



# PM Modi targets TMC, says "their misdeeds have crossed limits"



**Kolkata(GNS):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said at an election rally in Cooch Behar, West Bengal, on Sunday that the TMC's "veil of sins has been filled," and the public now wants change. After the elections,

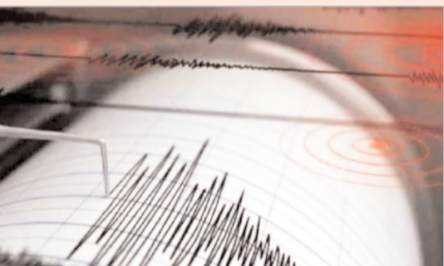
► **These people will make it difficult for Hindus to live in Bengal:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that Bengal's great identity is being distorted in this game of appeasement. The TMC has just released its manifesto, but it hasn't been titled in Bengali, instead calling it a commercial. Think about how they are changing the identity of West Bengal. You know what the Red Proclamation was used for in Bengal. In 1905, religious forces issued the Red Proclamation in Bengal. Hindus were massacred after that. The TMC wants to remind us of that. You must not forget that under this ruthless government, open threats are being issued. These people of a particular religion will make it difficult for Hindus to live in Bengal.

► **I trust the Election Commission, the elections will be fair:** PM Modi said, "This election will decide the future of your children. So, vote for your children's future. Cast your vote for your family. Seal the seal of change by voting for the BJP. I have faith in the Election Commission that this time the elections will be fair."

► **Bengal is the land of Shakti worship:** Narendra Modi said that our Bengal is the land of Shakti worship. I would like to tell all the sisters and daughters present here, every daughter of Bengal, that the BJP is in the field for your respect and prosperity.

strict action will be taken against the corrupt, and they will be held accountable selectively. PM Modi said, "In 1905, religious forces issued the Red Proclamation in Bengal. Hindus were massacred after that. The TMC wants to remind us of that. These people of a particular religion will make it difficult for Hindus to live in Bengal." The Prime Minister alleged that TMC rule. Constitutional institutions are being undermined. Corruption, infiltration, and atrocities against women in the state have left the public in an atmosphere of fear and insecurity.

## Earthquake of magnitude 4.2 hits Indian Ocean, no loss of life or property



**New Delhi, (GNS):** An earthquake of magnitude 4.2 struck the Indian Ocean early Sunday morning, causing geological disturbances in the region. According to the National Center for Seismology, this earthquake occurred at a depth of about 90 kilometers below the sea level. There is no report of any loss of life or property due to this earthquake that occurred in the morning. Experts have described it as a normal and low intensity earthquake, due to which there is no possibility of any major danger. Also, no tsunami warning has been issued. However, scientists believe that such movements occurring inside the sea are a sign of geological activities, which need to be monitored continuously.

According to media reports, earthquakes occur not only on the surface but also at various depths within the Earth. Scientifically, earthquakes are classified into three categories based on their depth.

## Election freebies are increasing states' debt: MP's debt is in the red line due to Ladli Bahna Ration kit scheme stopped in Maharashtra

**New Delhi(GNS):** Election-related "freebies" like free rations and cash for women are becoming a significant burden for states. The situation is such that states are unable to mobilize sufficient resources to fulfill these promises, nor are they able to create balanced budgets. In some states, the burden of these announcements has reached 30 to 40% of total revenue receipts. Small states like Himachal Pradesh are facing a severe cash crunch. Salaries and pensions of the Chief Minister, ministers, MLAs, and officials have had to be deferred. Telangana needs 1 lakh crore rupees annually for its election promises, but budget constraints have stalled many projects. In Madhya Pradesh, the Ladli Behna Yojana has caused debt to rise from 27% to 32% of GSDP.

## Nitish to take oath as Rajya Sabha member on 10th, Bihar CM's name to be revealed soon

**Patna (GNS):** Bihar politics is about to take a significant and positive turn. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar will be sworn in as a Rajya Sabha member on April 10th. BJP state president Sanjay Sarawagi announced on Sunday that after the swearing-in, the NDA's central leadership and Nitish Kumar himself will jointly decide on the future course of action. Following this development, the ongoing debate regarding the formation of a new government in Bihar and the name of the new Chief Minister is expected to come to an end soon.

Several names are being discussed in political circles,



but the time for a decision is now near. The state may receive new leadership in the coming days, which is expected to bring speed and clarity to governance. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar took charge of Bihar in 2005. He has remained Chief Minister since then, except for a few months. When the Rajya Sabha elections were near, he surprised

everyone by deciding to travel to Delhi. He is still being urged to reconsider his decision. However, now that he has been elected to the Rajya Sabha, all eyes were on his swearing-in ceremony. Now that situation has been clarified.

BJP National President Nitin Navin, RLP National President Upendra Kushwaha, Union Ministers Ramnath Thakur and Shivesh Kumar have also been elected. Consequently, it is now expected that the BJP will have a CM. However, several JDU leaders have demanded that the CM's son, Nishant, be given the reins of the state, and posters in support of him are being put up everywhere.

## Online LPG cylinder bookings surge 95% amid West Asia crisis

**New Delhi(GNS):** In light of the rapidly changing developments in West Asia and the situation around the Strait of Hormuz, over 5.1 million domestic LPG cylinders were distributed across the country on Saturday, while industry-wide online LPG cylinder bookings increased by 95%.



According to the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, the central government has embarked on a mission mode to ensure the country's energy security and the safety of its citizens. All departments, from the Petroleum Ministry to the Ministry of External Affairs, are committed to ensuring smooth operations. The government has clarified that the country has adequate reserves of petrol, diesel, and LPG. Several steps have been taken to strengthen the

supply chain. To ensure transparency in distribution, the coverage of the Delivery Authentication Code has been increased from 53% in February to 90%. Additionally, the PNG network is being expanded to reduce dependence on LPG. Since March, 3.6 lakh new PNG connections have been activated. The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Road Transport have adopted a 'fast-track approval framework' for pipeline laying approvals.

## Raghav Chadha said – this is just the trailer, the picture is yet to come

**Former AAP minister claims Chadha deleted posts criticizing Modi and BJP**

**Mohali(GNS):** Amid the ongoing feud with the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Raghav Chadha has shared a new post. In it, he wrote, "To my colleagues who are feeling compelled to release videos claiming that Raghav Chadha failed to raise Punjab's issues in Parliament. A brief glimpse for them. The story is yet to unfold." Chadha further wrote, "Punjab is not just a subject for me. It is my home, my duty, my soil, my soul." Raghav also shared a video with this post, showing his speech in Parliament. In it, Chadha can be heard raising issues related to Punjab. Meanwhile, AAP leader Saurabh Bhardwaj has claimed that Raghav Chadha has deleted all his old posts criticizing PM Narendra Modi and the BJP.



## American pilot hiding in the mountains of Iran: Rescued from enemy lines in 36 hours

► **Trump said – this is the most daring rescue operation in history.**

**Washington DC, (GNS):** 36 hours after an American F-15 fighter jet was shot down over Iran, its two pilots have been rescued by US Special Forces.

On Saturday, a special commando unit, along with dozens of fighter jets, conducted an operation in Iran. US warplanes also carried out strikes to prevent Iranian forces from reaching the area.



Heavy gunfire erupted, but ultimately, the US team managed to rescue the pilot safely, and all the soldiers were evacuated from Iran. President Trump has called it the most daring search and rescue operation in

American history. The officer was injured after landing with a parachute. The US website Axios, citing three US officials, reported that Iran shot down an F-15 aircraft on Friday. There were two

people on board: a main pilot and an airman, or weapon systems officer (who operates the weapons). The main pilot was rescued within hours. However, the airman was injured after parachuting. Despite his injuries, he was able to walk. He then hid in the Iranian mountains, evading capture for more than a day. He used his SERE training (Survive, Evade, Resist and Escape) to hide himself in the difficult mountainous terrain of Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad provinces.

## Pakistan threatens India The next conflict will not be confined to the border

# Defence Minister Asif said "We will reach Kolkata and kill them in their homes"

**Islamabad(GNS):** Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, speaking to reporters in Sialkot on Saturday, threatened India, saying that if India launches a false flag operation, the conflict will not be confined to the border but could reach Kolkata.

Khawaja Asif claimed that India was planning to stage a false drama using its own personnel or detained Pakistanis. India would face even greater embarrassment this time, just like last



year. Asif further said that by keeping the bodies somewhere, Pakistan can be accused of terrorism, but they (India) did not provide any evidence for this claim. Indian Defense Minister had said – If Pakistan plays dirty game, we will respond

There has been no official Indian response to Khawaja Asif's statement. However, Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh issued a clear warning to Pakistan at an event in Kerala. He stated that if Pakistan makes another misstep, the Indian Army will deliver a decisive response. Operation Sindoor is not over yet, and if Pakistan tries its dirty tricks again, Indian soldiers will deliver a response they will never forget.

## Children engaged in begging 45,000 beggars under the age of 14 across the country

### Rajasthan ranks second

**Jaipur(GNS):** A response to an unstarred question in the Ministry of Social Justice and State Empowerment, only 45,296 children under the age of 14 were found begging across the country. Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of children begging, at 10,000, followed by Rajasthan, which has over 7,000 children. This information is based on the 2011 census. This information was provided in

# Citizen participation will prove to be a milestone in saving human life from environmental hazards

**Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani**

Today, at the global level, every country is facing environmental problems and to find solutions to them, all the countries are gathering on various international forums and discussing various measures on environmental protection issues and implementing them, which include many such agreements including the Paris Agreement, which will prove to be a milestone in protecting human life from environmental threats.

Friends, if we talk about India, then India is not only providing significant contribution and cooperation in the protection of environment from every international

forum but is also moving towards achieving many goals ahead of its target time at the domestic level. Many social, cooperative, government, private organizations are working for the protection of environment at the national level, but if we really want to protect the environment, then every citizen will have to offer their contribution in the form of cooperation in this Yagya related to environmental protection and by running a campaign, let's protect the soil and environment, we will have to give the slogan! Humans will have to become partners of nature and we will have to think that a friendly human civilization will solve the environmental problems and cre-

ate a happy, prosperous and sustainable future. Friends, if we talk about the Honorable Union Defense Minister's address at an event, according to PIB, he also appealed for the discovery of new technologies in the field of science and innovations that would uphold environmentally friendly values. He said, "We must become partners of nature and have reverence and respect for both living and non-living elements of nature. I am confident that gradually human civilization will overcome the environmental problems of our time and create a happy, prosperous, just, and sustainable future for all of us." He expressed concern over environmental degradation and

said that the Earth's ecosystem is designed in such a way that the impact is not limited to a specific geographical area but encompasses the entire globe. He said, "For example, we have the issue of carbon emissions. Even if it is occurring in one country, it is certainly affecting all other countries." This is why all summits, conferences, treaties, and agreements regarding global environmental protection, whether it's the Rio Summit, the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification, the Climate Change Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, or the Paris Conference, guide all countries around the world to act in unison. As a responsible nation, India,

guided by its traditions and culture, has consistently worked towards soil conservation. Soil conservation cannot be achieved by focusing solely on soil. We have worked to protect and enhance all its associated components, such as afforestation, wildlife, wetlands, and so on. Only collective efforts will address collective problems. Therefore, it is essential that we all strive to protect soil and the environment and work together towards a better world. He described the Save Soil Campaign as a ray of hope because it instills confidence that through this campaign, people around the world will contribute to maintaining soil health in the future.

## Editorial

### Iran war is affecting the world economy

The US-Israel-Iran war is shaking the global economy. It's important to note that the ongoing conflict in West Asia is no longer confined to borders; its impact is clearly visible on the global economy as well as India's pocket-book. The start of the new financial year with a shock of inflation indicates that economic challenges could become more severe in the future. Rising energy prices, supply chain disruptions, and global uncertainty are all contributing to the pressure on India's economy. The sharp increase in the prices of LPG, aviation fuel (ATF), and premium fuel on the very first day of April has affected everyone, from the common man to the industry. The continued rise in the price of commercial LPG cylinders and the record-breaking rise in ATF indicate a deepening crisis in the energy sector. While there has been no immediate change in the prices of regular petrol and diesel, the increase in the price of premium fuel is bound to impact transportation and logistics costs. This directly impacts the prices of goods and services, leading to inflation.

Every war typically causes inflation, but this conflict involves Gulf countries, which supply much of the world's crude oil and gas needs. So, rising energy prices further fuel inflation. Furthermore, disruptions to maritime trade routes, coupled with shortages of goods and raw materials, also contribute to inflation.

As the war drags on, this problem becomes more serious. Inflation reduces people's purchasing power, leads to shortages of essential goods, and reduces the ability of governments to handle these expenses, increasing the risk of social unrest.

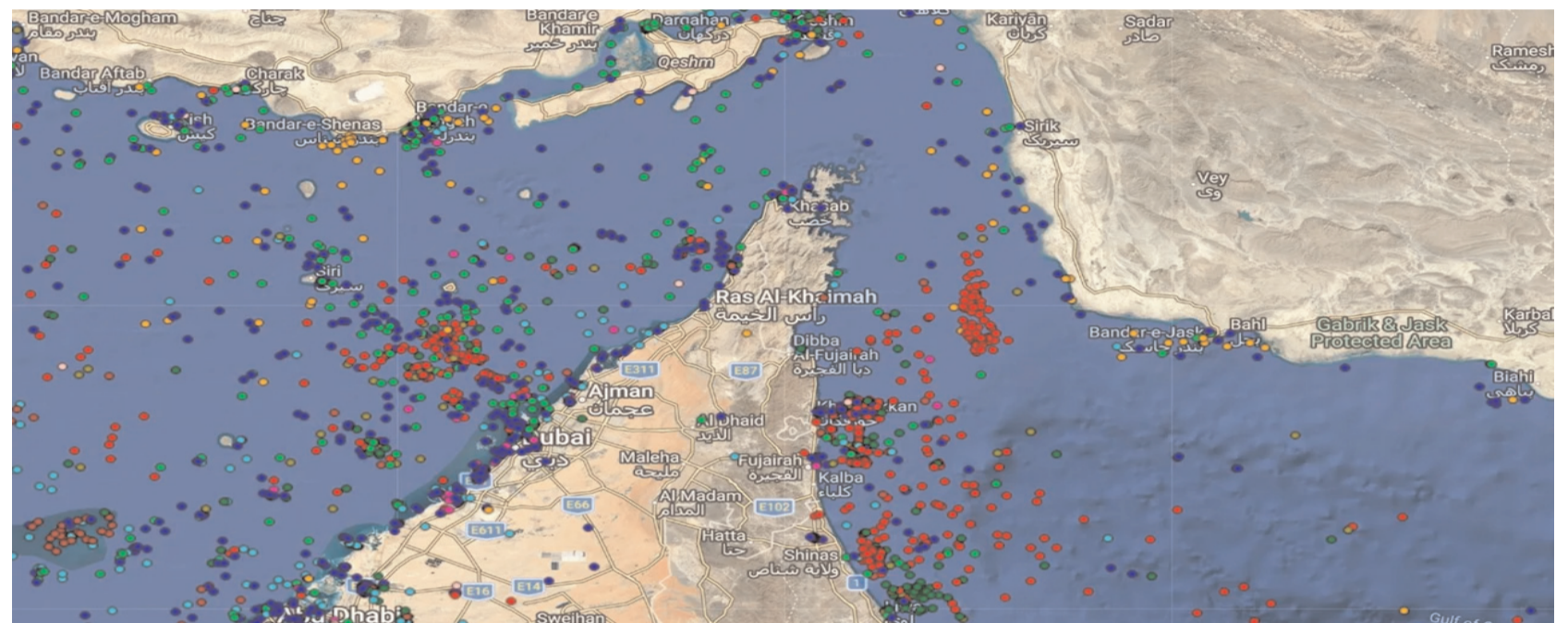
It is clear that rising inflation and shortages of essential goods due to war directly impact the common man. Furthermore, there will be social unrest, which will also affect the common people. India imports approximately 80 to 90 percent of its crude oil needs. Therefore, when oil prices rise in the international market, it directly impacts India's economy. Due to the ongoing war, crude oil prices have remained above \$100 per barrel, which is a matter of concern for an import-dependent country like India.



**The ongoing tensions in the Middle East are no longer merely a regional conflict, but have become a global crisis affecting the entire world. The Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important maritime trade routes, is currently at the center of the conflict. The global economy depends on the oil and gas supply that passes through it. Therefore, any instability in this region has a direct impact on global markets, inflation, and everyday life.**



## Global tensions and the need for dialogue amid the Hormuz crisis; the solution to the Hormuz crisis is possible only through dialogue



**Kantilal Mandot**

More than sixty countries recently participated in an international online meeting to discuss ways to resolve this crisis. At this meeting, India clearly stated that a solution to this crisis is possible only through dialogue and peace. This stance is consistent with India's traditional foreign policy, which has always prioritized dialogue, restraint, and balance.

India also stated that the only casualties in the conflict so far have been Indian citizens working on foreign ships. This fact further increases the gravity of the crisis, as it demonstrates that the impact of war is not limited to borders; it also takes the lives of innocent people. This statement by India is also a warning to the international community that if the situation is not brought under control in a timely manner, the consequences could be even more dire.

On the other hand, the United States and its allies are viewing this conflict from a strategic perspective. Statements by the US leadership indicate that they view this war as an opportunity to assert their power and dominance. While they have also called for dialogue, their statements have a stronger tone of toughness and warning. These contradictory signals further compli-

cate the situation. Iran has also adopted a tough stance. It has clarified that the Strait of Hormuz is under its control and will only open if its conditions are met. This situation is likely to escalate tensions not only regionally but also globally. If this route remains blocked for a prolonged period, oil supplies could be severely reduced, leading to a global energy crisis.

Another serious aspect of this conflict is the humanitarian crisis. Thousands of people have been killed in various countries, and millions have been injured or displaced. Hospitals, schools, and other infrastructure have been severely damaged. This situation demonstrates that war is not just between soldiers; civilians bear the brunt of it.

The United Nations and other international organizations have expressed concern over the situation and called for a ceasefire. They believe that if the conflict continues, it could lead to a global economic recession, food shortages, and social instability. The impact will be particularly severe for developing countries, which are already grappling with economic challenges.

India's stance in this entire scenario appears balanced and prudent. It has neither supported any

side nor issued aggressive statements against any. Instead, it has appealed for a path of peace and dialogue. This policy is not only in India's national interest but also essential for global peace.

It's also worth noting that countries like India, which rely on energy imports, are most affected by such crises. Rising oil prices directly impact the country's economy and the general public. Therefore, India's efforts to resolve the situation peacefully are both pragmatic and necessary.

The current situation clearly indicates that war cannot be a permanent solution to any problem. History bears witness that wars have only brought destruction and suffering. On the contrary, lasting peace can only be established through dialogue and cooperation. Therefore, all countries need to put aside their differences and come together to find solutions.

Ultimately, it can be said that the Hormuz crisis is not merely a regional dispute, but a challenge to all humanity. This challenge can be met not through mere displays of force, but through understanding, restraint, and dialogue. If the world community takes timely and appropriate action, this crisis can be averted and we can move forward towards a stable and peaceful future.

# Nari Shakti Vandan Act: From Representation to Empowerment

**Saurabh Varshney**

In a vast democracy like India, women constitute nearly half the population, yet their representation in politics has long been limited. Aiming to address this imbalance, the Women's Reservation Bill (Nari Shakti Vandan Act) has emerged as a historic initiative. This Act provides for 33 percent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assemblies. This law is not merely a matter of seat reservation, but an important step towards making democracy more inclusive. When women are involved in policymaking in greater numbers, more sensitive and effective decisions can be made on issues such as education, health, nutrition, and social security. Although the Act has been

passed, its implementation is linked to the census and delimitation process. Meaning, it may take time to see its real impact. This delay, in turn, casts doubt on its immediate effectiveness.

Women's empowerment is not ensured simply by enacting laws. Issues such as patriarchal thinking in society, inequality in ticket distribution among political parties, and election expenses remain obstacles. Therefore, it is essential that political parties also take concrete steps to advance women. This Act also serves as a test of political parties' genuine commitment. Will they limit women to reserved seats or provide them with adequate opportunities in general seats as well? This will be the true measure of this Act's success. The Nari Shakti Vandan Act is a milestone

towards making Indian democracy more just and balanced. However, its success will depend not only on its passage, but also on its effective implementation and a change in social mindset. If implemented with the right spirit and policies, it can elevate the role of women in Indian politics to new heights. In a vast democratic country like India, women constitute nearly half the population, yet their representation in Parliament and legislative assemblies remains limited. This situation raises serious questions not only about statistical inequality but also about the quality of democracy. When half of society is underrepresented in decision-making institutions, how can policies adequately reflect their needs and perspectives? The history of women's political participation in

India has been one of struggle and gradual expansion. The 33 percent reservation in local bodies has certainly increased women's participation, leading to new examples of leadership at the rural level. However, similar progress is not visible at the national and state levels. The number of women in Parliament remains relatively low, indicating that women are not adequately prioritized by political parties. There are several reasons behind this imbalance—social conservatism, economic dependence, lack of education and opportunities, and the increasing criminalization and money power in politics. Women are often deprived of the resources and support necessary to contest elections. Additionally, political parties underestimate them as winning

candidates, leading to discrimination in ticket distribution. However, discussions and initiatives regarding the Women's Reservation Bill in recent years have raised hopes. If reservation for women is implemented in Parliament and State Assemblies, it would be a historic step, not only increasing representation but also bringing balance to policymaking. However, reservation alone is not the solution. Education, economic independence, and a shift in social thinking are equally essential for women's empowerment. Political parties must voluntarily give tickets to more women and provide them with leadership opportunities. Furthermore, society must develop a mindset that accepts women's leadership. A strong democracy is one in which the voices of every section are heard equally.

## 'She said she'll be back in 5 mins': Left to bleed for 20 minutes, 15-year-old girl dies of stabbing wounds in Delhi

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** A 15-year-old girl, who was stabbed in northeast Delhi's Seemapuri on Friday, succumbed to injuries at Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital on Saturday morning.

The accused, a 24-year-old man, died shortly after the incident in a gas cylinder explosion at his residence nearby on Friday evening.

The girl was declared dead at the hospital around 6 am. Outside her house, family members recalled her stepping out to buy medicines from a nearby shop when she was attacked. Her grandmother wailed inconsolably, repeating: "Bas 5 min keh kar gayi thi, abhi tak lauti nahi (she left saying she would be back in five minutes; she has not yet returned)."

Her uncle further told Media that she was bleeding for over 20 minutes before help arrived. "The rage and brutality with which she was stabbed is unbelievable. She



was stabbed over a dozen times," he said. The teenager recently appeared for her Class X board exams and was waiting for her results. "We were all awaiting her results. We were so hopeful for her future," he said, adding that residents now feared for their safety after the murder.

Friends and family remem-

bered her as someone who was loved for her kindness. Her aunt said, "We don't know why anyone would have wanted to hurt her. We have not been informed of any clear motive yet."

The girl is survived by her grandmother, mother, father and her younger sister.

## Stringent UAPA against notorious arms dealer Shahbaz Ansari

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** Delhi Police has slapped the stringent UAPA against notorious arms dealer Shahbaz Ansari, currently believed to be in Bangladesh. Arrested for supplying weapons that were used in the murder of singer Sidhu Moose Wala, Ansari fled the country after seeking bail and is now believed to be working with ISI-backed entities.

Police said a lookout circular (LOC) has been issued against him, and steps are underway to seek an Interpol Red Notice. Efforts to trace and extradite Ansari have been intensified, officials said.

Recently, the crime branch arrested 10 of Ansari's operatives and seized a large cache of arms and ammunition allegedly supplied by him to criminal gangs operating in Delhi. The haul included a Czech-made submachine gun, PX-5.7 and PX3 pistols, Brazilian Taurus, German Walther, Turkish Stoeger,

Chinese Star and Italian Beretta weapons.

Investigators said Ansari's illegal arms network was rooted in Khurja in Uttar Pradesh's Bulandshahr district. His father, Qurban, had allegedly built an arms manufacturing and supply racket under the cover of a legitimate electrical switch factory. After Qurban's death during the Covid-19 pandemic, the business was taken over by his sons.

The UAPA was invoked after investigators uncovered a sophisticated cross-border logistics chain linking Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh to Delhi's underworld. Police said Ansari is currently shuttling between Dhaka and Dubai. He reportedly travelled to Bangladesh along with his uncle and brother to set up a base there.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested Ansari in the Sidhu Moose Wala murder case in 2022.

## Man duped of Rs20 lakh in online stock market scam

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** A man from east Delhi was allegedly duped of Rs20 lakh by fraudsters posing as stock market advisors on an online platform.

The complainant told police that he came across an online offering "free advisory services" for stock market trading. Upon clicking the ad, he was redirected to WhatsApp, where he was added to a group providing trading tips and investment suggestions. Initially, the group shared stock recommendations that appeared genuine.

Later, they introduced a "Primary Market Trading Account" and asked him to download a mobile application via a link they provided.

He was instructed to register on the application to start trading and asked to deposit Rs10,000 to activate his account, using bank details provided by the fraudsters. He followed their instructions and began trading based on their recommendations, with the app initially showing consistent profits.

"Encouraged by this, I deposited



additional funds over the next two days and continued trading. The app also allowed me to withdraw a small amount initially, which helped build my trust. Later, they encouraged me to apply for IPOs through the same application. I applied for one or two IPOs and was shown profits," the complainant said.

However, when he tried to withdraw his earnings, the application denied him access, citing a "credit score" issue. Despite following the scammers' directions repeatedly, he was blocked from withdrawing funds, leading him to realise that he had been defrauded.

## Raghav Chadha made to stand like rooster, beaten in 'secret mansion'

*Ex-AAP leader makes explosive claims*

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** A political row within the Aam Aadmi Party has intensified after former AAP leader Naveen Jaihind made a series of serious allegations against party MP Raghav Chadha, linking the ongoing dispute to alleged financial misconduct.

Speaking to news agency Media on Saturday, Jaihind claimed that Chadha was a close confidant of party chief Arvind Kejriwal and alleged that the internal conflict was rooted in money "extorted" from Delhi and Punjab.

"Raghav Chadha is Kejriwal's maaldaar (wealthy) and raazdaar (confidant), and the real dispute is about the money extorted from Punjab and Delhi. The money that was supposed to be sent to Singapore, he (Raghav



Chadha) took it to England.

During this time, he was made to stand like a rooster and beaten in Delhi and then he was beaten at the secret mansion in Chandigarh. This entire matter is about money and corruption, nothing else," Jaihind told Media.

The controversy comes days after Chadha was

removed from the AAP's deputy leader post in the Rajya Sabha. Following his removal, the MP criticised the party leadership, accusing it of attempting to silence him.

Several AAP leaders responded by criticising Chadha, with some alleging that he had been "compromised" and was acting out of

fear of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Chadha has denied the allegations. In a post on X, he described the accusations as part of a coordinated campaign against him.

"Since yesterday, a scripted campaign has been going on against me. Same language, same words, same allegations. This is no coincidence, but a coordinated attack. At first, I thought I shouldn't respond. Then I thought that if a lie is repeated 100 times, some people might believe it. So, I decided to respond," he said.

The developments mark an escalation in tensions within the party, with the public exchange of accusations highlighting a widening internal divide.

## Delhi waiting at junction, 'rapid rail' to Haryana stuck in procedure

**New Delhi ,(GNS):** During a routine exchange in the Lok Sabha, a question on transport quietly revealed a larger story about how development in territories around the Capital is moving ahead, and where it is still lagging. On April 2, when Deepender Singh Hooda asked whether new Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) corridors would connect Delhi with Rohtak, Hisar, Faridabad and Palwal, the reply from Manohar Lal Khattar did not announce a new line. Instead, it mapped the distance between ambition and procedure.

The minister's response in the Lok Sabha was anchored to a long-term transport vision. The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), he said, had already drawn up a functional plan on transport for 'NCR-2032'. This plan identified eight RRTS corridors meant to connect key towns across the National Capital Region (NCR) through a semi high-speed rail network.

These corridors would cover routes such as Delhi to Gurugram, Rewari and Alwar; Delhi to Ghaziabad and Meerut; Delhi to Sonapat and Panipat; and Delhi



to Faridabad, Ballabgarh and Palwal. Another corridor is expected to link Delhi with Bahadurgarh and Rohtak, indicating that parts of the geography raised in the question already sit within a broader blueprint.

Khattar's statement traced how priorities were narrowed. A task force appointed by the NITI Aayog selected three corridors for implementation. These were

Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut, Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar and Delhi-Panipat. Of these, one has moved from paper to tracks. "82.15 Km long Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor is already been sanctioned by the government in March 2019 and is fully operational," the minister said.

Yet, when it came to the specific stretches raised in the House, the answer turned procedural. "Presently, no detailed project report for RRTS connectivity between Delhi-Rohtak-Hisar and Delhi-Faridabad-Palwal has been submitted to the Central Government by the state government(s) concerned," said Khattar.

The line highlighted the pause in expansion. The corridors may exist in planning documents, but without a detailed project report from the states concerned, they cannot enter the pipeline for consideration from the Centre. The exchange, though brief, sketches a layered reality. A regional transport grid has already been imagined in detail. One corridor is operational. Others seem to be prioritised.

## Bail conditions can't invade privacy of kin of accused: Delhi HC

**New Delhi,(GNS):** Underlining the right to a person's privacy, Delhi High Court has said that bail conditions can't be imposed on the kin of an accused or convict.

In a recent order, the high court has set aside certain bail conditions that warranted the police to carry out surveillance of an accused person's wife and also monitor her call detail records.

It termed the conditions imposed by the trial court as an unjustified invasion of privacy and extended the interim bail for a limited period to enable the accused petitioner to attend to his wife's surgery.

"The law only empowers the court to impose appropriate conditions on the undertrial or convict to whom bail or suspension of sentence is being granted; while doing so, the court cannot impose conditions on the family members of the accused or convict," Justice Anup J Bhambhani observed in the order.

Seeking modification of the bail conditions imposed, the accused had argued that the conditions are an



unacceptable invasion of the privacy of his wife, who has no concern with the FIR in question.

The prosecution submitted that the accused had availed interim bail earlier too on the same ground but the surgery was not conducted.

However, the public prosecutor conceded that the conditions regarding the accused's wife "may not be appropriate since they amount to unwarranted surveillance and invasion of the privacy of the petitioner's wife".

The trial court, in its interim order, had directed the police to file a report on the family members of the accused's wife who had visited her, and ordered that a woman police officer be deputised to stay with her.

## In the slow burn of ink and metal, NGMA's new studio comes alive with etched stories

**New Delhi,(GNS):** Outside, the weekend afternoon drifts by in a familiar haze. The traffic has thinned, the sun hangs heavy, and the city seems to have agreed, briefly, to slow down. Inside a room at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA), nothing does.

The moment the door opens, movement replaces the lull. Hands are already at work - wiping, scratching, dipping, pressing - never pausing long enough to rest. The air is thick with the smell of ink and metal, with something faintly burnt. Tables are crowded with long white sheets that resemble neither finished artworks nor blank sur-

faces, but something suspended in between.

At one end of the room, artist Rm. Palaniappan leans over a zinc plate darkened to a dull black. He is not drawing on it. He is drawing into it. A fine needle cuts through the surface with a soft, stubborn sound. The line does not appear in ink; it is carved out of resistance. "You start somewhere and you end somewhere," he says, eyes fixed on the plate. "The journey is the work."

A few feet away, another artist lowers his plate into a shallow bath. The liquid looks harmless. It is not. Nitric acid begins its quiet work, biting into the



exposed lines. There is no splash, no spectacle - just time and patience. "This is etching," Palaniappan says, almost as a reminder.

Nearby, someone works ink into barely visible grooves, palms stained, cloth moving in slow circles. At the press, Hanuman Kamblis places the inked plate on

the bed, lays a sheet of damp paper over it, then covers it with felt. The wheel turns. The machine resists for a moment, then yields with a low, heavy sound.

When the paper is lifted, the room leans in.

An image has appeared - not drawn, not painted, but pressed out of metal.

This is the rhythm inside NGMA's newly launched printmaking studio, its first-ever dedicated space for the medium, opened under the leadership of director general Dr Sanjeev Kishor Goutam. In the days ahead, this rhythm is expected to deepen as the studio slowly finds

its own pace.

Kamblis studies the print for a moment. Something is off. He does not explain. Instead, he reaches for another tool and begins polishing the plate again. "There are many needles, many tools," he says. "I've spent my life doing this."

The print goes back into the process. Nothing here is final.

Across the room, conversations drift in and out. Artists compare notes. Someone mentions how a single work can take days. Artist NG Bagodi Vijay speaks about adding layers, sometimes even burning resin to build texture. Each print carries time inside it.

# Delhi to allow only BS-VI, CNG, EV goods vehicles from November

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Stepping up its fight against air pollution, the Delhi Government has decided to restrict the entry of goods vehicles in the Capital to only those running on BS-VI standards, CNG or electric power from November 1 this year.

The move is part of a wider strategy under the city's latest pollution control roadmap, which focuses on cutting emissions from one of the biggest contributors, transport vehicles, particularly heavy goods carriers entering Delhi from neighbouring states.

Officials believe that limiting the entry of older, fuel intensive vehicles will help reduce pollution levels, especially during the winter months when air quality typically worsens in the Capital.

In a parallel effort to ease



traffic-related emissions, the authorities have identified 62 congestion-prone locations across the city. These stretches will see targeted interventions such as better traffic regulation, stricter enforcement and infrastructural improvements

to ensure smoother flow of vehicles.

The plan also includes steps to regulate the movement of non-essential traffic, with an aim of reducing unnecessary vehicular load on Delhi's already strained roads.

Alongside restrictions, the government is pushing for a transition towards cleaner transport options, including wider adoption of electric vehicles and increased reliance on cleaner fuels. Measures to strengthen public transport, control dust from construction and improve waste handling have also been outlined as part of the broader plan.

To ensure compliance, the authorities are likely to tighten monitoring at entry points into the city and step up surveillance to prevent violations.

With vehicular emissions continuing to play a significant role in Delhi's pollution crisis, the government's latest measures signal a renewed push to address the problem at its source and avoid severe smog episodes in the months ahead.

## LPG cylinders delivery exceeds booking, says CMO

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday told residents that the supply of domestic and commercial LPG in the capital is stable, adequate and in control.

There is no shortage of LPG, or any other fuel, she said, urging people not to be misled by rumours. She called for calm and restraint.

On April 3, about 1.1 lakh LPG bookings were recorded across Delhi. The three oil marketing companies together delivered 1.2 lakh cylinders. This clearly indicates that the pending demand is being cleared and that the supply chain is functioning efficiently and without disruption, the chief minister said. The average delivery time for domestic LPG cylinders in Delhi is now 4-3 days, Gupta added.

To curb black marketing and hoarding, govt has established a control room (011-23379836 and 8383824659), which is acting on complaints.

With credible and verified



inputs, several cases were also referred to the Delhi Police control room, following which action was taken, Gupta said. Police teams conducted 22 raids across multiple locations in the city. During one such operation in North Rohini, an FIR was registered and six illegally stored LPG cylinders were seized.

"Govt remains vigilant and will continue to take action against any unlawful activity. The administration is maintaining constant oversight to ensure uninterrupted LPG supply and strict enforcement against any violations," the CM said in a statement.

## PWD plans feasibility study to ease traffic congestion at two busy south Delhi stretches

**New Delhi, (GNS):** For many commuters in south Delhi, the daily crawl through Sangam Vihar, Maa Anandmayee Marg, Pul Prahladpur and Badarpur is not just routine, but a test of patience. Gridlocked stretches, chaotic intersections and unpredictable delays have long defined these routes, where even short distances can extend into hours during peak traffic.

Against this backdrop, a Rs 1.5 crore sanction by Public Works Department (PWD) to appoint a Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) consultant for a feasibility study and detailed project report (DPR) signals the first step towards easing the pressure.

The two stretches in focus, Sangam Vihar to Maa Anandmayee Marg and Pul Prahladpur to Badarpur, are among the busiest links in this part of the city. Sangam Vihar, one of Delhi's most densely populated neighbourhoods, depends heavily on Maa Anandmayee Marg to access the rest of the capital. Office-goers, school buses and emergency vehicles all funnel through the same corridor, often getting stuck in long bottlenecks.

Moving further along, the Pul Prahladpur to Badarpur stretch serves as a crucial gateway between Delhi and Faridabad, carrying heavy interstate traffic every day. As a result, delays here often mean missed office hours, late school arrivals and long, exhausting commutes.

To address this, the feasibility study is expected to take a detailed look at traffic flow, ground conditions and structural constraints. This will include traffic assessments, topographical mapping and soil testing. It will also explore practical solutions such as road widening, flyovers or underpasses, better drainage systems to prevent waterlogging, and safer pedestrian infrastructure.

Once completed, the DPR will act as the blueprint for execution, laying out engineering designs, cost estimates and timelines. The project is being planned alongside a Delhi Metro corridor so that road and metro infrastructure can be developed together, making better use of limited urban space.

These stretches have not only come under focus in this proposal, but have also been central to several other infrastructure plans in recent years. For instance, Media reported last week that PWD has received approval for a Rs 1,471 crore integrated elevated road project along Mehrauli-Badarpur road.

## Man shot at outside Preet Vihar club after altercation

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 21-year-old man was allegedly shot at outside a club during a heated altercation in east Delhi's Preet Vihar in the early hours of Saturday.

The injured man, identified as Sameer, a resident of Noor-e-Ilahi in Ghonda, sustained a gunshot injury and was rushed to the hospital, where he is currently undergoing treatment. Doctors stated that his condition is stable, police said.

According to police, the incident took place around 3am and a PCR call was received at Preet Vihar police station from Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital, where Sameer was admitted after the shooting. Acting on the information, police teams reached both the hospital and the spot to initiate an inquiry into the incident.

During preliminary inquiry, police found that the caller, Naveem, 25, went to the club along with his

friends earlier in the night. Sameer and another friend, Arham, joined them later. An altercation reportedly broke out between Arham and another group of men inside the club, which soon escalated into a heated argument. The situation intensified, following which the involved persons moved outside towards the service road near the club premises.

"At that time, one unidentified person, who was already present outside the club along with his associates, allegedly fired a gunshot, which hit Sameer on his right leg below the knee, before fleeing the spot," a senior police officer said. The injured man told police that he was not aware of the identity of the shooter.

A case was registered. A crime team inspected the spot and collected evidence. CCTV footage from nearby areas is also being scanned to identify the accused. Local

inquiries are underway, and police said multiple teams

have been formed to trace and apprehend the accused

persons involved in the incident.

## 30-yr-old works near completion amid rural infra push in Delhi's Bawana

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Infrastructure development in Delhi's villages has gained momentum, with several long pending projects now being fast tracked in the Bawana constituency. Delhi Cabinet Minister and MLA Ravindra Indraj Singh on Saturday said the government was focused on strengthening basic infrastructure, particularly roads, drainage and connectivity in rural areas.

"Under the Delhi Village Development Board (DVDB) fund, with support from the Irrigation & Flood Control Department, large scale works are being carried out across villages," he said. "These works include construction of blacktop roads from Jat Khor to Punjab Khor, from Majra to Jat Khor, development of Phirni road and RCC drains in Punjab Khor, development of Phirni road and RCC drains in Bajitpur, construction of a blacktop road from Bajitpur to Majra and comprehensive development of Phirni road in Harewali village."

He pointed out that the work in Harewali



village was particularly significant since it had been pending for nearly 30 years and was finally being completed on a priority basis by the Delhi Government.

The works will lay a strong foundation for the long-term and holistic development of villages. They will enhance connectivity between villages, ensure smoother and safer transportation and provide a permanent solution to waterlogging and drainage issues through the construction of RCC drains.

## Mother Arrested for Killing 19-Year-Old Daughter Over Relationship in West Delhi

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Police on Saturday arrested the mother of a 19-year-old woman, Noor, who was allegedly killed by her family for continuing a relationship to which they were opposed.

The woman's father Mohammad Maneer (55), a vegetable vendor, and her brother, Meraj Ali (19), who worked as a helper in a private company, were arrested on Friday. The family lived in Tihar village in west Delhi's Hari Nagar.

Police said Rabiya Khatun (55), the mother, had held her daughter's legs while she was being smothered. During questioning, Rabiya, also a vegetable vendor, told police that the family's reputation was being tarnished due to her daughter's relationship with a man from their native village. This led them to plan the murder.

The father pinned down



Noor's hands while the brother smothered her with a pillow. The post-mortem report confirmed smothering as the cause of death. Police have also recorded the statement of the man she was reportedly in a relationship with. They have also added Section 238 (causing disappearance of evidence or giving false information to screen an offender) of BNS to the case.

Sources said the family told neighbours that Noor had died of kidney failure and jaundice, but police found no medical record to support the claims.

The murder came to light around 2 pm on Wednesday after police got a call from one of the woman's friends, who told them that the family was attempting to take the body for burial.

## Two separate stabbings in city leave two dead; six held

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A 26-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death over a monetary dispute in northeast Delhi's Dayalpur area. Police have apprehended three youths in connection with the case. A video of the incident, showing the victim being attacked with knives by a group, has surfaced on social media.

The victim was identified as Mohammad Kaif, a scrap collector. The incident was reported on Friday. During the inquiry, police found that Kaif was attacked near a sweet shop by three men following an argument.

Acting on specific inputs, police conducted raids and detained the accused. During interrogation, they allegedly confessed to the crime. "An ongoing monetary dispute over Rs 400 escalated into a violent argument, resulting in a fatal stabbing," police said. Three knives used in the



attack were seized.

In a separate incident, a 20-year-old man was stabbed to death in northwest Delhi's Azadpur Mandi area. The accused allegedly uploaded a video on Instagram after the murder, claiming responsibility for the crime and boasting about it. Police have apprehended three people in this case as well.

Police said they received a call on March 2 regarding a stabbing near Haiderpur Nahar. The injured, identified as Nikki alias Nitesh, was taken to hospital, where he was declared brought dead.

## Two killed as speeding SUV rams into scooter in Sector 56

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Two young men on a scooter died after a speeding Tata Harrier, travelling on the wrong side, hit them on golf course extension road in the Sector 56 police station area in the early hours of Saturday.

The driver fled, abandoning the vehicle, which the police have seized. An FIR has been registered at the Sector 56 police station. Both bodies were sent for post-mortem.

The police identified the deceased as Kartik Suresh (24), a resident of Sector 60, Gurugram, and Roshan (28), from Motihari, Bihar. Kartik was a student at a private university. Roshan worked at a call centre and also rode a scooter part-time for an



app-based service. Kartik had father, Mathur Shankara booked Roshan's scooter. Narayan Suresh, said his son left home on Friday night to attend a

friend's birthday. At about 2.40 am on Saturday, he received a call that his son and the scooter rider had been hit by a car and were critically injured.

The police said the Tata Harrier, coming via Dharam Marg road, struck the scooter while driving in the wrong direction. The injured were taken to a nearby hospital, where they died.

"An FIR has been registered and the vehicle has been seized. The driver will be identified and action will follow. Kartik's post-mortem has been conducted and the body handed over to his family. Roshan's post-mortem will be conducted after his family arrives," said ASI Deepak Kumar, the investigating officer.

### Suspected Terrorists nabbed

**New Delhi, (GNS):** In a major joint operation, the Special Cell of Delhi Police and the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad have arrested a suspected ISIS operative. The accused has been identified as Rizwan Ahmed.

According to sources, Ahmed was apprehended from Kushinagar district in Uttar Pradesh. Investigating agencies claim that he had been associated with the terrorist organisation ISIS since 2015 and was allegedly handling recruitment activities for the group within India.

Security forces recovered materials used for making explosives, along with several incriminating documents. Cops are now working to trace his network and identify other individuals who may have been in contact with him.

Ahmed had previously been imprisoned in 2015 at Arthur Road Jail in Mumbai in connection with terror-related activities.

