



'Congress is defeated by the enthusiasm of the people in Assam', PM Modi launches a scathing attack on the opposition

New Delhi(GNS): In the run-up to the Assam Assembly elections, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed a massive rally in Dibrugarh on Monday. He launched a scathing attack on the opposition. Observing the large crowd and the enthusiasm of the people, the Prime Minister said that he has had the opportunity to visit Dibrugarh many times, but the enthusiasm and excitement witnessed this time was unprecedented.

Minister Modi said that this public support is a matter of concern for the Congress party. The party is already in a state of shock, and images like this just before the elections will further demoralize it. This public enthusiasm sends a strong message.

He praised Assam's cultural diversity and unity, saying the state has a glorious legacy of "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" (One India, Best India). Various communities, including the Ahoms, Koch-Rajbongshis, Morans,



Motkas, Misings, and Deoris, have some Bengali, and some Hindi, lived here in harmony for centuries. Some speak Assamese, but everyone shares the same dream: a developed Assam and a

developed India. He also remembered Assam's great leaders and luminaries. He mentioned Bhupen Hazarika, Gopinath Bordoloi, and Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, saying these great figures have shaped Assamese society. Inspired by these ancestors, the BJP-NDA government is developing Dibrugarh into a major commercial and economic hub. During this speech, Prime Minister Modi also launched a scathing attack on the Congress party. He said that the Numaligarh to Dibrugarh high-

way is a clear example of the Congress party's neglect of Assam. The project was approved in 2005, but no progress was made until 2013, when the Congress government was in power at the center.

"Congress treated Assam step-motherly,"

PM Modi alleged. He alleged that the Congress party treated Assam step-motherly, hampering the development of regions like Upper Assam and the Barak Valley. This neglect left Assam backward and divided for a long time.

Kejriwal to personally represent Delhi liquor scam case

Justice Swaran Kanta asked to recuse; next hearing on April 13

New Delhi(GNS):The Delhi Liquor Scam case was heard in the High Court on Monday. During the hearing, Kejriwal requested the recusal of the judge in the case, Swaran Kanta Sharma. He stated that he would present his arguments himself. "I have not yet submitted my power of attorney to anyone," he said.

Justice Sharma took the petition on record and fixed its hearing for April 13. He also directed the CBI to file a reply by tomorrow and said that if any other party wishes to file a similar petition, they may do so. The CBI has challenged in the High Court the trial court's order acquitting Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and 22 other accused in the liquor scam case.

Kejriwal arrived at the courtroom with his wife, Sunita, at 11 a.m. The hearing began at 2:30 p.m. It lasted just nine minutes.

Shivraj Singh Chouhan to inaugurate Western Regional Agriculture Conference in Jaipur on April 7

New Delhi, (GNS): The Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is organizing a regional agriculture conference for western states in Jaipur on Tuesday. The conference aims to strengthen the overall development of the agricultural sector in the country, self-reliance, expansion of sustainable agricultural practices, and the integration of digital technology. Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate the conference.

On Monday, the Agriculture Ministry informed that the conference will provide an effective platform for reviewing the progress of the Ministry's missions, exchanging experiences among states, and formulating future strategies.

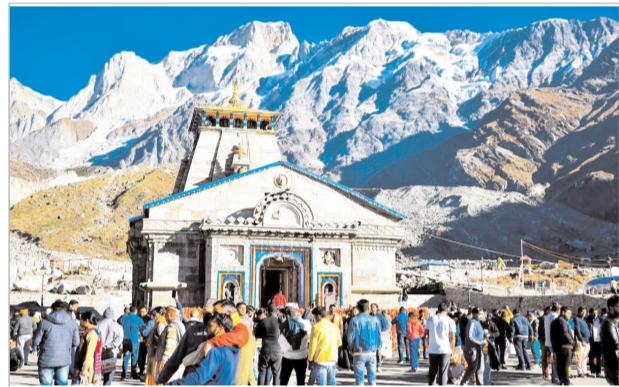
Representatives from Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Goa will participate in the conference. These states represent diverse agro-climatic conditions with significant contributions to pulses and oilseeds production, which will promote innovation and the exchange of best practices. Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma will also be present on the occasion.

Kedarnath Heli Service

Bookings to open between April 10-12 100% online ticketing and new rules apply, bookings to be done through IRCTC

Dehradun(GNS): The Uttarakhand Civil Aviation Development Authority (UKADA) has announced that bookings for helicopter services to Kedarnath will begin between April 10 and 12. Dr. Ashish Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UCADA, stated that several major changes have been made this year to ensure safe, transparent, and smooth travel.

To prevent ticket black marketing and fraud, UCADA has decided to imple-



ment 100% online ticketing this time. As in previous years, IRCTC will still handle booking. There will be no provision for offline ticketing, which will help passengers avoid touts. Booking will be done in a phased

be opened only after assessing the weather and traveler pressure.

8 routes and 8 operators, 3 companies will provide service for the first time

This time, heli services will operate on a total of eight routes, for which various operators have been selected. These include Chipson Aviation, Rajas Aero Sports, Thambi Aviation, Pilgrimage Aviation, United Heli Charters, Himalayan Heli Services, Trans Bharat Aviation, and Aero Aircraft.

BJP's foundation day, Modi says BJP ready for every challenge

● Yogi takes selfie with party flag, lays foundation stone for 17 new offices in MP

New Delhi(GNS): India's largest political party, the BJP, is celebrating its 47th foundation day. Several events were held at BJP offices across the country to mark the foundation day.

On this occasion, PM Modi said, "The country knows that the BJP is making sincere



efforts to meet every challenge and will continue to do so in the future. We have seen positive results in the past and will

continue to see them in the future." In a video message, he said, "The abolition of hundreds of draconian laws from the British era, the construction of a new Parliament building for democracy, 10% reservation for the poor in the general public, a law banning triple talaq, the CAA, and the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. There are countless such works, all the result of the BJP's honest efforts.

Iran war impact: Air India cancels flights to Israel until May 31

New Delhi(GNS): Amid ongoing tensions in West Asia, Air India has canceled flights on the New Delhi-Tel Aviv route until May 31st. Most international airlines have already suspended flights to Tel Aviv. Currently, only El Al, Israir, Arkia, and Air Haifa are operating limited services. The flight suspensions have affected more than 40,000 Indians. According to media reports, they have to travel via Jordan or Egypt to reach India. The Indian Embassy in Tel Aviv has launched a 24-hour helpline and is also running a registration drive. Ambassador JP Singh held a virtual conversation with Indian workers and students, assuring them of all possible assistance. Direct flights between New Delhi and Tel Aviv began on January 1, with four flights a week operated by Boeing 787 Dreamliners.



The allegations leveled by Congress leaders against the wife have a Pakistani connection

Assam CM Sarma said – this is an attempt to influence the elections

Guwahati(GNS):Ahead of the Assam Assembly elections, state politics has come to a head. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has completely rejected the financial allegations leveled by the Congress against his wife, Rinki Bhuyan Sarma, claiming a foreign conspiracy and Pakistani connections. Legal action has now been initiated in the matter, and an FIR has been filed. He made this allegation after Congress leaders questioned his wife's financial and personal records in the current election environment. The controversy erupted when Congress leaders, including Gaurav Gogoi, held press conferences in New Delhi and Guwahati, claiming that CM



Sarma's wife, Rinki Bhuyan Sarma, holds three passports and controls assets

worth 52,000 crore through a Wyoming-based company.

According to media reports, Sarma alleged that the material used in the Congress press conference was taken from a Pakistani social media network. He said that Pakistani media channels have aired an unusually large number of discussions on the Assam

elections in recent days, all of which were in favor of the Congress. He claimed that at least 11 talk shows in Pakistan in the last 10 days focused on the Assam elections. He called this unprecedented and suggested that it was a planned attempt to influence the election atmosphere. Sarma confirmed that his wife, Rinki Bhuyan, had filed an

FIR, calling the allegations fabricated and defamatory. He warned that the alleged use of forged documents to influence elections could lead to serious legal consequences. Calling the Congress allegations baseless, CM Sarma argued that it is relatively easy to create shell companies abroad and accused his opponents of fabricating evidence.

Snowfall and landslides in Sikkim stranded 1,500 tourists

Storm and rain alert issued in 16 states; 15 killed in 3 days due to lightning in Uttar Pradesh

Bhopal/Lucknow/Shimla/Dehradun(GNS): Heavy rain and snowfall hit the Lachen-Chungthang

Sunday. Rain and hail fell in six other districts. Snowfall also occurred in the higher

road in Sikkim's Mangan district on Sunday, causing landslides and large cracks in the road. Around 1,500 tourists are stranded there. Rescue efforts are underway since this morning.



Meanwhile, the Western Disturbance is causing significant changes in the weather across North India. Three districts, including the Yamunotri shrine in Uttarkashi, Uttarakhnad, experienced snowfall on

reaches of Lahaul-Spiti in Himachal Pradesh. Gonda received 28.5 cm, Keylong 20.0 cm, and Hansa 5 cm. Hailstorms in Shimla, Kullu, and Mandi damaged the apple crop.

Thunderstorms, rain, and lightning have killed 15 people in Uttar Pradesh in the last 72 hours. Intermittent rain fell in 11 districts, including Kashi, Gonda, Sultanpur, and Kanpur, on Sunday. Hailstorms also occurred in Kanpur, Mathura, and Sambhal.

The new education policy will advance the country in science and research: Vice President CP Radhakrishnan



Sonipat(GNS): The eighth convocation ceremony was held on Monday at Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology in Murthal, Sonipat.

A total of 750 students were awarded degrees during the ceremony. Vice President CP Radhakrishnan, while presiding over the ceremony, said that with the new education policy, youth should advance in the fields of science and research and contribute to the country's progress. Haryana Governor Asim Kumar Ghosh, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Minister Dr. Arvind Sharma, and BJP State President Mohan Lal Badoli were prominently present at the ceremony. Addressing the students from the stage, the Vice President said that he was honored to attend this ceremony.

Donald Trump lost his composure, resorted to abusive language

Sanat Jain

Since US President Donald Trump became president for the second time, his words and actions have created a new image for him around the world. For the past year, he was seen as an arrogant leader. The way he unleashed terror over tariffs during the past year earned him a reputation as a gangster. Global trade is conducted in the US dollar, and his bullying tactics, based on this, had already sparked opposition. He initiated a process of extortion through his arbitrary rules and regulations, violating global trade treaties. He gained a reputation as a gangster when he kidnapped the Venezuelan president and his wife and brought them to the US. The US openly seized power in Venezuela through indirect means, violating interna-

tional laws. His courage grew after that. He incited the Iranian people against the rule of Ayatollah Khamenei, instigating protests there. Trump even attempted to remove Khamenei from power. When this effort failed, the US and Israel engaged Iran in negotiations and attacked. Dozens of leaders and defense officials, including Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Khamenei, were assassinated. Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu hoped the public would revolt and hand over power to an ousted member of Iran's former royal family. Trump's attempt failed. Iran responded strongly to this US action. In the past 35 days, Iran has demonstrated its capability to withstand war and defend itself. The extent of the damage Iran has inflicted on the US and Israeli security sys-

tems in the past 35 days was unimaginable by US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu. In its two hundred and fifty years of history, the US has never faced such a formidable challenge as it is facing from Iran. In one stroke, Iran has ended the bullying that the US has been subjecting Iran to for the past 47 years by imposing sanctions on Iran. Iran has responded in one go, shattering America's arrogance. The fearless way in which the war is being waged suggests that US President Donald Trump has lost his composure. He seems at a loss for what to do. This war is costing America billions of rupees daily. The US Congress is asking him why he is fighting this war with Iran. Trump is demanding a huge amount of money from the Congress to fight the

war. Trump failed to take Congress into confidence before waging war. Currently, protests against Donald Trump are growing in the United States. The US is unable to protect the Gulf countries. All US military bases have been destroyed by Iran. Similarly, Iran's attacks on Israel have caused significant damage. Public protests against Netanyahu are being witnessed in Israel. In such a situation, Trump's statement, "Iran is a bastard. We will turn Iran into hell," is so offensive that it is impossible for the average person to tolerate it. Trump's choice of words regarding Iran has provoked a strong reaction across the world. It is being said that Trump has lost his composure. It is difficult to predict how long the remaining credibility of America will last due to President Donald Trump. Most

countries are beginning to believe that Trump's obsession and arrogance have caused an energy crisis in countries around the world. A fertilizer crisis is brewing. The entire world is experiencing an economic recession. Despite this, the actions of Donald Trump are causing significant damage to both Donald Trump and America's reputation. If Donald Trump's policies continue for a few more days, America will lose its global dominance. It seems that what happened to Soviet Russia during the time of former President Gorbachev is now becoming the same situation in America. The anger being seen in the US states and among the general public suggests that Trump will not be able to remain in the presidency for long.

Editorial

Wars are no longer just wars!

Once upon a time, war meant something simple—two armies, two borders, and dust, smoke, and gunpowder in between. When swords clashed, the sound carried far. When a city was attacked, news reached the skies. War was visible, audible, and easy to fear. Now, war has changed its form. It has hidden its weapons and, having washed its face, stands among the crowd. It no longer announces itself; it slowly creeps in, like a habit, like a belief.

Wars no longer occur only on borders. They also play out on the small device we hold. We call it a phone; it connects us to the world, but within it lies another world where words become weapons, information becomes strategy, and truth can be edited like software. This is a war where no bullets are fired, but a rumor wounds millions. Soldiers aren't visible here, but those behind the screens are engaged on an invisible front. This war makes no noise, but it slowly alters our understanding, sways our judgments, and we don't even realize when we've been swayed to one side or another.

The nature of economic warfare is equally bizarre. Bombs don't fall, but economies collapse. Currency values fall victim to an invisible attack, and trade sanctions become a new kind of blockade. Defeating a country no longer requires burning its cities; simply shutting down its markets is sufficient. This war appears so restrained that its violence becomes difficult to identify, yet its impact is just as profound—in the form of unemployment, inflation, and the invisible fear that slowly creeps into people. Cultural warfare is even more subtle. It permeates our language, alters our tastes, and rewrites our memories. It gradually distances us from our own past and plunges us into a new present where we become hesitant to recognize our own symbols. This war doesn't come with an army but spreads in the form of songs, films, advertisements, and lifestyles. We embrace it, sometimes willingly, sometimes unknowingly, and gradually it becomes part of our identity. This victory is so quiet that we don't even realize defeat. All three forms have one thing in common—these wars don't directly injure us, but rather transform us. They influence our vision, reorganize our priorities, and reorient our sensibilities. Earlier, the enemy was clear; now it is blurred. Earlier, wars ended with victory or defeat; now these wars have no clear end.



With the aim of making every person in the world aware about health and improving global health standards, 'World Health Day' is celebrated every year on 7th April under the banner of World Health Organization (WHO) with a special theme. The main objective of celebrating this day is to make every person in the world aware about health, diseases, to improve the health level of people and to provide good health treatment facilities to every person. This year the whole world is celebrating the 76th World Health Day with the theme 'Stay united for health, stand with science'.



The world is moving towards a science-based health revolution

Yogesh Kumar Goyal

If we look at the themes of Health Day in the past few years, the theme for 2025 was 'Healthy Start, Hopeful Future', in 2024 the day was celebrated with 'My Health, My Right', in 2023 with 'Health for All', in 2022 with 'Our Planet, Our Health', in 2021 with 'Building a Fairer, Healthier World for All', in 2020 with 'Support Nurses and Midwives' and in 2019 with 'Universal Health: Everyone, Everywhere'. This year's theme not only calls for strengthening global cooperation but also focuses on restoring public trust in scientific evidence in this era of misinformation and protecting humanity through evidence-based policies.

The celebration of World Health Day was initiated by the WHO on April 7, 1950, and this date was chosen to mark the anniversary of WHO's founding. The foundation for World Health Day was laid in 1948, coinciding with the establishment of the WHO. At that time, many countries around the world emphasized the need for concerted action worldwide to promote public health and protect people from serious diseases. Finally, two years after the founding of World Health Day, the day was first celebrated on April 7, 1950. The WHO, a key component of the United Nations, is an organization that fosters mutual cooperation and standards for health-related issues across the world. Its primary function is to monitor and assist in solving global health problems. Through this organization, efforts are made to ensure that every person in the world remains physically, mentally, and socially healthy.

However, it is a matter of concern that while the health sector has made significant progress over the past few decades, within a few years, the spread of life-threatening diseases like AIDS and cancer has also led to a rapid increase in health problems like heart disease, diabetes, tuberculosis, obesity, and stress. Consequently, the challenges facing the health sector are



constantly growing. While countries around the world have been making steady progress in the health sector over the past few decades, during the COVID-19 pandemic, when even a developed country like the United States was left helpless and faced a severe shortage of essential supplies for healthcare workers, the entire world realized that much remains to be done to ensure access to healthcare. The World Health Organization itself acknowledges that at least half of the world's population still lacks essential healthcare. Billions of people worldwide lack access to healthcare. Millions are forced to choose between basic necessities like food, clothing, and shelter and healthcare.

For centuries, the belief in Indian society has been that "first happiness is a healthy body, second happiness is peace at home." However, it is a matter of concern that the state of healthcare here is also very poor. However, while World Health Day attempts to raise awareness about diseases, its most important objective is to teach people to stay healthy by creating a healthy environment. In fact, according to the World Health Organization, human health is defined as complete physical, mental, and social well-

being. It is a matter of great concern that approximately 30 percent of the world's population lacks access to basic healthcare, and approximately 2 billion people face devastating or disastrous healthcare costs, with significant inequalities affecting those in the most disadvantaged circumstances. However, the right to health is a fundamental human right, under which every person should have access to healthcare whenever needed, without any financial burden.

While celebrating scientific achievements, we must not forget that technology and science will be truly successful only when they are accessible and affordable even to the poorest of the poor. Diseases like waterborne diseases, typhoid, and malnutrition still pose a significant challenge to our society, directly reflecting the lack of sanitation, safe drinking water, and scientific waste management. Standing firmly with science and diligently following evidence-based guidance to universalize access to healthcare is the only path that will lead us to a healthy India and a prosperous world. The need today is not just for treatment, but for making scientific thinking an integral part of our daily routine and lifestyle.

The health market and the dying hopes of the common man

Dilip Kumar Pathak

Our elders have always said that the greatest happiness is a healthy body. But looking at today's reality, it seems that only those with ample pockets can remain healthy. In a country like India, where a large population still fears the cost of treating even minor ailments, events like World Health Day have become mere formalities. The reality is that in today's times, the saying "life is everything" seems to be fading away amid the exorbitant hospital bills. Are we truly becoming healthier, or are we simply becoming entangled in a web of medicines that ultimately lead to poverty? Today, the entire field of medicine has become a dazzling business. Hospitals resembling five-star hotels have sprung up in major cities, but the average person

has to search their empty pockets ten times before knocking on their door. Years of hard-earned money for middle-class families can be expended in a matter of days to treat a serious illness. There's a saying in our country: poverty is like adding insult to injury, and illness is doing the same thing these days. The plight of government hospitals is no secret, with long queues and a lack of resources forcing people to turn to the oppressive power of private hospitals.

I recently had a bitter experience of how deeply sensitive medical care is eroding. I had to change three doctors within a month to treat a simple cough, because each time, instead of the illness subsiding, the burden of medications and the long list of tests only increased. Ironically, today, instead of reassuring the patient, a doctor's assurance increases their

anxiety and illness. Doctors now seem more concerned with a patient's financial status than their pulse. When a person has to wander for weeks and pay exorbitant fees for a minor cough, one can imagine how deeply a common person's soul trembles in the face of a serious illness. Today, that sacred trust between doctor and patient has been sacrificed to commercialism. The situation is even more dire in villages, where primary health centers themselves often appear to be sick. Due to the lack of specialist doctors, quacks are flourishing, and the poor rural patient, while traveling to the city, loses his property and property. This breakdown of the medical system is not just the failure of one department, but a major question mark on our social fabric. Prescriptions now seem like daunting bills that drain a

patient's blood. The government's laxity has led to the establishment of clinics in the streets and neighborhoods that, in the name of treatment, waste time and money. Every bed is empty for the influential, but for a helpless citizen, even reaching a stretcher in a government hospital is like winning a war. Are we moving towards a society where the price of a breath is determined only by bundles of currency notes? This virus of insensitivity has become the medical world's most serious disease, one for which no hospital has a cure.

The commission game and the loot going on in the name of medicines in private hospitals are beyond the reach of any ordinary citizen. Like the "Andher Nagari Chaupat Raja" (The Dark City of Four), the cost of medicines and the cost of treatment have become a harsh real-

ity, pushing any happy family into a deep pit of debt. Along with physical ailments, mental stress, diabetes, and hypertension have become a household story. Pollution and adulterated food are slowly poisoning our bodies, and we are willing to spend millions upon falling ill, but are unwilling to change our habits to stay healthy. This reckless privatization of healthcare services poses a major challenge to our democracy and society. Health is not a luxury only the wealthy can afford; it is a constitutional right of every citizen. The government must end its stinginess in the health budget and crack down on drug prices. Doctors must also uphold the oath they took upon entering this profession. A truly healthy India will be created only when treatment does not become a cause of poverty for anyone.

Govt's early delimitation push to fast-track women's quota: Opposition fears major federal skew

New Delhi, (GNS): Ever since the government announced its intentions to fast-track women's reservation process by raising the strength of Lok Sabha and state Assemblies by 50% each, the Opposition has been flagging concerns around a potential federal skew such a move could cause.

What the government is proposing is this - seats in the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies be raised by 50% each and 33% women's reservation be then implemented on the newly enhanced strength of the legislative chambers. This, the ministers argue, will retain the current strength of all chambers (with southern states fearing reduction of seats in Lok Sabha) while enabling an early commencement of the women's reservation. For this to happen, the govern-



ment will have to bring two constitution amendment bills between April 16 and 18 when the Budget Session will reconvene to take up the agenda in question. The first Bill will need

to amend the Women's Reservation Act (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam) 2023 which permits 33% seats for women in the Lok Sabha, state Assemblies and Delhi Assembly but adds

that such a quota will apply only after 2029 once the delimitation exercise following the Census concludes. So the government's first Bill on April 16 will have to delink women's quota from the delimitation post the latest Census (happening only now) rule and will say that women's quota can be fixed through delimitation based on the outcomes of Census 2011. Delimitation amounts to fixing boundaries of territorial constituencies of the Lok Sabha or of a province which has a legislative body and is followed by a Census exercise which details the current population of a given state.

As per the current constitutional provision contained in the 84th Constitutional Amendment Act of 2002, delimitation exercise in India is frozen until after the 2026 Census.

So the government's second Bill on April 16 will need to amend this 2002 law to end the existing freeze and enable a delimitation based on Census 2011. While Prime Minister Narendra Modi, allaying the concerns of Southern states, has said that the proposed expansion of legislative chambers by 50% won't reduce the representation of any state in those chambers, the opposition is not impressed.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh calls the government move to link the expansion of constituencies across board with 33% women's reservation a "weapon of mass distraction."

He argues, with support from Congress colleague and Chandigarh Lok Sabha MP Manish Tewari, that this proposal seeks to mislead.

"The PM says South Indian

states will not be hurt if the strength of the Lok Sabha is increased by 50% and the number of seats of each state in the Lok Sabha is also increased by 50%. This is hoodwinking...For example, the difference between UP's and Kerala's seats in Lok Sabha is now 60. Modi's proposal will increase it to 90. Likewise the difference between UP and Tamil Nadu will increase from 41 to at least 61," Jairam says.

Manish Tewari agrees and adds that the framing of the entire debate must be how much will Southern India, Western India, North Eastern India and North-Western India loose in terms of political left compared to the Hindi heartland states in terms of the gap in the number of parliamentary seats between them and the Hindi heartland states.



Man killed in hit-&-run by DTC bus in Azadpur

New Delhi, (GNS): A 19-year-old man was killed after being hit by a Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) bus in northwest Delhi's Azadpur area on Sunday evening, the police said. According to officials, a PCR call regarding the incident was received at the Adarsh Nagar police station around 5:30 pm after being transferred from the Model Town police station.

Upon reaching the spot, the police found the victim, identified as Akash, a resident of Sahipur village in Shalimar Bagh, lying on the road in a severely injured condition and was later declared dead. A district crime team was called to inspect the site and collect evidence.

The body has been shifted to the Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination. The police said the bus driver fled the spot along with the vehicle after the accident. Efforts are underway to identify and trace the bus and its driver with the help of CCTV footage from the area. The victim's family has been informed.

Delhi cop honoured for disposing of 155 cases in 3 months



New Delhi, (GNS): In a significant boost to policing efficiency, Head Constable Sanjay Kumar Vashist has been adjudged the "Best Investigating Officer" of Outer North district after disposing of 155 cases in the first quarter of 2026, officials said.

The recognition was conferred during a district-level review meeting of the Investigation Wing by Deputy Commissioner of Police Hareshwar Swami, following a comprehensive assessment of performance across police stations and subdivisions between January and March. Officials said Vashist's performance stood out among multiple investigating officers across police stations, including Bawana, Narela, Shahbad Dairy, Alipur and others. His high disposal rate was cited as a benchmark for timely investigation and backlog clearance.

In the same review, Inspector Shailender Singh Jhaakhar was declared the best Station House Officer (SHO) for achieving the highest case disposal, while Assistant Commissioner of Police Rakesh Kumar was recognised for leading the best-performing subdivision.

Praising the achievement, DCP Swami said the integrity and speed of investigations are the pillars of public trust, adding that Vashist's work reflects the professional standards the department aims to uphold. The meeting was attended by investigating officers, SHOs and ACPs from subdivisions including Bawana, Narela, Samaypur Badli and Swaroop Nagar. The primary focus remained on improving disposal rates and strengthening the investigative process.

A Delhi road of astronomical proportions

New Delhi, (GNS): Seen from above, Copernicus Marg stretches outwards like a spoke from the India Gate roundabout. At the ground level, though, it's more than just a line on a map - it is a crucial artery lined with cultural landmarks. For many who traverse it daily, its name provokes curiosity. Who was Copernicus, and why does a major road in central Delhi bear his name? To find the answer, let's go back to Renaissance Europe. Born in 1473, Nicolaus Copernicus was a mathematician and astronomer whose ideas revolutionised humanity's understanding of the cosmos.

While the prevailing belief of the day placed the Earth at the centre of the universe, Copernicus proposed an alternative view that the Sun occupied the centre, and all planets, including Earth, revolved around it. This



heliocentric model, presented in his landmark work, 'De revolutionibus orbium coelestium', challenged centuries of the accepted geocentric doctrine.

According to scholars of the history of science, Copernicus fundamentally transformed how humans perceived their place in the universe. His work went beyond astronomy to reshape philosophical and scientific thoughts across Europe. His theories later influenced iconic figures like Galileo Galilei and Johannes Kepler, thereby laying the

critical groundwork for what came to be known as the Scientific Revolution.

Copernicus was also a physician, economist and canon lawyer, embodying the Renaissance ideal of a broad, interdisciplinary intellect. He studied canon law (the internal system of laws and legal principles governing Christian churches) at University of Bologna but devoted much of his life to astronomy while living in Warmia in present-day Poland. There, he carefully observed planetary motions and developed mathemati-

cal models to explain the heliocentric system.

Copernicus also wrote 'Monetae cudendae ratio', a treatise on economics, and proposed reforms to the calendar. His careful observations, rigorous calculations and wide-ranging intellect exemplify the Renaissance ideal.

Historians note that naming of roads and landmarks in post-Independence Delhi did not focus solely on Indians. Instead, it acknowledged global figures whose contributions advanced human knowledge and culture. As historian Swapna Liddle explains, "The naming of such roads is not usually decided at a single moment but tend to coincide with significant events in history, such as major diplomatic developments, visits to India by prominent individuals, or periods of active international engagement."

Shakurpur Clash Turns Fatal Grocery Shop Owner Stabbed Dead Two Injured in Neighbour Dispute

New Delhi, (GNS): A 50-year-old grocery shop owner was allegedly stabbed to death, and four others were injured after a neighbourhood dispute spiralled into a violent clash in northwest Delhi's Shakurpur on Saturday evening. Police have detained two accused.

The deceased was identified as Rajkumar, a resident of Shakurpur. One of the injured, Sumit Gupta, is the son of deceased while Kishan Gupta is the brother of the deceased.

According to police, a PCR call was received around 9.10 pm, reporting a quarrel between neighbours near Sanjay Park in Shakurpur's K Block. A senior police officer said the altercation is suspected to have stemmed from a dispute over the use of common space in the locality.



Preliminary inquiry revealed that members of both groups allegedly attacked each other with lathis, iron rods and knives. A case has been registered and the accused were identified. Police further added that two more people, another man named Sumit and his father, Nand Kishore, also sustained injuries from the side of the accused group.

Among the detained are Chetan, Ashish. Sumit has also been identified as an accused and is undergoing treatment.

Why this city gang literally believed 'doodh hai wonderful'

New Delhi, (GNS): A viral video of an autorickshaw surreptitiously doing the rounds of southwest Delhi's Uttam Nagar in the early hours has helped police bust an unusual racket.

However, instead of gold or other conventional valuables, everyday dairy essentials like milk and curd were the items of interest to two persons allegedly at the heart of this unusual operation, earning them the moniker, "doodh chor".

In the video from March 26, a couple of men were seen pulling up in an autorickshaw around 6.50 am and swiftly loading crates packed with milk pouches that had just been unloaded outside the shop of a vendor. The footage, which surfaced on social media two days later, quickly went viral and got police interested.



"A team analysed around 300 CCTV footages and activated informers to identify and trace the duo," said DCP (outer) Vikram Singh. As some more consignments began mysteriously disappearing from outside dairy outlets in Uttam Nagar, what first appeared to be petty pilferage soon took another dimension, and cops found them on an unconventional trail. On April 3, they received a tip-off that two persons - Mohit, 27, and Ayush Maan

Pandey, 19 - were involved in these thefts and would be arriving near a church in Shiv Vihar, Vikas Nagar. A trap was laid, a three-wheeler tempo approaching from the Najafgarh drain side was intercepted, and the two were picked up.

Police searched the tempo and found 14 empty milk crates. The duo failed to produce valid documents for the vehicle; the cops later found out that it was stolen from Prem Nagar.

IGNOU Convocation 2026:

Vice-President Radhakrishnan, Delhi L-G Taranjit Singh Sandhu to be main guests on April 7

New Delhi, (GNS): Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) is set to hold its 39th convocation ceremony on April 7 in the national capital, bringing together thousands of graduating students in what the university describes as a key academic milestone across its national and international network. The ceremony will be attended by the Vice-President of India, CP Radhakrishnan, who will deliver the convocation address as the chief guest. Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Taranjit Singh Sandhu will attend as the guest of honour. According to



the official communication, both dignitaries will confer PhD degrees and gold medals on meritorious students during the ceremony.

The event will not be limited to New Delhi. Parallel participation is expected across 51 regional centres and five overseas centres of the university, reflecting its wide academic reach.

Senior public figures including Goa's Governor Pusapati Ashok Gajapathi Raju and Tripura's Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu will join the proceedings from regional centres in Panaji and Agartala, respectively. For many students, the convocation marks the formal end of years of study often pursued alongside work and personal responsibilities.

The university said the ceremony

"marks a significant landmark in the lives of graduating students, reflecting years of dedication, perseverance and academic pursuit."

Officials involved in organising the event indicated that preparations are centred on managing simultaneous participation across locations while ensuring that the main ceremony in Delhi remains the focal point.

"Graduates across 51 regional centres and five overseas centres prepare for a momentous academic milestone," the statement noted, underlining the scale at which the convocation is being conducted.

Toy car bomb plot:

Pan-India terror sweep leads to arrest of duo in Mumbai

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police's special cell has arrested at least two suspects and detained a few others as part of a pan-India sweep on a terror module. The duo, held in Mumbai, were part of a highly radicalised "Islamic State (IS)-inspired" module, allegedly planning to carry out attacks using remote-controlled toy car bombs, police said.

Sources said that "incriminating material", including sensitive literature and chats, was found during the searches and the suspects were allegedly in the process of manufacturing improvised explosive devices.

The raids took place in Kurla and nearby Khadavli, leading to the arrest of Mossab Ahmad, known as Kalam, and Mohammad Hamad. The operation was conducted with



Maharashtra Anti-Terror Squad (ATS). Preliminary reports suggest that the suspects had joined radical online groups called "Mission Khilafat" and "Soldiers of Jihad". The investigation has

uncovered links between the suspects and Abu Hufeiza, a figure associated with the terrorist outfit Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), who masquerades as an Islamic State recruiter on Telegram and other online plat-

forms.

A senior police officer said: "We received information that some youths in the Kurla, Shivaji Nagar and Govandi areas were in contact with banned terror outfits. Following legal procedures, the teams conducted searches at the residences of three people on Saturday and Sunday. They were interrogated, and their mobile phones and electronic devices have been seized," a senior officer said.

The crackdown has also placed several others under the scanner, as security agencies have identified four to five minors in Mumbai who appear to have been influenced by Islamic State's propaganda. As the interrogation of the two men continues, central and state agencies are working to

dismantle the network and trace other leads connected to this module. Efforts are now focused on identifying the handlers and preventing any potential sleeper cell activity across the country, police said. The operation comes on the heels of a similar operation, reported by Media on Sunday wherein a suspect named Rizwan was arrested by the special cell from Kushinagar in UP. The operation was conducted jointly with the UP ATS. Rizwan had been associated with an IS-linked module since 2015, the same year that he was arrested. He was allegedly involved in recruiting people in India for the banned outfit. According to police, a large amount of incriminating, anti-national content was seized from him. He was lodged in Arthur Road

Jail before being transferred to Tihar Jail in Delhi. Sources said Rizwan was also part of the same module and had been cultivated during his judicial custody.

The latest operation comes also in the backdrop of cops busting a Bangladesh-based LeT module headed by Shabbir Ahmed Lone.

Following Operation Sindoor in May 2025, which dismantled cross-border terror infrastructure, law enforcement agencies have gone on a state of high alert to counter retaliatory "asymmetric" threats. This vigilance has transitioned into a full-scale security overhaul after last year's Red Fort car bomb blast, where a high-intensity IED triggered by suicide bomber Umar-Un-Nabi killed 13 people in the capital.

Delhi's Rs 22,236-cr Green Budget charts roadmap for cleaner air

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government's Rs 22,236-crore Green Budget for 2026-27, unveiled earlier last month, has laid out a comprehensive roadmap to tackle pollution, improve air quality and steer the Capital towards sustainable development. Announced by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the Green Budget accounts for around 21.44% of the total Rs 1,03,700 crore state budget, with a focus on coordinated action across 17 departments. The government has also introduced a mechanism to map all departmental spending against environmental goals, ensuring accountability and outcome-driven implementation. A major chunk of the allocation, Rs 6,485 crore, has been earmarked for the Yamuna clean-up and expansion of water treatment infrastructure under the Delhi Jal Board. The Transport Department has been allotted Rs 4,758 crore to expand electric buses and promote cleaner public transport, while Rs 3,350 crore has been set aside for the Public Works Department to address dust pollution and build green infrastructure. Other key allocations include Rs 2,350 crore for planning green projects, Rs 2,273 crore for urban development initiatives and Rs 1,410 crore for promoting solar energy and renewable sources.

Milk theft gang busted in Outer Delhi; 2 arrested after CCTV trail

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Police have busted a milk theft gang active in the Uttam Nagar area, arresting two accused after tracking them through extensive CCTV analysis, officials said on Sunday. The accused, identified as Mohit, alias Patha (27), and Ayush Maan Pandey, alias Pandit (19), were apprehended by the Anti-Narcotics Squad of the Outer district following a probe into a viral video showing theft of milk and curd. The police said the duo was identified after analysing over 300 CCTV footages and activating local intelligence. Acting on a tip-off, a team laid a trap near a church in Shiv Vihar, Vikas Nagar, where the accused were caught along with a stolen Bajaj Maximo three-wheeler.



Marathon marks start of NSUI foundation day week at Delhi University

New Delhi, (GNS): A large number of students gathered at Delhi University (DU) here on Sunday morning to take part in the "Run for Campus Democracy" marathon, kicking off the National Students Union of India's (NSUI) Foundation Day week celebrations.

The run, led by NSUI national president Vinod Jakkhar, saw participation from students across colleges, several raising slogans and carrying placards as they moved through the campus. The event was positioned as a show of unity and a call to protect democratic values, with participants voicing concerns over student representation and freedom of expression in universities.



There was a visible sense of energy and purpose among the crowd, with students describing the initiative as an effort to assert their voices and highlight the need for stronger democratic engagement on campus. Organisers said the marathon was meant to symbolise collective

resistance against what they termed as the suppression of student voices.

Addressing the gathering, Jakkhar said: "The NSUI foundation day is celebrated on April 9. To mark this, we have organised a seven-day programme to highlight how the constitution of the

country and freedom of expression are under threat. Today, thousands of students participated in the 'Run for Campus Democracy' at Delhi University to protect our campus democracy. This race has one clear objective, to raise our voice against the suppression of student voices within Delhi University. Such actions are against the spirit of democracy. In response, we organised this marathon with massive participation from students." The marathon sets the tone for a series of programmes planned through the week leading up to April 9, with a focus on student rights, constitutional values and democratic participation on campuses.

Delhi govt imposes ban on sale of LPG cylinders from godowns



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi govt has imposed a ban on the sale of LPG cylinders directly from godowns, warning of tough action against violators, as part of efforts to streamline distribution and curb irregularities, govt said on Sunday. Officials said oil marketing companies have issued clear instructions to distributors, making it illegal to sell cylinders from storage points.

The move aims to plug leakages and ensure that supplies reach consumers through authorised delivery channels, it added. At the same time, the govt has expanded access to 5-kg LPG cylinders across the city, providing relief to migrant workers and those without permanent addresses.

Chouhan orders crop damage survey as IMD warns of fresh storm spell in North-West, East India

New Delhi, (GNS): Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on Sunday directed officials to gather detailed reports on crop damage from states affected by inclement weather. He assured farmers there was no need to worry, saying the government stands firmly with them in this hour of crisis. According to a statement by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, the minister will hold discussions with agriculture ministers of affected states to review the extent of the damage and take necessary steps.

Chouhan also instructed officials to remain in close contact with state governments to monitor the impact



on standing crops.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned that a fresh western disturbance will affect North-West India from April 7, triggering widespread rainfall, thunderstorms and hail-

storms across Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh through April 10.

Thundersqualls with gusts up to 70 kmph are likely over parts of North-West and east

India, it said.

Hailstorms, the primary driver of crop losses, are forecast over Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan on April 7-8, and over east Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Maharashtra and Marathwada on Sunday.

In Jammu and Kashmir, farmers have been advised to store harvested mustard, lentil and gram safely and drain excess water from standing crops. Farmers in Kerala have been asked to provide mechanical support to banana plants, while those in Tamil Nadu have been advised to avoid pesticide application during heavy rain and prepare basins for spice

crops. Across affected states, harvested produce should be covered with tarpaulin or moved indoors, and horticultural crops secured against strong winds, the government said. Livestock owners have been advised to shelter animals during hailstorms and store feed in dry locations. Fish pond owners should install netted outlets to prevent overflow losses.

The wheat crop, which has matured in several parts of northern India and is in the final stage of ripening elsewhere, is facing delays in harvesting due to wet field conditions. Farmers said continued rainfall has made it difficult to operate harvesting machinery, pushing back the harvesting schedule.

Sergio Gor to Anupam Kher, LG Sandhu caps first month at work with outreach meetings - holds 2 every day:

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Taranjit Singh Sandhu capped the first month in the Capital's high office, clocking an average of two meetings a day with influencers and dignitaries, apart from several other public outreaches and field visits.

An analysis of Sandhu's X timeline, where the updates on his meetings with important leaders have been posted since he took office on March 11, shows he held over 60 meetings in a month since assuming office. Sandhu was appointed Delhi L-G on March 5, but took oath on March 11.

His engagements covered a wide spectrum of stakeholders ranging from political leaders and bureaucrats to diplomats, industry representatives, and



members of civil society.

The principle focus of L-G Sandhu's first month at work was a calibrated outreach strategy aimed at strengthening governance, improving coordination and accelerating development in the Capital.

A significant share of Sandhu's engagements - around 30 per cent, were with

political leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, and leaders across party lines such as Atishi and Virendra Sachdeva.

About 25 per cent of the interactions were with bureaucrats and administrators, including senior officials from Delhi Police, MCD and NDMC, as well as departments such as health, education and transport. Discussions focused on law and order, waste management, public health preparedness and service delivery.

Engagements with foreign diplomats including US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor besides serving and retired members of the Indian diplomatic corps accounted for near-

ly 15% of the meetings.

These included the L-G's interface with representatives of the World Bank and foreign envoys, indicating an effort to bring global expertise and investment into Delhi's development agenda.

Another 15 per cent of the meetings were with business leaders and industry representatives, including Airtel's Sunil Bharti Mittal, with discussions centred on economic growth and infrastructure development. The remaining 15 per cent included interactions with academics, healthcare experts, artists and civil society members, such as filmmaker Muzaffar Ali and actor Anupam Kher, reflecting an effort to incorporate diverse perspectives into governance.

2 yrs on, DU awaits Rs 272 cr for Nirbhaya Fund project

New Delhi, (GNS): A major women's safety and accommodation project at Delhi University, approved under the Nirbhaya Fund, is yet to see the light of the day owing to non-release of funds by the Centre, reveals official documents accessed through RTI. In 2024, the Women and Child Development Ministry had approved Rs 272 crore for the construction of residential accommodation for working women and girls pursuing higher education at the university under Nirbhaya Fund. This also included a significant allocation of Rs 72 crore for the installation of CCTV cameras. The initiative was to take off in two phases, comprising two hostels with 500 accommodations each.

However, the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD), in its RTI reply, confirmed that despite



the approval, "the funds have not been released." It further stated that "an amount of Rs 272 crore was appraised by the Empowered Committee on March 12, 2024 for the construction of accommodation and installation of safety devices, including CCTV cameras, for female students and working women within the campus of Delhi University under the Nirbhaya Fund project.