



## Boat carrying pilgrims from Ludhiana capsizes in Yamuna in Vrindavan, 10 pilgrims dead

**Mathura(GNS):** A boat carrying 30 pilgrims from Ludhiana, Punjab, who had come to Vrindavan, collided with a pontoon bridge and capsized in the Yamuna river. Ten devotees died in the accident. Fifteen people were rescued with the help of divers. One of these devotees has been admitted to the Joint Hospital. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi

Adityanath expressed grief over the accident. It was reported that a group of 150 people had come to Vrindavan from Ludhiana, Punjab, and Mukteshwar. At around 3 pm on Friday, these people were taking a boat ride on the Yamuna river. When one of the pilgrims' boats collided with a pontoon bridge at KC Ghat, the boat capsized in the

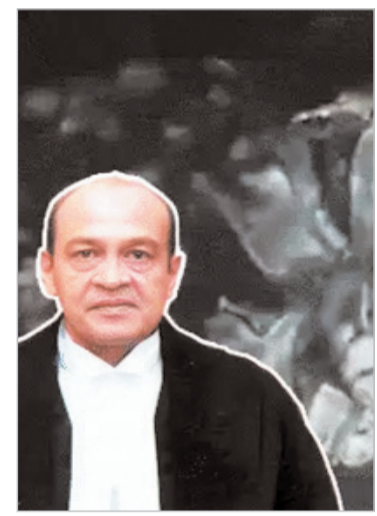
Yamuna river. Upon receiving the information, the police and local administration jointly launched a massive rescue operation. Police and divers launched a rescue operation to save those who had drowned in the river. Upon receiving information about the boat capsizing, a large crowd gathered at the accident site, hampering the rescue efforts. Police, with the help of divers, rescued 15 people safely. Upon receiving information about the accident, the District Magistrate (DM), SSP, and DIG (Director General of

Police) inspected the scene and rushed the seriously injured to the hospital. Further details are awaited. Mathura DIG Shailesh Kumar Pandey confirmed the deaths of 10 people in the Vrindavan boat accident, stating that the boat capsized after colliding with a pontoon bridge. The exact number of people on board is being ascertained, and interviews are being conducted with those on board. It is estimated that there were 25 to 27 people on board. The rescue operation is underway. District Magistrate Chandra

Prakash Singh stated that relief efforts are continuing with the help of local divers. The NDRF and the Army have also been called in. Hospitals have also been alerted. All those injured will receive free treatment. SDM Ritu Sirohi attributed the accident to overloading the boat. She said that there were more people on board than necessary. So far, the bodies of 10 people have been recovered. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief. Following the accident, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath wrote

on Twitter, "The loss of life in the boat capsizing accident in Mathura district is extremely sad and heartbreaking. My condolences are with the bereaved families." The concerned officials have been instructed to immediately reach the scene and conduct rescue and relief operations, and provide proper treatment to the injured. We pray to Lord Shri Ram to grant salvation to the departed souls, strength to bear this immense loss to the bereaved families, and speedy recovery to the injured.

**Justice Yashwant Verma resigns: Bundles of 500 rupee notes found burnt in his home Supreme Court investigation finds him guilty, impeachment motion in Parliament**



**Prayagraj(GNS):** Justice Yashwant Verma of the Allahabad High Court has submitted his resignation to the President. He was transferred from the Delhi High Court to the Allahabad High Court after bundles of 500-rupee notes were found burnt in a fire at his official residence in Delhi on March 14, 2025.

He was sworn in at the Allahabad High Court on April 5, 2025, but was not given any responsibilities. He was barred from judicial work until the investigation into the case was completed. Justice Verma submitted his resignation on April 9, but news agencies reported it the following day, April 10.

Justice Verma wrote in his resignation letter, "I do not wish to trouble your esteemed office for the reasons that compel me to write this letter. However, with deep regret, I am resigning as a Judge of the Allahabad High Court, effective immediately. It has been an honor to serve in this position."

Supreme Court committee found Justice Verma guilty

On March 22, Supreme Court Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna appointed a three-member committee to conduct an internal investigation into the allegations against Justice Verma. It submitted its report to the CJI on May 4, exonerating Justice Verma.

## Two cars collided in Chhattisgarh, wiping out a constable's family, killing six

Wife, son-in-law, sister, and nephew, all returning from a wedding

**Kanker(GNS):** Four members of Constable Munendra Netam's family were killed and three others seriously injured in a horrific road accident in Chhattisgarh's Kanker district. The accident occurred when two cars collided head-on on National Highway 30 in the Kotwali police station area.



According to reports, the Netam family, residents of Udakuda, were returning from a wedding in Chivranj around 11 pm on Thursday night. Their car collided with another car near Nathia Navagaon. The impact was so severe

that six people died on the spot. The deceased include Munendra Netam's wife Kunti Netam, son-in-law Shagundas Netam, sister Maktula Netam, and 7-year-old nephew Vansh Netam, along with two relatives. Three people in both vehicles were seriously injured in the accident. After first aid, all were referred to Raipur. Both cars were badly damaged in the collision. Two young men in the other car were injured. It is reported that their car was speeding and collided with an oncoming Swift Dzire while trying to overtake a truck.

## Shah said Mamata wants to make her nephew the Chief Minister ignoring the people's problems

Mamata said she should trust a snake, not the BJP

**Kolkata(GNS):** Addressing a public rally in Debra, West Bengal, Home Minister Amit Shah said on Friday that Mamata Banerjee doesn't care about the people of Bengal. She is only interested in making her nephew Abhishek Banerjee the next Chief Minister.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) released its manifesto for West Bengal on Friday, a "letter of assurance." It announced a 3,000 monthly grant for women, 3,000 monthly assistance for unemployed youth, the implementation of the UCC within the first six months, and the seventh pay scale for government employees



with 45 days. Releasing the letter, Shah said, "The last 15 years have been a nightmare for the people of Bengal. Mamata Banerjee became Chief Minister for the third time with the help of infiltrators. We will detect, eliminate, and deport these infiltrators." Voting in the state is scheduled for two phases on April 23rd and 29th. The results will be declared on May 4th. Meanwhile, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee held an election rally in Tentulia, North 24 Parganas. She said, "Even a snake can be trusted, but not the BJP. The BJP brought in people from outside for the Assam elections; it wasn't confident of winning with the votes of the state's residents."

**AIMIM breaks alliance with Kabir's party:** Asaduddin Owaisi's AIMIM has broken its alliance with Humayun Kabir's Aam Janata Unnayan Party (AJUP). The two parties had announced on March 25th that they would contest the West Bengal elections together. Now, AIMIM will contest the elections alone. AIMIM's X handle wrote, "Humayun Kabir's recent revelations have shown how vulnerable Bengal's Muslims are. AIMIM cannot associate itself with any statement that questions the integrity or honesty of Muslims."

## Musk says WhatsApp is reading your private messages

It's untrustworthy, Telegram CEO calls it encryption fraud; seeks damages from court

**Washington dc, (GNS):** Elon Musk, owner of social media platform X, and Pavel Durov, CEO of Telegram, have raised questions about WhatsApp's privacy. Musk said that WhatsApp cannot be trusted, while Durov



called it the biggest US in January this year by two users, Brian Y. Shirazi and Nida Samson, in a California court. Meta and

Accente have been named as parties in the suit. The plaintiffs have sought a jury trial and damages from the company. Musk said use XChat instead of WhatsApp. Elon Musk posted on the social media platform X, urging people to use XChat, claiming that it offers "real privacy." Meanwhile, Pavel Durov said that WhatsApp is misleading billions of users. Telegram has never done this and never will.

## 1-hour hold on online payments above 10,000

Opportunity to cancel erroneous transactions, RBI also suggests a 'kill switch'

**Mumbai, Agency:** Soon, online transactions of more than 10,000 may not be processed immediately. They could face a delay of up to an hour. This will give customers a chance to stop or cancel erroneous transactions. The RBI has proposed this measure to curb the growing digital



fraud in the country. The RBI believes that fraudsters often use psychological pressure to force money transfers quickly, and this delay will eliminate that pressure. Currently, most digital transactions are instant, leaving users no time to reflect or correct their mistakes.

## 29.37 kg gold worth 38 crore seized at Mumbai airport: 24 Kenyan women arrested, were smuggling it hidden in clothes and bags

**Mumbai(GNS):** Twenty-four Kenyan women were arrested at Mumbai airport on Wednesday with 29.37 kg of gold. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized gold worth 37.74 crore from them. The women were carrying the gold hidden in their clothes and bags.

The DRI received information that some female

passengers arriving from Nairobi, Kenya, would be carrying gold to Mumbai. Following this, a "Dhabu Blitz" operation was conducted at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport to intercept the suspected passengers.

During the search, 29.37 kg of gold was recovered from the women, which included 25.10 kg of gold



bars and 4.27 kg of jewellery. Smuggling was being done by giving training

According to the agency, the women were trained in the methods of concealing gold and evading airport inspections. This clearly indicates an organized network of people smuggling gold to India via carriers. The gang did not transport the gold themselves, but

instead used people lured by money to smuggle it as carriers.

This is one of the biggest cases detected at Mumbai airport this year. All the women will be produced in court. The agency is now trying to reach the masterminds of this network.

The operation has been named "Dhabu Blitz." "Dhabu" is a Swahili word meaning gold.

# National Safe Motherhood Day: A pledge to protect every mother

Sunil Kumar Mahala

National Safe Motherhood Day is celebrated in India on April 11th, with the aim of raising awareness about pregnant women's health, safe delivery, and maternal safety. On this occasion, health camps, free checkups, counseling, and awareness campaigns are organized by government and private institutions across the country. The main goals of this day are to reduce maternal mortality, promote institutional delivery, educate pregnant women about prenatal and postnatal care, balanced nutrition, and warning signs during pregnancy. It also aims to ensure access to quality maternal health services in rural and remote areas and provide every woman with a safe and respectful delivery. The

Government of India initiated this day on April 11th, 2003, at the request of the White Ribbon Alliance India, and over 1,800 voluntary organizations jointly campaigned for it. The symbol of this day is the white ribbon, which mourns the mothers who died during pregnancy or childbirth, and also symbolizes hope, purity and the message that pregnancy is not a disease and no woman should lose her life while giving life.

India was the first country in the world to declare a dedicated national day for safe motherhood, while other countries and global organizations generally celebrate the International Day of Action for Women's Health on May 28th. This day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Kasturba Gandhi, who, besides playing a key role in

the freedom struggle, also did remarkable work for women's health, hygiene, and safe childbirth. At the Sabarmati Ashram, she raised awareness among women about health and hygiene, and at a time when health facilities were extremely limited, she herself worked as a skilled midwife, educating rural women on safe childbirth. Thus, this day is also an opportunity to remember her silent but significant contribution.

However, let me inform readers that several important schemes are being implemented in our country to improve maternal health. Under the "Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan," pregnant women are provided free specialist checkups at government health centers on the 9th of every month. Under the "Janani Shishu

Suraksha Karyakram," pregnant women receive free delivery, food, and checkups. Additionally, "Midwifery-Led Care Units" are being developed through "Nurse Practitioners in Midwifery," combining the experience of traditional midwives with modern medical science, making the delivery process safer, smoother, and less stressful.

Indeed, it is commendable that India has achieved a significant reduction of nearly 70 percent in maternal mortality rates over the past decade, with nearly 90 percent of deliveries taking place in hospitals (institutional deliveries), compared to a much lower figure in 2003. According to the latest data, India's maternal mortality ratio (MMR) has declined to 88 per lakh live births, which is better

than the target set by the National Health Policy (less than 100). Compared to the global level, India has achieved a reduction of approximately 86 percent in its maternal mortality rate since 1990, while the global average decline during the same period has been only 48 percent. India currently aims to reduce this rate below 70 by 2030, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. States like Kerala, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, and Andhra Pradesh have performed exceptionally well, bringing maternal mortality rates below 40. While Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, and Assam continue to see higher rates than the national average, they are rapidly improving due to increased institutional deliveries.

## Editorial

### What did the war bring?

The world once again appears to be at a crossroads where the voice of humanity is drowned out by displays of power, threats, and military activity. Recent events have renewed the question of what war truly achieves. Is it merely a display of strength, or does it hold a lasting solution? History and experience both confirm that war does not end any problem, but rather gives rise to an endless series of new ones. Today, as instability in the global landscape grows, this question becomes even more pressing.

War is often initiated in the name of national security, self-defense, or honor, but its consequences are far more widespread and devastating. After a war, even the so-called victors are weakened from within. Their economies are severely strained, resources are wasted, and social structures begin to crumble. This has a direct negative impact on areas such as education, health, and development. On the other hand, defeated countries are already buried under the rubble of destruction, where the process of reconstruction can last for years, and generations pay the price. In this entire process, ordinary citizens suffer the most, who neither directly contributed to the war nor had any influence on the decision-making process.

War not only brings physical destruction, but it also leaves deep wounds at the psychological and cultural level. Displacement, fear, insecurity, and mental trauma are conditions that affect societies long after the war. Children, women, and the elderly are most affected. Their normal course of life is disrupted, and they are thrust into an uncertain future. Civilizations that develop over thousands of years can crumble in a matter of days or months.

Recent events also demonstrate that external attacks and pressure, rather than weakening a country, can make it more organized and aggressive. When a nation is constantly under pressure, nationalism becomes stronger. People set aside their internal differences and unite against the external threat. Thus, the very strategy adopted to subdue a country can ultimately empower it. It is one of the greatest ironies of war that it often fails to achieve even its stated objectives.



**Today, India's reputation and dominance are steadily growing globally, making it a key player on international platforms. This is evident from the body language of the heads of state of major countries regarding India. We are encouraged and moving rapidly towards Vision 2047, Vision New India, and Vision 5 Trillion Dollar Economy. However, as we have read and seen in recent media reports of alleged corruption cases, including those involving a minister in Bengal, the RTO in Jabalpur, a peon in Madhya Pradesh, and the nutrition scam in Madhya Pradesh, and as we research these cases, we will realize that if such corruption continues, we will not be able to fulfill the above visions. Therefore, it has become imperative for India to enter a decisive phase against corruption.**



## It has become necessary for India to enter a decisive phase against corruption

Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

The CBI, ED, and other agencies, with the support of the public, must swiftly identify those possessing disproportionate assets. The financial situation of every peon in the service sector, from clerks to senior officials, will need to be swiftly investigated because if those in the government sector possess the wealth of corruption, what about other private individuals? However, the Honorable Prime Minister also raised his voice against corruption from the Red Fort, and now, preparations are underway to make Mission 2027 a decisive period for the fight against corruption. Therefore, today, we will discuss corruption in this article based on information available in the electronic media.

Friends, if we talk about corruption, it is a very unfortunate irony for our country that the poison of corruption is now prevalent on this sacred land of devout rulers like Yudhishtira and Harishchandra, and saints. The possibility that everyone, from the lowest employee to those at the top of our power, is involved in corruption cannot be ruled out. Corruption is our national problem. Individuals who neglect their duties and indulge in personal gain are called "corrupt." Today, corruption is deeply ingrained in our country.

Friends, no matter how much a person achieves, their desire for more never ends. If a person desires something and doesn't easily obtain it, they become determined to acquire it by any means necessary. Such circumstances give rise to corruption. If a high-ranking official often ignores quality and prioritizes members of their community, family, or sect, this act is a form of corruption. A person involved in corruption always ignores justice.

Friends, if we discuss the challenges and patterns of corruption in general, the country faces two major challenges: corruption and nepotism. Corruption is eroding the nation like termites, and the country must fight it. The nation is striving to ensure that those who have looted it are made to pay back. The environment pervading the country, rife with communalism, linguistic chau-

vinism, nepotism, and ethnicity, are all sources of inspiration for corruption. Corruption is the reason why unethical practices like black marketing and bribery flourish in offices, workplaces, and other workplaces. Selling adulterated goods in shops, using religion to mislead people and further one's own selfish interests, releasing guilty and criminal elements after accepting bribes, or recruiting officials into departments based on bribes, etc., are all forms of corruption.

Friends, if we consider the scam revealed a few days ago in the Comptroller and Auditor General's report and the raid at the RTO office, according to electronic media, between 2018 and 2021, approximately 4.05 metric tons of take-home rations worth ₹2,393 crore were distributed to approximately 13.5 million women. The audit report claims that a large amount of take-home rations was distributed only on paper. Additionally, fake nutritional supplements worth approximately ₹58 crore were produced. The report claims that six ration-producing firms transported 1,125.64 metric tons of rations worth approximately ₹69.4 crore using bike, car, auto, and tanker numbers as trucks. The audit report alleges a scam in production and distribution. In Jabalpur, the Economic Offenses Wing (EOW) raided the home of an RTO officer and uncovered disproportionate assets. It is reported that the officer's assets are 650 times more than his income. The raids uncovered six of his luxurious homes. He also owns a farmhouse spanning one and a half acres. During the EOW raid, ₹1.6 million in cash was also recovered from his home. Friends, if we assess India's potential to become a superpower, its potential can be assessed by comparing it with the United States and China. The first criterion for becoming a superpower is technological leadership. The second criterion is the cost of labor. To become a superpower, the cost of labor must be low. Only then can a country produce consumer goods cheaply and its products enter other countries. China and India excel on this criterion, while the United States lags behind. The third criterion is the

openness of governance. A country progresses if its citizens are free to implement new entrepreneurial initiatives in an open environment. Research, trade, or study rarely flourish under shackles or under the watchful eye of the police. This openness is available in India and the United States. The fourth criterion is corruption. If the government is corrupt, the public's energy is diverted. The country's capital is drained. Corrupt officials and leaders send money to Switzerland. In the ranking prepared by Transparency International, America has been placed at 19th position, while China has been placed at 79th and India at 84th position.

Friends, if we talk about addressing corruption, it's essential to tighten anti-corruption laws and ensure that those involved in corruption face the harshest punishment. A strict and efficient administration is essential for this. Solving this problem isn't solely the responsibility of the government; all religious, social, and voluntary organizations must unite. Everyone must jointly oppose those who encourage it.

Friends, if we talk about the Honorable PM's call against corruption from the Red Fort on August 15, 2022, he said, "Many people go to such shameful lengths that even after they have been convicted in court, proven corrupt, sentenced to jail, or are serving time, they continue to glorify them, indulge in their pomp and show, and build their reputation." Unless society develops hatred for filth and a sense of cleanliness, unless a feeling of hatred for corruption and the corrupt is cultivated, and until we are forced to look down on them socially, this mentality will not end. And therefore, we need to be very vigilant about both corruption and the corrupt. Therefore, if we study and analyze the entire above description, we will find that Mission 2026 is being prepared to be a decisive period for the fight against corruption. It has become necessary for India to enter a decisive period against corruption. Every citizen must be aware of the hatred towards corruption and the corrupt, the social boycott, and the mentality of catching them red-handed.

## Assembly elections of states and union territories 2026

Vinod Kumar Singh

The first phase of voting reflects public opinion, the confidence of democracy and changing political signals.

Our democracy is not merely a constitutional system, but a vibrant stream of public consciousness, which from time to time determines its own form, its attitude and its direction. The first phase of the 2026 assembly elections – the voting held in Assam, Kerala and the Union Territory of Puducherry – has emerged as a sharp and comprehensive reflection of this democratic consciousness. This phase is not merely an administrative process limited to ballot boxes, but an echo of public opinion in which the sound of social change, the shadow of political rebalancing and a clear outline of future politics can be

heard.

The official figures released by the Election Commission have made this democratic celebration even more meaningful. Record voter turnout of over 85 percent in Assam, nearly 78 percent in Kerala, and nearly 90 percent in Puducherry clearly indicates that India's voter is no longer a mere spectator, but an active and decisive participant. These figures are not mere percentages, but a living testimony to the public's faith in, commitment to, and aspirations for democracy.

The high voter turnout in Assam indicates that elections there are no longer merely a means of changing power, but rather a platform for expressing public concerns. The enthusiastic participation of voters, from rural to urban areas, indicates that voters are now more aware and

conscious of their rights. While this enthusiasm signals a challenge for the ruling party, it also demonstrates that if the government has earned public trust through its actions, it may be given another chance.

Kerala's voter turnout may appear balanced in nature, but its underlying foundations reveal a mature democratic consciousness. Voters here traditionally vote on an ideological basis, and this is why the voter turnout, while stable, represents a crucial signal. A voter turnout of nearly 78 percent suggests that democracy in Kerala is not merely a process but an ideological exercise, in which every voter views their decision as a responsibility. The nearly 90 percent voter turnout in Puducherry proves that the spirit of democracy is not dependent on area or population,

but rather on the spirit of public participation. The large turnout of voters in such a small Union Territory demonstrates the deep and strong roots of democracy. This turnout is not only a message to political parties but also an inspiration to the entire nation that the true power of democracy lies in the active participation of the people.

Another significant aspect of this first phase is the shift in voter composition. The participation of over 53 million voters demonstrates that democracy is no longer just a game of numbers, but a celebration of diversity and inclusion. The increasing number of women voters and their active participation is the most powerful indicator of this change. In states like Kerala and Puducherry, the number of women equaling or exceeding that of men is not just a statistical fact but a sign of a social

revolution.

Women are no longer just a voting entity, but have become a force influencing policy making. Their issues are now at the centre of electoral debates – be it inflation, healthcare, education or security. Political parties have also acknowledged this change and have modified their strategies and presented schemes and announcements keeping women voters in mind. It is clear that in the times to come, women voters will play a decisive role in shaping the direction of Indian politics.

The participation of young voters is the soul of this election. Millions of new voters casting their ballots for the first time demonstrate that India's future has now reached the polling booths. This youth group holds a different perspective from traditional politics.

# 'Real test lies beyond degrees,' L-G Sandhu tells varsity graduates

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi's Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGIPU) on Thursday awarded 26,649 degrees at its 18th convocation.

The ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Chancellor Taranjit Singh Sandhu (L-G), along with senior academics and administrators. Education Minister Ashish Sood addressed students via a recorded message.

L-G Sandhu said, "The real test of education lies beyond degrees," pointing to the continued uncertainty faced by doctors and engineers in tackling complex challenges. He added stu-



dents must develop adaptability, critical thinking and the ability to offer solutions, while integrity and resilience would be essential as they step into

professional roles.

Chief Minister Gupta highlighted the scale of the graduating cohort, describing it as a moment of collective transi-

tion rather than individual achievement. She said, "The 26,000 students graduating together represent an expanding workforce that will influence the direction of both the city and the country." CM Gupta urged students to remain connected to public needs and contribute to broader social and civic goals. The university awarded degrees across levels, including 124 PhDs, 11 MPhil degrees, 2,873 postgraduate degrees, and 22,455 undergraduate degrees. Additionally, 477 MBBS and 709 MD, MS, DM and MCh degrees were conferred.

# ICCR Day brings global stage to DU

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A Tajikistan student striking precise Bharatanatyam poses, an Egyptian swaying to the beats of bhangra, and a Mexican performer attempting the intricate movements of Odissi -- the stage at Delhi University on Thursday offered a striking glimpse of cultural exchange in motion. Zoom out, and the lawns outside the Sir Shankar Lal Concert Hall at University of Delhi, North Campus, are filled with colour and chatter, as students from across continents gather to celebrate the 77th Foundation Day of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

Nearly 700 international students enrolled at DU -- from Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Russia, Iran and several others -- attended the event. Many were in the attire of their home countries, while others had donned Indian costumes for performances. Diplomats of several nations were present. The programme featured performances. International students pre-



sented dance and music forms of various Indian states. "From classical to folk, the performances reflected not just training, but a deeper engagement with Indian cultural traditions by students who have come to study in the country under ICCR scholarships," said K. Nandini Singla, director-general of ICCR. The scholarship programme, administered by the ministry of education, enables foreign students to pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral studies in Indian institutions. It is one of India's key cultural diplomacy initiatives, aimed at strengthening ties with other countries.

## Student groups clash during Hansraj College annual fest

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Clashes broke out between two groups of students at Hansraj College, Delhi University, during the college's annual fest on Thursday, with videos circulating online showing a crowd scuffling near the campus entrance and hurling objects, including tables and bricks. Police personnel were present at the spot. The incident occurred during Confluence 2026 while singer Vilen was performing. Students claimed the show was cut short following the commotion.

The college had been witnessing protests in the days leading up to the fest, with the students' union alleging that permission to use the playground for organising the event had been denied by the administration.

Meanwhile, principal Rama said no formal complaint regarding any scuffle had been received. "There were adequate police arrangements and the programme ended by 5 pm. No videos of any scuffle have been brought to my notice," she said. University proctor Manoj Kumar Singh said no injuries were reported.

## Espionage and terrorist plot foiled, ISI-BKI module busted

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The Delhi Police's Special Cell has busted an interstate terrorist, arms smuggling, and espionage network. This module is said to have direct links with Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI and the banned organization Babbar Khalsa International (BKI).

A total of 11 accused have been arrested from Delhi and Punjab in two separate operations. Police claim that by taking timely action, a major terrorist plot has been foiled. Investigation has revealed that the accused were working at the behest of Pakistan's intelligence agency ISI. Police say that the accused's activities posed a serious threat to national security and by taking timely action, a major terrorist plot has been foiled.

Additional Commissioner of Police, Special Cell, Pramod Singh Kushwaha, stated in a press conference at Police Headquarters on Friday that teams from the Special Cell's Northern Range and Southwest Range conducted this joint operation. In the first operation, six accused were arrested, three from Punjab and three from Delhi. In the second operation, five accused were apprehended from Punjab. In these operations, several police teams conducted simultaneous raids based on technical surveillance and intelligence inputs.

According to the Additional Commissioner of Police, six accused were arrested in the first operation: Manpreet Singh (Tarn Taran), Anmol and Sahil (Ferozepur), Atul Rathi and Rohit (Rohini, Delhi), and Ajay (Tatesar, Delhi). In the second operation, five accused were arrested: Gurjeet Singh (Kapurthala), Rimpledeep Singh, Salwinder Singh alias Kalu, Boota Singh (Fazilka), and Harpreet Singh alias Happy (Moga).

Investigation revealed that the accused had installed nine solar-powered CCTV cameras near several sensitive military and security installations across the country. These cameras were located at key locations such as Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Pathankot, Patiala, Moga, Ambala, Kathua, Bikaner, and Alwar. Live feeds from these cameras were being sent to handlers in Pakistan via SIM cards and mobile apps, allowing them to monitor the activities of security agencies.

The Special Cell recovered three foreign-made pistols, one country-made pistol, and 24 live cartridges from the accused. Nine CCTV cameras, nine SIM cards, 24 mobile phones, two four-wheelers, and two motorcycles were also seized. These vehicles were being used to transport weapons and reconnaissance sensitive locations.

# Company director, contractor knew of biker's fall into pit, did nothing: Delhi Police

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Police have named three people as accused in its chargesheet in the Feb 6 Janakpuri pit death case.

In an 877-page document filed in a Dwarka court on April 7, cops said the three - Himanshu Gupta, the now-suspended director of the company responsible for maintaining the Delhi Jal Board pit; Rajesh Kumar, a sub-contractor; and Yogesh, a labourer - were aware that Kamal Dhyani, the biker, had fallen into it, but did not to alert the authorities, leading to his death.

Police have recorded statements of over 30 witnesses, including an eyewitness who saw Dhyani (25), who was returning home from his office in Rohini, fall into the



uncovered 14-foot-deep pit and the woman who first alerted cops about it. "Call record details cited in the chargesheet contain purported conversations between Gupta and Kumar, in which they allegedly discussed the accident immediately after it took

place and again the following morning," sources said.

An eyewitness, Vipin Singh, saw the motorcycle fall into the pit and alerted a guard at a nearby residential complex, who informed Yogesh, the labourer. He called up Kumar, who came to the spot

and saw Dhyani lying in the pit with the motorcycle's headlight still on. He alerted Gupta, who reached the site from his Tri Nagar residence, police said.

Kumar allegedly directed Yogesh to put up green sheets on the pit and place barricades around it to make it seem that all safety protocols had been followed, an act investigators said amounted to tampering with evidence. The former then

directed the labourer to leave the city. Though the accident took place around midnight on Feb 6, it was reported to police only after eight hours by a woman who was taking her children to school the next morning, cops noted.

The case was initially regis-

tered under Section 105 of BNS (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), but additional charges were later added, including 61(2) (criminal conspiracy, 238 B (causing disappearance of evidence of offence, or giving false information to screen offender), 3(5) (common intention), and 340 (forged document or electronic record and using it as genuine). The forgery charge was included after police allegedly found Gupta in possession of fake identity documents while he was absconding. He was later arrested in Udaipur.

Dhyani, who was a resident of Palam, left office at 11 pm and told his family at 11.50 pm that he was near home. However, he soon stopped answering calls. His body was found the next morning.

## From Army Dreams to Assembly Breach Mystery of Missing Harman

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Tucked away in a cramped flat in the narrow lanes of west Delhi's Hari Nagar, 20-year-old Harman Singh spent his days balancing the rigours of a B.Tech degree with a singular, driving ambition: joining the Indian armed forces.

But on April 1, the quiet life of this student took a baffling turn. Singh's sudden disappearance triggered a chaotic chain of events that ended in a security breach at Delhi Assembly on Monday and the eventual arrest of his uncle, Sarabjit Singh.

Sarabjit has said that he drove a car into the Assembly complex, breaching security, to draw attention to the case of his missing nephew. Police are verifying if this is true.

When Media visited Harman's Hari Nagar neighbourhood, friends described him as a student who was not



only academically inclined but also focused on his goal of joining the army. Even with the midterms approaching, he split his time between NCC training at college and preparing for entrance exams.

Harman came to Delhi from his native Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh about two years ago, hoping to build a better future. His father is a farmer and mother a homemaker. Harman is their only child.

The move to the rented flat in Feb marked a step towards independence after his relatives in Delhi shifted out. The

computer science student remained connected to his family, speaking to his parents two to three times a day. Before shifting on Feb 14, he returned from a visit home on Feb 2. "He appeared for the NDA examinations after Class XII and continued along that path as an NCC cadet in college," a friend said. "He was also part of the basketball team and stood out after being the only student from his college selected for a national NCC camp last Sept."

He was slightly unwell in early March. "I tried making plans to go to Connaught Place or Bangla Sahib, but he would refuse, saying he wanted to save time and money. He was quiet, but there were no fights or financial issues," the friend said. In the days leading up to his disappearance, he was not attending classes regularly.

## Dubai link exposed: Delhi Police bust international USDT fraud racket, 3 held

**New Delhi, (GNS):** In a significant crackdown on cyber-enabled financial crime, the Delhi Police have busted an international USDT fraud syndicate operating through South Delhi's Neb Sarai area, arresting three accused, and recovering crucial digital evidence, officials said on Friday.

According to police, the case was registered following a complaint by Abdul Rahman, a resident of Sangam Vihar, who alleged that he was duped of 6,099 USDT valued at approximately Rs 6.10 lakh on the pretext of a cash deal. The accused, identified as Mohammad Azeem Ansari, had reportedly convinced the victim to transfer cryptocurrency via Trust Wallet, promising an equivalent cash payment.

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## 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 gar-

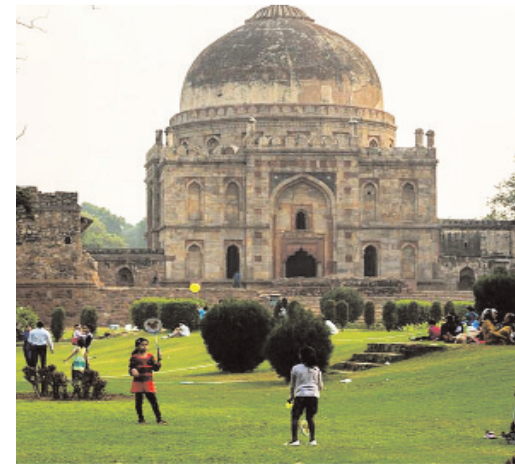
den began in 1936 under British rule, when Lady Willingdon redesigned the area as Lady Willingdon Park, creating a landscaped setting around the historic tombs.

Following Independence in 1947, it was renamed Lodhi Garden, symbolising a shift towards 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 morn-



ing 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.

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# Dhurandhar 2 'Oye Oye' song row Delhi high court orders mediation

**New Delhi,(GNS):** The Delhi high court on Thursday referred to mediation a dispute over the alleged unauthorised use of a song from the 1989 film "Tridev" in "Dhurandhar 2".

Justice Tushar Rao Gedela passed the order on a lawsuit filed by "Tridev" maker, Trimurti Films, against Aditya Dhar's B62 Studios Pvt Ltd and Super Cassettes Industries Pvt Ltd. Trimurti Films alleged that Dhurandhar 2's track "Rang De Lal (Oye Oye)" used Tridev's track "Tirchi Topi Wale" without due authorisation. The claim was opposed by the defendants. Justice Gedela listed the case for hearing on May 6, observing that deciding the issue of granting any interim relief was not required at this stage in view of the studio's statement that Dhurandhar 2 was unlikely to be released on



any OTT platforms soon.

The judge, however, asked the defendants to maintain a record of accounts, as the dispute was "financial" in nature.

"Having regard to the fact that the statement has been rendered on behalf of defendant number 1 (B62 Studios), no order in respect of passing an interim injunction at this stage

as of date is required. However, it is directed that the defendants shall maintain their record of accounts of all the possible and plausible exploitation taking place from the time when the movie was launched i.e. March 19 till the decision is reached by this court," the court said.

"In the meanwhile, the parties are referred to mediation

since they are willing to settle their disputes by referring their matter to mediation. The parties are directed to appear before the Delhi High Court Mediation Centre on April 22," the court said.

The senior counsel for the plaintiff said the end credits in Dhurandhar 2 show that the copyright in the song in question ultimately belongs to Trimurti Films.

She further said the song can be removed from the OTT release of the defendant's film or any other digital platform.

Senior Advocate Akhil Sibal, appearing for Super Cassettes, said the label has the rights over the song and no interim relief should be granted.

He also alleged that the plaintiff suppressed important facts and that songs from Tridev were used in another film even earlier.

# Green corridor from Rohtak to Delhi saves five lives, two get vision in organ donation

**New Delhi,(GNS):**A

green corridor was created from Rohtak to Delhi, enabling the transport of organs from a brain-dead 37-year-old man, with the help of over 100 police personnel. This swift action saved five lives through transplants and restored vision for two others. The man's family from Bhiwani district donated his organs after he was declared brain-dead at PGIMS Rohtak. "This act represents the highest form of humanity," said Dr HK Aggarwal, Vice-Chancellor of Pt BD Sharma University of Health Sciences.

He said that for the first time in the state's history, a green corridor was created three times in a single day. Additional SP, two traffic SHOs, along with four other police officials, cleared and blocked the entire city route to ensure the



organs were transported from Rohtak to Delhi at the earliest.

The patient had been referred to PGIMS Rohtak on March 26 and admitted to the Trauma Centre ICU. Dr Tarun and his team, under the guidance of Dr SK Singhal, began treatment. On April 7, the doctors suspected brain death and informed PGIMS Medical Superintendent Dr Kundan Mittal, who immediately constituted a team of special doctors.

## Bright minds, dark web

# Elite students power Dwarka exam racket

**New Delhi,(GNS):**

Three days after Delhi Police busted an alleged exam-solving racket operating from an apartment in Dwarka and arrested a man, investigators said the gang had been manipulating online entrance examinations for over a year and may have tampered with at least 10 tests. As many as 32 students from prestigious colleges have been bound down as part of the probe, police said. Investigators revealed that the group used remote desktop applications to enable candidates to cheat in online entrance exams for top govt and private colleges in Delhi and other states.

Further probe has revealed that one of the accused, Pranjal, an engineering graduate who is currently absconding, played a key role in



recruiting high-performing students from premier institutes to assist in the racket. "We have learned that Pranjal lured his friends and tasked them with recruiting high-achieving second- or third-year students who were proficient in different subjects," a police source said.

The students were told they

were participating in an internship programme, under which they were asked to solve exam papers in return for payment, the source said.

Deputy commissioner of police (Dwarka) Kushal Pal Singh said police received information about suspicious activity on two floors of a building in Dwarka's Sector 23 on April 6. During the raid, 33 people were found on the premises. One person, identified as Harsh Vardhan, 28, was arrested, while the remaining 32 students were bound down.

An investigator said that 15 of those found at the flat claimed to have been directly involved in solving exam papers, while the rest said they had gathered there for a party. Police are verifying these claims. The students were from reputed institutes such as IIT, Delhi

Technological University, Maharaja Agrasen College and National Institute of Technology, among others.

Police said the gang operated through a chain system, with different members assigned specific roles. Vardhan allegedly identified aspirants who failed to clear competitive exams but were keen to secure admission to prestigious colleges. The gang also advertised its services on social media, claiming it could secure admissions in any college. The aspirants were allegedly asked to pay substantial sums - reportedly between Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh - for engineering college admissions, the source said. Vardhan told police he was in contact with four to five such aspirants seeking admission to prestigious colleges across the country.

The gang operated multiple

WhatsApp groups categorised by subjects such as physics, chemistry and mathematics, adding students with relevant expertise. Members allegedly coordinated with online examination centres and used remote desktop software to access question papers as soon as they were released. They would then photograph the papers, circulate them within the groups for solutions and subsequently feed the correct answers into the original candidates' exams.

The source further revealed that the gang's next target was an entrance examination of a reputed management institute in Mumbai. The test was scheduled to be conducted at an IT lab in Jaipur.

"So far, we have come to know that they may have been involved in at least 10 such examinations, which are being verified," the source added.



## JNU launches 'Bhim Saptah'

**New Delhi,(GNS):** Delhi's Jawaharlaral Nehru University (JNU) on April 8 began its week-long "Bhim Saptah" to commemorate the birth anniversary and legacy of BR Ambedkar, with the inaugural event focusing on academic engagement and social inclusion.

The programme was presided over by JNU Vice-Chancellor Santishree Dhulipudi Pandit and attended by Kishor Makwana, chairperson of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, as the chief guest.

## RERA sets benchmark, clears all pending complaints till 2024



**New Delhi,(GNS):** According to an official statement issued on Tuesday, the Authority has disposed of all 2,174 cases that were pending as of March 31, 2025. As a result, all cases currently under adjudication now pertain to 2025 and onwards.

The year-wise backlog included 15 cases from 2018, 28 from 2019, 10 from 2020, 74 from 2021, 333 from 2022, 654 from 2023, and the highest -1,060 cases - from 2024. Officials said clearing this backlog marks a "landmark achievement" in ensuring faster justice for aggrieved homebuyers.

The Authority noted that all complaints are adjudicated in line with the principles of natural justice and the Rule of Law, with relief granted under Section 18 of the RERA Act based on the merits of each case. These include refunds or delayed possession charges (DPC), depending on the specifics involved. In 2025 alone, RERA Gurugram adjudicated as many as 5,024 complaints, reflecting a significant scale-up in its operational efficiency. The Authority has now set a target to further reduce the average disposal time from the current 12-15 months to 6-9 months.

## Delhi road rage: Child spiritual orator Abhinav Arora's family attacked; 3 arrested

**New Delhi,(GNS):** A minor altercation in west Delhi led to the arrest of three people after a late-night dispute involving the father of a young spiritual content creator, Abhinav Arora, police said. The incident took place at around 10pm on 7 April in Tilak Nagar, near a restaurant in the area's main market. According to police, a car driven by the father of 10-year-old Abhinav Arora came into contact with a motorcycle.

Officials said the child was not in the vehicle at the time.

People present near the motorcycle objected to the manner of driving, alleging that they could have been injured due to rash driving. The disagreement escalated into a heated argument.

Police said members of the group allegedly struck the bonnet and windows of the car with their 'kada' (metal



bracelet), causing minor damage. A PCR call reporting the quarrel was made by Arora's father, after which a police team reached the spot and intervened.

"Three persons identified as the main alleged aggressors were taken into custody and arrested under preventive sec-

tions to avoid any breach of peace," a senior police officer said. The three were later produced before a magistrate and sent to judicial custody for two days, police added. No injuries were reported in the incident. Authorities said further action would depend on statements from those involved.

## NSUI marks foundation day with focus on student issues

**New Delhi,(GNS):** The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) celebrated its Foundation Day at Indira Bhawan, bringing together students, party leaders and members from across the country.

Addressing the gathering, NSUI National President Vinod Jakhar extended greetings to party workers and reaffirmed the organisation's commitment to student issues. He said strengthening resistance against "anti-student policies" remains a key priority and emphasised the need for continued youth engagement in shaping the country's future. Jakhar also paid tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, credited as the founder of NSUI, stating her vision and ideals continue to guide the organisation. The event was attended by several senior Congress



leaders, including Sachin Pilot, AICC General Secretary and former Deputy Chief Minister of Rajasthan; Deepender Singh Hooda, Member of Parliament; Alka Lamba, President of the All India Mahila Congress; and Uday Bhanu Chib, National President of the Indian Youth Congress. Anshul Trivedi, NSUI in-charge, and other office-bearers were also present.

Speakers highlighted the importance of student movements and the need to remain connected with campus-level concerns.

## Release Will Disturb Peace:

# Juvenile board rejects bail to 2 minors in Holi violence case

**New Delhi,(GNS):** The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) has denied bail to two children in conflict with the law (CCLs) in connection with the Uttam Nagar Holi clash case, observing that their release could "defeat the ends of justice" and expose them to "physical and psychological danger" amid prevailing communal tension. "In such a volatile situation, the premature release of the CCLs who are named and alleged participants in the incident is likely to aggravate the prevailing situation, disturb public peace, and undermine public confidence in the justice delivery system," the board said.

The case is connected to the death of 26-year-old Tarun Butolia, who suffered fatal injuries when he was attacked on March 4, the day of Holi, in Uttam Nagar's JJ Colony. The attack on Butolia was reportedly triggered by a dispute between two families.

Opposing the plea, the investigating officer (IO) flagged "tension between two communities," warning that the release could disturb public peace and expose the CCLs to retaliation. The prosecution further submitted that several of the accused remain absconding, recoveries are pending, and CCTV footage allegedly showed "brutal force" used by

the people involved.

The defence, describing the incident as a "mutual bilateral altercation between two neighbouring families," invoked the right to life of the accused. It submitted that the granduncle of the children - one of them 14 years old - was willing to take full responsibility for their care, supervision and welfare during the proceedings.

The board noted that the probation and medical reports (PMD) indicated that the children suffered from "impaired judgement, parental neglect, poor problem solving skills and poor social awareness." It also recorded that one of the minors

had stated that after getting bailed from the boys' observation home, he is "scared of the people who are from opposite side," indicating a fear of retaliation.

The board held that the case attracted the exception of "defeating the ends of justice," based not only on the gravity of allegations but also on the "demonstrated need for care, protection, and structured supervision of the CCLs at this stage."

While acknowledging the granduncle's willingness, the Board found such assurances "insufficient" given the "sensitive stage" of investigation, the status of absconding accused, and pending recoveries.

## Car crashes into divider on Dwarka away, driver hurt

**New Delhi,(GNS):** A speeding Toyota collided with a divider on the Dwarka Expressway in Sector 14 late last night, leaving the driver seriously injured. Passersby rushed him to hospital.

Eyewitnesses said the car was driven at high speed from Delhi towards Gurugram when the driver lost control at a bend and hit the divider. The front of the car was extensively damaged. Onlookers gathered at the scene, recording the incident, which quickly went viral on social media. The police and ambulance teams were alerted immediately. The driver was taken to a private hospital, where he is undergoing treatment. His identity has not yet been disclosed, though the police recovered some documents from the vehicle.

