



Modi said: In the 2029 elections daughters will be given their rights

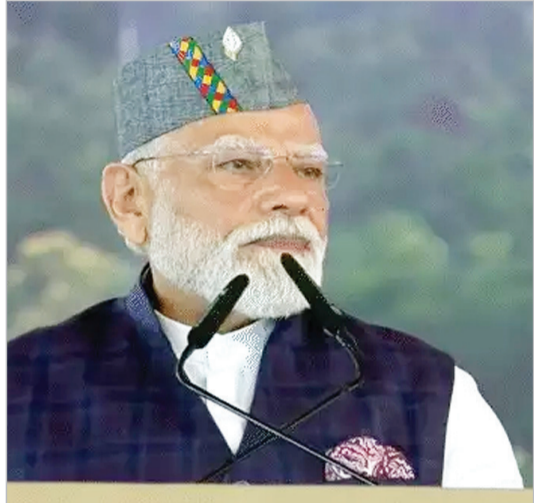
Travel from Delhi to Dehradun in two and a half hours, PM inaugurated the expressway

Dehradun(GNS): PM Modi said in Dehradun on Tuesday, "For four decades, women and daughters have been waiting for their rights. Now that time has come. We will give our country's daughters their rights in the 2029 elections. To this end, we are introducing the Women's Reservation Bill in Parliament."

The PM said, "Once upon a time, generations would pass in the villages of Uttarakhand waiting for roads. Today, thanks to the efforts of the double-engine government, roads are reaching villages. Villages that were once deserted are being resettled."

Earlier, he inaugurated the Delhi-Dehradun Expressway Corridor. He visited Saharanpur to inspect Asia's longest 12-kilometer elevated wildlife corridor. He also held a road show there.

The Delhi-Dehradun Expressway Corridor is a 213-km-long, six-lane,



access-controlled corridor built at a cost of ₹12,000 crore. It connects Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, and its opening will reduce the travel time between Delhi and Dehradun from six hours to approximately two and a half hours.

PM Modi's speech in 6 points

- ▶ **On Women's Reservation:** After 4 decades, the Nari Shakti Vandan Act was passed in Parliament. All parties supported the enactment of this law implementing 33% reservation. Now there should be no delay in implementing it. It should be implemented from 2029 itself. This is the sentiment of the country, it is the wish of every sister and daughter. Paying homage to this wish of the mother power, a discussion is to be held in Parliament from April 16. All parties should take it forward unanimously. Therefore, I have written a letter to all the sisters in the name of the women power of the country. We will ensure that the daughters of our country get their rights in the 2029 elections.
- ▶ **Daughters are becoming the nation's strength:** The PM said that the nation's daughters are playing a major role in building India. The government is emphasizing increasing their participation. He assured that efforts are underway to ensure that women face minimal difficulties during all difficult times.
- ▶ **Tourism has become a major source of income:** The PM said that increasing tourism provides opportunities

for every sector to earn money. Hotels, taxis, and shopkeepers all benefit. Uttarakhand is now becoming a major center for winter tourism and sports, strengthening the state's economy.

▶ **New corridors will open the way to progress :** The PM said that expressways and economic corridors are gateways to development. They will reduce both time and cost. Employment will increase and farmers' produce will reach the market faster, strengthening the economy of the entire region.

▶ **It's important to protect Devbhoomi from filth:** The PM appealed for keeping Devbhoomi clean. He said that it's crucial to avoid plastic and garbage. In view of the Kumbh Mela and the Nanda Devi Raj Jat Yatra, everyone must work together to keep these places clean and beautiful.

▶ **Major preparations for the coming generation:** The PM said that roads, railways, and airways are the lifelines of the country. These are not just conveniences for today, but investments for generations to come. The government is continuously working on infrastructure to ensure the country's continued progress.

Nitish Kumar resigns as Chief Minister, marking the end of the more than 20-year-long 'Nitish era' in Bihar politics



Samrat Choudhary to be Bihar's new Chief Minister:swearing-in today

Patna(GNS):Samrat Choudhary will be the new Chief Minister of Bihar. He was first elected leader of the BJP and then of the NDA legislative party.



After resigning, he said, "I have learned politics from Nitish ji. I have worked with him. I want to take his prosperous Bihar even further." At the NDA meeting in the Central Hall of the Assembly, Nitish Kumar became Samrat's proposer. Nitish garlanded him and had the MLAs clap. Samrat also touched his feet and sought his blessings.

Patna(GNS): A major shift has emerged in Bihar politics. State Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has resigned from his post. With this, the nearly 20-year and 5-month-long 'Nitish era' has come to an end. Nitish Kumar, known as 'Sushasan Babu', was born on March 1, 1951, in Bakhtiyarpur, Patna. Nitish Kumar's father, the late Ram Lakhan Singh, was a freedom fighter and a renowned Gandhian leader. He studied engineering at the Bihar College of Engineering (now NIT Patna).

Boiler explodes at Vedanta power plant, 10 dead

4 deaths confirmed in Sakti, 30-40 workers scorched, family members create ruckus



Sakti(GNS): A boiler explosion occurred at the Vedanta Power Plant in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district on Tuesday afternoon. Four workers died in the accident, confirmed Superintendent of Police Prafull Thakur. Another 30 to 40 workers were seriously burned. Eighteen injured were brought to Jindal Fortis Hospital in Raigarh, where six workers were reportedly killed. The incident occurred in the Dabhra

administrative officials arrived at the scene. The accident occurred due to a tube burst. Eleven injured people have been admitted to Padmavati Hospital in Kharsia. The workers' families are protesting outside the plant, demanding to be allowed to meet the injured. A large police force, including the Additional Superintendent of Police, is present at the scene. Sakti Collector Amrit Vikas Topno has also arrived at the plant. Chief Minister Vishnudev Sai has expressed grief over the incident. Former Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel wrote on Twitter, "Proper compensation should be provided to the victims and treatment for the injured should be arranged."

Proposal to increase Lok Sabha seats from 543 to 850

Will be implemented from 2029, 33% reservation for women, southern states oppose the increase in seats

New Delhi(GNS): The government has proposed increasing the number of Lok Sabha seats to 850 to implement the Women's Reservation Act from the 2029 Lok Sabha elections. According to sources, 815 of these seats are proposed for states and the remaining 35 for union territories.



The Lok Sabha currently has 543 seats. The

government plans to introduce a Constitution Amendment Bill to implement 33% reservation for women in the Lok Sabha from 2029 in a special session of Parliament on April 16, 17, and 18.

The government on Tuesday sent drafts of the Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, the

Delimitation (Amendment) Bill and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to all MPs.

Another important change is the definition of population. This gives Parliament the power to decide which data should be used as the basis for increasing the number of seats.

Hospital negligence in Pakistan has led to 331 children testing HIV positive

The death of an 8-year-old revealed the infection was caused by reusing syringes

Islamabad(GNS): In Taunsa, a city in Pakistan's Punjab province, 331 children tested positive for HIV. These cases were recorded between November 2024 and October 2025. Now, allegations of serious negligence have been leveled at the government hospital. A BBC report found that syringes were being reused at THQ Taunsa Hospital. According to the report, in many cases, the same medication vial was used to inject different children, increasing the risk of spreading the infection. The case came to light after the death of eight-year-old Mohammad Amin. His sister, Asma, is also HIV positive. The mother says the



children contracted HIV from a contaminated needle during hospital treatment.

Syringe reused 10 times in 32 hours: The BBC investigation, which used 32 hours of undercover recordings, found 10 instances where syringes were reused in multi-dose vials. In four of these cases, the same drug was administered to other children. Infectious disease specialist Dr. Altaf Ahmed, after watching the video, said the back of the syringe could transfer the virus, even if a new needle is inserted. He called it extremely dangerous. The investigation also revealed that hospital staff administered injections without sterilized gloves on 66 occasions.

Devotees will soon be able to travel to Mansarovar from Uttarakhand, 200 km of road construction completed: Gadkari

Dehradun(GNS): Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that earlier one had to go through Nepal and China for Mansarovar Yatra, but now a road is being built to Lipulekh via Tanakpur-Pithoragarh at a cost of Rs 5200 crore. Out of this 370 km long project, work on about 200 km has been completed.

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari was addressing the programme organized on the occasion of inauguration of Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor on Tuesday. Union Minister Gadkari, while providing information on ongoing

development projects in Uttarakhand, said that work is underway on projects worth approximately 1.30 lakh crore. The 51-kilometer six-lane road from Saharanpur Bypass to Haridwar will be inaugurated in June, while the four-lane road from Paonta Sahib to Dehradun, costing 1,650 crore, will be operational by next month. The Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor will provide new impetus to the state's development. He stated that the Haridwar Greenfield Bypass Phase 1, costing 1,600 crore, will be completed by October 2026, reducing traffic congestion in



Haridwar and Rishikesh.

Similarly, the Union Minister stated that 640 km of the 825-kilometer Chardham Road Project, currently under construction at a cost of 12,000 crore, has been completed. He also stated that the Rishikesh Bypass Project, costing 1,100 crore, has been approved, and work on it will begin by August. Additionally, the 21-km-long Rudrapur four-lane bypass, costing 1,050 crore, will be completed by October this year, and the 15-km-long Kashipur bypass, costing 936 crore, will be completed by December 2026. He added that the 12-km-long Dehradun-

Jhajhra-Asharodi elevated road, costing 716 crore, will be completed by April next year, and the Bhaniawala-Jolly Grant to Rishikesh four-lane road, costing 745 crore, will be completed by April 2028. Additionally, a DPR for a two-lane bypass in Srinagar, costing 800 crore, is being prepared. He also stated that road work from Rudraprayag to Gaurikund, costing 1,300 crore, will begin in December 2026. Additionally, 142 km of road work has been completed to reach Gangotri Dham, and the remaining 100 km is being progressed in phases. At Yamunotri Dham, 46

km of work from Dharasu to Yamunotri has been completed at a cost of Rs. 250 crores, and 30 km of work will be completed by April 2028. The Union Minister said that the Central Government is also working on the Sonprayag-Kedarnath Ropeway and Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib. Tunnels are also being constructed at many places in the state. The Union Minister informed that apart from this, the Central Government is also working on the Sonprayag-Kedarnath Ropeway for Kedarnath Dham and the Govindghat-Hemkund Ropeway for Hemkund Sahib.

Dr. Narottam Mishra, the bearer of the unshakable flag of Sanatan in the arena of politics

Dr. Durgesh Keswani

There are some figures in Indian politics who, instead of being caught up in the mere dynamics of power, embody an ideology, culture, and unwavering faith. Dr. Narottam Mishra, the former Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, known as a troubleshooter in politics, is one such figure. His life and work teach us that politics is not limited to opportunism, but also a sacred responsibility to protect society's cultural and religious values.

Born on April 15, 1960, in the historic land of Gwalior, Dr. Narottam Mishra's personality is a unique blend of the ferocity of the Chambal and the cultural grandeur of Gwalior. His education and early struggles not only empowered him academically but also sowed within him the seeds of unwavering devo-

tion to nationalism, Sanatan culture, and religion. Dr. Mishra's entry into politics was not merely a professional choice, but a commitment to serve society and protect Indian culture.

Dr. Narottam Mishra has always maintained that the soul of India resides in its temples, scriptures, and traditions. During his tenure as Home Minister, his initiatives to promote religious tourism and renovate temples in Madhya Pradesh are a powerful testament to this vision. From Ujjain's Mahakal Lok to Orchha's Ram Raja Lok, he restored the dignity of Sanatan at every step. These efforts not only revived the state's cultural heritage but also established new centers of faith for millions of devotees.

Dr. Mishra's greatest political weapon was his clear vision and bold decisions. Whenever forces

emerged that threatened Sanatan culture, he always raised his voice against them. Whether enforcing strict laws against love jihad or enacting legislation to prevent religious conversion, Dr. Mishra ensured that laws protecting religious values were as strict and clear as those on other societal issues.

Dr. Mishra's love for Sanatan Dharma can be seen vividly in the Navagraha Temple built in Datia. He contributed immensely to Datia's status as a mini Vrindavan, and the construction of the Navagraha Temple is an unprecedented and historic achievement of his life. This temple is not only a symbol of devotion but also a unique confluence of the astrological and architectural sciences of Sanatan Dharma. The Navagraha Temple in Datia is the only temple

in the world where magnificent statues of the presiding deities of the nine planets have been installed in accordance with the scriptures. This temple is not only a center of spiritual peace but also presents a unique confluence of Indian culture and astronomy. The temple's architecture is a blend of North and South Indian art, reflecting Dr. Mishra's artistic vision and cultural perspective. The Navagraha Temple gives Datia a prominent place on the international religious map. Millions of devotees visit the temple to worship for planetary peace and spiritual advancement. This has not only boosted religious tourism but also led to a phenomenal increase in local employment opportunities. Dr. Mishra is also known for his powerful speeches and eloquence. Whether in the Assembly or at press conferences, he dismantles anti-

Sanatan Dharma narratives with facts and logic. He always says, "Sanatan is a flow that no one can block." His speeches inspire young people to take pride in their cultural heritage and promote it through politics.

Dr. Mishra has always championed the protection of culture. Whether it's the insult of Sanatan symbols on OTT platforms or anything else that's against Sanatan, Dr. Mishra has always stood up against it. He believes that politics should be conducted within the bounds of Dharma (duty). Setting an example of simplicity and traditionalism, Dr. Mishra has proven that even at the pinnacle of power, one cannot break away from one's culture and traditions. His traditional attire and rituals reflect his unwavering devotion to Sanatan Dharma.

Editorial

Salute to women power, doubt and struggle

The special session of Parliament has been called at a time when assembly elections are being held in five states.

India, the world's largest democracy, is currently undergoing a transitional period where social change and political strategy are intertwined to shape a new direction. The emerging debate on "women's empowerment," the three-day special session of Parliament, and the intensifying political activity surrounding it indicate that half the country's population is no longer merely a topic of discussion but has become the center of power dynamics. This is a time when the issue of women's empowerment has moved beyond emotional appeals and is being tested by concrete political and constitutional decisions. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's remarks at the historic Vigyan Bhawan have given this debate new momentum. While the central government is calling it a decisive step towards a historic decision, the Congress and opposition parties are viewing it from the perspective of time management and political expediency. Consequently, this is where the conflict between the ruling party and the opposition clearly emerges, which is both the hallmark and strength of Indian democracy. The Bharatiya Janata Party and the National Democratic Alliance view this entire debate as a natural extension of the long-term policy of women's empowerment. They argue that the schemes implemented in recent years to strengthen women economically, socially, and health-wise are now going to translate into political representation. Initiatives like banking access through the Jan Dhan Yojana, gas connections under the Ujjwala Yojana, economic empowerment through self-help groups, and "Lakhpati Didi" are being presented as the backdrop for this change. They argue that once the foundation has been laid, expanding political participation is the natural next step. On the contrary, the Congress and other opposition parties consider this entire process incomplete and questionable. They argue that if women are to be truly empowered, social justice must be ensured within reservations, ensuring equal opportunities for women from backward classes, Dalits, and tribal communities.

Parents make you a good person

Sanjay Goswami



Every child is like an uncut stone, concealing a beautiful figure, visible only to the eye of a sculptor. He can carve it into a beautiful statue. Because the figure is already present within the stone, the sculptor simply removes the excess stone covering it, and the beautiful figure is revealed. Parents, teachers, and society shape children in this way, shaping them into beautiful personalities. Parents are always anxious to give happiness to their children. 90 percent of their life's struggles are borne by their parents. There are people who bear the cost of education themselves. Today's children cannot even imagine this. They feel that the parents have to pay the fees. Parents educate their children well and get them good jobs.



There is no struggle left in children's lives. Some struggle should be left for the children too. They should be made to realize that the facilities they are getting are not their right but a favor of their parents. Even a bird pushes its young ones from a tree. After this, the child does not fall but flies away. Then that child realizes that if they had not been pushed, they would not have reached the sky. In this way, these children must be allowed to move their hands and feet in the river of life. When struggle comes, people start considering it as bad luck. There is a difference between struggle and bad luck. Bad luck troubles, struggle polishes. Five things children must be taught: hard work, honesty, tolerance, cooperative attitude and being carefree about the results. This will make children mature. We are willing to do many things. We resolve to develop good habits and break bad ones, to study with concentration, and to work diligently. But often our mind rebels and forces us to abandon our efforts to implement these resolutions. We have a book open before us, our eyes open; yet our mind wanders, thinking about past events or daydreaming about the future. The same thing happens when we sit down for a while to pray, chant, or meditate. Swami Vivekananda says, "Free! We cannot even control our mind for a moment! Not only that, we cannot fix it on a single subject or focus it on a single point, to the exclusion of all else! Yet we call ourselves free! Consider this!" The primary objective of education, the development of the student's personality, does not become an essential part of their planning. Whether it's an IT program or an IT program, it's a personal development program. Whether it is the field of science, management, or medicine, satisfactory progress has been made in all, but the problem of personality development of the youth seems to remain the same. The Bhagavad Gita says that an unrestrained mind behaves like an enemy, while a restrained mind behaves like a friend. According to educationists, education is considered a three-pronged process. Teacher, learner, and curriculum are the three pillars of this process. The

sacred task of a teacher is to teach the learner, and curriculum is the medium for this. It is clear that for a teacher, the learner is the end, not the curriculum. Curriculum is used as a means for the teacher. With the change of time, the means, the goal has been transformed. The teacher's focus has been limited to the curriculum, and the learner has become secondary. Thus, the concept of holistic education or the development of a student's personality has been reversed. The goals have changed; personality development has been replaced by the acquisition of marks, and the goal has been reduced to obtaining a degree or a result. The sole purpose of the entire education system has become limited to achieving excellent school results. They no longer have anything to do with student development. Whatever progress the curriculum-centric education system has made is solely in the curriculum. The weight of school bags is increasing day by day, while the pace of student development is decreasing in proportion. The imparting of knowledge was called a guru, the recipient of knowledge was called a shishya. Gradually, guru transformed into teacher, and shishya into student. Today, teachers exist as teachers, and students as learners. Personality development, or the inculcation of virtues and good values, is related to the guru and disciple, not the teacher and the learner. The discussion of culture and life-building can only be complete when the teacher acts as a guru and the student reflects on themselves as a disciple. Appropriate traditions and relationships are maintained between the two. There should be constant contact, connection, and culture-appropriate behavior between teacher and student. Heredity and environment are two key factors in personality development. Heredity provides individuals with innate strengths. Environment provides them with the facilities to realize these strengths. The social environment strongly influences a child's personality. As a child develops, they internalize the style of the society or community in which they grow up. Development here refers to virtues, moral and life values, and, overall, culture. While it is essential to obey one's parents' word, just as Lord

Rama upheld the code of conduct, the current education system has limited education to mere literacy. The ultimate purpose of education, which is values, has been lost. The education imparted on the basis of "Vidya Dadati Vinayam" (Vidya Dadati Vinayam) was development-oriented and culture-oriented. In the current education system, the teacher-student relationship has almost disappeared. The teacher is the focal point of the entire education system. No matter how much social values have declined, society still views teachers with relative respect compared to other classes. Avoid associating with those who repeatedly and consistently cause you pain. Don't sit back and think you can't lose anything in life. When sudden conflict arises, people break down or disintegrate due to lack of preparation. If they break up, they will reunite, but if they disintegrate, it will be difficult to gather the fragments of their personality. Today's children don't even know what conflict is. Therefore, we need to have a clear understanding of our mental processes. Can we train it to obey us and cooperate with us? How do parents play a vital role in the development of our personality? The student has become secondary. Indeed, the concept of holistic education or personality development has been reversed. The goals have shifted; personality development has been replaced by the acquisition of marks, and the goal has been reduced to obtaining a degree or a result. The sole purpose of the entire education system has become limited to achieving excellent school results. They no longer have anything to do with student development. Whatever progress the curriculum-centric education system has made is solely in the curriculum. The weight of school bags is increasing day by day, while the pace of student development is decreasing in proportion. The imparting of knowledge was called a guru, the recipient of knowledge was called a shishya. Gradually, guru transformed into teacher, and shishya into student. Today, teachers exist as teachers, and students as learners. Personality development, or the inculcation of virtues and good values, is related to the guru and disciple, not the teacher and the learner.

Colour, Raga and Rachna: Celebrating Art in Life

Sunil Kumar Mahala

April 15th is celebrated annually as World Art Day. World Art Day teaches us that art is not only about beauty, but also about the power to connect, understand, and transform society. Art has played a vital role in communicating messages of evolution, revolution, freedom, and creativity, and in communicating global issues to the public. Art has the power to unite and engage us even in the most difficult circumstances. Art is not just a beautiful picture or painting; it is the heartbeat of our society, the heart of the change we want to see in local and global communities. In fact, this day is celebrated every year to promote art and creativity, honor cultural diversity, give respect and recognition to artists, encourage

dialogue, peace, and unity in society, highlight the importance of art in education, and inspire young people to take up art. It would not be wrong to say that art makes our life beautiful, meaningful and sensitive. Many researches show that art (like painting, music, writing) helps in reducing stress and improving mental health and this day is dedicated to various art forms like painting, music, dance, drama and literature.

Nevertheless, it would not be wrong to say that the relationship between humanity and art is profound, natural, and ancient. Since the dawn of human civilization, humans have used art to express their emotions, thoughts, and experiences. Early humans painted on cave walls to depict their lives, hunting, and relationships with

nature—and this is where this unique relationship between art and humanity truly began. The truth is that art is a complete and unique expression of human emotions. When emotions like joy, sorrow, love, anger, hope, and despair cannot be fully expressed in words, art brings them to life through form, color, music, dance, or literature. Thus, art serves as a medium for bringing out the inner world (inner feelings and emotions) within humans. Art is not only a means of expression, but also a means of spiritual balance and mental soothing. Artistic pursuits like painting, music, or writing relieve stress and provide creative joy. Perhaps this is why, in every era, art has played a crucial role in maintaining beauty and balance in human life. Furthermore, art is also a mirror of

society and culture. The traditions, customs, history, and lifestyle of any country or society are reflected in various forms of art. In this way, art not only connects individuals to themselves but also to their society and its roots. This connection remains equally relevant in the modern era, and has even become more widespread. New forms of art are emerging through digital art, animation, film, and artificial intelligence (AI), elevating human creativity to new heights. Currently, various schools, colleges, and cultural institutions across India and abroad organize exhibitions, workshops, competitions, art festivals, and live painting events. In this era of social networking sites, artists are also spreading awareness by sharing their art on social media. It would not be wrong to say that art

is an important medium for human mental health and self-expression. It was initiated by the International Union of Arts. Let me remind readers that the International Union of Arts is an international organization affiliated with UNESCO. It is also worth noting that it was first celebrated in 2012, and April 15th was chosen because it is the birthday of the great artist Leonardo da Vinci, who is seen as a symbol of art and science. Simply put, the day is dedicated to Leonardo da Vinci's birthday (April 15th), a symbol of world peace, freedom of expression, and multiculturalism. It is noteworthy that in 2019, UNESCO officially recognized this day, further strengthening its global recognition. Each year, a theme is set for this day, and in 2025, its theme was "Garden of Expression - Building Community through Art."

Judge to Kejriwal: 'You argued well can think of becoming a lawyer'

New Delhi, (GNS): "You argued well, can think of becoming a lawyer," was Delhi High Court's Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma's parting shot to former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal on Monday, as he sought permission to leave after making his arguments seeking her recusal. The hearing on his plea saw an interesting exchange between the judge and the politician, who argued his own case.



As proceedings began, Kejriwal submitted he respected the court and the judiciary. "Personally, I hold you in high regard, I hold the judiciary in high respect," the AAP chief said. Sharma replied, "The respect is mutual. We will just

concentrate on this case and argue the recusal application. Nothing personal. I am there to cooperate with you."

As the former chief minister began listing reasons seeking transfer of the CBI revision plea from Sharma's bench, he

argued both in English and Hindi and highlighted he was no longer an accused, as he had been "honourably discharged". The high court made it clear that only Kejriwal can argue and frowned upon attempts by his legal team to prompt and

aid him. Sharma pointed out he had not hired a lawyer, so he should argue himself and warned the lawyer to desist from assisting the former CM. "You are assisting him... he (Kejriwal)... is arguing very well without you... Your litigant is arguing very well," the court told the advocate. During his arguments, Kejriwal claimed the "language used by this court" indicated a bias. Sharma then asked him to specify if he was "insinuating a political bias". The AAP chief maintained that ever since the MP/MLA roster came to the judge, "the speed at which this case is going, another case is going... there's no other case going on at such speed."

BJP marks Ambedkar anniv with cleanliness drives, Deepotsav

New Delhi, (GNS): On the eve of the 136th birth anniversary of Dr BR Ambedkar, BJP leaders and workers carried out cleanliness drives at around 200 locations across the capital and observed the occasion with a citywide "Deepotsav" by lighting lamps. The initiative was led by the party's SC Morcha and saw participation from leaders including Tarun Chugh, Virendra Sachdeva, Harsh Malhotra, Lal Singh Arya, Kamaljeet Sehrawat, Ravindra Indraj Singh, Arvinder Singh Lovely and Kailash Gehlot. Statues of Ambedkar in parks, memorials, and government offices were cleaned as part of the drive, and lamps were lit to mark the commemoration.



Events were held at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, Ambedkar Park in Vishwas Nagar, India Gate lawns and the Dr Ambedkar National Memorial.

At the International Centre programme, Chugh and Sachdeva lit lamps and addressed workers. Chugh said BJP workers cleaned Ambedkar statues across the country and described the celebrations as creating a Diwali-like atmosphere, also linking it to PM Modi's women-centric initiatives aimed at ensuring "100 per cent rights to 50 per cent of the population." Sachdeva called Ambedkar a universally respected, highly educated nationalist leader whose vision remains forward-looking.

Fresh violence erupts in Noida; UP gov't hikes minimum wages as protest escalates

New Delhi, (GNS): A fresh protest erupted in Noida's Sector 80 on Tuesday, as workers agitating over low wages clashed with police, with some resorting to stone-pelting. Police intervened to disperse the crowd, chasing away protesters and eventually clearing the area.



Before the situation turned violent, police officials had been trying to explain the proposed wage hike to workers, who were demanding a minimum monthly salary of Rs 20,000. Authorities later said that certain miscreants attempted to exploit the situation and incite unrest.

Earlier in the day, workers from the Ahuja factory had staged a peaceful protest outside the unit, raising concerns over wage-related issues. Many expressed dissatisfaction with the recent wage revision and demanded that government-notified wage rates be prominently displayed at factory gates.

Workers also flagged disparities in allowances, alleging that both skilled

and unskilled labourers were receiving similar benefits. They further claimed that employees were often terminated within nine months and rehired to avoid statutory increases in allowances.

Concerns were also raised regarding wages during and after apprenticeship. Workers alleged they were initially paid 90 per hour, which dropped to 50 per hour after a year. At the same time, many expressed fears that enforcing government-mandated wages could lead to job losses, adding to their uncertainty.

2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case:

Umar Khalid moves SC for review of bail denial; seeks open court hearing

New Delhi, (GNS): Umar Khalid - an accused in the 2020 Delhi riots conspiracy case - has moved the Supreme Court seeking a review of its January 5 order denying him bail.

Senior counsel Kapil Sibal on Monday mentioned Khalid's review petition before a Bench led by Justice Arvind Kumar requesting it to take up the matter in an open court.

"I wanted to make a mention... My Lords are hearing the review petition in Umar Khalid's case. It's listed on Wednesday, I believe. My request is, it's only for your consideration if you could have it in an open court," Sibal submitted.

"We will look into the papers, and if required, we will



call it (for an open court hearing)," the Bench told Sibal.

Review petitions are generally heard "in chamber" and not in an open court-by a procedure called "hearing by circulation" where advocates representing the parties are not allowed to argue. But in exceptional cases, the top court

allows open court hearing, if convinced about its need.

Booked under the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967, and certain provisions of the Indian Penal Code in connection with the larger conspiracy behind the February 2020 Delhi riots, the two accused have been in jail

for more than five years.

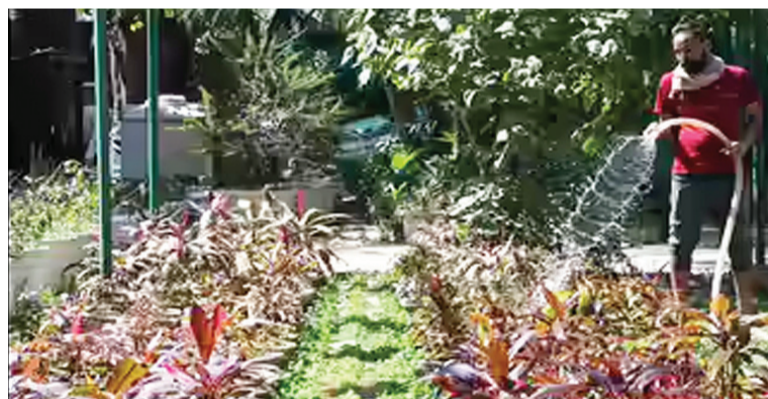
The February 2020 Delhi riots during the visit of then US President Donald Trump claimed 53 lives and left more than 700 injured. The violence had erupted during the protests against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) and the National Register of Citizens (NRC).

Khalid was arrested on September 13, 2020, on charges of delivering provocative speeches on February 24 and 25 when Donald Trump, in his first term as the US President, visited India.

Imam was arrested on January 28, 2020, for speeches made during anti-CAA protests. He was later arrested in a larger conspiracy case in August 2020.

90 Years of Lodhi Garden: The Silent Hands Behind Delhi's Iconic Heritage Park

New Delhi, (GNS): At 90, the iconic Lodhi Garden stands as a harmonious blend of history, heritage and nature in the heart of the city, its domed monuments, sprawling lawns and serene beauty and charm attracting thousands daily.



But beyond its lush greenery and magnificent monuments lies a quieter story - of the gardeners who have tended its soil for decades. For them, the garden is not merely a workplace; it's a second home, a source of peace, and a life-long bond with nature.

Spread across 90 acres, the garden is meticulously maintained by nearly 70 gardeners, helpers and maintenance staff. Of

these, 50 are dedicated to the upkeep of the main garden while 20 tend to the nursery. Only one or two have been serving since the 1990s, with the rest joining around 2008.

For these caretakers, nurturing the garden is more than a duty - it is a source of pride and fulfil-

ment. They describe it as a blessing to see visitors strolling through the greenery, capturing photographs and admiring plants grown from seeds they sowed 25 to 30 years ago. They take comfort in knowing the trees and landscapes they have cultivated will continue to

flourish for generations, standing as a timeless legacy long after they are gone.

For many who have toiled here for over three decades, the park's transformation mirrors his own journey. "In those days, the garden was like a 'khet', much like a village field," said a 59-year-old gardener, requesting anonymity. "Over time, we worked to turn it into a lush green space. Today, it has become one of the most beautiful gardens in Delhi and a major tourist spot. Every day, VIPs and visitors come here and appreciate our work."

Another senior supervisor recalled the early years when every task - from digging the soil and planting

saplings to watering, sweeping and pruning - was done manually. "We used our hands for everything," he said. "Today, machines and modern technology have made our work easier and faster. Even sweeping is done with equipment. Earlier, we nurtured plants like our children, and that emotional bond remains." For many gardeners, tending to the park is not merely a profession, but a calling. "Nature is life. People work within four walls, but we are blessed to work under the open sky," said one of the gardeners. "Plants are living beings - we care for them like children. When they fall sick, we nurture them back to health."

ED raids NCR realty group in Rs 500-cr fraud

New Delhi, (GNS): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Monday carried out raids at premises of a realty group operating in the Delhi NCR region and Goa, in connection with an alleged Rs 500 crore fraud involving investors. According to sources, searches were conducted at seven premises linked to the 32nd Avenue group, following complaints from multiple investors who were allegedly duped by the company, leading to the registration of FIRs.



The estimated quantum of fraud is in excess of Rs 500 crore, ED sources said, adding that the group's promoters-directors are currently absconding or in judicial custody.

The investigation is ongoing, with the money trail being examined to ascertain alleged siphoning of funds and to identify assets for possible attachment, sources added.

Army brigadier, son object to 2 men drinking in car, thrashed by group in Delhi's Vasant Vihar; inspector shunted over 'lapses'

New Delhi, (GNS): A serving Army brigadier (52) and his 22-year-old son were injured after being assaulted, allegedly by a group of men, in southwest Delhi's Vasant Vihar on Saturday night after the two objected to a couple of men drinking inside a parked car near their residence.

The family has accused cops of inaction at the spot of the assault and harassment thereafter.

A preliminary enquiry found lapses on the part of the investigating inspector, who has since been sent to district lines, police said. Efforts are on to trace the suspects.

An FIR was registered under sections 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 126 (wrongful restraint), 351 (criminal intimidation), 79 (word, gesture or act intended to insult modesty of a woman), 191 (rioting) and 190 (every member of unlawful assembly guilty of offence committed in prosecution of common object) of BNS at Vasant Vihar police station.

Speaking to Media, the brigadier's wife said the incident took place at 9.45 pm when the family had stepped out for a stroll. She was walking slightly behind her husband and son when they noticed two men consuming liquor inside a car parked near the society gate. In her complaint to police, she alleged that when they objected and asked the two not to do so, the men allegedly misbehaved, used abusive language and passed remarks that outraged her modesty.

Following the confrontation, the family dialled 112, the police helpline, and a PCR vehicle reached the spot at 10.15 pm. However, the situation escalated in the presence of police personnel, the woman alleged. The occupants of the car talked to the cops and even made them speak to someone over the phone, after which no action was taken against the two, she claimed, adding that the PCR personnel, too, behaved improperly with her during the interaction.

Soon after, two more cars arrived and seven to eight men, allegedly known to the two men who were drinking, stepped out. "They threw my son to the ground and started beating him," the woman alleged. He suffered multiple injuries. When the brigadier intervened, two-three men surrounded him and assaulted him as well, leaving him with bruises, including on his elbow.

Traffic Curbs Across Central Delhi for Ambedkar Jayanti Procession

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Traffic Police on Monday issued an advisory ahead of 135th birth anniversary celebrations of Dr BR Ambedkar, set to be held at Ramlila Ground on Tuesday.

A public meeting will take place at the venue between 11 am and 3 pm, following which a shobha yatra will proceed towards Ambedkar Bhawan in Paharganj.

The procession is expected to pass through central Delhi stretches, including Ajmeri Gate, Shradhanand Market, Khari Baoli, Qutub Road, Sadar Bazar, Bara Tooti Chowk, Pahari Dhiraj, Filmistan Cinema, Manakpura, Sidhi Pura, East Park Road, DBG Road, Guru Ravidas Marg, Dev Nagar, Kikar Wala Chowk, Hathi Wala Chowk, Regar Pura, Arya Samaj Road, Dr Ambedkar Marg and Rani Jhansi Marg. Traffic diversions will be imposed on a need basis between 9 am and 7 pm, particularly along JLN Marg. Movement of heavy vehicles may also be curtailed from Delhi Gate, Minto Road and Ajmeri Gate.

UP Gov't forms panel to address workers' issues after violence

New Delhi, (GNS): The Uttar Pradesh Government on Monday constituted a panel to address the issues arising out of the factory workers' protest in Noida and to ensure coordination with all stakeholders, officials said.

The move comes after a demonstration by factory workers in Noida demanding a wage hike turned violent, with incidents of arson, vandalism and stone pelting reported across several areas. The committee will discuss the interests of workers with stakeholders. The Industrial Development Commissioner will be the chairman of the committee, while the Additional Chief Secretary (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) and the Principal Secretary (Labour and Employment) will be its members. The committee also includes five representatives from labour organisations and three from entrepreneur association. Violence was reported from Phase 2 and Sector 60, where vehicles were torched, property vandalised and stones pelted, according to the police.

The protests disrupted traffic during the morning rush hour, leaving

thousands of commuters stranded on roads leading to Delhi. Long queues of vehicles stretching several kilometres were reported at the Delhi-Noida borders. A large number of workers from various industrial units had gathered in the morning to press their long-pending demand for salary revision, raising slogans during the demonstration, officials said.

Similar protests were reported from Sector 62 and Sector 84, including at a Motherson company unit, with demonstrators also blocking National Highway 9. The situation escalated as some protesters resorted to vandalism, stone pelting and setting vehicles on fire.

The authorities said adequate police deployment has been ensured across industrial zones under the Gautam Buddha Nagar Commissionerate. Senior police and administrative officials remain on the ground to monitor the situation, while additional forces have been deployed to restore order. "The situation is under control and being continuously monitored. Efforts are being made to counsel the workers and maintain peace. Minimum force is being used wherever necessary to maintain law and order," the police said.

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Name of Work: Earthwork & Blanketing in embankment/cutting in formation of BG line including bridge approaches etc., Construction of bridge work (Major/Minor, sub structure, jacking of existing bridges and super structure) as per Railway's approved Design and Drawing, construction of Retaining/Toe wall/Diversion Drain, Laying and linking / Through rail renewal of BG track for Main line, loop lines and Points & Crossing etc. in section/ yards, Transportation of P.Way materials, Welding of Rails, and other incidental miscellaneous works etc. in connection with connectivity of dead ends of Indore and Lakshmi Bai Nagar stations. **Approx. Cost:** ₹ 18,23,36,138.38. **EMD:** ₹ 36,46,700/-. **Date & Time of Submission of Tender:** Upto 15:00 Hrs., 05.05.2026. **Date of Opening of Tender:** On 05.05.2026 at 15:30 Hrs. Complete details of tender including eligibility criteria are available on E-Tender portal www.irps.gov.in and at the Notice Board in the office of Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction)-I, Western Railway, Indore, opposite Platform No. 1, Indore. 1306
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India has bright healthcare future, says L-G Sandhu

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi's Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu, attending the foundation day celebrations of Sir Ganga Ram Hospital (SGRH) as chief guest, recalled its legacy and said, "Sir Ganga Ram remains an icon of social responsibility. It is because of the efforts and vision of people like him that India's healthcare future is bright."

The hospital marked its 71st foundation day. Its legacy remains central to its identity, even as it operates as a major private healthcare provider in the city. Long before it became a cornerstone of healthcare in the capital, SGRH was originally established in Lahore in 1921. It was an institution shaped by philanthropic ideals and was later rebuilt in Delhi in 1954



after Independence.

Addressing the gathering, Sandhu described the occasion as one of both historical and contemporary significance, noting founder Sir Ganga Ram's vision was rooted in public service and social responsibility.

He also credited the hospital's management and trust for

upholding its legacy and core values while balancing clinical excellence with the inclusive nature of the healthcare ecosystem. The chairman of the board of management, Dr Ajay Swaroop, said, "The hospital continues to uphold its charitable commitments." He added, "The trust incurred Rs 82 crore

expenditure in 2025-26 on free treatment for patients from economically weaker sections."

Over the decades, the hospital has grown into a multi-specialty institution, reflecting the changing face of urban healthcare. At the same time, it plays a vital role in medical education and research. Even as the hospital invests in advanced technologies, research and biotechnology, its journey from a philanthropic institution in undivided India to a leading private hospital in Delhi reflects the broader transformation of healthcare in the country.

The foundation day at SGRH served as a reminder of a legacy shaped by history, one that continues to balance its philanthropic roots with the demands of modern medical care.

Teen stabbed to death in Delhi after dispute; 3 held

New Delhi, (GNS): A teenage boy was allegedly stabbed to death in outer Delhi's Sultanpuri following a dispute linked to earlier altercations with local youths, police said on Monday. According to police, a PCR call was received at the local police station on April 13 reporting that the boy, a resident of E-2 block in Sultanpuri, had been stabbed. He was rushed to Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the victim had been involved in minor disputes with boys from his neighbourhood in the past. These incidents, police said, were over petty issues and had not been reported earlier.

On Monday evening, the boy reportedly encountered a juvenile along with three other associates, all believed to be from the same locality. The confrontation escalated into a violent altercation linked to their previous disputes.



During the clash, the group allegedly attacked the boy with a knife, inflicting fatal injuries.

Police said three juveniles have been apprehended so far in connection with the case, while efforts are underway to trace others involved. A case has been registered under Section 103 (murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita at Sultanpuri police station. Further investigation is ongoing to ascertain the exact sequence of events and the motive behind the killing.

Police added that they are also examining whether the group had any prior history of violence and are recording statements of witnesses from the area.

'You attended RSS-linked events 4 times': Arvind Kejriwal to Delhi high court judge Swarana Kanta Sharma

New Delhi, (GNS): "Somebody asked me to recuse for the first time in my life," said Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma while reserving order on a plea by former CM Arvind Kejriwal and others seeking recusal of the Delhi HC judge from hearing a CBI petition challenging their acquittal in the liquor case.

While Kejriwal argued that the judge's earlier orders in the liquor policy case "almost declared us guilty and corrupt", solicitor general Tushar Mehta cautioned that allowing a plea for recusal on "unreasonable apprehension" would set a bad precedent and opposed the plea. Kejriwal said he has "reasonable apprehension of bias". "5-10 minute ki hearing mein itna bada order (trial court's) 'erroneous' declare kar diya gaya..." he said.

It was passed without hear-



ing us, without taking our reply," Kejriwal said, calling it a violation of natural justice.

"...I have a real and reasonable apprehension that I may not get a fair hearing," the AAP chief said, referring to earlier orders by Justice Sharma.

"My case came regarding an arrest (by ED). Bail applications of Sanjay Singh, K Kavitha and Aman Dhall were also heard. The observations

made by this court in those matters amount to almost judgments," Kejriwal said.

"I was almost declared guilty. I was almost declared corrupt. Kewal saza sunani baaki reh gayi thi (Only sentence was left to be pronounced). Kejriwal also cited Justice Sharma's own 2022 order allowing the ED's plea to change the trial court judge in a money-laundering case against AAP leader Satyender

Jain. Kejriwal said on March 9, Justice Sharma recorded that certain observations and findings of the trial court prima facie appeared erroneous and needed consideration and stayed the trial court's recommendation on departmental action against the CBI's investigating officer in the liquor policy case.

"I was shocked, and I had some apprehension about whether the court is biased and whether I will get justice. What was the urgency for this? What was the need for this?" Kejriwal asked, objecting to the stay on departmental action against the CBI official as well as the deferment of proceedings on the ED case.

He also raised the issue of Justice Sharma attending four functions organised by the Akhil Bharatiya Adhivakta Parishad, claiming it was ideologically linked to BJP

and RSS. "The ideology they follow is something we strongly oppose, and we oppose it openly. This case is political...Your attending four times creates an apprehension in my mind - if I am from the opposite ideology, will I get justice?" he asked. As Justice Sharma asked him if she made any ideological or political statements in the events, the AAP chief said her attending these was enough.

SG Mehta argued that dissatisfaction with interim observations cannot justify recusal and warned that such practices would lead to "bench hunting." The SG also underlined that Adhivakta Parishad event was organised by the bar association and even Supreme Court and HC judges have attended it. "His (Kejriwal) bail was granted by one of the SC judges who attended Parishad events.



Balancing Heritage And Greenery With Cultural Buzz

New Delhi, (GNS): Lodhi Colony carries the imprint of a city in transition, built at a time when the British were still finetuning Delhi into an imperial capital. Known today for its greenery, central location and a thriving cultural life, the colony, born in the 1940s as part of an expansion drive of Lutyens' Delhi, was built to accommodate central govt employees.

Conceived with a focus on functionality, its low-rise quarters, open courtyards and tree-lined avenues reflect the architectural priorities - ventilation, light and spatial order - of that era. According to old-time residents, the colony was among Delhi's earliest-planned residential enclaves for general govt staff, while the nearby Lodhi Estate, with its sprawling bungalows, was intended for senior officials.

Over time, the colony has evolved into a distinctive urban pocket where heritage and contemporary culture intersect. One of its most visible signatures of this mélange is Lodhi Art District, an open-air public art gallery home to delightful murals. Nearby, the historic Lodhi Gardens, home to 15th- and 16th-century Mughal tombs, is the colony's green lung and an everyday retreat for locals. "What I love about living in Lodhi Colony is how everything feels within reach. You have the calm of Lodhi Gardens for a morning walk and the buzz of India Habitat Centre for cultural evenings. It's rare to find a place in Delhi that balances peace and culture so effortlessly," Sagar, who was out on a stroll near the art district, told Media. For many locals, it is this seamless blend of routine and heritage that defines the area. "Most mornings, it's just me, my dog, and the quiet of Lodhi Gardens. As we walk past the tombs and tree-lined paths, the bustle of the city feels distant. It is rare to find a neighbourhood like this where everything is so close by and yet it feels calm," said Anushka, a student. The colony's social fabric is further anchored by Meharchand Market and Khanna Market, which have served generations of residents. "I've been connected to Lodhi Colony since the early 1970s, and overall, it's still one of the best places to live in Delhi," said Inderjeet Singh, vice-president of Meharchand Market Association.

Delhi-Dehradun corridor opens today

2.5-hour travel, Char Dham boost, industrial belt push and traffic reset across NCR

New Delhi, (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor today, a major infrastructure project aimed at significantly improving regional connectivity.

Built at a cost of Rs 12,000 crore, the 213-km-long, 6-lane access-controlled high-speed corridor will reduce travel time between Dehradun and Delhi from around six hours to just 2.5 hours. The corridor will connect Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, reducing travel time and ensuring smoother, safer movement of vehicles with minimal congestion and interruptions.

Designed to facilitate faster and smoother travel, the project is expected to enhance economic activity and ease congestion on existing routes.

Benefits Of Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor: The high-speed,



access-controlled corridor will provide seamless connectivity between Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, and Uttarakhand, reducing travel time and ensuring smoother, safer movement of vehicles with minimal congestion and interruptions.

Improved connectivity will make travel to major religious and tourist destinations like Char Dham, Rishikesh, Haridwar, and Mussoorie faster and more convenient, boosting pilgrimage tourism,

weekend travel, and overall footfall in these regions. Industrial growth in Baghpat, Shamli and Saharanpur, creating more jobs Better road infrastructure is expected to attract industries and investments in districts like Baghpat, Shamli, and Saharanpur, leading to the development of industrial clusters and generating employment opportunities for local populations.

HC gives 10-day interim relief after MCD begins razing house of accused in Uttam Nagar

New Delhi, (GNS): In an interim relief, Delhi High Court on Monday evening paused MCD's demolition of a house in Uttam Nagar belonging to the main accused in the murder of 26-year-old Tarun Kumar, who was allegedly beaten to death during clashes on Holi. The move came after MCD officials, accompanied by Delhi Police, initiated demolition action at the property in the morning, alleging violation of building bylaws. Soon afterwards, the daughter of the accused, who is in Tihar jail after his arrest in the case, approached HC in the afternoon. She sought the court's urgent intervention, alleging that despite HC's earlier order, no notice or opportunity was given to the family



by the civic agency.

Justice Amit Bansal gave seven days' time to the petitioner to approach MCD's appellate tribunal against the move. It also directed the civic body to hold off on the demolition for 10 days.

A senior police officer told Media that that one of the properties targeted during the demolition drive against illegal construction belonged to relatives of the accused. "We were present at the site to provide security.

City's avg daily waste generation rises to nearly 13K MT

New Delhi, (GNS): The city's average daily garbage generation has risen by over 1,500 metric tonnes (MT) - from nearly 11,300 MT in 2025 to 12,847 MT till March 2026 -- a recent report by Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) of its 250 wards has stated. The civic body has attributed the increase primarily to more accurate, real-time measurement on its portal of waste being dumped at the landfills and processed at waste-to-energy (WTE) plants. Officials also said intensified cleanliness drives this year, particularly along railway tracks, vulnerable points, vacant plots including those transferred from DDA and unauthorised colonies, have contributed to higher recorded col-

lection levels. MCD said in just one month, it has collected 18,000 MT of waste from railway tracks spanning 103km.

Officials said in south, west and central zones, the contracts for door-to-door waste collection have been extended at existing rates after the agreements expired.

"We are receiving mixed waste from these zones, including silt, garbage and construction debris, through open trucks, leading to an increase in overall quantity. As the new tendering process is underway and new agencies are expected to take over operations in the next four-five months, we expect the quality of waste management to improve. The new concessionaires will undertake



extensive work beyond door-to-door collection," an official said. In April, waste collection has

exceeded 13,500 MT on certain days, said MCD. "It is estimated that 3,000-4,000 MT of waste

remains uncollected daily from narrow lanes and congested unauthorised colonies," the official said.

Zone-wise, the highest garbage collection was reported from West (1,308 MT), followed by Shahdara North (1,302 MT) and Shahdara South (1,300 MT). The lowest collection was from Keshavpuram (760 MT) and Narela (800 MT).

"It is estimated that per capita waste generation has increased beyond 500 gm per day. A significant amount of packaging material is being collected, contributing to the rise in overall waste," the official said.

A significant gap remains between waste collection and processing capacity. At present,

Delhi can process only 7,642 MT of waste, with the remainder ending up at the three landfills - Okhla, Bhalswa and Ghazipur.

To address this shortfall, work is underway on several projects, including the expansion of existing WTE plants and installation of new facilities - expected to enhance processing capacity by an additional 7,650 MT by 2028.

"We expect waste generation to increase to around 15,292 MT per day by then. Arrangements are being made accordingly," the official said. Segregation at source, meanwhile, remains uneven. While NDMC areas have achieved about 92% segregation, MCD areas average about 59%, with targets to reach full segregation by Jan 2027.