



Double engine government in Kerala will accelerate development: Narendra Modi

Thiruvalla, (GNS): Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while addressing an election rally in Thiruvalla, Kerala on Saturday, called for a change of power in the state. He said that if the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) forms the government, all obstacles to development work will be removed. He expressed confidence that the people of Kerala are ready for a "historic change" in the upcoming elections.

The Prime Minister began his address by paying homage to Kerala's cultural and spiritual traditions. He paid tribute to the Sri Vallabham Temple, Saint Thiruvalluvar, Sabarimala, and Swami Ayyappa. He said that the

election atmosphere in the state seems to have changed this time, and the support for the NDA is clearly visible among the people.

Modi said that in the northeastern states and Goa, where there is a significant Christian population, the NDA governments have set new dimensions of development. What was not accomplished in the last 50-60 years has been accomplished by the NDA governments. He claimed that if an NDA government is formed in Kerala, the state will reach new heights of development and the problems of farmers and fishermen will be resolved.

Targeting the Left government in the state, the Prime Minister said that the Sabarimala rail project has



been unnecessarily delayed, causing hardship to the people of Thiruvalla and surrounding areas. This project is not only important for devotees but will also boost local trade and create employment opportunities for the youth. He assured

that all obstacles related to this project will be removed if a "double engine" government is formed. Expressing concern over the state of the state's infrastructure, Modi said that the condition of roads, bridges, and healthcare facilities is

poor. He alleged that the LDF and UDF governments have neglected the region for a long time, negatively impacting the living standards of the people. He said that the central government has provided five times more funds to Kerala during its tenure than before, but the intended benefits have not reached the public.

The Prime Minister stated that the biggest challenge facing Kerala is the large-scale migration of youth for employment. He said the state needs to focus on industry, the service sector, startups, and skill development to provide opportunities to young people within their own state. He added that for Kerala to progress, obstacles such as corruption and com-

munal politics must be removed.

Referring to women's empowerment, Modi said women have benefited the most from the NDA government's policies. The government has taken several steps, including toilet construction, the availability of Jan Dhan accounts, housing in women's names, loans under the Mudra scheme, and the promotion of self-help groups. Referring to the "Lakshmi Didi" scheme, he said that millions of women have become economically empowered so far, and this initiative will continue.

The Prime Minister reiterated his commitment to providing 33 percent reservation to women in Parliament and State Assemblies and stated

that the Central Government is taking concrete steps in this direction. He appealed to all political parties to support this initiative.

Raising the issue of foreign policy and the safety of Indians living in Gulf countries, Modi stated that the Central Government is in constant contact with the governments there and is committed to ensuring the safety of every Indian. He accused the Congress party of making irresponsible statements at a time when tensions are raging in West Asia and millions of Indians are working there.

The Prime Minister stated that efforts are underway to safely bring back Indian fishermen stranded in Iran and other parts of West Asia.

Shashi Tharoor's convoy, which was going to campaign in Kerala, was stopped; gunman and driver were attacked

Thiruvananthapuram (GNS): Congress MP Shashi Tharoor's convoy was stopped in Kerala and his gunman-driver was attacked. The incident took place at 7.30 pm on Friday night in Wandoor of Mallapuram. According to the police, when Shashi Tharoor was going for an election rally, five people stopped his convoy in Tiruvalli. Police said that when Tharoor's gunman Ratheesh K P tried to remove these people, he was attacked. The accused also attacked the driver. One accused has been detained in the case and search is on for others. Tharoor is safe in the attack. According to the Election Commission, young voters in Kerala, aged 18 to 30, will receive a free ride within 2 km to their polling station on April 9th. First-time voters will receive a halwa packet. 200 packets will be sent to each district. Meanwhile, in Lalgudi, Tamil Nadu, the election flying squad seized ₹50 lakh in cash for which no valid account could be given. This amount was recovered from the house of a relative of TVK candidate Ku Pa Krishnan.

Claim: Raghav Chadha was made to stand like a rooster and beaten at Kejriwal's house
Former Haryana AAP president says he was sent to collect money from Punjab, which is what sparked the fight

Panchkula (GNS): Controversy is escalating following the removal of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP Raghav Chadha from the position of Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha. Naveen Jaihind, the former AAP state president from Haryana, has leveled serious allegations against AAP leaders. Jaihind released a video claiming that Raghav Chadha was summoned to Kejriwal's Sheeshmahal (CM House) in Delhi, made to stand like a rooster, and beaten. He was assaulted in front of four leaders. Jaihind also said that Raghav's eye was injured in the beating. He went to England to get treatment for this injury. People assumed he was on his honeymoon. Raghav should openly disclose everything.

Addressing a press conference in Rohtak on Saturday, Naveen Jaihind said, "Kejriwal and Raghav have been feuding for two years.

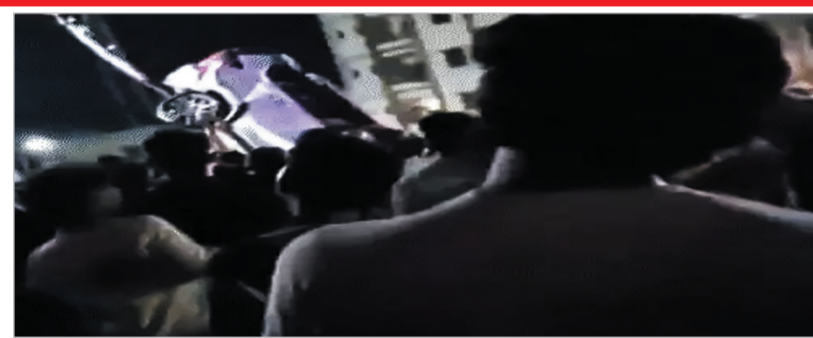


Nashik (GNS): Nine people, including six children, died when a car they were travelling in fell into a well in Maharashtra's Nashik district. The accident occurred around 10 pm on Friday night in the Shivaji Nagar area of Dindori town.

The victim's family was returning home after attending a function at a banquet hall when their car fell into a well near the venue, a police officer said. People rushed to the

Car falls into well in Nashik Maharashtra, killing 9 people

All from the same family, including 6 children



scene and, with the help of two cranes and swimmers, pulled out the car and its occupants around midnight.

According to police, the deceased were identified as Sunil Dattu Dargude (32), his wife Reshma, another woman Asha Anil Dargude (32) and six children of the family (five girls and a boy).

The officer said they are trying to determine how the driver missed the well. He added, "We are looking for eyewitnesses and checking CCTV footage of the incident."

Massive explosion in nitrogen gas warehouse in Silvassa, tragic death of three workers

The explosion occurred just 30 meters from the school, averting a major tragedy; the administration has launched an investigation.



Ahmedabad (GNS): A very painful and heart-wrenching incident took place today in Silvassa of Dadra Nagar Haveli. A massive explosion suddenly occurred in a nitrogen gas warehouse located near the city's dam. The explosion was so powerful that its sound was heard several kilometers away and the surrounding area shook. In this accident, three workers working in the warehouse died a painful death on the spot. According to eyewitnesses, after the explosion, there was chaos in the entire area and people started running here and there to save their lives. Pieces of gas cylinders fell far and wide, which spread panic among the people nearby. The most shocking aspect of the incident is that

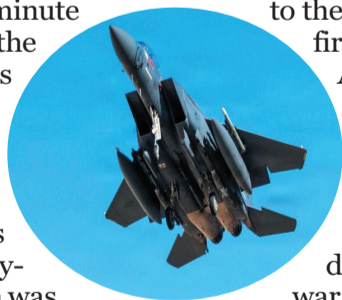
the warehouse where the explosion occurred was located just 30 meters from a private school. Fortunately, the direction and intensity of the blast did not reach the school, averting a major loss of life. Had the situation been even slightly different, the lives of many innocent children could have been at risk. Upon receiving information about the incident, local police and fire brigade teams immediately arrived at the scene and began relief and rescue operations. The area has been secured, and investigating agencies are investigating the matter.

After 23 years, the enemy shot down an American fighter jet

Trump's claim of occupying Iranian skies is false; 7 US aircraft destroyed so far

Washington DC/Tehran, (GNS): A month after the Iran war, Trump addressed the American public on April 2. In a 19-minute speech, he claimed that the US had destroyed Iran's air force and that it no longer had the capability to retaliate. Trump also claimed that the US had taken control of Iran's skies. His planes were flying over Tehran, and Iran was unable to do anything. Secretary of State Marco Rubio made similar claims. But the situation now tells a different story. In the past 24 hours, two US mili-

tary aircraft and two Blackhawk helicopters engaged in search operations have been shot down by Iran. According to the AP news agency, this is the first time in 23 years that American fighter jets have been shot down by enemy fire. The previous such incident occurred during the Iraq War in 2003. 7 US aircraft have been destroyed so far in the Iran war. 2 March: 3 F-15s were shot down in friendly fire in Kuwait, all 6 crew members were rescued safely. 12 March: AKC-135 tanker crashed in Iraq, killing 6 US aircrew.



Tourism will increase on the India-China border:

Uttarakhand will offer a Ladakh-like experience with the Nelang Valley open to tourists year-round

Uttarkashi (GNS): Tourists will now be able to enjoy Uttarakhand's famous Nelang Valley year-round. This government decision will provide tourists with the opportunity to experience the natural beauty, changing seasons, and Ladakh in the border region, while locals hope to boost tourism. This valley, which was open for a limited time until now, will now offer tourists a truly extraordinary natural experience throughout every season. Visitors will be able to enjoy the changing seasons and the snowy views of winter. Located near the India-China border, this valley will offer tourists a unique natural beauty and tranquil



atmosphere. Its unique geographical structure will make it a major attraction for adventure and photography enthusiasts. Opening year-round is expected to increase tourist traffic. This will also create new local employment opportunities. The administration has established necessary security arrangements and regulations to implement this decision. Tourists will only be permitted to enter the valley following established procedures. Given this sensitive location near the China border, monitoring and adherence to guidelines will be mandatory for tourists.

Smartphone spending reaches 40% of Indian income

Should be only 5%, inflation holds back smartphone upgrades for 220 million users

New Delhi, (GNS): India has 220 million feature phone users. They want to switch to smartphones. However, budget and high-priced handsets pose a significant barrier. There's a 4,000-6,000 price difference between a reliable smartphone and an entry-level feature phone. According to experts, the difference could be 6,000-8,000 rupees due to rising



memory chip prices. Affordability in India. According to Union Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, expensive smartphones pose a challenge to Digital India. The cost of a basic smartphone can be 30-40% of a user's monthly income. This is several times the standard 5% for affordability. Scindia suggested that the PLI scheme should be expanded beyond India and towards

Prices will increase due to the cost of memory chips. According to Tarun Pathak, director of Counterpoint Research, upgrading from a 4G feature phone to a 4G smartphone costs an additional 4,000. If a customer chooses a 5G phone, the burden increases to 6,000. Smartphone purchases will become even more difficult if memory shortages drive up prices.

Beyond the Horizon: India's New Saga of Valor Written on the Waves

Dilip Kumar Pathak

The surging waves, the deep blue sea, and the setting sun on the horizon—these scenes often bring us peace, but hidden behind this boundless expanse lies the story of a nation's pride and prosperity, which we commemorate as National Maritime Day. This day is not just a date, but a celebration of the courage that, centuries ago, broke free from foreign shackles and established its identity on the open seas. Imagine a time when the seas were ruled by foreigners. Their ships sailed, their rules applied, and our own heritage seemed helpless on the shore. At that moment, an Indian ship, the SS Loyalty, sets sail from the Mumbai coast for London. It was not just a structure of wood and iron; it was a bridge of hope for

millions of Indians, telling the world that India's boundaries were not limited to land. That journey was a rebellion, a declaration that we would no longer flow with the waves, but would turn them in our direction. Today, when we look back, that small beginning has blossomed into a vast banyan tree. India's nearly 7,500-kilometer-long coastline is not just a part of geography, but the lifeline of our economy. Our ports are no longer merely places for loading and unloading goods; they have become the gateways of modern India, from where the dream of a self-reliant India reaches global markets. Nearly 95% of the country's trade still takes place on these waves. Just think about those anonymous sailors who, away from their loved ones, endure for months, braving

strange winds and stormy waves, so that the lamps in our homes remain lit and the wheels of our factories keep turning. Their sacrifice is the true foundation of this maritime progress.

We often talk about the heights of the Himalayas, but forget the depths of this vast, gem-rich blue ocean to the south. The blue economy that India is talking about today is the biggest investment in the future. Whether it's minerals extracted from the deep sea or the lives of fishermen on the coast, each aspect is part of this larger picture. Modern technology has now given us the ability to not only extract wealth from the ocean but also learn to protect it. From plastic pollution to the challenges of climate change, today's India is emerging as a responsible maritime power. Today, we not

only operate merchant ships, but also sail our own indigenous aircraft carrier, INS Vikrant. This is a testament to our technological prowess, which shows that we are no longer dependent on anyone in matters of defense and security. India's growing presence in the Indian Ocean ensures that this region remains a center of peace and progress. The vision of the ocean, offered by our visionaries, is a mantra of security and development not just for India but for the entire world. As the world shrinks and new trade corridors open up, the importance of the sea is only growing. Our younger generation must now recognize the careers and adventures hidden within these waves. This isn't just about operating ships; it's a pivot of global diplomacy and economy, where India now stands at the

forefront. As long as the sun shines on these waves, India's maritime journey will continue.

Today is a day to pause and salute the waves that connected us to the world. To pay homage to our ancestors who never lost courage even in the face of adversity. And above all, to encourage the youth who will carry India's glorious history to greater heights in the future. The sea teaches us how to remain calm yet vast, and how to reach our destination even while enduring the ravages of challenges. On this festival of national pride, let us pledge to preserve and nurture our invaluable maritime heritage, and establish India as the undisputed king of the seas on the global map. The waves are calling, and India has taken firm steps towards its new destination.

Editorial

Bengal's 'hostage' justice

The violence in Malda district, West Bengal, was so violent that the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, lost his sleep. He stayed awake until 2 a.m., trying to secure the safe release of seven judicial officers held hostage. Three of those officers were women. The Chief Justice called the Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court. He also called the state's Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, and Director General of Police, urging them to release the "hostage" officers. He was "assured," but no concrete action was taken. The Chief Justice says that the District Magistrate and SSP of Malda did not arrive at the scene until 11 p.m. The officers were taken hostage around 3:30 p.m. In those 8-9 hours, anything could have happened! A crowd of thousands gathered outside the office, extremely agitated and angry. They were armed with sticks, rods, and stones. The mob vandalized cars, set them on fire, and pelted them with stones. This, by and large, was not an expression of democracy. This wasn't just hooliganism, it was a dangerous jungle raj. Ultimately, Justice Surya Kant had to issue a verbal order, and security forces safely freed the judicial officers. The Supreme Court issued a show-cause notice to the state's Chief Secretary, Home Secretary, Director General of Police, Chief of Police for Law and Order, the area's Police Commissioner, and the District Magistrate and SSP, ordering them to appear before the court online on April 6th. We do not consider this sufficient. It's possible that the legal proceedings would proceed as expected, but the way the mob attacked the judicial officers and held them "hostage" for nearly nine hours is a blatant disgrace to democracy, a blatant violation of justice and law and order, and a criminal obstruction of public servants' work. Chief Justice Surya Kant also acknowledged that this was no ordinary incident, but a conspiracy and criminal contempt. Everyone is speaking political language.

In fact, this is a psychological attack on judicial officers. The question now is: is this an aggressive reaction, anger, and resentment of those who have been deprived of their right to vote? Their names were removed from the voter list for whatever reason? Therefore, this incident, in addition to the chaos, uproar, and violence, also poses a serious challenge to the Election Commission.



In this world, anyone who possesses happiness, peace of mind, and a contented mind is a fortunate and happy person. Why only today? Such a person is happy in every world. In the Mahabharata, a Yaksha asked Dharmaraja Yudhishtira, "O Dharmaraja, what is the greatest happiness?" In response, Yudhishtira replied, "Solving is the best happiness." If a person has a lot of money, a good married life, good parents, but lacks contentment and happiness in their hearts, they cannot be happy in today's world, or in any other world.



One should laugh openly, smile and be happy, happiness of mind is like self-created medicine

Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

Money is essential in today's world, but contentment and happiness are even more important. Another essential factor is health. If one's health is good, one's life becomes blissful. In this precious, beautiful creation created by nature, the Creator has incorporated many virtues and vices into human life, and to utilize this, He has also created the supreme intelligence. Now, the honorable soul needs to choose between virtues and vices, happiness and sorrow, joy and sorrow, and so on, and make their lives successful or unsuccessful. It's up to the honorable soul to choose happiness and sorrow based on their intellectual capacity. Therefore, on this auspicious occasion, we will discuss mental happiness, its qualities, and methods of improving the process through this article.

Friends, if we talk about happiness, laughing openly, smiling, and being happy are like self-created medicine, as it dispels all sorrows and ensures a person's success. The intellect is instantly stable. The fragrance of social prestige and virtues spreads far and wide, and our distinctive, cheerful personality casts a shadow on our acquaintances and colleagues. Happiness is our priceless treasure, the more we share it, the more it grows. A smiling face and the sparkle of happy eyes are a rare asset for the wise, because happiness is the key to a peaceful life. This treasure grows when we incorporate our own happiness into the happiness of others. We should strive to find joy and happiness in small things. The joy of a confident mind leads to unprecedented success and long-term positive results. Spirituality, generosity, philanthropy, tolerance, and forbearance are some of the primary sources of mental happiness, and the need to adopt them in life is crucial.

Friends, if we consider the international values ??of happiness, such as International Happiness Day and the World Happiness Index report released by the United Nations, happiness is considered a highly universal tonic. Happiness Day is



celebrated and the happiness rankings of various countries are announced. However, surprisingly, India, along with many developed nations, lags behind in the Happiness Index, which is noteworthy. According to the World Happiness Report 2022, Finland has ranked first for five consecutive years, Denmark second, and Ireland third. However, India ranks 136th in this report, just outside the top ten. Such a poor state is surprising. Friends, if we discuss the qualities and benefits of mental happiness, happiness is a mental quality that must be practiced in one's daily life. Happiness permanently eliminates the mental disorders of sadness, craving, and frustration hidden within one's inner self. In fact, happiness is a unique quality with magnetic power. Happiness is not only a divine blessing, it is also a spiritual practice in one's life. To remain happy, a person adopts a lifestyle and attitude like an athlete. Success and failure, victory and defeat, and joy and sorrow are not a matter of concern in every aspect of life. One simply moves forward towards one's set goal. Happiness is the most positive emotion found in humans. It can occur for various reasons: being satisfied with the fulfillment of one's desires; finding one's daily activities in accordance with one's wishes; benefiting from a sudden gain; or finding a solution to a complex problem. Friends, if we talk about achieving the goal of happiness, a

happy person will certainly achieve it despite the circumstances. Even if they fail, they find it appropriate to introspect on their own mistakes rather than getting discouraged and blaming others for their failure. Wise and experienced people say that those who argue and conspire are always deprived of the divine gift of happiness. A happy person possesses the remarkable ability to keep others happy by keeping themselves happy. Only those who consider happiness a God-given asset can remain happy forever, becoming famous, intelligent, great, and powerful, and setting an example for society and the nation. Happiness is the key to a happy life. Happiness is our priceless treasure. Be sure to give of happiness and see its treasure grow. Doing good is not a duty, it is a joy, because it nourishes happiness. Not everyone has the power to please everyone. Happiness empowers the soul. A burden borne happily feels lighter. The word happiness is used to refer to mental or emotional states, encompassing positive or pleasant feelings ranging from contentment to intense joy. It is also used to describe life satisfaction, subjective well-being, eudaimonia, flourishing, and well-being. Therefore, every individual should adopt this quality and adopt the mantra of making life successful.

Therefore, if we study and analyze the above description, we will find that laughing, smiling, and being happy are essential.

Will the Election Commission prove to be a Bhasmasur for the BJP?

Sanat Kumar Jain

The notification for the West Bengal Assembly elections has been issued. The pre-election SIR process has been ongoing for several months. A petition regarding this matter is also being heard in the Supreme Court. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's all-out fight over the SIR has become a major headache for the Election Commission and the BJP. The opposition has understood the Election Commission's SIR game during the Bihar Assembly elections. The game of Forms 6 and 7 being played within the Election Commission has also been recognized by the opposition parties and Mamata Banerjee. The Election Commission has transferred a large number of officials, from top

officials to BLOs, in West Bengal. Mamata Banerjee and her lawyers have taken up this matter in the Supreme Court. Mamata Banerjee has spared no effort in fighting the case in the judiciary. Certainly, given the constitutional protection and government protection enjoyed by the Election Commission, Mamata Banerjee has received no benefit from the High Court and the Supreme Court. Despite this, the issue has rapidly reached the public after the name of a High Court judge was also removed from the voter list, including members of a particular religion. Recently, judicial officers were sitting in the block office investigating complaints from voters whose names were not included. Voters held those judicial officers hostage for several hours. The Chief Justices of the High Court and

Supreme Court had to stay up all night to keep the administration awake. Only then were the hostage judges released. The Supreme Court itself had to take cognizance and order the CRPF to be deployed for security duties for judicial officers. The TMC had already stated this in its court submission. The state government bears no responsibility for the large-scale transfers of officers carried out by the Central Election Commission without consulting the state government. The administration appointed by the Central Election Commission has been operating since the election notification was issued. The law and order situation in West Bengal is continuously deteriorating. The number of voters whose names have been deleted is in the millions. They are angrily approaching local officials and judi-

cial officers to have their names added. The way Forms 6 and 7 were misused in the Haryana, Maharashtra, and Bihar elections, and the way the Election Commission played the game of adding and deleting voters' names at the last minute, has been fully exposed. When Rahul Gandhi held a press conference and leveled allegations against the Election Commission with evidence, at that time, the opposition remained silent. Rahul Gandhi was the first to expose the Election Commission's irregularities. The Election Commission has yet to respond to the allegations made in that press conference. In West Bengal, Mamata Banerjee and TMC leaders have been fighting the Election Commission from the streets to the courts. West Bengal is highly conscious of rights. In this

election, the BJP is facing the most difficulties in West Bengal. The TMC's network extends to every village. The TMC is exposing every malpractice of the Election Commission. From time to time, when the Election Commission finds irregularities in the SIR, it approaches the court. Mamata Banerjee has severely cornered the Election Commission and the BJP with documentary evidence. West Bengal will be the first state where the BJP may suffer losses due to the Election Commission.

West Bengal is in the news, with Gyanesh Kumar of the Central Election Commission potentially proving to be a savior for the BJP. The Election Commission is facing allegations that it is engaging BJP leaders' favored officials and employees in election work at their behest.

From November 1, Delhi to block entry of goods vehicles below BS-VI

New Delhi, (GNS): Entry of goods vehicles into Delhi will be restricted to those compliant with BS-VI norms or CNG and electricity from Nov 1 onwards. Non-essential traffic inflow will also be regulated.

This decision came as chief minister Rekha Gupta on Friday unveiled the Air Pollution Mitigation Action Plan, 2026.

In periods of severe pollution, govt may introduce staggered office timings, announce work-from-home directives and more restrictions on polluting vehicles, Delhi govt said.

Govt last year had also tried to enforce the restrictions on the entry of polluting goods vehicles but later stepped back on it for a year.

The plan lays out a structured and science-backed roadmap targeting major pollution sources, including vehicular emissions, road dust, construction, industrial discharge and biomass burning.

It identifies 11 priority sectors, each with defined responsibilities, timelines and real-time monitoring mechanisms. "This is not just a policy announcement. It's an enforcement-driven campaign powered by resources,



technology and strict oversight," Gupta said after a high-level review meeting at the Mukhyamantri Janseva Sadan, attended by senior ministers, bureaucrats and officials from transport and enforcement agencies.

Govt will enforce the 'No PUC, No Fuel' rule using ANPR cameras and digital tracking systems. Authorities are also preparing measures for high-pollution days to reduce

emissions, govt said.

To reduce reliance on private vehicles, govt is significantly expanding public transport. The bus fleet is set to grow to 13,760 by 2028-29, with a focus on electric buses. Integration between metro networks, regional transit systems and last-mile services like e-autos and feeder buses, govt said in a statement.

Youth shot at outside club in east Delhi after altercation

New Delhi, (GNS): A 21-year-old man sustained a gunshot injury outside a club in east Delhi's Preet Vihar area in the early hours of Saturday following a quarrel that escalated into violence, police said.

The incident came to light after a PCR call was received at around 4.33 am from GTB Hospital regarding a medico-legal case of a gunshot injury, they said.

The injured, identified as Sameer, a resident of Noor-e-Ilahi in Delhi, was admitted to the hospital where he is undergoing treatment and is stated to be in stable condition.

According to police, Sameer had gone to a club in Preet Vihar with his friends. During their visit, another friend, Arham, got into an altercation with a man present at the club along with his associates.

"The argument escalated into a quarrel, after which the groups moved outside towards



the service road," a police officer said.

At that point, an unidentified person, who was already present outside with his associates, allegedly opened fire. The bullet struck Sameer on his right leg below the knee, police said.

The accused fled the spot immediately after the incident, while Sameer was rushed to GTB Hospital by his friends.

Police said the injured has stated that he does not know the identity of the shooter.

A crime team inspected the scene and local inquiries are underway. Efforts are being made to identify and apprehend the accused, and further investigation is in progress, officials added.

Delhi Rolls Out Multi-Level Strategy with Centre to Ease LPG



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi govt said on Friday that it has implemented a multi-tiered strategy in coordination with the Centre for policy intervention, to ease pressure on LPG supplies.

Additional commissioner Arun Kumar Jha said Delhi has around 56 lakh domestic LPG connections, and residents are being urged to ensure that their connections are registered under the correct name to prevent misuse and diversion. Jha also said that govt is pushing for the expansion of piped natural gas (PNG).

"Wherever PNG connections are available, residents should shift from LPG to PNG," he said, adding that the pipeline network has now reached "every village".

A control room has been set up to monitor the situation and record complaints and inputs. The announcement came at a press conference by the department of food, supplies and consumer affairs.

Govt had earlier urged people to report suspicious activities through the helpline numbers 011-23379836 and 8383824659 between 9 am and 7 pm every day. It promised that verified complaints will be tackled promptly.

On the enforcement front, a crackdown is under way. On Thursday, at least 100 LPG cylinders were seized from Alipur and Bawana, officials said.

Authorities said that action is being taken at three levels. "The intelligence department is also working on this," an official said.

So far, 27 cases have been registered in connection with hoarding and illegal diversion, though no gas agency or distributor has been charged yet, joint CP (transport) Milind Mahadeo Dumbere said.

Demand has also seen a surge, with LPG bookings rising to up to 2 lakh per day. On April 1, bookings stood at 1.11 lakh, lower than the usual average of 1.60 lakh. Officials said queues have been reported in some areas due to a backlog.

As a relief measure, migrant labourers can obtain 5 kg cylinders without a regular LPG connection by showing valid identity proof, officials said.

Officials said that before the crisis, around 600 connections were added every day. That figure is over 1500 now.

Govt's food, supplies and consumer affairs department has amended clauses in its policy for the distribution of commercial LPG cylinders in Delhi.

According to an order dated April 2, deliveries to commercial and industrial LPG consumers against any allocation after the order will be permitted only under specified conditions. Consumers must be registered with the oil marketing company (OMC). In addition, they must have applied for a PNG connection with Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) and completed necessary formalities in areas where the PNG network is available.

In locations where PNG coverage is not available, an application indicating intent to obtain a PNG connection once the network becomes available will suffice.

Burial Halted, Truth Uncovered: Father, Brother Held for 19-Year-Old's Killing in West Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Two days after police halted the burial of a 19-year-old girl and registered a murder case, her 55-year-old father and brother have been arrested for allegedly killing her in Tihar village in west Delhi's Hari Nagar. Police said the family was opposed to her relationship with a boy.

Police have also recorded the statement of the boy she was allegedly in a relationship with. The PCR call was allegedly made by his friend.

DCP (west) Darade Sharad Bhaskar said: "The accused have been identified as Mohammad Maneer (55), a vegetable vendor, and his son Meraj Ali (19), who worked as a helper in a private company. The two had opposed Noor's relationship with a boy from their native place, which had continued

for nearly two years. When she did not relent, they allegedly killed her. The father pinned her hands down and her brother smothered her with a pillow. The post-mortem report has confirmed smothering as the cause of death."

A police source said, "She was most likely smothered using a pillow, though we are still ascertaining the sequence of events. The role of her mother and sister is also under investigation."

Police have registered a case under sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita pertaining to murder and destruction of evidence.

The source added that although the family initially told neighbours she had died of kidney failure and jaundice, police found no medical record to support the claims.

For Noor, milestones like



securing admission to an arts course at Jamia Millia Islamia, celebrating her upcoming birthday on April 14, and marrying the person she loved seemed within reach - dreams that were abruptly cut short.

When Media visited the locality, disturbing accounts emerged from neighbours, painting a picture of confinement and abuse in the days

just before Noor's death.

For five days, she was confined to her ground floor home, the door netted and locked from the outside. She was allegedly given no food or a phone. Neighbours who lived upstairs watched helplessly. "She would constantly ask us to get her a phone so she could call the police," said one neighbour, who asked not to be named. "But we all feared for our own safety."

What they could do, they did. Through a small gap at the top of the door mesh, they passed her food.

A 19-year-old neighbour, who described growing close to Noor after her family moved into the neighbourhood last year from Bihar's Basauli, said the family had always been deeply restrictive. "The last time we saw her outside the house was on

Eid," she said. "She was supposed to start college soon. But instead she was locked up. She came second in her class in 12th grade and was very intelligent."

She further said, "There were bruises on her body. Every day, when her parents and siblings would leave for work in the morning, they would lock her inside. She would sit by the door and keep asking children to bring someone who could help get her out."

A family member living in the same building said, "When we asked about her well being we were told she was unwell due to kidney failure and jaundice and that doctors said she won't survive. After mid-March, when she stepped out to meet the boy and returned home late for a few days, she was not allowed to leave."

'Filling unhygienic raw paste into tubes' Fake toothpaste racket busted in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Everyday consumer products such as soft drinks and biscuits were allegedly sold in the city long after their expiry dates, posing a serious risk to public health.

Delhi Police busted an illegal operation running out of a godown in Dwarka, where expired and near-expiry food items of multinational brands were allegedly repackaged and circulated in the market with forged manufacturing and expiry dates.

Acting on a tip-off received on March 29, police raided a godown in Bamnoli village and seized a large consignment of soft drinks and packaged food items. Two men found at the spot - Shivam Singh, 27, and Lokesh Kumar, 35 - were apprehended.

During interrogation, the duo told police they were acting on the instructions of Kamal Mudgil, 56, the owner



of the firm. Mudgil later arrived at the godown and was taken into custody, taking the total arrests to three.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Harsh Indora said officers from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) were called to the spot to verify the firm's licences and collect samples for testing. "All food products found with forged batch numbers and altered expiry dates were

seized," he said.

The seized stock included large quantities of popular soft drink brands - 115 boxes of soft drink cans - along with branded biscuits bearing tampered packaging and stickers.

Police said the accused allegedly procured expired or near-expiry food products, altered their labels to extend shelf life and sold them in the local market or exported them.

CBSE introduces 3-language formula from Class VI, dual-level maths & science for Class IX

New Delhi, (GNS): Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has announced a phased rollout of the three-language formula from Class VI and the introduction of a two-tier system in mathematics and science for Class IX, to be implemented from the 2026-27 academic session, officials said.

Officials said that language learning will follow a structured three-language model organised into stages-R1, R2, and R3. As recommended by the National Curriculum Framework under National Education Policy, at least two of the three languages must be Indian. Continuing its phased approach to multilingual education, CBSE will make a third language mandatory from Class VI, ensuring that each student studies at least two Indian languages.

A significant change will

also be introduced in mathematics and science through a two-level system from the same academic session. All students will study the standard curriculum and sit for a common three-hour examination carrying 80 marks. Those seeking greater proficiency may opt for an additional advanced level in one or both subjects.

The advanced component will involve a separate one-hour examination carrying 25 marks, aimed at assessing higher-order thinking and deeper conceptual understanding. While the standard examination is compulsory, the advanced paper will be optional. Officials clarified that marks from the advanced paper will not be included in the overall aggregate; instead, students who score 50% or above will have this achievement recorded separately on their mark sheets.

500 companies of central forces to stay on in Bengal after results, says EC

New Delhi, (GNS): As many as 500 companies of central armed police forces (CAPFs) will stay deployed in Bengal for post-poll law and order duties after the poll results are out, "till further orders of the Election Commission", EC said on Friday.

Each CAPF company comprises 80-100 personnel. A total 2,400 CAPF companies have been assigned for poll deployment in Bengal and 1,700 will leave the state after polling gets over on April 29.

EC officials said besides the 500 companies that will stay back to maintain law and order "long after the results", another 200 will be retained "till counting is completed", to secure the EVM strong-rooms and counting

centres.

On Friday, CEC Gyanesh Kumar also directed the state chief secretary, DGP and senior state administration and police officials to ensure elections where citizens vote without fear and which are free of violence, intimidation, inducement, chaapa (voter impersonation), booth jamming and source jamming."

Sources said EC decided to extend the stay of 500 companies of central forces till after the elections, in view of the state's history of post-poll violence. As per an NHRC probe into post-poll violence in Bengal after the 2021 assembly election, the state DGP had reported 1,970 complaints of violence between May 2, 2021 and June 20,

2021.

While 29 complaints related to murder, 12 involved sexual assault; 391 grievous hurt, 940 arson/vandalism and 562 criminal intimidation. Only 1,168 complaints were converted into FIRs and 1,345 of total 9,304 accused arrested. NHRC's own spot inquiries at 311 places found that FIR was not registered in 60% of the places.

NHRC observed that "the spatio-temporal expanse of violent incidents... with little efforts of state to prevent or control or rectify the same is actually a larger picture of organised violence by supporters of the ruling party in retribution against persons who dared to support the other major party which lost the recent (2021)

assembly elections".

Though polls in Bengal shall be completed on May 6, that any post-poll violence has a direct correlation with elections, makes EC stakeholder, said a commission official. Even after the winning party forms govt in Bengal, it may have to write to EC or Union home ministry to withdraw the forces. The latter may turn to EC for clearance given that the post-poll deployment is "till further orders of the EC".

In yet another move on Thursday, EC took serious note of the deployment of 2,185 police personnel by WB govt prior to announcement of polls for "providing security to 832 TMC personnel and 144 others, including TMC supporters".

Delhi Police busts racket diverting govt-supplied medicines for private sale

New Delhi ,(GNS): Delhi Police has busted a racket in which govt-supplied medicines meant for free distribution through hospitals were being diverted for private sale. Three men - identified as Neeraj Kumar, 53, Sushil, 46, and Laxman Mukhia, 47, - have been detained, and investigators are probing the alleged involvement of a pharmacy store in-charge at a govt hospital.

The case came to light on April 2 after police received a tip-off about medicines meant for govt hospitals being transported in a tempo and a car.

Acting on the information, a Crime Branch team laid a trap at Rajendra Market in Tis Hazari. The two vehicles were intercepted, and a search led to the recovery of two boxes of medicines from the car and 97 boxes from



the tempo. All the cartons were marked "Govt Supply - Not for Sale".

A detailed examination revealed a large quantity of medicines, including 1,18,800 tablets of Cefixime (200 mg), 19,200 tablets of Amoxicillin Potassium

Clavulanate, and 6,552 injections of Erythropoietin, Ceftriaxone, Cefazidime, Meropenem, Rabies Antiserum and Turoctocog Alfa (NovoEight 500).

An officer said the medicines were meant for free distribution

through govt hospitals but were allegedly being sold in the private market.

During questioning, Neeraj failed to produce any valid documents or give a satisfactory explanation for possessing the medicines. He later allegedly admitted to colluding with a pharmacy store in-charge at a govt hospital to illegally procure the medicines and transport them to Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh for sale. He also told police that Sushil assisted him in the operation and that Laxman Mukhia's tempo was used to transport the consignment.

A case has been registered under Sections 316(5) (criminal breach of trust), 318(2) (cheating), 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Teen Held for Azadpur Mandi Stabbing Separate Haiderpur Murder and Rohini Assault Cases Solved

New Delhi ,(GNS): A 19-year-old youth was arrested for allegedly stabbing a 35-year-old driver to death in northwest Delhi's Azadpur Mandi following a dispute over the price of gutka.

The victim, Nazim, a driver from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, was attacked in the early hours of April 3 after an argument with a tea seller escalated into a scuffle. The accused, Rahul, a resident of Libaspur, allegedly stabbed him with a knife. Nazim was taken to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

In another incident, two men were arrested and a minor was apprehended on Friday for stabbing a 20-year-old man to death in northwest Delhi's Haiderpur area.

The victim, identified as Nitesh (20), was found critically injured near Haiderpur Nahar on April 2. During investigation, police found that the



attack followed a quarrel. The main accused, Karan (18), along with his associates Monty (22) and a minor, allegedly assaulted Nitesh, with Karan stabbing him multiple times.

All three accused were traced and apprehended.

In another incident, a man and two women were assaulted during a quarrel in Rohini's Sector-16 area, with police arresting two accused and apprehending two juveniles. An FIR was registered under sections 109 (attempt to murder), 110 (Attempt to commit culpable homicide), 126 (Wrongful restraint) and 3 (5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Air Pollution Mitigation Action Plan 2026



New Delhi,(GNS): Delhi is set to roll out sweeping measures to combat air pollution, with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta unveiling the Air Pollution Mitigation Action Plan 2026. From November 1, 2026, entry of goods vehicles into the city will be restricted to those compliant with BS-VI norms, CNG, or electric power.

This is aimed at reducing emissions from diesel-powered freight carriers that contribute significantly to the city's deteriorating air quality. A similar rule was proposed last year but couldn't be implemented. Non-essential traffic inflow also to be regulated. In periods of severe pollution, staggered office timings, work-from-home directives and additional restrictions on polluting vehicles may be imposed to provide immediate relief. Govt to strictly enforce 'No PUC, No Fuel' rule using ANPR cameras and digital tracking systems. To reduce reliance on private vehicles, govt to expand public transport. The bus fleet is set to grow to 13,760 by 2028-29, with focus on electric buses.

Traffic congestion to be addressed at 62 identified hotspots through infrastructure upgrades and a city-wide Intelligent Traffic Management System.

Smart parking reforms also planned. The plan, prepared under the guidance of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, outlines a structured roadmap for sustainable urban development, with a strong focus on accountability, technology and time-bound implementation.

A high-level review meeting on effective pollution control was held on Friday at the 'Mukhyamantri Janseva Sadan', chaired by the chief minister.

The meeting was attended by cabinet ministers Pravesh Sahib Singh, Manjinder Singh Sirsa, and Pankaj Kumar Singh; Chief Secretary Rajiv Verma; officials from the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation and the Traffic Police; along with senior representatives from all concerned government departments.

The Delhi CM reiterated that clean air and environmental protection are now at the core of the government's policy framework, supported by dedicated budget allocations for clean mobility, dust control, waste management, greening and pollution monitoring.

The repeating trend of Punjabi singers facing the music in courts

New Delhi,(GNS): The Delhi High Court had recently ordered the immediate removal of a controversial 2000s song "Volume 1," sung by Yo Yo Honey Singh and Badshah, over its lyrics being grossly vulgar, obscene, and derogatory towards women.

This is not the first time courts have played policing in the world of art. There have been many instances in which judicial interventions led to the removal of content deemed harmful.

Hirdesh Singh, popularly known as Yo Yo Honey Singh, has come under the courts' ire for derogatory content in many of his songs. In 2013, the singer-actor faced massive controversy and legal action over the song "Main Hoon Balatkari" (I am a rapist), which con-



tained vulgar, anti-women lyrics, and surfaced following the 2012 Delhi gang rape.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court ordered action against him, but the cases were dismissed after it was determined that the song was not sung by him, but rather uploaded by an imposter.

His next chartbuster,

"Makhna" in 2018, reportedly reeked of vulgar and misogynistic lyrics, specifically the phrase "Main hoon womaniser" (I am a womaniser), which prompted a legal case over "indecent representation of women".

The FIR was eventually quashed in September 2025 after the Punjab Women's

Delhi court: LPG black marketing 'strikes at root of public welfare'

New Delhi ,(GNS): A Delhi court recently denied anticipatory bail to an accused involved in the illegal procurement, transportation and black marketing of LPG cylinders, noting its adverse impact on "public distribution and safety". The order comes amid a deepening cooking gas crisis triggered by the conflict in West Asia.

Additional Sessions Judge Vinod Kumar Gautam remarked that, "economic offences of this nature, committed in times of rising prices of essential commodities, strike at the very root of public welfare."

The prosecution submitted before the court that the accused, Mukesh Kumar, from Jamia Nagar, was the key "conspirator and owner of the vehicle" used for transporting the cylinders. It further submitted that Kumar had not joined the investigation and had fled from the spot to evade



apprehension and was using the "volatility in fuel prices and increased demand" to his advantage.

Hinting at a larger network, the prosecution argued that custodial interrogation was necessary to unearth the entire conspiracy. Opposing the bail plea, it pointed to the "serious economic and public safety implications" of the accused's actions under section 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, adding, "such acts in times like this aggravate the gravity of the offence and directly affect the public."

The defence, however, sought parity, noting that a co-accused had already been granted bail by the trial court. Rejecting this contention, the court observed that the allegations pertained to "illegal procurement and black marketing of LPG cylinders, which prima facie indicate an organised activity having wider ramifications on public safety and distribution system."

"The role attributed to the applicant is distinct and more serious, as he is stated to be the owner of the vehicle used in the offence and part of the alleged conspiracy," the judge noted.

Taking into account that the accused was evading the investigation, the court emphasised the need for custodial interrogation to uncover the complete chain of events as well as to analyse electronic evidence, including call records.

Delhi HC bars unauthorised use of preacher Aniruddhacharya's name, voice, image

New Delhi ,(GNS): Delhi High Court has protected the personality rights of preacher Aniruddhacharya, also popular as 'Pookie Baba', and restrained the unauthorised use of his name, voice and image for creating memes, videos or any other content, including AI or deepfake content.

On March 30, Justice Tushar Rao Gedela issued an interim order in response to a lawsuit filed by Aniruddhacharya, which is now available.

The court also directed social media platforms Meta, X and Google to take down content identified by the plaintiff that unlawfully used or imitated his persona.

Observing that a strong prima facie case was made out, HC said the plaintiff was a well-known and widely accepted public figure whose personality, reputation and

goodwill had been built over decades of spiritual teachings. The court held that the content flagged by Aniruddhacharya was not "mere parody" but appeared to be disparaging and infringing his personality and publicity rights. It noted that the apprehension of damage to his image and reputation was "real and present".

"The unauthorised use of a person's name, voice, image and mannerisms constitutes an infringement of personality and publicity rights," the court said, adding that failure to grant immediate relief would result in irreparable harm that could not be compensated monetarily.



X accounts under scrutiny as FIR registered in Delhi

New Delhi ,(GNS): The Delhi Police have registered a case following an alleged data breach and the circulation of sensitive documents linked to the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), triggering an investigation into potential unauthorised access and online dissemination of official records. According to the police, a complaint dated March 12, 2026, was filed at the IP Estate police station by an authorised representative of the FSSAI.

The complaint flagged the circulation of certain posts and purported official documents on social media platforms, raising concerns over



their authenticity and source.

The complainant alleged that certain influencers and unidentified individuals, possibly acting in connivance with insiders, were involved in spreading the material with the intent to create distrust and damage the organisation's reputation. It was further claimed that some of the documents might have been accessed without

authorisation and potentially tampered with.

Based on the complaint, the Delhi Police registered an FIR under Section 316 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 72 of the Information Technology Act.

Officials said the investigation was currently underway, with focus on identifying those responsible for the alleged leak and verifying the authenticity of the circulated documents.

The police have also initiated steps to preserve digital evidence and issued notices to social media platforms, including X, seeking details of the accounts involved.

According to sources, the

authorities have sought extensive information such as mobile numbers used for account registration, IP logs, accessed ports, recovery email IDs, and any relevant data that could help trace the individuals behind the accounts.

Following these developments, several social media handlers under scrutiny have publicly responded, alleging that the action amounts to "witch hunt". They claim the move is aimed at targeting voices critical of the system, raising concerns about the freedom of expression on digital platforms.

The case has since sparked a broader online debate, with

users questioning whether the scope of data sought by the authorities was justified for investigative purposes or constitutes an overreach.

The police said further legal action would be taken based on the findings of the ongoing probe.

Many users on X expressed solidarity with the influencers and condemned the police action, calling it an overreach.

The police said they had received a complaint on March 12 from a representative of the FSSAI regarding the circulation of certain posts and purported official documents on social media.