



11 killed in Thane road accident, Maharashtra

3 women among the dead, 2 in critical condition; cement mixer truck collides with van



Thane, (GNS):Eleven people were killed and two others seriously injured in a road accident in Thane, Maharashtra, on Monday. Police said the accident occurred around 10:45 a.m. on the Raita Bridge in Govili village, Murbad. A van traveling from Kalyan to Murbad collided with an oncoming cement mixer truck. The impact of the collision was so severe that nine people in the van died on the spot, while two others died on the way to the hospital. Two others were injured and admitted to Ulhasnagar's Central Hospital. The deceased included eight men and three women. Six of the deceased have been identified so far, and the remaining remains under investigation.

Truck crushes devotees in Gujarat, 7 killed

All were going to Bahucharaji Mata Temple on foot from Rajkot, 4 injured are in critical condition

Surendranagar, (GNS):On Monday morning, a truck crushed pilgrims walking on the Lakhtar-Viramgam National Highway in Surendranagar, Gujarat. Seven people were killed and four injured in the accident. The injured have been admitted to various hospitals in Surendranagar. Their condition remains critical. Lakhtar Police Inspector Yogesh Patel said the incident occurred around 1:30 a.m. on the Lakhtar-Viramgam highway. A group of pilgrims was walking from Rajkot to the Bahucharaji Mata Temple when a truck coming from behind crushed them. Six pilgrims and the driver of a dumper parked on the roadside were killed in the accident. The deceased included five men and two women. absconding truck driver arrested. The truck driver fled the scene after the accident. He was later arrested. A devotee said, "After visiting Thakur in Datta village in Rajkot, we were on our way to Viramgam to hoist the flag of Rajbai Mani. Everyone was walking along the roadside.



Nari Shakti Vandan Act is one of the most important steps of the 21st century: PM

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that the enactment of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act is one of the most important steps of the 21st century. This Act is not only a historic initiative towards women's empowerment but will also strengthen the country's democratic structure.



Addressing the "Nari Shakti Vandan Sannam" at Vigyan Bhawan, the Prime Minister said that the Indian Parliament is on the verge of creating a new history, one that will realize the dreams of the past and fulfill the resolve of the future. He emphasized that this decision is dedicated to women's power and that the role of women in the country's development journey has become more important than ever before.

He expressed hope that this time too, it will be effectively implemented through dialogue, cooperation, and participation. He stated that this collective effort is essential for the dignity of Parliament and the strengthening of democracy. In his address, the Prime Minister also cited examples of women's increasing participation. He noted that today, women hold important positions in the country, from the President to the Finance Minister, and they have brought glory to the nation. He also described Panchayati Raj institutions as an excellent example of women's leadership.

Modi stated that the upcoming session of Parliament will move forward towards the effective implementation of this Act. He stated that concrete steps will be taken in this direction through the special session starting April 16th, further facilitating women's participation from the Panchayat level to Parliament. The Prime Minister stated that the need for reservation for women in the democratic structure has been felt for decades. Discussions on this issue have been ongoing for nearly four decades. This was made possible through the efforts of various political parties and generations. When this Act was passed in Parliament in 2023, all parties unanimously supported it.

Hindu girl's body found at Muslim lover's house

Darbhanga(GNS):"My daughter refused to convert to Islam, so the boy killed her. The accused is my neighbor and abducted my daughter on January 13th. We filed a complaint with the police, but they took no action. My daughter's body was found three months later."

A 45-year-old farmer from Samrat Chowk in the Darbhanga Nagar Panchayat area has accused a Muslim boy living in the neighborhood of murdering his daughter.

The deceased has been identified as a 14-year-old, while the accused is a 16-year-old minor. Regarding the police's lack of action, the SDPO present at the scene has stated that an investigation will be conducted and action will be taken. The incident occurred in the Kusheshwarthan police station area.

Shah said:TMC has misappropriated 5000 crore from Bengal

Mamata said - 19 states and the central government are against me; I am fighting alone for the people

New Delhi(GNS): Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a public rally in Birbhum, West Bengal on Monday. He said, "Mamata Didi says women shouldn't leave their homes after 7 p.m. She should be ashamed. If our government comes to power, girls will be able to go out even at 1 a.m..."



Rahul said - Himanta is the most corrupt Chief Minister of the country

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi posted on X about Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

He wrote that the Chief Minister of Assam is the most corrupt Chief Minister in the country. The allegations of corruption must be investigated, as transparency and the rule of law are constitutional values. The Congress clarified that it stands with Pawan Khera and will not bow to any pressure.

Temperatures reach 40°C in MP UP, and Rajasthan; heatwave alert

Dust storms with speeds of up to 40 kmph will hit Delhi and Punjab; snowfall in Kupwara, Jammu and Kashmir

New Delhi(GNS): A Western Disturbance had been putting a brake on the intense heat for the past 15 days, but temperatures are now rising in northern, central, and western India. According to the Meteorological Department, a heatwave alert has been issued today for Gujarat, Saurashtra-Kutch, and the border districts of Rajasthan. Temperatures could reach over 40°C. Meanwhile, mercury will cross 40°C this week in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Saurashtra, Kutch, Bihar and Jharkhand. A dust storm alert has been issued today for 30 districts in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, and western Uttar Pradesh. Wind speeds could reach up to 40 kmph.

Meanwhile, Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and central Maharashtra will experience hot and humid weather. Temperatures of up to 44°C have been recorded in some places in Andhra Pradesh.

AI-enabled education in Telangana government schools

3,500 applications received for 105 seats; Minister allocates 8 crore from trust for digital school



Hyderabad(GNS): Komatireddy Pratik Government School in Nalgonda, 104 km from Telangana's capital Hyderabad, has undergone a complete makeover. It has now become a model government school, equipped with an air-conditioned campus, 36 smart classes, modern labs, a library, and AI-based learning. The school emphasizes the holistic development of children. For grades 2 and 3, play-and activity-based learning, storytelling, phonics, audio-video, and practical learning are provided. A kitchen garden has also been created for environmental education. The school offers clean toilets, safe drinking water, a dining hall, and elevators to every floor. All of these facilities are provided to students completely free of charge. Telangana's Roads and Buildings Minister, Komatireddy Pratik, has renovated the school, spending 8 crore from his trust. Due to limited seats, only students who applied on time are admitted, leading to long queues of parents waiting for admission.

Iran will help Indian ships cross the Strait of Hormuz

Told the US - if Hormuz is attacked, no port in the Gulf will be safe

Tel Aviv/Tehran/Washington DC(GNS): Iran has said it will help Indian ships safely pass through the Strait of Hormuz. Iran's ambassador to India, Mohammad Fatahli, stated that discussions are ongoing well between Iran and India on this issue.

He said that despite the current tensions, Iran wants Indian ships to be able to pass through this route without any problems.

India says China's names are fabricated, Arunachal is part of India:

False claims do not change reality; China changed the names of 89 places in 9 years

New Delhi(GNS):India has protested China's use of false names for places in Arunachal Pradesh. The Ministry of External Affairs said on Sunday that such false claims cannot change the ground reality. Arunachal Pradesh was, is, and will remain an integral and inalienable part of India.



China has been naming and claiming certain places in Arunachal Pradesh as its own. India has rejected such moves, stating that it is part of India and cannot be changed. China has changed the names of 89

Indian places in the last nine years.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal made this statement in response to a media query. He issued a

press note, writing that India strongly rejects the fictitious names given to parts of its territory. China's attempt to assign such names is a mischievous one.

Meanwhile, China has created a new county named "Senling" in the Xinjiang region. The approval was given on March 26th. This area is near the Karakoram Range, close to the border with Afghanistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). A county is an administrative unit in China, similar to a district.

Himachal farmer spills 500 liters of milk Milkfed hasn't bought it for two days

New Delhi(GNS):A cattle farmer in Mandi district of Himachal Pradesh spilled nearly 500 liters of milk outside the Chakkar plant of the government-owned Milkfed. Ravi Saini, a farmer from the Balh area, alleges that Milkfed has not been accepting his milk for two days, resulting in a loss of 50,000 rupees. He was forced to spill the milk on the streets.



Ravi Saini himself filmed the entire incident and shared it on social media, which is

now rapidly going viral and becoming a topic of discussion. This video exposes Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu's claims of strengthening the rural economy and improving the well-being of farmers. In the video, Ravi Saini explains that he supplies approximately 500 liters of milk daily, and his livelihood depends entirely on it.

Nepal's Prime Minister surprised India

Sanat Jain

Balen Shah, who became the Prime Minister of Nepal at just 36 years old, is being widely discussed in India for his dynamic approach immediately after taking the oath. He has included young people in his cabinet. Where have Nepal's old, powerful politicians and royal families disappeared? All the ministers in Balen Shah's cabinet are highly educated and experienced. The average age of the cabinet is 38.21 years. Five women ministers have been included in the cabinet. The Nepalese Prime Minister's cabinet has risen entirely from the Zen-ji movement to power. The way the Nepalese government is being discussed in India and other countries around the world, and the government's performance is being praised by Zen-ji leaders worldwide. For the first time

in Nepal, young people have formed their own government, breaking away from traditional politics. The way they have begun to work, emphasizing expertise and dedication to governance, offers a new ray of hope. On the second day of his swearing-in, he jailed the former Prime Minister on corruption charges. He has no hesitation in taking even the toughest decisions. He has initiated the process of bringing back black money stashed abroad by politicians and officials. Without any hesitation, the Prime Minister and Cabinet members are visiting embassies of various countries in Nepal, where they are discussing Nepal's new development model with their ambassadors. He is moving forward towards quick decisions to address Nepal's needs and development. All the ministers in the Nepal Cabinet, including the Prime

Minister, are exceptional. Some are technical experts, some are former mayors and musicians. Two ministers hold PhDs. Finance Minister Dr. Swarnim holds a PhD in Economics. Foreign Minister Shisher Khanal, at 47, is a graduate of Public Policy and Political Economy from the United States. Nepal has a cabinet composed of educated individuals. No other country in the world has such a cabinet. It is completely different from other countries. The best part is that all the young people are devoting their time and energy to giving Nepal a new direction. Their energy is worth seeing. The way they are making decisions thoughtfully and seriously, their positive results will surely begin to be visible within a few months. The two-week-old government has already presented a 100-point governance reform agenda. Work on this agenda has also

begun. These include reorganization of ministries, the impact of the South Asian conflict, the protection of Nepal's National Disaster Response Force, action on the Karki Commission report, constitutional amendments, ending the party-based student union system, and 10% of free beds in private hospitals for the poor. Given the way the government has begun working on health and employment, there is no hesitation in saying that if this enthusiasm continues for some time, Nepal's future will be a sight to behold for the world to see. Nepal still faces many challenges. Despite this, the way the Nepal Cabinet has implemented its agenda and entrusted the public is significant. The efforts being seen in Nepal's social, economic, justice, good governance, inflation, and unemployment areas clearly demonstrate the

enthusiasm of Nepal's young generation, shedding old ills and moving forward with renewed energy. This suggests that Nepal will succeed in establishing itself in a new global image. The way Zen-ji has overthrown Nepal's old regime and established a new one is now being felt in India as well. The youth here are also agitated about unemployment, inflation, education, health, and other problems. This current situation is a matter of concern for India. India's constitutional institutions need to pay attention to this. India's constitutional institutions seem to be acting at the behest of the government, leading to growing anger among the youth. Taking lessons from Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, all constitutional institutions should come together to ensure that such situations do not arise in India.

Editorial

Dr. Ambedkar: The stature of this nation-builder is far greater than the caste divisions

Every year, when the sun rises on the Indian horizon on April 14th, it brings not just the birth anniversary of a great man, but also a reminder of the monumental resolve that shaped the destiny of modern India. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar—a name deeply ingrained in the consciousness of the Indian people. His statues stand alive in every town and intersection across the country, blue flags flutter, and cheers soar. But amidst this grand celebration and uproar, a profound and poignant question lingers: Have we truly understood the man who dedicated his entire life to justice, equality, and humanity? Or have we simply dismantled his legacy to suit our own convenience and narrow perspectives?

The true charisma of Dr. Ambedkar's personality lay in his astounding scholarship, steely resolve, and, above all, his unwavering moral courage. He wasn't merely a Constitution-maker or a jurist; he was a visionary with a complete blueprint for India's future. Educated at Columbia University and the London School of Economics, he had the option of living a life of luxury anywhere in the world, but he chose the thorny path that led to the liberation of the last man in line. His personal life was fraught with countless deep wounds of social humiliation, but when he took up the pen to write the nation's destiny, he did not change, but wrote the script for change. He laid the foundation for a system where no one would face injustice—regardless of caste, religion, or class. However, the harsh truth is that the greatest injustice to Baba Saheb's immense legacy was the constant attempt to confine him within the confines of caste. A large section of society, perceiving him as the messiah of a specific community, confined him within their own emotional boundaries. While they revered Baba Saheb, they failed to embody his logical and progressive ideas, which were staunch opponents of superstition and dogma. On the other hand, a large section of the mainstream maintained a safe distance from him for decades, considering him only a leader of Dalits. It was this intellectual poverty that prevented society from understanding that the rights secured by Dr. Ambedkar were universal.

Dr. Ambedkar was a pioneer of social justice and equality

Lalit Garg



Whenever the creation of modern India is discussed, the personality of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar emerges as a towering pillar who not only drafted the Constitution but also inspired the soul of Indian society with the values of equality, justice, and human dignity. Dr. Ambedkar was a renowned political leader, philosopher, writer, economist, jurist, polyglot, scholar of religious philosophy, and social reformer who dedicated his life to the eradication of untouchability and social inequality in India. He was certainly not merely a jurist or politician, but a visionary thinker who understood the deeply ingrained caste injustice, social inequality, and economic exploitation in Indian society and provided a solid ideological and institutional foundation for their solution. The concepts of "New India," "Developed India," and "Prosperous India" that we see today are rooted in Ambedkar's thinking, policies, and Constitution.



Dr. Ambedkar's life is a saga of struggle. Born into a family considered untouchable, the humiliation, discrimination, and suffering he endured ignited a resolve for change within him. He made education his greatest weapon, pursuing higher education at prestigious institutions like Columbia University and the London School of Economics, proving that talent is not dependent on caste or class. His belief that "Educate, Organize, and Struggle" was not merely a slogan but a key to social revolution. Ambedkar's philosophy was rooted in "social justice." He firmly believed that political freedom was incomplete until equality was established in society. He believed that economic development alone would not eliminate social inequality, but that a radical transformation of the social structure was essential. From this perspective, he considered the caste system the greatest enemy of Indian society and fought lifelong to eradicate it. In his famous work, "The Annihilation of Caste," he clarified that caste is not merely a social division but a systematic injustice against humanity. Ambedkar's role in drafting the Indian Constitution is a prime example of his vision and practical wisdom. He incorporated the principles of equality, liberty, fraternity, and justice into the Constitution, making it not only the foundation of governance but also a vehicle for social change. Fundamental rights, equality before the law, the abolition of untouchability (Article 17), the reservation system, and social security provisions reflect his vision that every citizen should have the right to live with equal opportunity and dignity. Dr. Ambedkar's principle of "constitutional morality" remains highly relevant today. He believed that merely drafting a Constitution is not enough; its values must be assimilated into both society and governance. He warned that if social and economic inequalities persist, political democracy itself could be threatened. Today, as India progresses as a



diverse society, this principle guides us towards balance and coordination. Ambedkar was not only a social reformer but also a profound economic thinker. He presented profound insights on topics such as industrialization, labor rights, water resource management, and financial decentralization. The influence of his ideas can be clearly seen from the conception of the Reserve Bank of India to the formulation of labor laws. He believed that social justice is incomplete without economic empowerment, so he inspired Dalits and the underprivileged to achieve not only social respect but also economic self-reliance. Ambedkar's contribution to women's empowerment is also significant. Through the Hindu Code Bill, he attempted to secure equality for women in property rights, marriage, and divorce. Although this bill could not be fully passed under the prevailing circumstances, his efforts laid the foundation for gender equality in Indian society. Ambedkar's vision has played a significant role in the rights and freedoms that Indian women experience today. Even from a religious perspective, Ambedkar's thinking was profound and humane. He considered religion not a matter of faith, but of morality and social order. By embracing Buddhism in 1956, he conveyed the message that religion should lead humanity towards equality, compassion, and wisdom. This step was not merely a

personal decision, but a symbol of social revolution. Ambedkar's relevance in contemporary India increases even more. When we talk about Digital India, Self-reliant India, and a developed India, it is essential that the benefits of these initiatives reach the last person in society. Ambedkar's vision of "inclusive development" teaches us that development is meaningful only when every section of society participates in it. Even today, if we see social discrimination, economic inequality, or disparity in opportunities, it reminds us of Ambedkar's unfulfilled dreams. Indeed, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar is not just a historical figure, but a living ideology. His life and work teach us that change comes not from power alone, but from ideas, education, and struggle. The strong foundation of modern India that we see today is the result of Ambedkar's visionary leadership and sensitive thinking. If India is to truly become a developed, prosperous, and just nation, Ambedkar's ideals must not only be remembered but also implemented in life and policies. This will be a true tribute to him and also the direction towards India's bright future. Caste-based inequality still persists in India. While Dalits have gained a political identity through reservations and formed their own political parties, social dimensions (health and education) and economic dimensions remain lacking. Communal polarization and the communalization of politics have emerged. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar's vision for India was holistic—it touched every aspect of our national life. In law, he ensured that every citizen was entitled to constitutional remedies; in the economy, he envisioned a state-led welfare system, land reform, and equal access to opportunities; in education, he promoted scientific temper and rational thinking, famously declaring that "the development of the mind should be the ultimate goal of human existence." In social reform, he led the most courageous civil rights movement this country has ever seen—not for votes, but for dignity.

Nehru-Gandhi's hostility towards Babasaheb

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After the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, if anyone has influenced the politics and society of independent India the most, then it is first Gandhiji and second Ambedkarji.

If we are to study the history of Babasaheb's ever-growing acceptance in Indian politics, despite his severe neglect by the Congress party, another individual needs to be mentioned. He is Jogendranath Mandal. Had Jogendranath Mandal, a victim of Congress's perpetual neglect, not successfully established Babasaheb in pre-independence Indian politics, the nature of Dalit thinking in India today would have been radically different.

When the Congress, which had been neglecting Dalit thinking from the very beginning, adopted a very

insulting attitude towards Babasaheb and did not give Ambedkar a place among the initial 296 members sent to the Constituent Assembly, then Jogendranath Mandal played a role in sending Ambedkar to the Constituent Assembly.

When the Congress started conspiracies to prevent Ambedkar's entry into the Constituent Assembly, Mandal vacated his seat from Khulna-Jessore in Bengal and sent Babasaheb to the Constituent Assembly. It was decided during the partition that areas with a Hindu population of more than 51% would remain in India. Even then, the Congress committed a grave mistake and, in order to make Babasaheb irrelevant in the Constituent Assembly, handed over Khulna-Jessore in Bengal to Pakistan despite

it being a 71% Hindu majority area. Babasaheb was then technically considered a member of the Pakistani Constituent Assembly. Babasaheb protested against this, after which, with the intervention of the British Prime Minister, Babasaheb was elected to the Indian Constituent Assembly from the Bombay State seat vacated by MS Jayakar. From the very beginning, Babasaheb was in favor of a united India. He strongly opposed Jinnah, along with Gandhiji and Jawaharlal Nehru, who were ready and willing to accept partition. His book, "Thoughts on Pakistan," contains a full account of this, in which he writes that the Congress party's policy of Muslim appeasement led to the partition of the country. Babasaheb clearly believed that since the partition on religious grounds had already taken

place, Hindus living in Pakistan should return to India. He also feared that dividing the country on religious grounds would cause serious harm to Hindus, and this is exactly what happened. After Partition, most Dalits remaining in Pakistan were either killed or forcibly converted. Jogendranath Mandal was left crying out under his own government. Neither the Pakistani government nor the Nehru government in India helped Dalit Hindus. In this way, the first experiment of Muslim-Dalit politics took place in the country, which was extremely unsuccessful and disappointing, but this experiment is still occasionally used here and there under the name 'Bhim Meme'. Gandhiji's behaviour towards Baba Saheb and Subhash Chandra Bose was not at all in keep-

ing with his nickname 'Mahatma'. Pages 366 to 369 of the 17th volume of the book "Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Writings and Speeches," published in 2013, are particularly noteworthy. On November 27, 1947, Baba Saheb wrote, "I am receiving numerous complaints from Scheduled Castes in Pakistan and Hyderabad, requesting me to do something to alleviate their suffering and distress. They are not being allowed to come from Pakistan and are being forcibly converted to Islam. In Hyderabad too, they are being forcibly converted to Islam to increase the strength of the Muslim population." Ambedkar wrote that the situation for Scheduled Castes in Pakistan is similar to that in India. He further wrote, "All I can do is invite them all to come to India."

On a plank and a prayer: How two narrow cement structures serving as a 'shortcut bridge', are testing survival skills

NEW DELHI, (GNS): In a congested pocket of Okhla Phase-I near Indira Camp, two narrow cement planks, typically used for electric poles, serve as a lifeline for hundreds of residents crossing a waterlogged drain every day. What locals call a "shortcut bridge" has, over the years, turned into a serious safety hazard, with multiple injuries and at least one reported death linked to the crossing. Residents say the makeshift structure has existed for years, forcing people to balance dangerously while moving between two sides of the locality.

Vishaka Devi, 35, while crossing the makeshift bridge with her four-year-old grandson on her shoulder, pointed out how the structure was



once wider and safer. "There used to be three slabs. Now only two are left, making it difficult and risky to cross." Devi suffered injuries in Nov during one such precarious trip and is still undergoing treatment at a hospital. "I have to cross this 'bridge' 30-35 times a day to get supplies for my general. How two nar-

row cement structures, serving as a 'shortcut bridge', are testing survival skills

store. I have no other option," she added. Another resident, 55-year old Nipen Chand Rai, sustained a fracture after slipping at the same spot during rain around 10 days ago. The most alarming case, residents say, is that of

50-year-old Suresh Kumar, who fell into the drain two months ago and died a month later after falling ill due to exposure to the contaminated water. Residents say the plank was initially installed as a temporary measure.

During monsoon, the situation worsens significantly. "It's been like this for a long time," said Ramesh Yadav, 42, who has lived in the area for 25 years. "When it rains, the plank shifts and the water rises up to here," he said, gesturing towards his waist. Over the years, residents have repeatedly repaired and repositioned the plank at their own expense. "Whenever it breaks or slips, we gather people from the area and repair it again," said Karan Poddar, 31

ASI injured in knife attack by burglars during raid in Delhi's Hari Nagar

NEW DELHI, (GNS): An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) was injured after he and his team were attacked by two alleged burglars armed with a knife during a raid in West Delhi's Hari Nagar on Sunday.

Police said that around 5 am, ASI Vinod, head constable Ravi, and constables Devender and Abhishek from the anti-snatching and burglary cell of the uter district reached a house in Shiv Nagar while tracking suspects wanted in a theft case registered at Rani Bagh police station.

The two accused were riding a motorcycle that had been stolen from Adarsh Nagar.

According to police, the suspects were in the process of committing a burglary at the Shiv Nagar house when the team intercepted them. During the attempt to overpower



the accused, the burglars attacked Vinod and constable Abhishek with a knife. Vinod sustained a stab injury above his right eyebrow.

Despite the attack, the police team managed to overpower and detain both suspects. The stolen motorcycle, along with tools used in the attempted burglary, was seized. The accused have been identified as Babloo Singh and Dharam Singh. They claim to be residents of Nangloi, though this is yet to be verified.

9-Year-Old Boy Dies After Falling Into Water Tank at Construction Site, Owner Arrested

NEW DELHI, (GNS): A nine-year-old boy drowned after falling into an underground water tank at an under-construction site while playing last week. The building owner was arrested.

The child, Shreyansh, was a Class IV student at MCD Primary Boys' School and a resident of Tughlakabad village. His father reportedly runs a tea stall in the local market.

On Wednesday afternoon, Shreyansh was on his way home from school around 1 pm with his 11-year-old sister when he wanted to play with two classmates, despite the sister's objections, police said.

To hide from his sister, the boy and one of his friends entered a construction site in Tughlakabad village.

"Due to poor lighting, Shreyansh did not see the 7-foot-deep water tank and fell in," said DCP (south-east) Hemant Tiwari.

After one of his friends alerted the family, Shreyansh's father rushed to the spot and managed to pull him out of the tank. He then administered



CPR to his son and rushed him to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead. A police officer said the construction site lacked safety measures. "There were no security guards to restrict entry, no barricades around or covering on the tank, and there were no warning signs to alert passers-by or children. The premises were also poorly lit," the police officer said. The owner of the building under construction, Jagdish (60), is a resident of Tughlakabad village. A case was registered under Sections 290 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down, repairing or constructing buildings) and 106 (causing death by negligence) of the BNS at Govindpuri police station.

Temperature likely to reach 41 degrees Celsius by April 17

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Prepare for hotter days as temperatures are likely to reach 41 degrees Celsius by April 17. The maximum temperature on Sunday was 34.7 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal and the same as Saturday.

The city has mostly been recording mercury below normal in April as rain and overcast skies kept temperatures under check. However, after the rain spell stopped and clear skies returned, the mercury again started rising from April 9.

With rain unlikely in the next seven days, the mercury is predicted to show a rising trend. "As no active western disturbance is expected to impact Delhi, the days are likely to become warmer. A gradual rise in maximum temperatures by 4-5 degrees Celsius is expected during the next seven days. The maximum temperatures are likely to be normal



during the next two days and above normal to appreciably above normal thereafter," a Met official said.

The India Meteorological Department has predicted that the day temperature is likely to stay between 36-38 degrees Celsius on Monday, and it may touch 40 degrees Celsius for the first time this year by April 15. It is expected to rise further to around 39-41 degrees Celsius by April 17.

In this season so far, the

highest maximum temperature stood at 36.8 degrees Celsius on two days: April 2 and March 11. The second half of March was relatively cooler due to back-to-back western disturbances causing light rain and overcast skies.

In contrast, April last year saw an intense heatwave spell from April 7 to 9 as the mercury crossed 40 degrees Celsius.

Strong winds prevailed in parts of the city on Sunday. Gusty winds with speed up to

37 kmph prevailed over Palam from 4.30 pm for nearly three hours. "Surface winds during the daytime are expected to prevail with speed up to 30 kmph on Monday," said another official.

The minimum temperature on Sunday stood at 20.2 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. It is likely to hover around 19-21 degrees Celsius on Monday, but it may reach 25 degrees Celsius by April 16.

Meanwhile, Delhi's air quality continued to remain in the moderate category. The AQI was 163 as opposed to 123 a day earlier.

According to the Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, which functions under the Union ministry of earth sciences, the air quality is likely to stay in the moderate category till April 15, and it may hover between the moderate and poor range in six days thereafter.

SSC Exam Racket Busted: 16 Arrested Including Cops as Remote-Access Cheating Network Exposed Across States

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police's crime branch has dismantled a criminal network allegedly responsible for compromising the integrity of recruitment examinations for positions in Delhi Police, among others.

Over 16 arrests have been made, including four police officers, sources said. One of them was posted at the IGI Airport police station, a senior airport cop confirmed.

The role of former policemen has also surfaced. Multiple suspects were produced in court and taken on remand, documents confirmed. Some of the accused were

recently granted bail after exchanges in court.

The operation, which has remained a guarded secret for over two months, has exposed a sprawling network of corruption that spans multiple states, including Delhi, Haryana, Punjab and Rajasthan.

The examination was conducted by the Staff Selection Commission and the fallout has prompted Delhi Police to alert SSC regarding the vulnerabilities uncovered during the probe.

Senior crime branch officers refused to comment. Special CP (crime) Devesh Srivastava said it



was an ongoing, sensitive operation. DCP Sanjeev Kumar Yadav, who led the operation, remained unavailable despite several attempts.

Sources said the crime branch has filed three

FIRs. One pertains to an operation in Jodhpur by a team led by DCP (crime) Harsh Indora and DCP (east, Jaipur Police) PD Nitya. The gang there was facilitating online cheating in the Delhi Police head

constable (ministerial) exam. Three suspects, including two superintendents of the exam centre, were arrested. As the exam was conducted online, the gang enabled cheating through remote desktop applications at a centre in Khokhariya, under Banar police station there. The main accused was Pemaram, the centre head who assisted several candidates for a bribe. Admit cards of candidates were found from his possession, along with details of conversations regarding money payment.

However, this was a "contained attempt" at online cheating.

DMRC takes up mid-life refurbishment of Red and Blue line trains



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Sunday said it has undertaken a comprehensive mid-life refurbishment initiative for 70 trains running on Red and Blue Lines to enhance passenger safety, comfort and overall travel experience.

The trains, which were inducted between 2002 and 2007 and have completed nearly 19 to 24 years of service, are being upgraded with modern systems and features to align them with the latest rolling stock standards.

The trains are being refurbished in a phased manner; 31 have so far been retrofitted with upgraded features. "In the first phase, 12 trains have been upgraded. In the second, 18 trains have been refurbished. Work on another nine trains will begin soon before the rest of the trains are upgraded. In the third phase, 22 Blue Line trains will be refurbished by Nov 2027," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director, corporate communications, DMRC.

Whiff of irregularities? CM orders 5-yr audit of liquor retail cos

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has ordered an audit and cross-verification of financial records of state-run entities involved in liquor retail over the past five years amid concerns over possible irregularities, the chief minister's office (CMO) has said.

She made it clear that any lapse - be it negligence, mismatch in accounts or financial mismanagement - won't be tolerated. "She noted that recent findings indicate that accounts in some of these undertakings were not properly reconciled for extended periods, raising the risk of discrepancies and potential losses to the public exchequer," the CMO said. Liquor retail operations in Delhi are currently handled by govt entities - Delhi Consumer's Cooperative Wholesale Store (DCCWS), Delhi Tourism and Transportation Development Corporation (DTTDC), Delhi State Civil Supplies Corporation (DSCSC) and Delhi State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation (DSIIDC) - all of which run outlets across the city. The CM said the objective is not just to correct records but to establish a robust system of financial oversight involving strict monitoring, reconciliation, and end-to-end verification and validation of accounts.



Speeding car hits man, daughter in Delhi's Tilak Nagar

New Delhi, (GNS): A man and his daughter were grievously injured after a speeding car allegedly rammed into them in West Delhi's Tilak Nagar. CCTV footage of the incident showing the vehicle driving recklessly in a narrow lane and hitting the duo surfaced on social media on Sunday.

The incident was reported on April 5, when the 39-year-old man was on his way to the Gurdwara with his daughter around 10.30 am. The duo reached the intersection near a school in Mukherjee Park area when a purple vehicle allegedly approached at high speed, struck his shoulder and sped away.

Following the collision, he fell to the ground and his wife rushed him to the hospital.

The CCTV footage,

which began circulating on social media on Sunday, captures a collision in a narrow residential lane bordered by houses and parked cars. Before the incident, the video shows the typical street flow, with scooters making slow, controlled turns near a bend. The father and daughter are walking together through the passage and are in the process of turning left when a car traveling at a high rate of speed enters the frame and strikes them directly.

The force of the collision is immediate. As the car hits them, the father is seen holding his daughter and moving her to the side, away from the vehicle's path, just as he is thrown across the pavement. The daughter is also knocked to the ground by the momentum.

DU panel suggests rejigging UG course combos to fill up vacant seats

New Delhi, (GNS): With undergraduate admissions just weeks away, Delhi University is looking to plug a recurring problem - thousands of vacant seats - by restructuring course combinations, particularly in BA programmes, based on student demand trends observed over the past few years.

The move comes as DU prepares to begin admissions for the 2026-27 academic session, likely in the third week of May, following the declaration of CUET results.

Facing consistent vacancies since 2022, when admissions were centralised through CUET, the university recently constituted a committee to examine how courses - especially in off-campus colleges - could be realigned to

improve seat-fill rates. The panel has now recommended a series of changes aimed at making programmes more flexible and aligned with student preferences.

Among its key suggestions: Colleges should reassess BA programme discipline combinations and merge low-demand subjects with more popular ones to improve uptake.

Languages such as Urdu, Arabic, Persian, Bengali and Telugu, which have faced persistent low enrolment even in on-campus departments/colleges, may be clubbed with another discipline within a single combination.

Vocational academic courses like office management and secretarial practices (OMSP) and AMSP may be replaced with 'com-

merce' in BA combinations and subjects such as food technology and HDFE may be brought under a broader 'community science' discipline.

No programme will be scrapped, but colleges can redistribute or expand seats within existing courses based on demand and capacity, according to the panel.

The recommendations will be placed before the Academic Council on April 15 for approval.

The DU committee included senior university officials such as the dean of colleges, registrar, dean (academics), dean (admissions), along with principals of colleges, including Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Miranda House and Daulat Ram College, among others.

75 years of Khan market: From refugee hub to social media rage

New Delhi ,(GNS):At 75, Khan Market stands as more than just a shopping destination, it is a living archive of Delhi's social, economic and cultural transformation, having evolved from a modest refugee marketplace in the 1950s into one of the world's most expensive and vibrant retail hubs.

Established in 1951 by the Rehabilitation Ministry, the market was originally designed to provide livelihood to refugees who had fled the trauma of Partition, particularly from the North West Frontier Province. Built as a U-shaped, double-storey complex with 154 shops and 74 residential flats, it was not conceived as a luxury destination but as a functional, community-driven space.

"Khan Market came into existence around 1950...It was built



to rehabilitate people displaced from Pakistan. We were all refugees who came from there," recalls Sanjiv Mehra, president of the Khan Market Traders' Association, whose family is among the original settlers.

In its early years, the market reflected the needs of a recovering community. Shops sold essentials, including dairy products, stationery, fabrics and basic provisions. Families often lived above their shops, running

small, tightly knit businesses that catered to everyday needs.

"My family ran a departmental store, while others were into dairy, stationery and clothes. That was the core of business here," Mehra says, describing a time when survival, not branding, defined commerce. But the first shift began gradually with the second generation stepping in. By mid-1970s, particularly during the Emergency, tightening

regulations and economic pressures forced many shopkeepers to rethink their businesses.

"We realised the old way of doing business would not sustain. People diversified, some shifted to ready-made garments, others to toys, sports goods and newer retail formats," Mehra said, adding that he too adapted by moving into the toy business. His shop, 'Allied Stores', continues to operate in the market today, selling festive supplies, stationery and toys.

This period marked the beginning of Khan Market's transformation from a purely utilitarian space into a more adaptive commercial zone. As Delhi expanded and consumer preferences evolved, so did the market.

9-year-old boy dies after falling into open water tank at construction site in Delhi owner arrested

New Delhi ,(GNS): A nine-year-old boy died after falling into an underground water tank at an under-construction site while playing last week. The building owner has been arrested in connection with the case.

The deceased, identified as Shreyansh, was a Class IV student and a resident of Tughlakabad village. He lived with his parents and elder sister. His father reportedly runs a tea stall at the local market.

The incident occurred on Wednesday afternoon when Shreyansh was returning home from school. According to police, he was playing with a group of friends when they entered a nearby under-construction building. During the course of play, Shreyansh accidentally slipped into an uncovered underground water tank and is suspected to have drowned.

After one of his friends alerted the family, Shreyansh's father rushed to the spot and managed to pull him out of the tank. He was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead on arrival.

A police officer said the construction site lacked basic safety measures. "There were no security guards deployed, no barricading around the hazardous area, and no warning signs. The premises were also poorly lit, making it extremely unsafe," the police officer said.

A case has been registered under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Govindpuri police station. The accused, identified as 60-year-old Jagdish, the owner of the building who resides at the site, has been arrested.

Baisakhi hues come alive at Mehrauli Archaeological Park



New Delhi ,(GNS): The vibrant spirit of Baisakhi was on full display at Mehrauli Archaeological Park, where Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu hosted a special musical evening to mark the arrival of spring.

Titled Rhythm of Spring, the event brought together prominent figures from across the capital for a rich cultural showcase featuring performances from multiple Indian states. Set against the iconic backdrop of the Qutub Minar, artistes performed amid the historic surroundings of the park, which houses several restored structures dating back to the 11th century.

Sandhu described the evening as special, noting that harvest is a time of celebration across India. He praised the country's unity in diversity while welcoming guests to the freshly restored park adjacent to the Qutub Minar.

The programme featured dance performances by troupes from Gujarat, Assam, Bengal, Haryana and Punjab. The evening opened with a recital by the renowned duo Raja and Radha Reddy, followed by a series of folk performances from the participating states. Punjab's Bhangra and Giddha emerged as the highlight acts of the evening.

Among those present were Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Assembly Speaker Vijender Gupta, social influencers, and officials of the Delhi Development Authority, which played a key role in the park's restoration over the past two years.

The restored park now features several conserved heritage structures, including Balban's Tomb, along with improved landscaping and expanded green spaces. New vantage points offer panoramic views of the Qutub Minar, while Quli Khan's Tomb has undergone detailed interior restoration.

All 55 structures within the park are now interconnected through pathways, ensuring improved accessibility.

Minister lays foundation stone for community centre in Rohini

New Delhi ,(GNS): Marking the 136th birth anniversary of B R Ambedkar, the Delhi Government on Sunday laid the foundation stone for a long-pending community centre in Sector-20, Rohini, a project that had remained stalled for over three decades.

The ceremony was led by Ravinder Indraj Singh, Minister for Social Welfare. The proposed centre, to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 3.62 crore, is expected to be completed within two years and will cater to the social and cultural needs of local residents.

Alongside the project, the government also announced development works in the area, including the beautification of



Valmiki Park and renovation of the sewer line at a cost of Rs 3.61 crore. Officials said these initiatives aim to improve sanitation, infrastructure and overall living conditions in the locality.

Addressing residents, Singh described the project as more than just a physical

structure, calling it a step towards the upliftment of marginalised and economically weaker sections. He emphasised the importance of public participation in development, stating that the government is committed to delivering essential facilities if citizens actively engage in the process.

Highlighting long-standing civic issues in the area, including sewerage and water supply, the minister assured that these concerns would now be addressed on priority. He also directed officials to ensure timely execution of works without compromising on quality.

The upcoming community centre will feature a fully air-conditioned double-storey building, a modern hall for social and cultural events and provisions for future additions such as an Atal Canteen and basic healthcare services. It is expected to provide an affordable alternative to private banquet halls for local residents.

Singh further announced that a monitoring committee would be constituted to

oversee construction and maintenance, ensuring adherence to quality standards and timelines.

Paying tribute to Ambedkar, he said the project reflects the ideals of social equality and empowerment championed by the architect of the Indian Constitution. He also noted that successive governments, including those led by Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Narendra Modi, have worked towards advancing Ambedkar's vision.

Singh added that under the leadership of Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, the government is prioritising long-pending development projects and welfare measures for marginalised communities.

Govt approves Rs 573 crore for 2 hostels at Maulana Azad Medical College

New Delhi ,(GNS): In a bid to ease the student accommodation crunch, the Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC) has approved the construction of two new hostels at Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC), with an estimated investment of Rs 573.41 crore. Separate hostel complexes for male and female students are expected to be completed within 36 months. According to the plan, the women's hostel will be built at a cost of Rs 269.19 crore, while the men's hostel will be constructed with an allocation of Rs 304.22 crore.

Both buildings will include basement and superstructure components, along with civil and electrical works. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said student intake at MAMC has steadily increased in recent years, rising from 150



students annually to 250, which has placed considerable pressure on existing hostel facilities.

Due to the shortage of rooms, many students are currently forced to share accommodation, while some are unable to secure hostel facilities altogether. She also pointed out that the existing hostels, built between 1965 and 1982, have aged considerably, underscoring the

long-felt need for new infrastructure. Gupta clarified that the project is not commercial in nature but has been designed purely with a social objective to improve students' living conditions and support their academic growth. She added that land for the project is already available, and construction will begin within six months of receiving administrative and financial approvals.

2 gang members injured in exchange of fire with Delhi police

New Delhi ,(GNS):Two gang members, allegedly associated with the Himanshu Bhau gang, were injured in an exchange of fire with the Counterintelligence team of the special cell in outer Delhi's Baprola area on Monday, official sources said.

The accused, identified as Atul and Deepak, sustained bullet injuries during the shootout and were subsequently apprehended by the police.

According to police, both suspects were wanted in serious criminal cases, including the killing of a police officer and a recent car firing incident in Gurugram.

Police officials said one pistol along with live cartridges was recovered from their possession at the



spot. During the operation, the two accused were shot in the leg before being overpowered.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Atul was involved in a showrum firing incident in Gurugram, while Deepak is allegedly linked to the murder of a retired Delhi Police sub-inspector.

Further investigation is under way to ascertain their role in other criminal activities and to identify possible associates.

Police equip cyber arsenal with hi-tech tools to tackle digital crimes

New Delhi ,(GNS): Delhi Police is enhancing its cyber infrastructure with advanced tools to tackle digital crimes across the city. The aim is to extract data from a broad range of sources, including mobile devices, before a dedicated forensic workstation takes it for in-depth analyses. This system is being deployed across 15 cyber police stations.

Central to this upgrade is the introduction of a universal forensic extraction kit, a specialised tool for extracting and analysing data from these devices, a senior officer said. "With smartphones now at the heart of most criminal activity,

this software will allow investigators to retrieve critical evidence like messages, call logs, multimedia files and app data," the officer added. The system will also be capable of decrypting data and recovering deleted files, along with location history and other sensitive information.

Each cyber station will be equipped with high-performance forensic workstations, featuring 32 advanced computers capable of handling large volumes of data and complex analytical tasks, ensuring fast and secure processing of evidence.

The move comes amid a



steady and worrying rise in cybercrime-related financial losses. Official data shows 1,591 such cases were reported in 2024, with losses amounting to Rs 1,145 crore. By 2025, the

number of cases rose to 1,600 and the losses to Rs 1,271 crore, underscoring the growing economic toll of digital offences.

The upgraded systems will be equipped to handle data from the likes of mobile phones, internet of things (IoT) devices, wearables and cloud platforms. They will also support link analysis and call detail record (CDR) analysis, helping investigators map connections between suspects, track communication patterns and identify organised criminal networks.

A comprehensive digital investigation platform will further streamline forensic work-

flow by allowing investigators to extract and analyse data from live systems, hard drives, mobile devices, and cloud services. This is expected to significantly cut turnaround times in ongoing investigations.

Advanced image and video analysis software will also be deployed at each station. These tools can verify the authenticity of digital media feed, enhance low-quality footage, detect tampering and produce visual evidence suitable for courtroom use.

"There are cases where cyber fraud suspects withdraw money from ATMs or tamper with these machines, but the

image quality capturing their activities is often poor. This technology will help enhance such visuals," the officer said.

Vinit Kumar, DCP, Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Operations, said the equipment and software have already been procured and distributed to the cyber police stations.

These upgrades are expected to enhance the investigative capabilities of police personnel, enabling them to handle cyber-crime cases more efficiently, analyse digital evidence with greater precision, and improve the overall speed and quality of investigations, he added.