



# Government Defends Temple Traditions, Says Courts Should Not Interfere with Serving Alcohol as Prasad

**New Delhi(GNS):** The central government cited temple customs during the Sabarimala case hearing in the Supreme Court on Thursday. ASG Nataraj said, "Alcohol is served as prasada in South Indian temples. Tomorrow, you can't object to not serving alcohol." Citing an example, he said, "Many temples serve vegetarian food. If a person, by choice or conscience, wants non-vegetarian food, they cannot tell a sect that it is their right and that it must be served to them. They have no right to interfere with the

rights of devotees." A nine-judge bench of the Supreme Court on Thursday heard cases related to discrimination against women at religious places for the third consecutive day, while also considering the limits and scope of religious freedom prevalent in different religions.

CJI said – the job of the court is to resolve conflicts Justice Nagarathna: Suppose (leaving aside the Sabarimala case), if it is said that only Gaud Saraswat people should come to a temple or people of Kanchi Math should



go only to Kanchi and not to other Mathas (like Sringeri), then it would not be right. Rather, the more people visit different temples and monasteries, the stronger the religion will become. Justice Kumar: You (Vaidyanathan) are making your argument too harsh. Vaidyanathan's answer: I'm only referring to the seven-judge Shirur Math decision. If you want to deviate from it, you mean you want to change it. Any law that is enacted must meet these three criteria: public order, morality, and health.

## Supreme Court: 'New Aadhaar cards should only be given to children up to six years of age' PIL filed in court appealing for stricter rules

**New Delhi(GNS):** A public interest litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court, demanding an age limit for issuing new Aadhaar cards. According to the petition, only children under the age of six should receive a new Aadhaar card. The rules for obtaining Aadhaar cards for adults and adolescents should be much stricter. Lawyer and social activist Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay filed the petition, stating that infiltrators are taking advantage of the current system and easily obtaining Aadhaar cards. They then claim to be Indian citizens. This poses a threat to national security, government resources, and the electoral process. The petition demands that large boards be installed at Aadhaar centers, clearly stating that the Aadhaar card is only a proof of identity; it does not prove citizenship, address, or date of birth. The petitioner states that if an adult wishes to obtain an Aadhaar card, their verification should be done by senior officials such as the SDM or Tehsildar. According to the petition, more than 1.44 billion Aadhaar cards have been issued in the country so far. Therefore, the new rules will not harm genuine citizens. The petition also states that those who obtain Aadhaar cards using fake documents should be severely punished. Infiltrators also obtain other documents, such as ration cards and voter IDs, through Aadhaar, which is crucial to prevent.

## Iran said : America broke 3 conditions of ceasefire; now talks are useless

**Trump said – Army will remain deployed around Iran until the agreement is reached.**

**Tel Aviv/Tehran/Washington DC(GNS):** Iran has accused the US of violating three key conditions of the ceasefire. Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Ghalibaf said the US had violated the basic conditions of the 10-point resolution.

Iran has clearly stated that the basis on which the talks were to take place has already been broken. Therefore, negotiations or a ceasefire are no longer tenable.

At the same time, US President Donald Trump has said that until the agreement with Iran is fully implemented, the US military will remain deployed around Iran.

Trump posted on Truth Social, warning that if the agreement is not followed,



there will be another round of gunfire, bigger, more powerful, and more destructive than before. He added that the likelihood of such a move is extremely low, but the US is fully prepared.

**Israeli attacks in Lebanon kill 254 in one day:** The Israeli military launched hundreds of missiles into Lebanon on

Wednesday, killing 254 people. According to Lebanon's Civil Defense Agency, at least 1,165 people were injured in the airstrikes. A national day of mourning has been declared in the country.

The attacks targeted Beirut, the Bekaa Valley, Mount Lebanon, Sidon, and several villages in southern Lebanon.

## First cross-border robotic surgery from India:

### Kokilaben Hospital operated on a woman's kidney from Mumbai to Muscat amid the conflict in West Asia

**Mumbai(GNS):** Mumbai's Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital achieved a major milestone on World Health Day 2026. The hospital's doctor, T.B. Yuvaraja, performed a robotic kidney operation on a 55-year-old woman at Medical City Hospital in Muscat, Oman, from Mumbai. This cross-border remote robotic surgery is believed to be India's first.

The surgery was performed using the advanced "MedBot Tumai" robotic system and real-time connectivity. The doctor remotely controlled the entire operation and successfully completed the surgery.

Dr. T.B. Yuvaraja, Director of Uro-



Oncology and Robotic Surgery at Kokilaben Hospital, said this is a major change in



## Three languages will be taught in Class 6 from this session: Books not yet available

**CBSE still says to implement instructions within 7 days**

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken a major decision regarding the implementation of a third language in the sixth grade. In a circular issued on April 9, the board has directed all schools to implement it within 7 days. Calling it urgent and mandatory, it has been asked to start teaching immediately. According to the notice, this rule will come into effect from the 2026-27 session, i.e. this year itself. Schools will have to start preparations and teaching from now. The special thing is that books for teaching third language as a subject are not yet available.

The board said – books will be

released soon. The CBSE notice stated that schools should currently use locally available textbooks and materials for teaching the third language. Official textbooks will be made available soon. Schools should not wait and should begin teaching immediately.

Schools will have to provide information about their chosen third language to the CBSE. This information will need to be updated on the OASIS portal.

The board has stated that its regional offices will monitor this entire process to ensure that all schools implement the rules in a timely manner.

## Manipur violence: Children's deaths concealed from injured mother for 3 days:

**2 children died in bomb attack**

**Imphal(GNS):** A bomb struck a house in Moirang Tronglaobi, Bishnupur district, Manipur, at midnight on April 6. A 5-year-old son and a 6-month-old daughter were killed, while their mother, Binata Oinam, was seriously injured. For three days, Binata, hospitalized, kept asking about her children.



Seeing her condition, the family members kept the truth hidden. They said the children were both her children were undergoing treatment. On Thursday morning, Binata Oinam learned from a newspaper that both her children were dead. Upon reading the

## On the 'poisonous snake' statement, Nitin Naveen said, "This is Congress language

**Kharge is only speaking against the BJP-RSS, trying to poison society"**

**New Delhi(GNS):** Gandhi family for Kharge's BJP President Nitin Naveen on Thursday reacted to Mallikarjun Kharge's remark calling the BJP-RSS a "venomous snake." He said the comment was an attempt to incite people along communal lines and showed a cheap mindset.

Naveen told news agency that it has been a long-standing tradition for the Congress party to use words that have a negative impact on society. After such statements, the public blesses the BJP with victory. He blamed the

statement, saying, "These are the words of the Gandhi family. Rahul and Sonia run the party by remote control, and Kharge speaks under their guise." In fact, at a rally in Assam on April 6th, Kharge had said, "If you are praying and a poisonous snake approaches you, you must stop praying and kill it, as the Quran says. The RSS and BJP are poisonous snakes; if you don't kill them, you will not survive."

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## The balance of the five elements is the real protector of the environment: Draupadi Murmu

**New Delhi(GNS):** President Draupadi Murmu said on Thursday that for environmental protection, it is essential for all citizens to understand the sacred balance of the five elements. The President said this knowledge offers effective solutions to today's modern environmental problems. She described the present time as both Amrit Kaal (golden age of opportunities) and Apad Kaal (time of crisis). The President said that today, due to greed and overconsumption, humanity is becoming alienated from nature and forgetting the sacred balance of the five elements: sky, air, fire, water, and earth.

# Ceasefire is all in vain, America and Israel's arrogance shattered

Sanat Jain

The US and Israel jointly attacked Iran. So far, none of the conspiracies hatched by Israel against Iran have succeeded. Following the Israeli attack on Iran, the assassination of religious leader Ayatollah Khamenei and other Iranian leaders, and the killing of over 180 girls by firing missiles at a school, Iran united. All of Iran demonstrated solidarity, recognizing the murder of its religious leader as martyrdom. Iran is now fighting this battle in much the same way as the Battle of Karbala. The US, through China and Pakistan, once again invited Iran to talks, and both sides agreed to a 15-day ceasefire. However, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu does not want the US out of the war. Israel attacked Lebanon, and Lebanon retaliated. Iran is forced

to intervene, rendering this ceasefire futile. Various concerns are being raised about whether the ceasefire will hold. The US attack on Iran is completely illegal according to international rules and regulations. Israel and the US have been wreaking havoc on Palestine and the Gaza Strip for several years, transcending international law. Netanyahu and Trump consider themselves superior to even God. The Israeli Prime Minister has remained in power for the past 20 years by promoting the dream of a Greater Israel. US President Donald Trump adopted the same formula in America as Netanyahu to win elections and remain in power. Trump considers Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as his role models for a second term. To become president, he worked to pro-

mote right-wing ideology in America. He succeeded. He became president for a second term. After that, he felt that America leads the world and that in such a situation, he could do whatever he wanted.

Donald Trump carried out this attack in violation of US law. He did not seek permission from the US Parliament (Congress). He violated Article 2 (4) of the US Constitution. Israel and the US have also jointly violated international laws established after World War II. Article 52 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (WWII) was violated. Civilians cannot be targeted in war. Hospitals and medical personnel cannot be attacked during war. Yet, given the devastation wreaked by the US and Israel together in Palestine, the Gaza Strip, Lebanon, and Iran, it can only be said

that US President Donald Trump was deluded into believing he could control the world. He would do whatever he wanted. He first demonstrated his power through tariffs to all countries of the world. After that, he wanted to become a peacemaker and a savior for the entire world. When this failed, he acted like a gangster, abducting the President and his wife from their official residence overnight and imprisoning them in the US. They seized the oil reserves there and placed their own people there. After this success, they began to believe they could do the same with Iran. First, they attempted to overthrow Khamenei by instigating a coup against him. When this failed, they attacked Iran. They believed they would conquer Iran within a week, that they would take control of Iran. But that did not happen. Iran is fight-

ing for its very existence. Trump and Netanyahu's cup of sins has reached its limit. Trump resorted to a ceasefire to save his position. In this, he sought to exit the conflict with the help of China, Pakistan, and the Gulf countries, but Netanyahu did not want to let him escape. So, he registered his disagreement and attacked Lebanon. Now, we have started again, causing the dark clouds of war to loom once again. The ray of hope that had emerged after the ceasefire has once again been replaced by apprehension. In this religious war, one thing is certain: Trump and Netanyahu's cup of sins is full. They could lose power at any moment. In America, lawmakers from Trump's party have launched a rebellion. The American public is taking to the streets. A similar situation is being witnessed in Israel.

## Editorial

### Homeopathy helps in treatment

Homeopathy is a type of complementary or alternative medicine that relies on the use of highly diluted substances. If the patient believes homeopathy will work, their brain feels a sense of relief, which reduces symptoms. Long consultations in homeopathy also enhance the placebo effect, which helps with healing. While critics call it merely a placebo, homeopaths and some supporters believe it is energy-based and works more than a placebo. Homeopathy is a type of complementary or alternative medicine that relies on the use of highly diluted substances, which, according to its practitioners, can enhance the body's ability to heal itself. Homeopathy is based on an idea developed by German doctor Samuel Hahnemann in the 1790s. Hahnemann's thinking was based on the belief that what causes certain symptoms can also help alleviate them. Another fundamental belief is based on the process of dilution and agitation called succussion. Homeopathic practitioners believe that the more diluted something is, the greater its potency in treating symptoms. Many homeopathic remedies contain ingredients that are repeatedly diluted in water until little or no substance remains. Homeopathic practitioners claim that it can treat a variety of ailments, including physical ailments like asthma and mental illnesses like depression. Numerous studies have been conducted on the effectiveness of homeopathy. There is no definitive evidence to show its effectiveness as a treatment for any health condition. During your first consultation with a homeopath, they will typically ask about your specific health condition, your overall health, your emotional state, your lifestyle, and your diet. Based on this information, the homeopath will prescribe a treatment, often prescribed as a tablet, capsule, or tincture (solution). Your homeopath may recommend one or more follow-up appointments to assess the treatment's impact on your health. It is used for a wide variety of conditions. Many doctors believe it can help with almost any illness. The most common conditions for which people seek homeopathic treatment include: asthma ear infections hay fever mental health problems, such as depression, stress, and anxiety allergies, such as food allergies dermatitis (an allergic skin condition) arthritis high blood pressure Homeopathy is an effective treatment for these and other conditions.



**This is a reminder to the global community that lasting peace is possible not through military power alone, but through dialogue, cooperation and understanding. On April 8, 2026, West Asia once again became the focus of global concern when Donald Trump announced a temporary two-week ceasefire with Iran**



## The ceasefire will have global implications for energy, the economy, and diplomacy, which will be a relief for the general public

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

This announcement came 90 minutes before the deadline, at a time when military confrontation was at its peak and dire warnings of the end of civilization had been issued. Although this move brought a global sigh of relief, the explosion at an Iranian oil refinery and missile and drone attacks on the Gulf countries of the UAE and Kuwait just hours after the ceasefire underscored the fact that this peace is not permanent but extremely fragile. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that it is essential to understand this entire development, as it is not just a conflict between two countries, but a broader reflection of global energy security, diplomatic balance, and regional power dynamics. This ceasefire between the US and Iran is essentially a tactical pause, not a permanent solution. Iran's Supreme National Security Council has clarified that this is not an end to the war but a step taken to open the possibility of negotiations. Iran also clarified that its military activities will not cease completely, but will depend on whether attacks on it stop. Thus, this ceasefire is based on conditions, a balance where both sides maintain their military preparedness while seeking a path to diplomatic dialogue. This is why Iran clearly stated that it is holding the trigger, highlighting the instability of this agreement.

Friends, if we consider the Strait of Hormuz: the epicenter of global energy politics, the most crucial aspect of this entire conflict is the Strait of Hormuz, through which approximately 20 percent of the world's oil supply flows. The US's primary demand has been to immediately and safely open this waterway. Iran has agreed in principle, but with its own conditions, including military surveillance and technical control. This indicates that Iran views this waterway not merely as a trade route but as a strategic weapon. If the Strait of Hormuz closes, a sharp rise in global oil prices, disruption of supply chains, and economic instability are certain.

Therefore, the opening of this waterway is being considered a sign of relief for the entire world.

Friends, if we consider Iran's 10 conditions: Peace or strategic pressure? To understand this, Iran has put forward a 10-point proposal to transform the ceasefire into a lasting peace, which goes beyond simply ending the military conflict but also calls for a comprehensive geopolitical rebalancing. These conditions include the lifting of US sanctions, the return of seized assets, financial assistance for reconstruction, and a lasting resolution of regional conflicts such as those in Yemen, Lebanon, and Iraq. Iran has also pledged not to develop nuclear weapons, but it also maintains the right to enrich uranium. This is where the biggest controversy arises. The US has long sought to end Iran's nuclear program, while Iran considers it part of its sovereignty. Differences in the Persian and English documents regarding uranium enrichment further complicate these negotiations.

Friends, if we try to understand the ground reality: attacks continue despite the ceasefire, despite the ceasefire announcement, reports of missile and drone attacks continue to emerge in the Gulf region. Israel's continued attacks on Iran and Iran's retaliatory actions indicate that the situation on the ground is still far from under control. This contradiction between political declarations and actual events highlights the complexity of this conflict. It also makes clear that the war is not limited to just two countries but has become a broader regional conflict, involving numerous direct and indirect players. Friends, if we consider India's response to this entire issue: balanced diplomacy and humanitarian concern, India welcomed the ceasefire and called it a positive step towards peace. The Ministry of External Affairs clarified that India has always been a supporter of dialogue and diplomacy. However, India's primary concern is the safety of its citizens. On April 8, 2026, the Embassy of India in Tehran issued an emergency advisory urging approximately 9,000 Indians living in Iran to leave the country. This

step demonstrates India's understanding of the gravity of the situation and its desire to evacuate its citizens before any potential danger arises. This is an example of proactive diplomacy.

Friends, if we consider the political response in India to the ceasefire issue: diplomacy versus politics, this international development has also impacted India's internal politics. A leader of a Maharashtra regional party launched a scathing attack on the central government and the Prime Minister, saying that India failed to play an effective role in this global crisis. He questioned the government's foreign policy, citing alleged Pakistani meddling. In response, the ruling party rejected these allegations, stating that it is essential to understand the gravity of the situation and that India is acting in accordance with its strategic priorities. This debate demonstrates that foreign policy has now become a part of domestic political discourse.

Friends, let's discuss Pakistan's role in this ceasefire issue: diplomatic opportunity or exaggeration? Discussions are raging regarding the role of the Pakistani Prime Minister and service chiefs in this ceasefire. Trump himself claimed that he halted military action at Pakistan's request. However, while independent confirmation of this claim is limited, it is clear that Pakistan is attempting to present this situation as a diplomatic opportunity. This could also create new dynamics in South Asian geopolitics. Meanwhile, India's issuance of NOTAMs near the Pakistan border and its planned GNSS (GPS) jamming trials in the Bay of Bengal indicate that modern warfare is no longer limited to conventional weapons. The ability to disrupt satellite signals could play a decisive role in future wars. This move reflects India's technological and strategic preparedness, in line with the changing global security environment.

Friends, if we consider this entire issue and the ceasefire in an international context, then the global impact: energy, economy, and diplomacy will be affected. The impact of this conflict is not just regional but global.

## Homeopathy: An ocean of health hidden in sweet pills

Dilip Kumar Pathak

In today's world, when we wake up in the morning, we are faced with pollution, adulteration, and stress. Disease has become a part of our lives. While there are many medical systems available today, some WHO statistics are surprising. According to statistics, homeopathy has become the second largest medical system in the world. Its popularity is growing at a rate of approximately 20 percent annually across the globe. In India alone, over 100 million people rely solely on homeopathy for their ailments, both minor and major. This trust isn't without reason; it's the simplicity of this method and its ability to heal without any side effects. People often seek treatment for unknown ailments for years, spending lakhs of rupees on

hospitals and tests, only to receive a few hours of relief. In such a situation, homeopathy emerges as a cheap and reliable alternative. According to the Ministry of AYUSH, homeopathic treatment is much more affordable than other methods, making it accessible to every common and poor person in India. But its low cost isn't its weakness, but rather its strength. Instead of turning the body into a chemical furnace, it strengthens it from within.

One well-known fact about homeopathy is that it takes a long time to show results. People often say it's very slow. But the reality is that it's not slow, but rather profound. When a disease becomes chronic, it becomes deeply ingrained in the body. It takes some time for the medicine to reach that root. It's often observed

that patients don't notice any significant improvement for the first fifteen days of treatment. They think the pills aren't working. But in reality, those fifteen days are a time of internal cleansing and repair. Once that foundation is established, the disease suddenly disappears as if it never existed. The diminishing effectiveness of antibiotics has become a major global concern. In this situation, homeopathy acts as a protective shield. National Sample Survey data shows that approximately 30 percent of people in India are now choosing homeopathy as their primary treatment for chronic illnesses. The main reason for this is that these medicines do not have any adverse effects on the liver, kidneys, or stomach. This is the reason why today many big allopathy doctors have also started believing

in hushed tones that where the limits of modern science end, the experience and effect of homeopathy works wonders.

World Homeopathy Day, celebrated annually on April 10th, is a day to express gratitude to Dr. Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of this practice. He taught the world that when treating a patient, one should consider their entire personality, not just their body parts. When prescribing homeopathic medicine, doctors not only inquire about their illness, but also understand their likes and dislikes and temperament. Because science recognizes that every individual's constitution and suffering are unique, treatment should be unique and specific. India now has over 200,000 registered homeopathy doctors working day and night to serve the public. The govern-

ment has also recognized its power by making it a part of the National Health Mission. This practice teaches us that health is not something you can buy from a store; it is a balance that comes from living close to nature. In today's era of inflation, when even a minor illness can devastate the household budget, homeopathy feels like a breath of relief. It not only heals the body but also removes the fear of illness from the patient's mind. In conclusion, suffice it to say that the path to health need not always be bitter or expensive. Sometimes, even a short journey of sweet pills can overcome even serious diseases. All that is needed is a little patience and faith in our natural strength. If we make homeopathy a part of our lifestyle, we will not only avoid illness but also live a happy and side-effect-free life.

# Steady repo rate boosts Delhi-NCR housing market sentiment

**New Delhi(GNS):** The decision of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.25% has drawn a strong positive response from real estate stakeholders across Delhi-NCR, with developers and industry experts asserting that the move will sustain housing demand and strengthen buyer confidence.



The RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) opted for a status quo, signalling a continued focus on balancing inflation control with economic growth. In NCR-one of India's most active real estate markets-this stability is expected to keep home loan interest rates steady, making property purchases more predictable for end-users.

According to Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO - India, South-East Asia, Middle East & Africa at CBRE, the decision reflects strong macroeconomic fundamentals. "The RBI MPC's decision to maintain the status quo on the repo rate is a testament to the inherent resilience and momentum of the Indian economy. A steady repo rate continues to anchor home-buyer sentiment by keeping EMIs predictable and manage-

able," he said, adding that easing inflation could further boost purchasing power and demand across residential and commercial segments. Echoing similar views, Shrivallabh Goyal, CEO and Whole Time Director of Reliance Model Economic Township, noted that policy continuity will help previous rate changes fully transmit into the economy. "A steady rate environment allows both home-buyers and developers to plan with greater confidence, supporting sustained absorption across segments, particularly in well-connected urban clusters," he said.

Developers in Gurugram and Noida-key growth corridors linked to infrastructure projects like the Dwarka Expressway

and Jewar Airport-believe the pause will further strengthen ongoing demand momentum. Yateesh Wahaal, Director Finance at M3M India, said the decision will "enhance the confidence of buyers and developers alike" while aiding project execution and long-term sectoral stability.

Sudeep Bhatt, Director Strategy at Whiteland Corporation, highlighted that stable borrowing costs directly support housing demand. "It means stable home loans which boost housing demand, while improving liquidity for developers," he said. Manik Malik, CEO & President of BPTP Limited, emphasised that a stable interest rate environment enhances predictability in financial planning.

# Operation CyHawk 4.0: Over 600 held in cybercrime crackdown

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Delhi Police have arrested more than 600 individuals and detained over 8,300 suspects during 'Operation CyHawk 4.0', a large-scale cybercrime crackdown carried out on 6 and 7 April, officials said on Wednesday.



A senior police officer said the son of a Delhi-based eatery chain owner was among those arrested.

"Due to losses in business, the son of the famous eatery chain's owner provided his bank account to move proceeds of cybercrime on a commission basis, receiving a three per cent commission. He shared his bank account user ID and password, and stolen or defrauded money was siphoned through that account. In this case, we have arrested Javed, and further investigation is ongoing," the official said.

The officer added that the operation targeted the financial backbone and operational ecosystem of organised cybercrime syndicates across the capital, marking a shift

from reactive policing to proactively dismantling fraud networks.

A total of 8,371 individuals were rounded up for questioning and verification during coordinated raids conducted simultaneously across multiple districts. Of these, 1,429 were either arrested or bound down after investigators established strong financial and technical links to cyber fraud activities. In addition, 2,203 notices were issued to individuals suspected of being part of the broader financial chain associated with such crimes.

Police registered 499 fresh FIRs against identified cyber fraudsters, significantly expanding legal action against organised networks.

## Global history hidden in plain sight:

# Lutyens' Delhi road that echoes a voice that shaped debates on war, peace and justice

**New Delhi(GNS):** On most days, Olof Palme Marg passes without notice. Cars move through, security guards stand by embassy gates and the road blends quietly into Chanakyapuri's ordered routine. There is little to suggest that its name carries the memory of a leader who once shaped conversations on war, peace and justice across continents. That name traces back to Olof Palme, Sweden's prime minister and one of the most outspoken international figures of his time. Through the 1970s and 1980s, he took clear positions on global issues, openly criticising the Vietnam War, opposing apartheid and advocating nuclear disarmament. At a time when much of the world was aligned with one bloc or another, Palme



maintained an independent line. This independent approach found natural resonance in India. His politics often echoed concerns central to New Delhi's foreign policy, particularly around peace, decolonisation and equity among nations.

Bipin Kumar Tiwari, who specialises in International

Relations at the University of Delhi, said, "Olof Palme stood out as a rare global voice whose clarity and conviction on issues like anti-imperialism and anti-colonialism deeply resonated with India. His advocacy for peace and justice echoed the very principles that lie at the heart of India's ethos as enshrined in

the Constitution of India." His worldview reflected the spirit of a nation still shaping its global identity, committed to equality, peace and moral diplomacy, he added. Palme's criticism of powerful nations, his opposition to war and his consistent support for liberation movements made him a natural ally to India's stance during the Cold War years. "This connection was not merely ideological. It was deeply felt. When Palme was assassinated in 1986, the grief in India was immediate and profound."

The relationship was not limited to shared ideas but also developed through direct engagement. Palme visited India and interacted with its leadership at key moments. Alongside leaders such as

Indira Gandhi and Julius Nyerere, he became part of the Six-Nation Initiative, an effort aimed at advancing nuclear disarmament and easing Cold War tensions.

His assassination on Feb 28, 1986, in Stockholm brought this connection into sharper focus. The killing shocked the world and in India, the response was immediate and deeply felt. He was posthumously awarded the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Award for International Understanding in 1985, which was presented in 1987, reflecting the regard in which he was held. It was during these decades, when such relationships were taking shape, that Delhi began naming roads in Chanakyapuri after international figures.



## Vendor held for molesting girl

**New Delhi(GNS):** A 25-year-old vegetable vendor was arrested for allegedly molesting an 11-year-old girl outside her residence in outer Delhi's Nihal Vihar area, the police said on Wednesday. A PCR call was received reporting that a girl had been molested by an unidentified man who fled from the spot after committing the offence. The statement of the girl was recorded in the presence of her parents. Based on the complaint, a case was registered under relevant Sections, along with provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the police said.

## 'Interesting thought': Raghav Chadha hints at own political party

**New Delhi(GNS):** Sidelined Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Raghav Chadha has fuelled speculation about his future in politics after responding to a social media video suggesting he float his own party.

In the video shared by Chadha, the content creator can be seen saying that to keep his support intact, the AAP leader should launch his own party instead of joining any other political outfit. Chadha left a brief comment on the post on Wednesday, writing: "interesting thought". The MP recently shared a picture on his Instagram account of a book chapter titled "Never Outshine the Master", apparently taking a dig at the party's national convener Arvind Kejriwal.

The Aam Aadmi Party had last week removed Chadha as its deputy leader in the Rajya Sabha. Reacting to the decision, Chadha said he had been "silenced, not defeated". The party also launched an all-out attack, accusing Chadha of shying away from raising Punjab's issues in Parliament and instead engaging in "soft PR". Since his removal, Chadha has released four videos and two posts, dropping enough hints suggesting he will not sit idle over the decision. The AAP had also accused him of avoiding raising questions against Prime Minister Narendra Modi or the Centre in Parliament.

# Police Cracks Down on Cybercrime in 48-Hour CyHawk 4.0 Ops, Hundreds Arrested

**New Delhi(GNS):** Over 600 Delhi Police teams carried out raids in a massive, coordinated crackdown against cybercrime networks across the city and more than 20 states and Union territories. The operation focused on dismantling the financial and operational infrastructure of organised cyber fraud syndicates. The 48-hour operation, CyHawk 4.0, conducted from April 6 at 8 am to April 8 at 8 am, led to the rounding up of 8,371 people for questioning and verification.

Over Rs 59 crore defrauded amount reported through cyber complaints registered on NCRP portal has been linked with multiple mule accounts and scamsters' accounts, police said.

Police arrested 660 suspects and bound down 744 others linked to cybercrime activities. At least 499 FIRs were registered. The operation targeted key elements of



getting the financial and operational backbone of these networks, we have delivered a decisive blow to organised cyber fraud," police commissioner Satish Golchha said. "This operation sends a strong and unequivocal message. Those who exploit citizens through digital means will be identified, tracked and brought to justice. Our efforts will continue with greater intensity to ensure a cyber-safe Delhi and to contribute towards a cyber-secure India." Working closely with the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the MHA, police conducted hotspot mapping, analysed suspicious mobile numbers, verified account holders, and corroborated links with cyber complaints nationwide. I4C's real-time backend support and analytical insights were pivotal in translating raw intelligence into actionable enforcement.

"Operation CyHawk reflects Delhi Police's unwavering commitment to stay ahead of cyber criminals through intelligence-led and technology-driven policing. By tar-

# Video of stray dog handling at Delhi Airport sparks outrage DIAL issues clarification



**New Delhi(GNS):** Authorities at Indira Gandhi International Airport are facing backlash after a video from Terminal 1 allegedly showing cruelty towards a stray dog went viral on social media. The visuals show a dog with its paws tied while a staff member appears to pin its neck with a stick during removal from the airport premises. The incident triggered outrage online, with many users accusing airport staff of inhumane treatment.

According to airport sources, the dog had bitten two flyers earlier this week, prompting action. Officials further claimed that 31 dog bite cases have been reported across all three terminals of IGIA since January 1, raising concerns over passenger

safety. In response, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) issued a statement defending its handling of community dogs at the airport. "Several community dogs live across the three terminals and are being regularly cared for and fed by our team, strictly following veterinary-prescribed guidelines to ensure their health and balanced behaviour," the statement said. DIAL clarified that the brown dog seen in the video had shown signs of aggression after biting two individuals. "The dog has been carefully handled, calmed, and gently returned to its familiar area. Our approach remains rooted in care, safety and responsible management," it added.

The airport operator also urged flyers and visitors not to feed or engage with stray dogs in public areas, warning that such actions may unintentionally provoke them.

Highlighting the rising number of bite cases, DIAL said ensuring safety for both people and animals required collective responsibility.

# Delhi students' daily grind: Managing roti, kapda, makaan... LPG crisis

**New Delhi(GNS):** For 27-year-old Abhijit, who came to Delhi from Madhya Pradesh nearly a decade ago to prepare for the civil services, survival has always been a careful calculation. When his plans did not work out, he pursued an MBA as a fallback to secure a job. But he is still unemployed, currently interning for a small stipend and managing his expenses with money from home. The ongoing LPG issue, he says, has added to his already stretched budget, forcing him to shell out more on daily meals. Living in Katwaria Sarai, where he pays Rs 15,000 for a small one-room accommodation,

Abhijit says the mess he relied on for daily meals was recently shut, leaving him dependent on tiffin services. "My dabba wali didi has increased prices by Rs 150 per meal due to the rising cost of cylinders, which are being sold in the black market at rates as high as Rs 300 per kg. I don't have an option," he says. A visit by Media to three of south Delhi's key student hubs on Tuesday, Katwaria Sarai, Ber Sarai and Kalu Sarai, showed similar scenes across these densely packed neighbourhoods, home to aspirants and young professionals trying to keep costs low and dreams high.

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# Regularisation norms eased in 1,511 illegal Delhi colonies

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Centre Tuesday eased norms for regularising residential properties and small convenience shops (up to 20sqm) based on "as is where is" criteria in 1,511 unauthorised colonies in Delhi. Residents of these properties can now get the building plan prepared by any architect empanelled by Municipal Corporation of Delhi and apply to the civic body for obtaining ownership rights. Announcing major changes in the norms, Union housing and urban affairs minister Manohar Lal said properties will be regularised without requiring approved layout plans, a move that will accelerate regularisation of properties in such colonies, bringing relief to over 10 lakh families living in these settlements. The announcements were made in presence of CM Rekha Gupta.

Earlier, it was mandatory to have a sanctioned layout plan for the area to apply for regularisation.



Though Centre in its 2019 regulations and the subsequent PM-Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi Awas Adhikar Yojana (PM-UDAY), had envisaged regularisation of these colonies on an "as is where is" basis after approval of layout plans, the absence of approved layout plans has been a major impediment, the housing and urban affairs ministry said in a statement. Till March-end, barely 40,000 conveyance

deeds/ authorisation slips have been issued under PM-UDAY.

Though there are 1,731 unauthorised colonies in Delhi, Gupta said those in the O Zone (Yamuna Flood Plain), forest/ridge areas and otherwise outside the purview of the scheme were not included. In addition, 69 affluent unauthorised colonies such as Sainik Farms, Mahendru Enclave, Anant Ram Dairy and Bhawani

Kunj are also excluded.

As per the new norms, the revenue department of Delhi govt, not the DDA, will now issue conveyance deeds for ownership rights. The Union minister said MCD will conduct drone surveys every two months to detect any new small construction.

"To ensure there is no further unauthorised construction or expansion of these colonies, we have strengthened the enforcement wings of MCD and Delhi Development Authority," he said. The civic body will issue 'certificates of regularisation' and also survey vacant plots to build civic infrastructure.

CM said that applications for ownership of properties under the revised policy can be filed online through the PM-UDAY portal from April 24. She added that the process of regularisation will speed up with the simplified approval process and timeline set for issuing the deeds within 45 days. June 1, 2014 will be con-

sidered the cut-off date to be considered for regularisation. The minister said the revised policy will cover old buildings in unauthorised colonies while new constructions will be required to follow norms set by MCD and seek its permission.

The updated policy notified on Tuesday says convenience shops up to 20 sq metres will be regularised if they have access to a right of way (RoW) of 6m. For shops up to 10 sq metres, the required RoW may be less than 6m. Responding to a query, D Thara, additional secretary in housing ministry, said floor-wise regularisation will also be allowed. The ministry, in an official statement, said an applicant can log into the MCD SWAGAM portal (<https://mcdonline.nic.in/swagam>) and select a colony name, ward and zone, which are auto-populated. They will have an option to choose whether a PM-UDAY case identity exists or not. Those not having

such an ID will be required to log into the PM-UDAY portal

It said if the conveyance deed or authorised slip has been issued, an application form will be filled out, and if not, the application will be redirected to the PM-UDAY portal for status. Processing of applications and issuance of conveyance deed or authorised slip will be done by the revenue department with DDA support, after conducting a survey of the building structure. Applications on the SWAGAM portal will be accepted from April 24 for cases where conveyance deeds or authorisation slips have been issued. In cases of reconstruction or redevelopment, land equivalent to 50% of the deficiency in RoW must be surrendered to achieve minimum access width (6m internal roads, 9m approach roads). "Floor area ratio (FAR) will be calculated on the original plot area but utilised within the reduced plot after surrender.

## NGT mandates GPS in all commercial water tankers

**New Delhi(GNS):** National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ruled that all water tankers operating for commercial supply in Delhi, including those transporting treated sewage water, must mandatorily install GPS devices, closing a key loophole in monitoring water transport.

The order came in a matter where the tribunal refused to exempt tankers carrying treated water from sewage treatment plants (STPs), clarifying that its earlier directions of May 2025 apply to all commercial tankers.

While acknowledging that treated wastewater supplied by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) is distinct from groundwater and environmentally beneficial, the bench said GPS tracking is essential to prevent illegal groundwater extraction being masked as legitimate supply.

The tribunal also flagged



gaps in DJB's monitoring system, including poor record-keeping and the lack of mandatory documents with tanker drivers. It directed the utility to issue gate passes and maintain proper records for every tanker. It warned that officials and tanker operators would face legal action for non-compliance, reinforcing stricter enforcement to curb illegal groundwater trade in the capital.

Earlier during the course of the matter, two intervenor applicants had sought clarification that the directions should not apply to tankers transporting treated sewage water. They also sought protection from coercive action.

Accordingly, the tribunal issued directions, including issuing of gate and transit passes for each tanker and maintain proper records.

"DJB must issue gate pass-

es and transit passes in duplicate at the time of filling of tankers with STP-treated water and must give one copy to the tanker driver and maintain a second copy in its record. DJB must also maintain proper record in chronological order with serialised entries of all tankers that are supplied STP-treated water with names of the owner, driver, number of the tanker and quantity of STP water. In case of failure to do so, the CEO, DJB, and officer concerned will be liable to be prosecuted for non-compliance with the orders," the April 6 order said. It added that the copies of the documents regarding supply of STP-treated water, including gate pass and transit pass issued by DJB, must be with the tanker driver at all times of transportation.

### High-tech corridor, low-tech fix



**New Delhi(GNS):** Just days before inauguration, Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor saw workers manually clearing stagnant water from the carriageway. Four workers were seen using plastic containers to scoop up water and discard it on the opposite side of the road. A tractor bearing the NHA logo was also seen nearby.

The manual intervention comes as authorities race to prepare the expressway for its expected opening by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on April 14. "The drain was completely choked," said one worker at the site.



### Taranjit Singh Sandhu urges citizens to use 'L-G Listening Post' platform

**New Delhi(GNS):** Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu has urged residents of the National Capital to actively share their concerns and grievances through the 'LG Listening Post' platform, aimed at strengthening citizen-centric governance and ensuring timely redressal.

Taking to social media platform X, the Lieutenant Governor said, "Residents of Delhi are encouraged to share their grievances through the LG Listening Post platform. Your voice matters and we are committed to listening with sensitivity and responding with care." The initiative is designed to create a direct communication channel between citizens and the administration, enabling authorities to respond more efficiently to public issues.

### Fake call centre busted in Pitampura, 12 women among 19 held

**New Delhi(GNS):** Police have busted a fake call centre that allegedly operated by posing as representatives of a financial services company and charged victims fake loan fees. 19 people, including 12 women, have been arrested for operating the call centre in outer Delhi's Pitampura.

According to police, a tip-off was received on March 6 that the call centre was duping people on the pretext of providing loans and insurance-related benefits. The information was cross-checked and a police team was formed to raid the premises. The cops found the people engaged in making calls using keypad mobile phones. They were nabbed on the spot, police said.

One of the women told the cops that she is the team leader and they would personate representatives of a financial services company and lure people from across the country. They would allegedly collect processing fees ranging from Rs 1,500 to Rs 2,000 by sending QR codes via social media. "After receiving the money, the centre neither provided any loan nor refunded the amount," said DCP (outer) Vikram Singh, adding that they frequently changed SIM cards and avoided calls from victims after the payment was received.

She further told police that the operation was controlled by a manager, a resident of Pitampura, who supplied them with lists of potential victims along with their contact details. Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend the manager.

They were also found to be operating another such centre in a separate room at the same location. The room was led by another female co-accused. A case has been registered under sections 318 (cheating), 319 (cheating by personation), 61 (criminal conspiracy) and 3 (5) (common intention) at the cyber police station.

## West Bengal polls: EC-TMC meeting turns into bitter war of words

**New Delhi(GNS):** A meeting between TMC and Election Commission on Wednesday expectedly ended in acrimony, lasting barely 7-8 minutes and sparking a bitter war of words. EC sources accused party MP Derek O'Brien of "shouting at EC functionaries and not allowing chief election commissioner Gyanesh Kumar to speak", while TMC slammed the CEC for reportedly asking the party delegation to "get lost".

The meeting took place against the backdrop of deletion of lakhs of voters in West Bengal and the rejection of the notice for removal of the CEC by Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha chairman.

Sources said Kumar had to request O'Brien to maintain decorum of the commission room by saying that "shouting and indecent behaviour is not appropriate". After the RS MP



was done raising the points on behalf of his party and just as the CEC started to respond with "straight-talk" that the West Bengal polls will be "fear-free, violence-free, intimidation-free, inducement-free and without any chhaapa, booth jamming or source jamming", O'Brien interrupted him, saying he had come to speak and not listen, according to the sources. The "ECI's Straight-talk to Trinamool Congress" was posted on the commission's X

handle soon after the meeting.

Refuting EC's version, TMC challenged it to release the transcript of the meeting. "Is this how a neutral constitutional body is expected to behave? We are also speaking straight to EC in a straightforward manner. This time, elections must be: free from Delhi's control, free from political bias, free from targeted persecution of anyone and certainly free from double standards," TMC said in a post on X.

## Flyer held at Delhi airport with marijuana worth Rs 13 crore

**New Delhi(GNS):** A passenger, who arrived from Bangkok to Indira Gandhi International Airport on March 31, has been arrested after marijuana worth nearly Rs 13 crore was found in his possession. Customs officials said, "When the baggage of a passenger was subjected to X-ray screening, it indicated suspicious contents. Upon examination, 13 polybags were found containing a green coloured substance, suspected to be marijuana."

The net weight of the seized product was 12,910 grams with officials estimating its value at nearly Rs 13 crore. "The contraband along with packing material has been seized and the passenger has been arrested under section of the



Nar-cotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. Further investigation is under progress to identify the persons involved and the associated smuggling network," said an official.

## Lodhi Garden at 90: Delhi's timeless green haven blends history, heritage and urban calm

**New Delhi(GNS):** In the middle of the capital's fast-paced urban life, Lodhi Garden stands as a rare sanctuary where history and nature coexist in quiet harmony. As the iconic garden turns 90 today, it continues to draw walkers, historians, and tourists alike, offering a living window into Delhi's layered past.

Spread across acres of lush greenery, Lodhi Garden traces its origins back to the 15th century, when rulers of the Lodi dynasty chose the site as a burial ground. The garden houses architectural gems such as the tombs of Muhammad Shah and Sikandar Lodi, making it one of the few public spaces where medieval history is seamlessly woven into everyday life.

Its transformation into a public garden began in 1936 under British rule, when Lady Willingdon redesigned the area as Lady Willingdon Park, creating



a landscaped setting around the historic tombs. Following Independence in 1947, it was renamed Lodhi Garden, symbolising a shift toward reclaiming

India's heritage.

The garden underwent another major redesign in 1968, led by American landscape architect Garrett

Eckbo and architect Joseph Allen Stein. Their vision introduced features such as a glass house, a scenic lake with fountains, and curated spaces like a bonsai park and rose garden, transforming it into a modern urban retreat without disturbing its historical essence.

Beyond its famed tombs, the garden also shelters lesser-known relics, including a mysterious turret believed to date back to the Tughlaq dynasty. These structures quietly narrate centuries of Delhi's evolution. Today, as it marks nine decades in its present form, Lodhi Garden remains more than just a park, it is a cultural landmark where heritage, ecology, and community life intersect. From morning joggers to heritage walks, it continues to serve as a breathing space for the city, reminding Delhi of its past while offering respite in the present.