



Tejashwi's rebel MLAs meet Nitish: CM will receive Z+ security even after resignation

New government may be formed after April 14

Patna(GNS):A major upheaval is about to take place in Bihar politics. According to sources, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will be inducted into the Rajya Sabha on April 10th. He is then expected to resign as Chief Minister on April 14th. A new government will be formed in Bihar by the 18th. Amid speculation about the Chief Minister's resignation, a major decision has been made regarding his security. Nitish Kumar will continue to receive Z+ category security even after resigning as Chief Minister. The Bihar government's Home Department has issued a notification regarding this. This notification also mentions Nitish Kumar's resignation from the post of Chief Minister. The letter states, "The Member of the Bihar Legislative Council and the Chief Minister of Bihar will resign and accept the Rajya Sabha membership." Meanwhile, Tejashwi's rebel MLA Faisal Rahman met Nitish Kumar at the CM House on Thursday. Dhaka MLA Faisal Rahman did not come to vote in the Rajya Sabha elections held on March 16.

AAP removes Raghav Chadha as Rajya Sabha Deputy Leader:

Says he will not speak on behalf of the party in the House; has raised issues like gig workers and recharge

New Delhi(GNS): The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Thursday removed MP Raghav Chadha from the post of Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha. He was replaced in the post by Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Mittal. The party informed the Rajya Sabha Secretariat of this information in a letter. The letter stated that he should not be given time to speak on behalf of the party in the House. Raghav has been a Rajya Sabha MP from Punjab since 2022. His term ends in 2028.

The party has not given a reason for this decision. However, he has long distanced himself from the party and has not been making any statements regarding AAP.

Arvind Kejriwal did not make any statement even after a lower court granted him relief in the Delhi liquor policy case on February 27. In the Rajya Sabha, he was raising public issues such as gig workers and school fees.

Gautam Adani visited Ram Lalla temple with his family; spent 30 minutes at the temple

Met with students from the Gurukul

Ayodhya(GNS):Renowned industrialist and Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani visited Ram Lalla in Ayodhya on Thursday. He, along with his wife Dr. Preeti Adani, eldest son Karan, and daughter-in-law Paridhi Adani, performed the ceremonial puja of Ram Lalla. He performed aarti, had the priest apply tilak, and accepted prasad. He toured the temple and gathered information about the Ram Temple construction.

Gautam Adani arrived in Ayodhya with his wife and other family members at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Mamata Banerjee's defeat from Bhawanipur will be the beginning of change in entire Bengal: Amit Shah



New Delhi(GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a roadshow in Bhawanipur, West Bengal. He said, "I will be in Bengal for the next 15 days. Everyone should vote without fear to uproot the TMC and throw it into the Bay of Bengal. No thug can stop the voters of Bengal." When Shah's convoy reached Kalighat, a short distance from Mamata Banerjee's residence, TMC workers shouted slogans of "Jai Bangla" and "Mamata Banerjee Zindabad" in front of the convoy. People wearing black cloth on their

heads chanted "Amit Shah Go Back" and waved black flags. Following this, clashes broke out between TMC and BJP workers. To control the situation, police erected barricades and controlled the crowd. Earlier, Shah said at a rally in Kolkata, "Suwendu Adhikari wanted to contest from Nandigram, but I told him that we must defeat Mamata Banerjee not only in Nandigram, but also in her own home." Mamata Banerjee is contesting from Bhawanipur and Nandigram in West Bengal. The BJP has fielded Suwendu Adhikari against her in both seats.

Gadkari said - we have to save the country and Assam: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari, who arrived in Guwahati, Assam, said, "Should foreign nationals

who come to our country from abroad be given the right to vote? No country can allow such unauthorized infiltration. Therefore, I have come here to make a humble appeal to you: we must save Assam, we must save the country. We must ensure the development of Assam and the country. To achieve this, you must ensure that the Bharatiya Janata Party wins this election with an absolute majority."

Rahul said : Himanta deceives everyone: Congress MP Rahul Gandhi said, "Zubin Garg spoke out against corruption and appealed for unity and communal harmony. His views were completely different from Himanta's."

Seven election observers held hostage in West Bengal Supreme Court displeased: "We know who the troublemakers are." Protests continue for the second consecutive day over names deleted from voter lists

Kolkata(GNS): The Supreme Court on Thursday expressed displeasure over the hostage-taking of seven election observers associated with the SIR in West Bengal's Malda district. The court stated, "They were held hostage for nine hours and denied food or water. This incident appears to be deliberate and provocative. We know who the miscreants are; their aim is to demoralize judicial officers and disrupt the election process."



Pancholi said law and order had collapsed in the state and sought answers from the state Home Secretary, DGP and other officials for their inaction.

Seven judicial officers, including three women, arrived at the Malda Block Development Officer's office on Wednesday. Thousands of people surrounded the office to protest the deletion of their names from the voter list.

ED raids I-PAC's Delhi Bengaluru, and Hyderabad locations: Coal scam case

Company oversees election management for Mamata Banerjee's TMC

New Delhi(GNS): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday raided three locations of political consulting firm I-PAC. The team is conducting raids at the company's offices in Delhi, Bengaluru, and Hyderabad. According to officials, the raids are related to a coal theft and fraud case. The locations of the company's co-founder and director, Rishi Raj Singh, are also under the scope of the action. I-PAC handles election management for West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's party, the Trinamool Congress.

India has 60 days of crude oil reserves; eight states get 10% increase in commercial LPG quota

New Delhi(GNS): Amid the ongoing crisis in West Asia, India has sufficient crude oil reserves to meet demand for the next 60 days. Amid any potential fluctuations in the global energy market, the Indian government has informed about the country's energy security, stating that natural gas supply has been ensured to all domestic consumers. 3.33 lakh PNG connections have been provided in the last one month.



Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, shared official information on the country's strategic energy reserves status at an inter-ministerial press briefing on recent developments in West Asia on Thursday. She assured that refineries are operating at full capacity and there is no shortage of sulfur. Our retail outlets are operating normally. Despite international fluctuations, there has been no increase in fuel prices.

Sharma stated that the Indian government has reduced excise duty to maintain stable prices, with oil marketing companies

bearing a portion of this burden. Natural gas supply to domestic consumers has been ensured to be 100% secure. Furthermore, to maintain business and industrial demand, the government has increased the quota of commercial LPG cylinders for eight states by an additional 10%.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated at a press conference that the Indian government is closely monitoring the situation of Indian citizens in Iran and is facilitating their safe movement through its embassy. He stated that approximately 1,200 Indian citizens have been assisted to leave Iran via land borders to Armenia and

Azerbaijan. Of these, 996 have reached Armenia and 204 have reached Azerbaijan. Additionally, several Indian citizens have been evacuated to safer locations within Iran in recent days. The Government of India has expressed its gratitude to the authorities of Armenia and Azerbaijan for facilitating the safe movement of Indian nationals.

Aseem R. Mahajan, Additional Secretary (Gulf), Ministry of External Affairs, stated that the Government of India is closely monitoring the situation in the Gulf and West Asia, with the safety and well-being of Indian nationals accorded the highest priority.

Chandigarh: Pak-made grenade used in BJP office attack

Two more videos related to the attack have surfaced

Chandigarh(GNS): New revelations have emerged regarding the blast outside the Punjab BJP headquarters in Sector 37, Chandigarh. Sources indicate that a GHD2P hand grenade was used in the attack. This grenade is manufactured in Pakistan.



According to reports, after the explosion, it can be extremely lethal within a radius of 5 to 10 meters. Its fragments can spread up to 20 to 25 meters, posing a

risk of serious injury to those nearby. Earlier, two new videos surfaced. Minutes before the attack, two suspects were seen standing outside another office

near the BJP office. Another video captured the two suspects running across the street after the attack. The BJP held a protest in Ludhiana to protest the incident.

Meanwhile, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has received a bomb threat emailed to it for the fourth time.

This time, the email came to the police headquarters. It is reported that the previous three emails were sent to the official email address of the High Court Registrar. Security agencies have investigated the High Court.

CM Mann said : BJP should take its own responsibility

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann stated that Chandigarh is a UT (Union Territory) and its administrator is the Governor. He added that Chandigarh has a 60:40 system, but if there is an incident of violence, he is held responsible. He also holds him accountable if a ransom call is received in Chandigarh. He further said that even if a sit-in is held at Punjab University, he is held responsible. Even if BJP, Akali Dal, and Congress leaders go to Chandigarh in one car to protest, the responsibility is placed on him. Bhagwant Mann said that when he calls Chandigarh the capital of Punjab, he is called a traitor. He said that the BJP should take responsibility for itself and stop making such baseless statements.

Tejas engine supplies halted due to war

American company to deliver, will now arrive at the end of the year

New Delhi(GNS): The ongoing war in the Middle East has halted the supply of engines for India's much-anticipated Tejas fighter aircraft. General Electric (GE), the American company that supplies these aircraft, has told Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) that it cannot deliver them immediately. Reliable sources told that the engines are now expected to arrive by the end of the year. The contract was for the supply of 113 engines. HAL had promised to deliver 24 Tejas aircraft to the Air Force by March 2026. However, the Air Force is unable to deliver nine Tejas Mk 1A aircraft parked at HAL due to a lack of engines. Five aircraft are fully operational, and the airframes for 19 aircraft are



also ready. If supplies are restored, 24 engines will be delivered this year and 30 by next year. The company will be able to move forward with the deal for 113 engines worth 9,000 crore.

Rain alert in 5 states including MP-UP Rain destroyed crops in 7 districts of Haryana hail fell in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand

Bhopal/Lucknow/Shimla/Jaipur(GNS):The weather will change in five states over the next three days. Rain alerts have been issued for 30 districts in Madhya Pradesh and 40 districts in Uttar Pradesh. On Wednesday, rain fell in 20 cities in Uttar Pradesh, including Lucknow and Amethi. Delhi remained cloudy on Thursday morning. Meanwhile, a new weather system will become active in Rajasthan from April 2nd. This has triggered another spell of rain. In the last 24 hours, 10 districts in the state experienced a change in the weather in the afternoon. Rain and hailstorms in Haryana damaged crops in seven districts, with standing crops of wheat, mustard, and chickpea damaged in 100 villages. In Uttarakhand, hail fell in the Sonprayag valley of Rudraprayag and rain fell in Kedarghati. Meanwhile, tourists have begun arriving in the upper reaches of the Bharderwah valley in Jammu and Kashmir after fresh snowfall.



Theatre: The offline world where real tears flow, not emojis

Dilip Kumar Pathak

There's a strange romantic sympathy for Hindi theatre in our society, which often fades away with thunderous applause. We mark April 3rd as Hindi Theatre Day, but do we understand the restlessness that lies at the very roots of this art form? When the play "Janaki Mangal" was staged on the stage of Banaras in 1868, it wasn't just a means of entertainment. It was a language's declaration of its existence. Today, 150 years later, we've lost the echo of that declaration amidst the digital noise. Theatre is essentially the name of that primal hunger within humanity, which seeks to escape the camera's gaze and meet the real person directly. This art doesn't need retakes, nor is there an editing table waiting to correct mistakes. Cinema shows us

a constructed reality, where the director dictates what you see. In contrast, theatre is a democratic experience. The actor standing on stage, with his sweat, his trembling voice, and the moisture in his eyes, is completely unarmed before the audience. It is this risk of being live that makes theatre the world's most courageous art form. In today's age, when we are so deeply immersed in layers of pixels and screens that we have ceased to feel the warmth of the breath of the person sitting next to us, theatre makes us part of a collective consciousness. It is the process of transforming us from consumers back into human beings. When the hall lights go out and a ray of light falls on the stage, every spectator sitting there becomes a partner in the character's pain. The history of Hindi theatre bears witness to the

fact that it has never flattered the palaces. From Bharatendu to Habib Tanvir, plays have always sent piercing questions to the corridors of power. The justice of Andher Nagari, which was worth a penny a seer, still roams the streets of our democracy. That endless wait for Aashadh Ka Ek Din Ki Mallika still resonates with every person torn between self-respect and love. Theatre holds a mirror to us, and a mirror is never a pleasant one. It reveals our wrinkles, our inner frustrations, and forces us to confront ourselves. This is why the powers that be have always feared theatre, because here, communication isn't just through words, but through souls. But the big question today is: are we fulfilling our responsibility as audiences? Hindi theatre still survives on the strength of a few crazy people who,

after a tiring day at work, gather in dark rooms for evening rehearsals. They have neither corporate funding nor the support of flashy advertisements. They have only one passion that brings them back to the makeup room every evening. They know that after the show ends, they have to return to their ordinary lives, where they worry about paying the bills. Yet, they sacrifice themselves every night at the altar of the stage so that the flame of dialogue does not die out. Have we ever considered that buying a ticket to watch a play is a greater cultural service than donating to a temple? Theatre teaches us to feel, not just see. The digital world has connected us greatly, but it has also isolated us. We see the world's suffering on our screens and move on with an emoji. This is not the case on stage. There, the actor's tears

are felt on the audience's cheeks. This is where the last vestiges of humanity are safe. If theater dies, our society will forever lose its capacity for empathy and resistance. In this era of communication gap, drama is the last window through which fresh air can flow.

Today, on this special day, we must understand that the curtain doesn't fall only on wooden frames; it must also fall on the darkness within us. The strength of Hindi theatre lies not in its grandeur, but in its simplicity and truth. This celebration isn't merely about remembering a date in history, but rather about awakening the spectator within us who has lost their identity in the crowd. Let us, on this April 3rd, sit in a dark hall and welcome the light that shines straight from the stage to our hearts.

Editorial

Serious devaluation of the rupee

The value of the Indian rupee against one US dollar has reached 95. This means that we can acquire one dollar or conduct international trade by spending 95 rupees. The rupee has been continuously devalued. Not only the dollar, but also the British currency, the pound, costs us 123.84 rupees, and the European currency, the euro, is worth more than 108 rupees. The rupee's continued weakening has impacted our economy and increased import bills. During the 2013-14 parliamentary elections, the BJP made the rupee a sensitive issue by linking it to India's sovereignty and prestige. The people reposed their faith and gave the BJP its mandate. During the nearly 12 years of the Modi government, the rupee has depreciated by approximately 61 percent, and this trend continues. This is a very serious monetary situation, even though India is the world's fourth-largest economy. This issue can be easily understood by considering that in February 2026, before the Iran war, the price of crude oil was \$69 per barrel. At that time, a barrel of crude oil cost us just over Rs. 6,700, but in March, the same oil is being purchased for Rs. 10,640 per barrel. This means that prices have risen by 70%, and even the common man will have to buy more expensive petrol and diesel. While the government has not increased the prices of petrol and diesel in view of some assembly elections, crude oil prices in the international market have risen to \$117 per barrel. The BJP consistently targeted then-Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, even though he was the one who saved the country from economic recession. At that time, the BJP expressed concerns about the economic weakness and the devaluation of the rupee. Current Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman was the BJP's national spokesperson at that time. It is quite logical to compare the UPA and BJP-NDA governments regarding the state of the rupee. Then, in May 2004, during the early days of the Manmohan Singh government, the rupee was at 45.37 against the dollar. At the end of the UPA era in May 2014, the dollar was worth 58.58 rupees. Why has the rupee continued to depreciate since Narendra Modi's government came to power? How did the dollar jump from 58 rupees to 90-91 rupees? Economic experts believe that if the Reserve Bank hadn't intervened, one dollar could be worth 110 rupees.



-Is it time for the next historic deadline to end corruption and drug addiction? -The expectations of every segment of the Indian public -A comprehensive analysis

As long as the mentality of jugaad and getting things done persists in the society, corruption cannot be completely eradicated? Just as a zero tolerance policy was adopted against Naxalism, similarly there is a special need to formulate a strict and time-bound strategy against corruption and drug addiction.



The end of Naxalism, the dream of the Red Corridor shattered

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A major shift is being witnessed globally in India's contemporary political and administrative discourse. With the near-end of Naxalism, which for decades posed the greatest challenge to the country's internal security, the national agenda now appears to be moving towards a new goal: a corruption-free India. This is not merely a slogan or a political resolution, but a test of the governance system, development model, and democratic credibility. Just as a comprehensive strategy was implemented with a specific deadline for a Naxal-free India, the question now arises: should a concrete deadline be set against corruption as well? I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, would like to point out that now that the chapter of Indian Naxalism is nearing its end, attention is naturally turning to the country's second major problem: corruption. Corruption, which not only wastes economic resources but also undermines public trust in democratic institutions, has become the biggest obstacle to development. The benefits of government schemes often fail to reach the last person, as a network of middlemen and corrupt officials operates. Consequently, the idea is rapidly emerging that, just as a zero-tolerance policy was adopted against Naxalism, a strict and time-bound strategy should be developed against corruption. The idea of direct government funds into the public's pockets is not merely a slogan, but a crucial principle of administrative

reform. Schemes like Direct Benefit Transfer have taken significant steps in this direction, directly benefiting millions of people without any middlemen. Despite this, corruption has not been completely eradicated. Deliberately stalling files, demanding bribes, and delaying investigations remain common problems, with 40-50% of transactions, including contracts, remaining at the highest levels. Therefore, it is essential to establish clear timelines for investigating corruption cases and take strict action against officials who delay them.

Friends, if we understand that the fight against corruption cannot be limited only to law and punishment, then it requires a comprehensive institutional framework, in which transparency, accountability and citizen participation should be given priority. Assuring complainants of protection and speedy justice is also a crucial part of this process. It's often seen that those who speak out against corruption face harassment, which deters others from coming forward. Without eliminating this fear, any campaign against corruption will remain incomplete. Internationally, countries that have effectively controlled corruption have adopted strict laws, along with technological innovation and institutional reforms. The examples of Singapore and Scandinavian countries are noteworthy in this regard, where transparency and accountability have been made the cornerstones of governance. In India, initiatives like Digital India, Aadhaar, and e-governance are positive steps in this direction, but their full benefits will

only be realized if implemented as part of a comprehensive strategy. It's also crucial to view corruption not just as an administrative problem, but also as a social and cultural challenge. As long as the mindset of jugaad and sleight-of-hand persists in society, corruption cannot be completely eradicated. This requires education, awareness, and the promotion of moral values. Public expectations are also changing. People are no longer satisfied with mere announcements; they want to see results. Success against Naxalism has instilled the belief that if the government is determined, even the most formidable challenges can be addressed. This same confidence is now evident in the fight against corruption.

Friends, if we talk about the Naxalite eradication target of March 31, 2026, the history of Naxalism in India began in 1967 in the Naxalbari village of West Bengal, when a small farmers' movement escalated into a violent insurgency. Initially, this movement served as a means of raising voices against social and economic inequalities, but over time, it became a serious threat to the country's internal security. Thousands of people, including both security personnel and civilians, lost their lives in this conflict that lasted nearly six decades. However, a decisive turning point came in 2024 when the country's Home Minister set a deadline of March 31, 2026, for the end of Naxalism. Subsequently, coordinated efforts by security forces, intelligence agencies, and state governments rapidly limited the expansion of the Red Corridor. Large-scale operations were con-

ducted in states like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Odisha, and Andhra Pradesh, weakening Naxalite leadership and leading to the surrender of thousands of cadres. Areas like Bastar, once considered strongholds of Naxalite activity, now see schools, roads, and ration shops opening. This change is significant not only from a security perspective, but also as a sign of social and economic progress. However, political differences have emerged over this achievement. While the government is presenting it as a historic success, the opposition has questioned this claim. The former Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh's challenge to debate on this issue indicates that the complete elimination of Naxalism is still a matter of debate. However, there is no doubt that the influence of Naxalism has significantly diminished compared to before, and the country has achieved a major milestone in this direction.

Friends, if we were to understand a crucial similarity between Naxalism and corruption, it is that both are obstacles to development and good governance. While Naxalism isolated parts of the country from the mainstream of development, corruption affected the equitable distribution of resources across the country. Therefore, if the end of Naxalism is seen as a new freedom, then freedom from corruption can be considered the next step towards true freedom. Now the question is: can a specific deadline be set against corruption? This is a complex question, because, unlike Naxalism, it is not a problem confined to a specific and limited area.

Trump's message increased global tensions, is the world on the brink of World War III?

Sanat Jain

The latest message from US President Donald Trump has created a major stir in international politics. It was expected that he would announce a clear policy regarding the Iran war. However, he did not provide any specific statement. Following his statement, fears are being raised that the way he has washed his hands off the matter could lead the world toward a major military conflict. In particular, his call for a unification of several coun-

tries against Iran has raised serious questions about global balance.

The Middle East is already unstable due to numerous wars, with complex conflicts between countries like Israel, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE. If the war continues, these countries will be the most affected. Iraq and Israel, in particular, are sure to suffer heavy casualties and economic losses.

History shows that whenever major powers clash, the result is a global economic crisis. Today's global economy is already grappling with

numerous challenges. If war were to break out, the world could be heading towards a new Great Depression. Energy supplies would be disrupted, trade would come to a standstill, and inflation could reach its peak. Analysts believe this situation could be a repeat of what occurred nearly 36 years ago when the Soviet Union collapsed. Economic instability and political pressure weakened Soviet Russia, weakening the superpower. If the United States becomes embroiled in a major war for a long time, its economic and social struc-

ture could be severely impacted. Given the current situation, it may be premature to assume a "world war" is imminent. However, the current situation could trigger a world war at any time. International diplomacy, institutions like the United Nations, and global powers that could play a role in controlling the situation are essentially inactive. Trump's statement has certainly increased the concern of all the countries of the world. Currently, neither the global institutions are coming forward to stop the war

going on between Israel, America and Iran, nor is there any leader who can talk to everyone and handle the situation with restraint and prudence. At this time, signs of economic recession are being seen. The world does not need war, but dialogue and cooperation. The war between America, Israel and Iran is affecting all the countries of the world. Otherwise, the whole world seems to be standing on the brink of destruction. The population of millions of people will have to bear the brunt of the global conflict.

Murals of memory:

Parliament's walls tell story of India's civilisational journey

New Delhi, (GNS): In the quiet corridors of Samvidhan Sadan, history does not merely sit in archives, it unfolds across walls in sweeping strokes of colour and form. The release of "Tides of Time: Bharat's History Through Murals in Parliament" by Sudha Murty has brought renewed attention to one of the most evocative yet often overlooked elements of India's parliamentary heritage - the murals that line its walls. Unveiled by Vice-President (VP) CP Radhakrishnan and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, the book is as much about art as it is about identity. It reopens a visual archive that traces India's journey from ancient civilisations to the freedom struggle, captured across decades by some of the coun-



try's most distinguished artists. For Birla, the murals are far more than aesthetic additions to Parliament's walls. "The murals in Samvidhan Sadan serve as a vivid visual narrative of India's extraordinary journey," he said, pointing out that they capture not only ancient traditions and cultural evolution but also the country's long and arduous struggle for independence. He

added that by presenting these stories in an engaging format, the book "acts as a bridge between the past and the present, inspiring future generations to embrace the values of service, dedication and nation-building". The story of these murals dates back to the early years after Independence, when India was in the process of redefining itself. As colonial symbols were dismantled, including portraits of British viceroys in Parliament, there emerged a conscious effort to reclaim national space through indigenous expression. It was in this moment that GV Mavalankar, the then Speaker of Lok Sabha, envisioned art as a powerful medium to revive national consciousness.

He believed Parliament should not merely function as a legislative space, but also inspire those within it. Paintings, murals and sculptures, he argued, could create an ambience where lawmakers are constantly reminded of the nation's "traditions and greatness".

That vision took shape over the following decades. Between the 1950s and 1990s, a remarkable suite of 58 murals came to adorn the corridors of Parliament. Created using the tempera technique, chosen for its durability in Delhi's climate, these works were crafted by leading figures of Indian art, including KCS Paniker, Sarada Ukil and NS Bendre. Despite their diverse artistic styles and regional influences, the murals come together as a cohesive narrative, depicting

India's land, its people, spiritual traditions, intellectual achievements and defining historical moments. From the Indus Valley Civilisation to the Bhakti movement, from ancient republics to the freedom struggle, these offer a sweeping visual chronicle of the nation. Echoing this sentiment, VP CP Radhakrishnan described the murals as "not merely works of art but visual narratives reflecting India's civilisational journey".

Highlighting the country's deep democratic roots, he said Bharat has long been the "mother of democracy", with traditions that are continuous, inclusive and deeply embedded in society.

He also emphasised the enduring relevance of Parliament as a space of dialogue and deliberation.

Delhi issues preliminary notification for land acquisition in Palam village

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government on Wednesday issued a preliminary notification for the acquisition of land in Palam village for a public purpose under the Dwarka Project Phase-I.

District Magistrate (South-West) issued the orders in this regard. According to the notification issued under the provisions of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, a total of 18 bigha of land in Palam village, falling under Dwarka sub-division in South-West Delhi, has been identified for acquisition.

The proposed acquisition includes privately owned agricultural land spread across multiple survey numbers. The land has been earmarked for the development of Dwarka Project Phase-I, which is aimed at strengthen-



ing urban infrastructure in the area. A Social Impact Assessment (SIA) study for the project was conducted by the Indian Institute of Public Administration, and the report was submitted in October 2024. The assessment indicates that one landowner and 14 shop ten-

ant families are likely to be affected by the acquisition.

The Additional District Magistrate, South-West District, has been appointed as the Administrator for carrying out rehabilitation and resettlement of the affected families, as per the provisions of the Act.

Following the notification, restrictions have been imposed on any sale, purchase, or transfer of the notified land without prior approval of the Collector. Government officials have also been authorised to enter and survey the land for project-related work.

Affected persons or stakeholders can file objections to the proposed acquisition within 60 days from the date of publication of the notification. Objections are to be submitted before the Collector, South-West District. The notification has been issued by District Magistrate and Collector Mekala Chaitanya Prasad on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi. Officials stated that if the Delhi Government is satisfied that the land is required for the stated public purpose, a final notification for acquisition will be issued in due course.

Two policemen held for robbing bizman of Rs 8.4L

New Delhi, (GNS): Soni claimed the two accused recorded a video of him carrying Rs 10.4 lakh in cash and threatened to send him to jail by framing him as a smuggler of counterfeit currency, police said. In his complaint, Soni alleged that the accused fled with Rs 8.4 lakh, the police said. "The complaint reached the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police (Central) on March 25 and was taken up immediately. Taking serious note of the allegations, senior officers ordered prompt departmental action," they said.

Considering the gravity of the complaint, both accused were placed under suspension with immediate effect, and a preliminary inquiry was initiated.



Delhi Police reunite 154 missing persons, including 39 kids, with families in southwest Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): In a significant success under "Operation Milap," the South-West District Police have traced and reunited 155 missing persons, including 39 children, with their families during the month of March, officials said on Thursday. According to police, the recovered individuals include 39 missing or kidnapped children and 116 adults, all of whom were safely reunited with their families between March 1 and March 31.

The operation forms part of a broader effort, under which a total of 348 missing persons, including 98 minors and 250 adults, have been traced in the district so far this year. The prompt action was initiated immediately after receiving complaints of missing or kidnapped individuals. Search operations involved extensive local enquiries, scanning of CCTV footage, and dissemination of photographs at key public locations such as auto stands, e-rickshaw stands, bus terminals, and railway stations. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Southwest) Amit Goel said in a press statement. The DCP added that the cops also engaged with transport workers, including bus drivers and conductors, as well as local vendors, to track the movement of missing persons.

Green Action Plan 2026-27 Delhi sets target to plant 70L+ trees, bamboo hedges



New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government has set an ambitious target of planting over 70 lakh trees, shrubs and bamboo hedges across the city as part of its revised Green Action Plan (GAP) for 2026-27. The move brings 22 departments and agencies under a coordinated greening effort aimed at improving the capital's air quality and expanding its green cover.

The Department of Forests & Wildlife has been designated as the nodal agency and will monitor the progress of plantation drives through the GAP portal to ensure transparency and accountability. Announcing the initiative, Environment Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said, "Our government is deploying a multi-pronged strategy not just to control pollution but to exponentially increase Delhi's green cover. Last year, we achieved massive plantations with the participation of students, citizens, bureaucrats, politicians, judges, dignitaries, ambassadors of 70+ countries, and advocates, aligning with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' campaign for a greener India." He further stated, "Delhi's air quality suffered for years due to the fake promises of previous governments. Our commitment to protecting air and building lasting green infrastructure remains the priority, with several measures implemented last year and continuing this year."

51% Of CCTVs China-Made, Delhi Plans Phased Removal

New Delhi, (GNS): More than half of the capital's CCTV surveillance network comprises Chinese-origin cameras, prompting Delhi govt to plan their phased removal citing national security concerns. Public Works Department (PWD) minister Parvesh Verma said on Wednesday that the cameras sourced from Chinese firm Hikvision will gradually be replaced across the city.

Delhi currently has over 2.7 lakh CCTV cameras, all installed by PWD. Of these, 1.4 lakh cameras put up in phase-1 between Sept 2020 and Nov 2022 are Chinese-made, while the rest, installed in phase 2 (June 2025 to March 2026) are not of Chinese origin.

Flagging concerns over surveillance and data security, Verma said the decision to install Chinese cameras raises serious questions. "AAP installed these cameras without thinking about long-term security implications. Surveillance infrastructure is not just about visibility, it is about control over sensitive data," he said.

"This was not a routine procurement decision. When you deploy such systems across an entire city, you are making a national security choice. Unfortunately, AAP failed to recognise that," he added.

Initially, 50,000 Chinese cameras have been approved for replacement, a senior official said, adding that efforts will also be made to rationalise and upgrade the overall surveillance network in the city.

Verma said, "We will gradually replace the cameras with secure, trusted and updated systems that meet current technical standards, offer better data security and are supported by a robust supply and service ecosystem."

He added that the transition will be carried out in phases to ensure there is no disruption in surveillance. Drawing a contrast between the previous AAP dispensation and the cur-



rent BJP govt, Verma said, "For them, it was about numbers and publicity. For us, it is about security, accountability and protecting Delhi's citizens without any compromise".

An AAP functionary responded, "Hikvision cameras are already deployed across multiple central govt projects, including the metro, that are critical to public safety. If there are genuine national security concerns associated with these cameras, why has the Centre not imposed a comprehensive ban on their use across India? This selective alarm raises serious questions. It appears less about security and more about creating a convenient pretext to phase out existing systems and award fresh contracts to a favoured company."

Cops arrest wanted accused in Rs 95 lakh ATM robbery

New Delhi, (GNS): The Nuh police arrested a wanted accused in theft cases of several lakhs of rupees involving ATM machines. The accused was involved in ATM thefts in various districts for a long time and was absconding in several cases.

According to the police, the arrested accused was identified as Aashiq, a resident of Gogjaka village in Nuh district. He is a proclaimed offender in a case registered in 2018 at the Rohtak Urban police station. A police team had received information that Aashiq was present in the area. A team of the Tauru city police station arrested the accused.

During interrogation, it was revealed that the accused stole approximately Rs 40 lakhs by hacking an SBI Bank ATM machine in Rohtak in 2018. He also stole around Rs 23 lakhs from an ATM in Jhajjar in 2018, and Rs 32 lakhs from an ATM machine in the Brass Market, Model Town police station area of Rewari. "The accused also has several cases registered against him in Delhi,



including those under the Arms Act at the Uttam Nagar police station and Chhawla police station. A total of six cases of robbery and theft already registered against the accused.

We handed him over to the Rohtak police for further investigation and this arrest will likely to uncover several ATM theft cases," said a spokesperson of the Nuh police.

Real-time monitoring of Yamuna, major drains from May

New Delhi, (GNS): Aiming at real-time monitoring of the Yamuna as well as major drains that fall into it, Delhi govt is setting up 41 online monitoring stations (OLMS), of which six will be built along different parts of the river. The work is set to be completed by April-end, and a tender for it was awarded in March. Of the 41 online stations, 35 will monitor major drains and six will analyse the pollution load on the river, officials said.

Delhi environment minister Manjinder

Singh Sirsa said the move is the first step of govt's initiative to clean up the river.

"This will bring transparency. Data is crucial for cleaning up the river and controlling the pollution load. Through real-time monitoring, we will be able to figure out the fault lines and fix accountability," Sirsa said.

Previously, similar bids were made in 2024 and 2025, and tenders were floated but remained inconclusive. The tenders stated that the project would include five years of

operation and maintenance, ensuring round-the-clock monitoring and transmission of data to the DPCC server. The monitoring will check real-time temperatures, flow, pH, biological oxygen demand (BOD), chemical oxygen demand (COD), total suspended solids (TSS), total nitrogen (TN), total phosphorus (TP), ammonium, dissolved oxygen and conductivity. Officials, however, clarified that the OLMS will not measure fecal coliform -- the major indicator of raw sewage.

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Delhi CM Rekha Gupta gives Rs 1 cr each to families of Covid warriors

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday handed over cheques of Rs 1 crore each to the families of six government employees who died while on duty during the Covid-19 pandemic, calling their sacrifice unforgettable and assuring quicker assistance in the future.

The financial aid was distributed at a programme held at the Delhi Secretariat. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister underlined that the gesture went beyond official duty. "At a time when the entire world was gripped by fear and uncertainty, these brave individuals put duty above everything else and continued to serve people without worrying about their own lives," she said.

Gupta interacted with the bereaved families, listening to their concerns and experiences.



She reiterated the government's commitment to support them, saying their sacrifice would always be remembered and that they would continue to be treated as part of an extended family.

Acknowledging delays in compensation under the previous government, the Chief Minister said

several families had faced prolonged wait times due to procedural hurdles. She assured that such cases were now being prioritised to ensure timely disbursement of aid, offering relief to those who had struggled for years. The beneficiaries were associated with several government bodies, including the

MCD, DTC, Delhi Jal Board, NDMC, Maulana Azad Medical College and the Indian Spinal Injuries Centre. While paramedical staff worked on the frontlines in hospitals and testing centres, employees from civic and utility departments ensured uninterrupted essential services such as sanitation, water supply and transport during lockdowns.

Expressing condolences, Gupta said no financial assistance could truly compensate for the loss suffered by families, describing the aid as a means to ease their daily challenges. She also paid tribute to the courage and dedication shown by frontline workers during the pandemic. In addition to the six families, the government extended Rs 1 crore assistance to the family of late ASI Radhey Shyam of the Delhi Police traffic unit, who died in the line of duty.

SC-RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - Racial discrimination: SC asks Delhi HC chief justice to ensure time-bound trial of cases

New Delhi, (GNS): Supreme Court on Wednesday requested the Chief Justice of Delhi High Court to take a holistic policy decision to ensure a productive timeline for the adjudication of sensitive cases like those relating to racial discrimination against people from the north-east.

While hearing a plea seeking a time-bound trial in cases of racial discrimination against people from the north-east, a bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant observed that such matters require prioritisation and out-of-turn adjudication.

The counsel said the trial takes a long time even in cases where investigations were complete and chargesheets were



filed. While hearing a separate plea on Feb 18, the top court said identifying persons on grounds of race, region, sex and caste would amount to treading a regressive path. It refused to entertain a PIL seeking to prevent discrimination and violence against citizens from the north-east and other regions. The bench had then asked Attorney General R Venkataramani to consider and refer the PIL to an appropriate authority.

Okhla landfill waste dumped near Yamuna

New Delhi, (GNS): One of Delhi's three garbage mountains - the Okhla landfill - is supposed to be flattened in the next four months. But where is the waste going? In an open piece of land nearly 10km away, a spot check by Media shows.

The dumping ground is a few hundred metres from the Yamuna, and close to Madanpur Khadar Extension in southeast Delhi. This indiscriminate dumping is effectively shifting the crisis rather than resolving it.

Media visited the Okhla landfill site on Tuesday and followed loaded trucks that left the facility. From the landfill site, through Tughlaqabad and Badarpur, the trucks entered a muddy path taking off from the Jaitpur-Pushta road, finally reaching a barren piece of land. Truck after truck emptied soil littered with polythene bags, clothes, glass and cement blocks. A



road roller and three earth-movers were also present at the site, along with a group of men. The road roller was levelling the dumped garbage. 'Refuse-derived material being transported, dumped at designated sites with permission' As trucks navigated the muddy terrain, the area was covered in slush and dust. The stench of garbage was unmistakable.

Within 40 minutes, over 20 truckloads of garbage were

dumped in the open ground.

As trucks rolled by, an elderly couple sat at the edge of the site. The 83-year-old man, a resident of a nearby JJ cluster colony, said they visit the area daily to sift through the garbage, searching for small pieces of iron to sell as scrap.

"We don't know where these trucks are coming from, but they arrive regularly and we come here to salvage whatever we can," said the man, a migrant from Bihar. The

Media spot check shows that the task of flattening Delhi's landfills is now throwing up its own challenges.

Delhi has three landfill sites - Okhla, Bhalswa and Ghazipur - and the deadline to clear them is fast approaching. The deadline for Okhla is July 2026, followed by Bhalswa in Dec 2026 and Ghazipur in Dec 2027.

At present, the Okhla landfill has around 23 lakh metric tonnes of garbage. Of this, nearly 9 lakh metric tonnes is legacy waste which was dumped over two to three years ago. The remaining 14 lakh metric tonnes has been dumped in recent years.

According to recent data shared by Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), the site processes nearly 6,300 tonnes of waste per day. Around 3,000 to 3,500 tonnes of fresh waste reaches the landfill every day.

According to official data, a

volumetric assessment conducted through drones in June 2022 estimated that the landfill had about 45 lakh metric tonnes of unsegregated waste. Since July 2022, approximately 34.2 lakh metric tonnes has been added.

When asked about trucks dumping waste near Madanpur Khadar Extension, MCD did not provide an official response.

A senior official, on condition of anonymity, however, denied that they had any information about waste being dumped in an unauthorised location. He said that refused material is being transported and dumped at designated sites with due permission. "The material is being sent only to two designated locations," he added. Explaining how garbage in landfill sites is processed, the official said biomineral produces three main outputs.



Over 14,000 posts vacant in Delhi Police, Rajya Sabha told

New Delhi, (GNS): A total of 14,140 posts remain vacant in the Delhi Police with highest number of 152 vacant posts at the Assistant Commissioner of Police level and 13,958 at the level of Constable to Inspector ranks, Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai told the Rajya Sabha. In his written reply, the minister mentioned that as of March 12 this year, as many as 13,958 vacancies are at the constable to inspector level against the sanctioned posts of 96,817 in the Delhi Police.

While 152 posts out of 346 are vacant at the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) level, 30 posts are vacant out of 168 at the Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police and above level. Against a sanctioned strength of 97,331 personnel, 14,140 posts are vacant in the Delhi Police, the minister added. In his reply, he mentioned that adequate staff, women helpdesks and modern resources are available in all police stations of Delhi.

Rai further mentioned that the Delhi Police have taken several concrete measures to strengthen law and order in the Capital, including dynamic identification of crime-prone areas and deployment of police resources such as pickets, foot patrolling, PCR vans and emergency response vehicles (ERVs) to enhance visibility and prevent crime. Other measures include identification, surveillance and arrest of active criminals, integrated patrolling by local police, PCR staff and traffic police and community policing programmes. In another reply, the minister mentioned that in 2025, the city police registered 12,458 cases of crime against women, which saw a dip from the previous year's 12,195 cases. Similarly, cases of crime against children also saw a minor dip in 2025 as the city recorded 7,413 cases against 7,636 in 2024.

Additionally, the number of cases against elderly stood at 1,227 in 2025 and 1,267 in 2024, the reply stated.

Delhi Government bars private schools from forcing purchases

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government on Wednesday directed all private unaided recognised schools to refrain from enforcing the purchase of books, uniforms, and other educational materials from specific vendors. The Directorate of Education, in an order issued on April 1, has stated that schools that will conceal information about the availability of books and educational materials will face legal consequences.

The order, issued by Director (Education) Veditha Reddy, comes in response to complaints from parents and reports highlighting coercive practices by schools. The order noted that in several cases, families were forced to buy books, stationery, uniforms and accessories from designated vendors, leading to undue financial burden.

Calling out the practice, the



order states that students should have the freedom to choose their educational supplies. It reiterated that private unaided schools are meant to function on a "no profit no loss basis," adding that "no school activity must have any scope of profit and commercialisation." "Schools must refrain from enforcing the purchase of specific educational materials from particular vendors. Instead, students should be free to buy these materials from their preferred sources at fair market prices," the order read.

To ensure transparency, schools have been directed to prominently display the complete list of prescribed books,

writing materials and uniform specifications on their notice boards and official websites well in advance of the academic session. It further mandates that schools must provide details of at least five nearby vendors, including their names, addresses and contact numbers, to facilitate access for parents. The order also clarified that parents remain free to purchase items from any shop of their choice, provided the specifications are met, noting that they may buy materials "from any other available source... as per their convenience and suitability."

The Directorate has also barred schools from pressuring parents to purchase additional study material beyond the prescribed curriculum and directed institutions to strictly follow guidelines issued by boards such as CBSE, ICSE and other regulatory authorities.

Son's grouse: Man tries to teach dad Rs 10-lakh robbery 'lesson', now in cuffs

New Delhi, (GNS): A frantic 112 call by a businessman, who reported a daylight armed robbery of Rs 10 lakh, made police launch a manhunt on Tuesday. The twist in the tale emerged when the cops caught the robber. He was the businessman's son.

On Tuesday around 9 am, two masked men allegedly threatened the Mukherjee Nagar businessman by waving a pistol and decamped with Rs 10 lakh cash. The businessman was on his way to deliver the cash to his brother-in-law on behalf of his business partner. The masked duo intercepted him in east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar. They were on a Scooty.

When the businessman approached police to register an FIR, the investigators were sceptical. "The initial theory was that the complainant



might have concocted the story to explain away the missing Rs 10 lakh," a senior police officer said.

To verify his claims, police teams began a technical surveillance. For several hours, the cops scanned CCTV footage of 120 cameras at various locations to track the duo to get a clear view of their faces. The one unguarded moment they were looking for finally happened. A mask was lowered, a face exposed, and the case cracked open in the most unexpected way.

'Aage padh legi': Parents pin hopes on Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana as enrolment begins

New Delhi, (GNS): By mid-morning, the corridor at the district office of the department of women and child development in east Delhi was bustling. Anxious parents carrying sleeping infants queued up, a child was heard wailing near a staircase, and files kept passing from one hand to another. The queue moved slowly, stopping, starting, then stopping again. It looked like admission day. But no one was there for school.

Wednesday was the first day of registration under the Rs 128-crore Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana, the revamped version of Delhi Ladli Scheme, a week after CM Rekha Gupta announced it while presenting the 2026-27 budget.

Inside the district office, names were being called out. Clerks worked busily at their computers as slips were printed, passed across tables, folded and tucked away. By 8 pm, 317 registrations were



completed. Akash and his wife, Reshu, were among the parents who lined up with infants, hoping to secure their future.

Their daughter, Harshvi, who was one of the first to be enrolled, was sleeping in Reshu's arms.

Akash repairs bikes for a living and took the day off. "Hospital mein hi pata chala tha," he said, recalling how he first heard about the scheme just after Harshvi was born. He kept on enquiring about it and checking for updates. Then, he applied online on March 24. Now, as he held the slip in his hand, he glanced at it once, then again. "Aage padh legi," he said softly as the line moved a step forward.

Around him, people waited in silence or spoke in low voices. A man shifted his sleeping infant from one shoulder to the other. A woman checked her papers again. Someone behind them

said, "I just want my daughter to have a good life. I'll give her this money when she turns 21."

Shivani, another parent in the queue, was already doing the maths in her head. Her two sons, 5 and 3, were yet to start school. Money is tight, and every new expense puts more pressure on the family. Her daughter was born last Aug. "I decided right away that we need to enrol for Ladli (the erstwhile scheme)." But the process dragged on. Recently, she heard it is now Lakhpati Bitiya Yojana. "Bas yahi hai," she murmured. "Thoda sa sahara mil jaaye... meri bachchi padh le." The new scheme follows years of alleged delays surrounding the old one, with reports claiming that over 1.86 lakh accounts, which reached their maturity, were lying unclaimed at one point.

Under the new structure, support for girls born in Delhi begins at birth and

continues through their key stages of education. Families receive Rs 11,000 at birth, followed by smaller instalments during key milestones in school, and a larger amount at the time of higher education. The money accumulates over time, eventually crossing Rs 1 lakh, and can be accessed once a girl turns 18 after completing Class XII, or at 21 on graduating or earning a diploma. Meanwhile, at the east Delhi centre, several hours had passed, but the queue still looked mazy. If anything, it seemed to have grown longer. Each parent waited patiently, documents in hand, for his or her turn at the counter.

Dr Rashmi Singh, secretary of the department of women and child development, said the process has been fully digitised "to make it simpler and more transparent for the beneficiaries". She added, "What's encouraging is the response on the ground."