorrow is also an integral part of life. If we only expect happiness and become distracted when sorrow comes, we fail to understand the true nature of life. The beauty of life lies in maintaining balance in every situation and moving forward with a smile.

Nature has gifted humans with the remarkable gift of wisdom and intelligence. This is why they can find solutions even in the most difficult situations. If they so desire, they can transform suffering into learning and pain into inspiration. Just as energy can be generated from waste and useful objects can be made from useless materials, humans can also give positive direction to the sorrows of their lives. It all depends on their thinking and perspective.

The root cause of suffering lies not outside, but within. When a person neglects his duties, when he lives in carelessness and negligence, he causes his own suffering. Negligence means not understanding reality, mistaking wrong for right, and failing to use our discretion. When we recognize this negligence within us and strive to rise above it, we can give our lives a new direction.

It's crucial to understand that crying or lamenting isn't the solution to any problem. If we succumb to despair when we face grief, we weaken ourselves even more. Conversely, if we face our circumstances with patience and courage, that grief can become a source of strength. Only those who learn to smile even in the face of difficulties can truly enjoy life.

History and religious scriptures contain numerous examples of people who displayed patience and equanimity even in the most difficult circumstances. They did not let their suffering overwhelm them, but instead used it as a vehicle for self-development.



When did

humankind emerge on a global scale? We may be unable to answer this question, but I believe that just as this trend has continued for generations, and we have heard our elders and ancestors say that the era of Kaliyuga has now arrived, there was the Satyayuga, where all beings were happy and prosperous, virtue prevailed everywhere, and sin was non-existent. But today, in Kaliyuga, a storm of sins has swept through us.



Let us encourage the practice of living a successful life by staying away from deceit and sins

Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

We still hear such stories from our elders. Although they themselves may have experienced only a small portion of it and heard the rest from their ancestors, this story has been passed down from generation to generation. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that if we look at the current situation, we will indeed find sins outnumbering virtues. Perhaps this is why this era has been called Kaliyuga, because in today's circumstances, sins seem to outnumber virtues. Therefore, today we will discuss through this article, do not commit deceit and fraud and sin because they definitely get the fruits of their misfortune and sufferings in their lifetime along with interest.

Friends, if we look at our personal lives, if a straw gets stuck in our eye or a thorn in our foot, we suffer so much pain, we run away helplessly. Sometimes the condition becomes so severe that it even requires surgery. Even worse, there's the possibility of the eye or leg becoming paralyzed. Similarly, if a fire breaks out in buried cotton, we can imagine the devastation. Now, if we consider the punishment for sin, we'll be shocked. Those who commit sins are sure to receive their rewards in the form of misery and suffering, with interest, in this very lifetime. I've seen numerous examples of this myself, both in my city and abroad. Therefore, we need to emphasize that we should avoid deceit and sin as much as possible and encourage the practice of leading a successful life. In

the paragraphs below, we're describing sins by highlighting the thinking of several gentlemen.

Friends, if we talk about the definition of sins, it is in a wide form, but still some known activities are as follows, sin first enters the human sight, then pollutes the thoughts and after that corrupts the character. Sins are those acts which make us sick, cause us pain, suffering, make us or our loved ones victims of violence, such as: self-violence, thoughts of suicide, murder, rape, kidnapping, theft, robbery, disgrace, mental/physical disease, painful death, helpless, fear-filled life, path of Asura/Amoksh, intoxication, violence against other living beings, meat eating, beating, Tamasic food, belief in lies, deceit, cunning of gurus and media, unnecessary fear, attachment, hatred, jealousy, anger, ego, greed for money-position-sex-respect, taking bribe, cheating, tolerating injustice, slavery, hurting the feelings of a poor and distressed person is a sin, mocking a Brahmin is a sin, troubling or torturing one's parents is a sin, killing a mute animal is a sin, cheating and fraud is a sin. It is a sin to kill a helpless woman or an innocent child, it is a sin to betray the country or family for one's own benefit, there are many such acts which come under the category of sins. We should do good deeds so that in our absence people feel our absence and we can become an inspiration for others. Friends, a human being is made up of two things, one is the body and the other is the soul. The soul is such an energy that keeps a person alive, whereas the body is a dependent thing that needs different things

according to the time. Nafs (desire) is found in the human body. When the devil puts the pressure on a person to commit sin, then the nafs pushes the person towards that sin due to which the person starts committing sin. The one who has control over his nafs (desire) starts doing good deeds instead of sin. Sin is nothing but that due to any of our actions, we or someone else gets harmed, someone has very good thoughts.

Friends, if we define sin based on our own actions, then it's not recognizing our own actions. This means that doing something is wrong, and not doing it is wrong. Only knowing what's right is right. Just as a farmer will do what he intends to sow, that is, he will sow the seeds, and that's what he will reap. It's not like sowing plums and then thinking about mangoes some time later. Just thinking about it creates new karma, and the previous results won't bring happiness. For example, someone thinks that karma is nothing, that he's been given human life and can do whatever he wants. He's sowing whatever he wants in ignorance. And he will reap what he sows, no matter how much he thrashes. This is called fate, and no one can change or alter it. Other births are born of enjoyment; karma isn't created there. Only the human birth is the birth of action. In this birth, we write our own destiny. Therefore, we are God, not anyone's interference. As soon as our six days of Chhath (the six days of Chhath) arrive, our attention shifts to the world, and as soon as we become senile, our actions go into standby mode. This time in between is our time to write our own destiny.

This human life hasn't come so easily; it seems so easy only because of ego and illusion. When these things are removed from us, we will realize, when we are in standby mode, that by then we will have already written our destiny/script. From that very moment, we will begin to reap what we sow. Initially, we will receive the good, but then gradually decline. The remaining karmas will determine our next life in which we will experience the consequences. Now, let's not create more karmas of punishment by blaming God. This is the automatic system of creation, which is unchangeable. Tantra, mantra, recitation, worship, yoga, meditation, word knowledge, all are meant to be understood, not for hypocrisy. Because we can never be greater or wiser than the Creator. To think so would be a mere delusion. As long as you are young, you will have delusions. These are admirable thoughts from someone.

Friends, if we explain sin in relation to our religion or duties, then in my opinion, religion means our duty. For example, a father's duty towards his daughter, a son's duty towards his parents, a husband and wife's duty towards each other, a teacher's duty towards their students, a citizen's duty towards his country, a PM's duty towards his nation and people, a soldier's duty towards his country, a human being's duty towards other humans, plants and nature, a worker's duty towards his work, a student's duty towards his education, teachers and school, etc. This has been discussed about religion, now let us talk about sin or irreligion.

Hanuman is the greatest devotee of Lord Rama

Sanjay Goswami

According to the accurate calculations of astrologers, Hanuman ji was born 58 thousand 112 years ago in the last phase of Treta Yuga on Chaitra Purnima, Tuesday, at 6.03 am in the conjunction of Chitra Nakshatra and Aries Lagna, in a cave in a small hill village named Anjan in Gumla district of present day Jharkhand state in India. It is said that after years of severe penance, mother Anjana gave birth to a child with extraordinary intelligence. On Chaitra Shukla Purnima, Tuesday, at midnight, Lord Shiva abandoned his Rudra body and incarnated as Hanuman in the form of a monkey from Anjana's womb. Lord Shiva was born from Anjana's

womb as the eleventh Rudra, hence Hanumanji is called Rudraavatar in the scriptures.

In her previous life, Anjana was an Apsara named Punjiksthal. When Ravana went to heaven, he was captivated by her beauty and radiance. Driven by lust, Ravana grabbed her hand. Releasing her hand, an enraged Punjiksthal went straight to Brahma and said, "Receiving your boon, such evil-natured people roam the heavens, oppressing and committing adultery against those who seek your refuge." Brahma said to Ravana, "If from now on, you look at another woman with evil eyes, your head will be shattered into pieces." The Apsara was not satisfied. She told Brahma, "I will take revenge

myself." Due to the curse of sage Atri, this same Apsara named Punjiksthal was born to Kunjar the monkey and was named Anjana (Anjani). Anjana was married to the monkey king Kesari. Kesari used to protect sages by killing demons. The sages were pleased and blessed Kesari, saying, "Your unborn child will be full of strength, wisdom, and knowledge. When he grows up, he will become an ardent devotee of Lord Rama and will be revered and worshipped throughout the world." Anjana and Kesari left Mount Sumeru for Kishkindha. Anjana performed penance for a thousand years at the ashram of Sage Matanga. She then meditated for a hundred years on Mount Venkateshwara. During this period,

Kesari provided her with his full support. While Anjana was meditating, the Trinity arrived. Anjana asked them for a boon: "May her future son have all the powers that surpass yours. May he destroy the demons in this world and protect the gods." The Trinity agreed. Lord Rudra, the destroyer of the universe, decided to incarnate as the son of the wind god and the son of the monkey king Kesari, to serve his beloved Hari more fully and protect his devotees in the Kaliyuga. The wind god also blessed Anjana, saying, "I will bestow my strength, the power that makes the three worlds tremble, upon your son." At birth, he was named Maruti. It is believed that Lord Shiva reincarnated on Earth as a human being, as

Hanuman, the 11th Rudra avatar, because he could not serve Lord Rama in his true form. Maruti felt hungry, but Anjana was not at home to feed him. At that very moment, Maruti mistook the rising sun for a sweet fruit. He immediately flew into the sky and reached the sun. To protect Maruti from the sun's heat, the wind god followed him. Rahu also arrived with his army. Maruti, mistaking it for a sweet fruit, pounced on it. Rahu went to Indra to complain. Meanwhile, Maruti destroyed Rahu's demonic army. Maruti, mistaking the sun for a sweet fruit, placed it in his mouth. When Indra struck Maruti with his thunderbolt, he fell unconscious. Seeing this, the god of wind became enraged.

First phase of census to be held in Delhi in two time windows

New Delhi ,(GNS): The first phase of census 2027 which involves House Listing Operations, will take place in the national capital in two separate windows, where for the city areas falling under the MCD limits, it will be conducted between May 16 and June 14. For parts of the city falling under the NDMC limits and the Delhi Cantonment area, it will be held between April 16 and May 15.

For the MCD-governed parts of the city, the self-enumeration process will be conducted between May 1 and May 15, while the same process for the NDMC-governed areas and Delhi Cantonment will be held between April 1 and 15, the Registrar General of India (RGI) Mritunjay Kumar Narayan told mediapersons at a press conference.

He said the citizens will have the option of self-enumeration,



where they can visit the self-enumeration website, register and provide all the information, after which a 16-digit code will be generated.

This code shall be shared with the enumerator when he visits the household, where he would verify the information shared by an individual digitally in self-enumeration. The citizens can make any necessary corrections at this stage. Once verified, the informa-

tion shall be submitted," the RGI informed reporters.

The census 2027 is being conducted in two phases - the first stage is known as house listing and housing census, and the second stage is the population census.

The house listing operations will be held between April 1 and September 30.

In a first, the exercise will be completely digital, with enumera-

tors using a special mobile application created for the purpose on their phones to collect the information.

The citizens will be posed with 33 questions during the exercise regarding basic facilities in their houses, information about the head of the household, such as the name and sex, and the ownership status.

According to the gazette notification issued on January 22, the enumerators would also ask about the number of dwelling rooms exclusively in possession of the household and the number of married couple(s) living there, the main source of drinking water, main source of lighting, access to and type of latrine, wastewater outlet, availability of bathing facility, availability of kitchen and LPG and PNG connection and the main fuel used for cooking.

Delhi weather: Despite cooler 2nd half, this March could end as warmest in 4 years

NEW DELHI ,(GNS): Delhi may have seen its warmest March in four years (since 2022), as the average monthly maximum temperature by March 30 stood at 32.5 degrees Celsius and minimum at 17.5 degrees Celsius. The city, however, recorded much cooler second half of the month than the first, even though mercury typically touches 40 degrees Celsius by March-end.

As for the minimum temperature, a solid indicator of thermal distress, since 2011 it had been just three times when it averaged out above 17 degrees Celsius. The average monthly minimum temperature stood at 17.5 degrees Celsius, 1.9 degrees Celsius above the long-period average (LPA) of 15.6 degrees Celsius. In 2022, the monthly average was 17.6 degrees Celsius. We have seen western disturbances, back-to-back in the second half, with rainfall - even though patchy, on multiple



days. The first half was fairly dry, with clear skies and the temperatures rising day by day. It was only on March 15 that it dipped first, due to rains," said Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet. He also pointed out that the first 10 days of April will remain comparatively less warm, due to impact of another western disturbance. "There won't be any heatwave for at least 10 days of April, the thermal distress will see occasional relief due to on and off rain," said Palawat. On Monday, Delhi's maximum was 35.1 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal. This was largely during the afternoon before overcast skies took over leading to patchy rain.

Daily Wage Worker Found Dead in Drain During Cleaning Work in Northeast Delhi



New Delhi ,(GNS): A 33-year-old daily wage labourer, who went to clean a drain, was found dead after allegedly drowning in it in northeast Delhi's Dilshad Garden on Monday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Rahul, a resident of Sundar Nagar. According to police, two daily wage workers were assigned to carry out desilting work in the drain.

One of the workers told police that they were removing silt when Rahul allegedly slipped into the drain. Police said a search operation was launched immediately, and Rahul's body was recovered from the drain after nearly an hour.

A case has been registered under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) at Seemapuri police station. Further investigation to ascertain and verify the sequence of events leading to the incident is underway, police said.

Worker dies cleaning sewer in Shahdara



New Delhi,(GNS): In a tragic accident in the Shahdara area of Delhi a sanitation worker drowned while cleaning the sewer, police said on Monday. The deceased has been identified as Rahul (33), a resident of MCD Flats in Sundar Nagar, Delhi.

According to officials, a PCR call was received at the Seemapuri police station regarding a drowning incident at Q Pocket in Dilshad Garden. Two daily wage labourers had been deployed to clean silt from a drain when the incident occurred.

The complainant, identified as Capital (32), a resident of Aradhak Nagar in Seemapuri, told the police that while they were engaged in removing silt from the drain, his colleague slipped into the nala and drowned.

Kitne aadmi the? Enough to pack a hall for Sholay

New Delhi ,(GNS): At Bharat Mandapam on Monday evening, the buzz outside one of the screening halls stood out from the rest. It wasn't for something new, but timeless, as people lined up in long, curling queues to watch the 1975 classic Sholay.

Within the larger sprawl of the International Film Festival Delhi (IFFD), which is showcasing over 125 films from across the world, the iconic film was an instant crowd-puller. Much of the excitement about it came from a strong turnout of Gen Z viewers, many of them eager to experience the 50-year-old icon on the big screen for the first time.

Volunteers were busy managing the growing queue as the air filled with animated chatter. Phones were out, selfies were being clicked and familiar dialogues, from "Ye haath mujhe de de, Thakur" to "Tera kya hoga, Kaliya?,"



echoed through the crowd, often mouthed by those who never watched the film in a theatre before.

"I feel like I already know the film without watching it," smiled Kashika, a student from South Extension attending her first-ever screening of the classic. "My mother dragged me here. She's seen it before, of course. I've only heard the famous dialogues.

But when we spotted it on the schedule, we thought, why not? I'm excited."

That shared sense of discovery seemed to define the queue. Many of the younger viewers weren't here for nostalgia, but because they were curious. For years, they had a desire to watch what their parents often describe as India's answer to The Godfather.

A few steps behind Kashika

stood 22-year-old Neeraj, who travelled all the way from Dwarka. "It's not just a film, right? It's something everyone keeps referencing. I didn't want to miss the chance to watch it properly, in a theatre, among an audience," he gushed.

Anurag (17), a Delhi University student, said, "I'm here more out of curiosity than fandom. I have heard so

much about the film, and want to see if it lives up to the hype. People from older generations just can't stop talking about it."

Just across the venue, the festival's exhibition section leaned into that legacy. A dedicated Sholay corner showcased vintage posters, alongside towering cut-outs of Gabbar Singh and other iconic characters. Visitors paused to click photos, some striking exaggerated villain poses, others calling friends over for group pictures.

But the crowd wasn't only made up of first-timers. There were veterans, too. Those viewers who had grown up with the film and returned to relive it. Rambha Singh, 58, stood quietly to one side, watching the younger crowd with a smile. "I've seen Sholay in theatres twice before, and then countless times on television," she said. "I can't even put a number on it."

Peak Detailing: How govt plans to quench Delhi's thirst this summer

New Delhi ,(GNS): With another intense summer approaching, Delhi govt on Monday unveiled its Summer Action Plan 2026-27 to shore up water supply, tighten sewer management and accelerate the clean-up of the Yamuna, while rolling out digital tools to improve grievance redressal and transparency.

Launching the plan at the DJB headquarters in Jhandewalan, water minister Parvesh Verma said the focus will be on maintaining peak production, plugging distribution gaps and ensuring accountability in tanker operations. "Supplying clean water and protecting the Yamuna are not just administrative tasks but a shared responsibility," he added.

Officials said Delhi aims to sustain a peak water production of 1,002 MGD through the summer months. All

major treatment plants - Chandrawal, Wazirabad, Haiderpur, Nangloi, Okhla, Dwarka, Bawana and Sonia Vihar - are being readied, with continuous monitoring of raw water quality, particularly ammonia levels, to prevent disruptions that have previously plagued the capital.

To augment supply in water-stressed areas, DJB plans to expand its tube-well network from 5,854 to nearly 6,290 units before peak demand sets in. Authorities have also undertaken annual reservoir cleaning, maintenance of underground storage and booster pumping stations, along with intensified leak detection drives to curb losses in the distribution network.

Tanker supply, meanwhile, is set for a technology overhaul. About 1,200 tankers will be deployed monthly, backed by GPS tracking, geo-tagging

and real-time dashboard monitoring. Digitised route mapping and fixed supply points will help curb misuse, the plan states. "The tanker system is not a permanent solution. Our effort is to make it transparent while strengthening pipelines," Verma said.

Water quality surveillance is being stepped up, with eight laboratories testing 1,600-1,700 samples daily to ensure compliance with BIS norms. DJB said the proportion of unsatisfactory samples will be kept within a 3-5% range, alongside expansion of field sampling.

Pipelines have been laid in 1,646 of Delhi's 1,799 unauthorised colonies, with the remaining areas to be covered in phases. Officials said bridging last-mile gaps will be a priority this summer.

Repeat offender held for smuggling liquor on camelback

New Delhi ,(GNS): Seven months after camels were first spotted wandering the forests of south Delhi, they have surfaced again under the command of accused Vinod Bhadana, as unlikely carriers in an illicit liquor-smuggling racket.

The animals were used to ferry contraband through dense forest trails from Faridabad into Delhi via Sangam Vihar, skirting checkpoints and slipping past state border surveillance. Police arrested the 48-year-old accused, a repeat offender, and seized 39 cartons (1,938 quarters) of illicit liquor along with two camels deployed in the operation.

Acting on a tip-off, a police team on Monday laid a trap in the forest route area and caught Bhadana red-handed while he was transporting the consignment.

Police said that with intensified checks in place on roads connecting Delhi and

Faridabad, the accused turned to camels to navigate rugged forest terrain and bypass police pickets. He avoided main roads, choosing isolated forest stretches where the camels blended into the landscape, masking what was in reality an interstate smuggling run.

DCP (south) Anant Mittal said, "This unconventional method was adopted to evade detection during intensified enforcement under Operation Kavach."

Bhadana was arrested in a similar case last Sept, when he and four of his associates were found smuggling liquor using three camels. He was previously released on Sept 18, 2025.

The seized camels in both cases have been handed over to a govt animal welfare agency. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the Delhi Excise Act and the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act at the Neb Sarai police station.

MCD standing committee deadlock over member retirement process

New Delhi ,(GNS): Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) could face a constitutional crisis if the retirement process for nine of the 18 standing committee members is not completed by March 31. In such a scenario, the LG can intervene under Section 487 of the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act.

The exercise is required to initiate re-election of 50% of the members, including the new standing committee chairperson.

Although the standing committee met on Monday, the vacation process through a draw of lots could not be carried out owing to chaos in the House. Several AAP councillors questioned why the minutes of previ-

ous meetings had not been tabled and formally approved. They also raised concerns over the granting of Rs 650 crore for extension of the biomining contract till Sept to existing agencies at the three landfills, alleging the proposal was not tabled in the meeting. Questions were also raised about some proposals discussed earlier whose status wasn't updated in the official minutes.

As AAP councillors gathered in the well of the House with placards accusing BJP-led MCD of corruption and clearing projects without opposition consent, standing committee chairperson Satya Sharma adjourned the meeting. Later, after discussions with other committee members, she issued an order convening



the next meeting on March 31 - a public holiday -- to consider Item No. 52, which pertains to the vacation of 50% of members through a draw of lots.

The standing committee was constituted nearly two years after the MCD elections held in Dec 2022, with the matter

reaching the Supreme Court. The delay stalled several key proposals, including those related to biomining at the city's landfills and garbage collection. As per DMC Act, the standing committee operates for one year from the date of elections but 50% of its members retire by the

end of the financial year. As of now, there are 11 BJP and seven AAP members in the 18-member standing committee.

Meanwhile, the decision to convene the next meeting on short notice drew sharp criticism from AAP councillors. "As per norms, at least 72 hours' prior notice is required to convene a meeting, unless the next date is announced during the session. Under these circumstances, the meeting can be legally challenged. We have not yet received the updated circular, and a decision on participation will be taken after consulting party leadership," said AAP councillor and MCD co-in-charge Parveen Kumar.

He accused BJP of functioning in an autocratic manner.

"We strongly opposed the proposal to award a 10-year contract for replacing and maintaining lakhs of streetlights in MCD areas, as technology evolves rapidly and such long-term contracts may lead to financial losses. The proposal was brought again in Monday's meeting. Moreover, what is the point of holding meetings when the minutes of the last four meetings have neither been approved nor shared with AAP councillors? Changes are being made arbitrarily later," Kumar alleged.

Responding to the charges, Sharma said minutes of the last two meetings are yet to be approved and directions have been issued to the municipal secretary's office to expedite the process.

From preparation to public service: UPSC 2025 toppers felicitated

New Delhi ,(GNS): Following the declaration of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination 2025 results, a gathering unfolded at Drishti IAS, one that blended relief, reflection and quiet celebration.

Around 50 successful candidates, many accompanied by their parents, came together not just to be felicitated, but to look back on a journey that, for most, spanned years of uncertainty, discipline and persistence. The room carried stories of repeated attempts, long study hours and moments of self-doubt, now replaced with a sense of achievement.

While the ceremony marked success, the conversations centred on the process behind it. Speakers emphasised that clearing the exam is rarely about last-minute effort, but about consistency especially in the often overlooked phase between the preliminary and main examinations. Regular answer writing, revision and continuous feedback were highlighted as the factors that separate those who qualify from those who fall short.

Addressing the candidates, Vikas Divyakitri focused less on success itself and



more on what comes after it. "First of all, I would like to congratulate all successful candidates. Clearing the Civil Services Examination is never easy, it demands patience, discipline and sustained effort over a long period of time." He urged the candidates to remain grounded as they move into positions of responsibility.

"At this stage, I would like to share a few simple thoughts with you. As you move forward, it is important to remain grounded and not lose sight of where you come from.

With success often comes attention and recognition, but it is important to stay focused on your responsibilities rather than getting carried away by it. Continue to work with honesty and commitment, just as you did during your preparation. And equally important, stay connected with your family, their support plays a quiet but significant role throughout this journey. In the end, what will matter is not just clearing the examination, but how you carry yourself in the responsibilities that follow," he added.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta attends mass wedding of 51 couples



New Delhi ,(GNS): Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday attended a mass wedding ceremony at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, where 51 couples were married, describing the initiative as a step towards promoting dignity, equality and social harmony.

Addressing the gathering, Gupta said the event was not merely about solemnising marriages but about empowering women and supporting families in need. "This is not just a wedding ceremony, but a powerful step towards ensuring dignity, empowerment and a brighter future for our daughters," she said, adding that such efforts reflect collective social respon-

sibility.

The ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including former President Ram Nath Kovind, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Raksha Khadse and spiritual leader Swami Avdhesanand Giri.

As part of the initiative, each bride was provided financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh, along with skill development support worth up to Rs 1 lakh to promote self-reliance. In addition, brides received laptops with e-learning material to support continued education and were covered under a health insurance scheme of up to Rs 7.5 lakh for three years.

Sirsa launches Rs 14-cr works in Rajouri Garden



New Delhi ,(GNS): Development work worth around Rs 14 crore was set in motion in Delhi's Rajouri Garden on Monday, as Delhi minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa launched a series of infrastructure upgrades in the area.

The projects, which include reconstruction of drinking water and sewer lines, strengthening of PWD roads, and beautification of parks, come amid a broader push by the Delhi Government to expand capital spending on infrastructure. He said, "The announcement is made with the focus placed on improving basic civic facilities across the city."

The minister also referred to long-standing issues related to water and sewer systems, stating that these were being addressed as part of the current phase of work.

"The issues of contaminated water and sewerage that we inherited due to 10-11 years of misgovernance will soon be resolved, and the people of Delhi will get relief," Sirsa said.

In Rajouri Garden, this signals larger development plan of the constituency. According to Sirsa, projects worth around ₹175 crore have been initiated within the first year itself, with more expected to follow.

He informed, "I am happy to share that several important works have already begun, and we will continue to maintain this level of development work in the coming times as well."

Thanking RWAs, the minister acknowledged their role in enabling these initiatives. "You have given us the opportunity to serve." Sirsa told that the government is allocating more than Rs 100 crore for development works in each Assembly constituency.

He said efforts are being made to upgrade safety and civic infrastructure also which would include the installation of high-end CCTV cameras, along with other better facilities.

IFFD's 'Night of Honours' celebrates cinematic excellence

New Delhi ,(GNS): The fifth day of the International Film Festival of Delhi (IFFD) culminated in a star-studded 'Night of Honours' at Bharat Mandapam, where leading figures from cinema and government came together to celebrate excellence across films, performances and storytelling, with top honours going to "Saiyaara", "Sitaare Zameen Par" and "Dhurandhar".

The event, attended by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra, saw "Saiyaara" (directed by Mohit Suri) win Pathbreaking Film of the Year, while "Sitaare Zameen Par" was named Most Inspiring Film of the Year. "Dhurandhar" (Jio Studios) secured multiple honours under PVR Best of 2025, with Ranveer Singh winning Best Actor and Aditya Dhar being recognised as Best Director.

Film "Tanvi The Great" also emerged as a major winner, earning Best Direction for Anupam Kher and Best Debut Actor for Shubhangi Dutt. Among special recognitions, Ramesh Sippy was honoured for 50 years of Sholay, while Bhumi



Pednekar received the "Actor with a Mission" award for her work with the United Nations Development Programme.

The ceremony also recognised contributions beyond mainstream cinema, with Dimple Dugar honoured for preserving history through film, and filmmakers like Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra and Sunit Tandon felicitated for their roles in shaping the festival. International participation was acknowledged with a special mention of actor Enrique Arce and the Singapore International Film Festival delegation.

Speaking at the event, Chief

Minister Gupta said, "Cinema has the power to inspire, to connect and to tell stories that become people's dreams," adding that the festival is helping shape a new cultural identity for Delhi.

Tourism Minister Mishra highlighted the vision behind the event, stating, "We are committed to establishing Delhi not just as a political capital but as a cultural capital of India."

L-G Sandhu described the festival as a reflection of Delhi's evolving cultural identity, bringing together storytellers and audiences from across the world, while Mehra emphasised the deeper impact of cinema, saying, "A festival like IFFD is not just about films, it is about the conversations they spark and the emotions they leave behind."

The evening also spotlighted emerging formats such as AI filmmaking, with hackathon winners being recognised, and honoured artists, including Guneet Monga, TP Aggarwal and Divya Dutta under the "Capital's Pride" segment.

With packed screenings and industry discussions continuing

through the day, the festival now heads into its final leg, positioning itself as a major platform for both established and emerging voices in Indian and global cinema.

Kapil Mishra attends special screening : Delhi Tourism Minister Kapil Mishra attended a special screening of "Dhurandhar - The Revenge" (Dhurandhar-2) at the International Film Festival, Delhi (IFFD), where he underscored the role of cinema in celebrating the sacrifices of the armed forces and inspiring patriotism among youth.

Addressing media and attendees, Mishra said: "Every soldier serving and safeguarding the nation is a true hero of India, and their contribution will always remain paramount," adding that films such as "Uri", "Shershaah" and "Dhurandhar" play a vital role in highlighting the dedication of defence personnel and strengthening national pride.

The minister said the ongoing festival marks a significant milestone for the Capital, noting that under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Delhi is hosting an international film festival of this scale for the first time.

L-G reviews bioremediation works at Bhalswa landfill site

New Delhi ,(GNS): Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Monday visited the MCD Solid Waste dump site at Bhalswa to take stock of the ongoing bioremediation works for flattening of the garbage mountain there.

Sandhu was accompanied by the MCD Commissioner and other senior officers of the civic body apart from representatives of the concessionaire, carrying out the waste disposal work of the site. He directed the civic agency to not only address legacy waste but also continuous inflow of fresh waste at these sites.

The L-G walked up to trommeling machines carrying out the work of segregation and remediation of legacy as well as fresh waste, and witnessed firsthand the process involved in converting municipal solid waste into RDF - used as fuel



in waste to energy plants and other industries.

After reviewing a presentation made by the MCD, the L-G observed that, while much had been achieved after PM Narendra Modi flagged the three dump sites, at Bhalswa, Ghazipur and Okhla, as mountains of shame on Swachhta

Diwas 2021, asking for their removal, there was much that remained to be effectively addressed.

The L-G advised the MCD to explore latest and emerging global technologies in waste management and accelerate outcomes by adopting international benchmarks.

Man beats wife to death with small LPG cylinder

New Delhi, Agency: A 32-year-old woman was allegedly beaten to death by her husband with a small LPG cylinder following a domestic dispute in the Pul Prahladpur area, the police said on Monday.

The woman, identified as Poonam, was found dead at her residence in DDA Janta Flats, where she lived with her husband, Suresh Kumar. The police have arrested the accused and registered a murder case.

According to initial investigation, the couple had married in 2020 and had moved to Delhi from Churu, Rajasthan, about a month ago. They have two daughters - a four-year-old who lives with grandparents in Churu, and a younger child, around one-and-a-half-year old, who was present in the house at the time of the incident, an

official said.

The police said the incident was triggered by an argument over financial support for the husband's brother. The verbal altercation soon escalated into violence, during which the accused allegedly attacked his wife multiple times using a small LPG cylinder, the cop mentioned.

Neighbors reported hearing loud screams from the house and alerted the police. When officers reached the spot, they found Poonam critically injured. She had succumbed to her injuries by the time help reached.

Police teams secured the crime scene and took the accused into custody shortly after. The body has been sent for post-mortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death and the sequence of injuries, the cop added.

NDMC to begin unit area method for property tax assessment

New Delhi ,(GNS): The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) will roll out unit area method (UAM) for property tax assessment in line with the Centre's Jan Vishwas framework, aiming to bring uniform taxation, reduce compliance burden and boost ease of doing business for traders, NDMC vice-chairperson Kuljeet Singh Chahal said on Monday.

Addressing a meeting with the New Delhi Traders' Association (NDTA) at Connaught Place, Chahal said the new system, aligned with the vision of "One Delhi, One Tax," will replace the existing rental value-based assessment with a transparent, unit area-based structure applicable uniformly across proper-



ties. He said the move is expected to enhance traders' confidence while reducing disputes and ensuring objective tax calculation.

Highlighting the benefits, Chahal said the UAM could lead to a 30-50 per cent reduction in property tax, particularly for old and self-occupied properties, while

the maximum tax rate will be brought down from 30 per cent to 20 per cent. The system will also introduce features such as self-assessment, online payment and bifurcation of property units, allowing separate taxation for shops and storage spaces.

He said NDMC's tax collection, which stood at Rs

1,045 crore last year, is projected to rise to around Rs 1,350 crore this year, indicating improved compliance under the new regime. A dedicated team will be set up to ensure time-bound resolution of traders' grievances.

Chahal assured that detailed consultations will be held with trader bodies before implementation and their suggestions will be incorporated to make the system more effective. He said the initiative is in line with the government's push to eliminate "Inspector Raj" and promote trust-based governance.

During the interaction, traders raised concerns related to mezzanine floor usage, public amenities and infra-

structure issues such as footpaths, to which the NDMC assured prompt action. The civic body also highlighted ongoing cleanliness drives, including night sweeping and mechanised road cleaning, to maintain the city's environment.

In a further relief to traders, the NDMC has done away with the requirement of a separate trade licence, recognising registrations under FSSAI and GST as valid permissions.

Chahal also announced that road restoration charges for PNG pipeline works by Indraprastha Gas Limited have been waived for three months, with approvals for road cutting to be granted within 24 hours.

Mystery shrouds death of Nigerian national in Capital

New Delhi ,(GNS):

A 32-year-old Nigerian national died under mysterious circumstances after being apprehended by the Special Staff of West District during an operation "Kavach", the police said on Monday. The deceased has been identified as Christian Eze Promise, who hails from Nigeria. His body has been preserved at a mortuary at the AIIMS, New Delhi.

The Delhi Police said the incident took place on the evening of Sunday as part of an ongoing drive, "Operation Kavach", aimed at intensified patrolling in busy areas and along major roads to check suspicious activities. The NHRC, Ministry of external affairs, High Commission of Nigeria and all officials concerned in compliance of PHQ directions in such matters have been informed about the incident, the DCP said.

