



Elections to free Bengal from corruption infiltration and hooliganism: Amit Shah

Asansol(GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday addressed a public rally at the Baltodia Ganesh Puja Ground in support of Dr. Ajay Poddar, the candidate for the Kulti Assembly seat. Addressing the rally in Asansol, he launched a scathing attack on the Mamata Banerjee government in the state. He questioned the public whether they wanted change in the state, an end to syndicate rule, and a Bengal free of infiltrators. He said that this sacred land of Asansol was once a symbol of industry and labor, from where iron was exported to the entire country and the world, but the current government has shut down these industries.

He clarified that this election is not just about securing the victory of a candidate or a party worker, but about freeing Bengal from corruption, infiltration, and hooliganism. He appealed to the people to vote for the BJP by pressing the lotus symbol on voting day. He alleged that the law and order situation in the state is deteriorating



and incidents of atrocities against women have increased. He stated that if the BJP forms the government, women's safety will be ensured and strict action will be taken against criminals.

The Home Minister promised that illegal mining will be stopped in the state, new employment opportunities will be created, and government

schemes will be implemented transparently. He said that if the BJP forms the government, monthly financial assistance will be provided to the unemployed, pregnant women will receive support, and bus travel will be free for women. Furthermore, the Ayushman Bharat scheme will be effectively implemented, providing free treatment up to ₹5 lakh to the poor. He

said that farmers will receive increased financial assistance and young people will be provided with loans to start businesses. He also assured that transparency will be brought to government jobs and appointments will be made without any corruption. Accusing the state government of various scams, the Home Minister said that after the BJP forms the government, the culprits will be punished under the law. He stated that the BJP would not discontinue any schemes for the poor but would instead launch new ones. Furthermore, border security would be strengthened to completely prevent infiltration. He stated that the Chief Minister of Bengal would be from Bengal, and that rumors of an outsider becoming Chief Minister were false. He appealed to the people to unite and vote for change, stating that a BJP government would ensure development, security, and transparency in the state. District Presidents Devtanu Bhattacharya, Keshav Poddar, and Upasana Upadhyay were present on the occasion.

Bhagwat said, "Peace has not been achieved through both science and religion"

From kings to science, all models have failed; the world is now pinning its hopes on India's knowledge"



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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat said on Tuesday that after 2,000 years of experimenting with different aspects of governance, religion and science, the world has now lost its way and is looking towards India's wisdom. He made the remarks at a religious event in Mohanpur, Tripura.

Bhagwat was addressing the consecration and Kumbhabhishek program of Maa Saundarya Chinmayi Temple.

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Bhagwat said that initially, power was given to the king, but later the king himself began exploiting the people. After this, people established religions, recognizing God as supreme, but even this did not stop the bloodshed.

Even in the age of science, human problems didn't end. People said, "We are scientists, we won't believe until we see God in the lab." Then came the age of science. Many conveniences and comforts were provided, but contentment didn't come. Even today, the world is filled with suffering, families are breaking apart, and crime is on the rise. Wars once started seem unstoppable. As development progresses, so does the environmental degradation. Now, after 2,000 years of these experiments, the world is lost and looking with hope to India's wisdom. He described this as India's duty and stated that this is the purpose of India's life. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha and other dignitaries were also present at the event.

13 killed in Kerala firecracker factory blast: 10 bodies recovered

body parts of 3 found scattered; 40 workers were working there

Thrissur(GNS): A firecracker factory exploded at 3:30 pm on Tuesday in Thrissur district, Kerala. Thirteen people were killed and several others were burned. The injured were admitted to nearby hospitals.

According to the State Disaster Management Authority, 10 bodies were recovered at the scene,

while body parts of three people were found. Five injured are in critical condition. 17 people suffered minor injuries.

The fireworks were being manufactured in a shed in the middle of a field. Around 40 people were present at the time of the accident. Fire brigade, police, and rescue teams arrived at the scene, but

intermittent explosions hampered rescue efforts.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief over the accident. He announced an ex-gratia of 2 lakh each for the families of the deceased and 50,000 for the injured. The state government has also provided 50 lakh to the district administration for relief and rescue operations.



Lenskart showroom surrounded, ruckus over Tilak-Kalava:

Hindu organizations in Bhopal applied Tilak to the employees, said -insult to Sanatan, India will not tolerate it

Bhopal(GNS): Workers of the Hindu Utsav Samiti protested against the dress code outside the Lenskart showroom in Bhopal's New Market, Roshanpura. They applied tilak to the employees and tied sacred threads while chanting mantras. They declared, "India will not tolerate the insult to Sanatan Dharma." Chandrashekhar Tiwari, president of the Hindu Utsav Samiti, said the organization is calling for a boycott of Lenskart. "This is India, and the tilak, kalava, and bindi should be respected here. If the company tries to ban them, it will not be tolerated."

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He told corporate companies that if the symbols of Sanatan Dharma are insulted, there will be strong opposition. Even though the company's CEO, Piyush Bansal, has apologized, the organization is not ready to accept it. If we have brought the company to great heights, we can also bring it down if necessary.

Boycott announced, warning to the company

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Ban on sindoor-kalava is not acceptable - Sant Samiti

Maharaj Anil Anand, president of the Madhya Pradesh Sant Samiti, said the alleged guidelines prohibit women from wearing sindoor and sacred thread, which is unacceptable.

Racist comments against Indian tourist in Thailand: Restaurant staff say India is very bad

Manager apologizes after police are called

Bangkok(GNS): Sumo, an Indian tourist and travel vlogger, faced racist comments in Ao Nang, Thailand. He shared a video in which female restaurant staff members can be seen telling him, "India is very bad." According to the vlogger, the incident occurred when he went to have breakfast. There was a minor error in the bill, after which the woman was called in to translate. As soon as he revealed his nationality as Indian, the atmosphere changed and he was accused of not wanting to pay. The Indian tourist then called the police. When the police



arrived, the restaurant manager apologized.

Vlogger said - this behavior happened for the first time in Thailand.

Vlogger Sumo explained that the dispute wasn't about money, as the amount was only 120 Thai Baht, or approximately ₹349. The vlogger said in the

video that this was the first time he had encountered such behavior in Thailand. The video went viral on social media. The vlogger then released another video to provide context. In it, he explained that many people assume the tourist is at fault in such situations, but that wasn't the

case this time. The vlogger explained that instead of arguing, he felt it was better to call the tourist police. They understood his situation, and the restaurant manager apologized.

Speaking about the incident, he said that it is wrong to stereotype any community.

Madhya Pradesh issues first night heatwave alert; traffic police duty hours changed in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh; laborers will also be off work in the afternoon

Bhopal/Lucknow/Jaipur/Raipur/Delhi, (GNS):

Intense heat continues across the plains of the country. Temperatures have exceeded 44°C in many areas of Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Odisha, and Delhi. Heat wave alerts have also been issued in several areas.

For the first time, a night heat wave warning has been issued in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Heat waves are expected in 16 districts, including Bhopal, Chhindwara, Narmadapuram, Ratlam, Chhatarpur, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh was the hottest place in the country with a temperature of 44.4°C.

School timings have been changed for grades up to eighth grade due to the heat. School timings have also been changed in Jharkhand and Bilaspur in Chhattisgarh recorded temperatures of 43°C on Monday. Traffic signals in both districts were shut off from 12:30 pm to 4 pm to prevent people from standing in the sun at intersections.



State governments facing severe financial crisis

Sanat Jain

The Himachal Pradesh government's financial crisis is rapidly worsening. The natural disaster has increased the Himachal government's expenditures. The central government's assistance for the natural disaster has not been received. The state has suffered significant losses due to the natural disaster, forcing Himachal to cut spending. The economy has been severely crippled. Salaries of ministers, MLAs, and officials have been cut. This is expected to impact salaries, pensions, development projects, and the implementation of public welfare schemes. The Himachal Pradesh government's rising debt and limited revenue sources have brought Himachal to

this precarious position. This situation is not limited to Himachal. More than a dozen states across the country are facing economic crisis, facing monthly borrowings. The debt of states like Punjab, Rajasthan, Kerala, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, and Madhya Pradesh is steadily increasing. The total debt of many states has reached over 30 percent of their gross state domestic product, posing a serious threat to their financial situation. A large portion of these states' income is spent on salaries, pensions, interest, debt repayment, and populist schemes. Consequently, there is simply no money left in the government treasury for development projects.

At the root of the problem are political populism. Schemes like

free electricity, subsidies, and cash assistance have devastated state finances, threatening future fiscal balances. All state governments are constantly borrowing, and this debt is gradually manifesting as a financial crisis for the states. Following the US-Israel-Iran wars, the Indian government's budget is also facing challenges. The Indian government's energy and other budgetary needs are steadily increasing. The central government's revenue is declining, and this is bound to impact the state's finances. Inflation, unemployment, and rising import costs are impacting both the central government and financial institutions. The stock market decline is impacting financial institutions. The Reserve Bank is also not immune. Global economic

uncertainties due to the war, rising interest rates, and the foreign exchange crisis, along with the reduction in central revenue, are exacerbating the state's problems. If this situation continues for another three to four months, many state governments could find themselves trapped in a debt and expenditure trap in the coming months. Many states are still forced to take new loans to repay old debt. As the economic crisis deepens, states must take drastic steps to overcome this crisis. Tax reforms, while balancing income and expenditure, must be implemented to increase revenue, as well as reductions in unnecessary spending. Development plans must be prioritized. The government must ensure financial discipline by ensuring

transparency and accountability between income and expenditure. If timely reforms are not undertaken, this crisis will not be limited to a few states. The deteriorating economy of states could impact the country's overall economy. The situation in Himachal Pradesh is a warning to all states and the central government. If ignored, serious consequences could be seen in the future. The adverse effects of the US-Israel and Iran wars are prompting warnings of a global economic recession. As India's imports and exports are being affected, the value of the rupee is steadily declining against foreign currencies. In light of this, it is being said that the coming times will hold many challenges. The central and state governments need to remain vigilant.

Editorial

Where did water come from on Earth

Where Earth's water came from remains a major unsolved mystery. Despite numerous studies and speculations to uncover its source, scientists are unable to pinpoint where it originated. Until now, it was believed that our planet received its water from comets. However, recent new information from the European Space Agency's Rosetta spacecraft has forced scientists to reconsider their assumptions about the source of water. They now believe that asteroids, rather than comets, delivered water to Earth. Comets are the most ancient building blocks of our solar system. Scientists believe that these turbid icy bodies delivered crucial organic compounds essential for life. The Rosetta spacecraft has returned new information about the composition of Comet 67P, C-G. Analysis of this information is helping scientists better understand the role of these wandering icy bodies in the evolution of the solar system and Earth. It's worth noting that last August, the Rosetta spacecraft became the first spacecraft to orbit a comet. In November, its Philae lander surprised scientists worldwide by landing on the comet's surface. Rosetta is now helping scientists solve the mystery of Earth's water. Before beginning its orbit around the comet in August, Rosetta used an instrument called Rosina to analyze the chemical composition of gases surrounding the comet. Scientists focused on the water-related data obtained from this instrument to uncover whether asteroids or comets delivered water to Earth's oceans. Models designed to understand Earth's origins suggest that Earth was very hot immediately after its formation 4.6 billion years ago. Therefore, scientists believe it's highly unlikely that the water currently present on the planet's surface dates back to its birth. Previous studies in this regard had indicated that water reached our planet during a violent period of cosmic impacts about 800 million years after the formation of the Earth. More than half of Earth's water is older than the solar system itself, University of Michigan astronomers theorize. The researchers' work, published in the latest issue of Science, helps settle a debate about the formation of our planet and the solar system's water.

4 suicides at National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra

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Why are students breaking up?) Prestigious Indian technical education institutions, once known as "dream factories," are now becoming factories of mental stress for many young people. The suicides of four students within just two months at the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra, Haryana, have shocked the entire nation. This is not just the end of four lives, but the failure of a system that is destroying talent instead of nurturing it. These incidents, which occurred between February and April 2026, are not isolated incidents but indicate a dangerous chain—one incident follows another, as despair spreads from one person to the next. Diksha Dubey's suicide note—"I could not achieve anything"—is not just the anguish of one student, but a reflection of a mindset in which achieving something has become the ultimate goal of life.



In India, exams like JEE Mains and JEE Advanced have long been considered the key to success. Millions of students work tirelessly for years to crack these exams and gain admission to institutions like the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra. But ironically, admission to an institution, considered a life's greatest achievement, becomes a battleground for many students. Once there, students must not only excel academically but also face the pressure of proving themselves on every front. The 75% attendance rule, constant assignments and projects, the stress of semester exams, and the uncertainty of placements—all of these add up to an invisible but heavy burden on students' minds.

This pressure isn't just academic, but also psychological and social. When a student who has been at the top of their school or coaching class suddenly finds themselves among hundreds of talented students, their self-image is affected. Where they once considered themselves "the best," they now feel "average" or, at times, "weak." This change is mentally very difficult for many students. They are unable to accept their failures and gradually become victims of self-doubt and inferiority complex.

The role of the family is also crucial in this entire crisis. In Indian society, education is linked to social prestige. Parents have high expectations for their children, and this expectation often inadvertently turns into pressure. National Crime Records Bureau data shows that family pressure is a major factor in suicides among youth. This pressure is especially acute for students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. Their parents spend a significant portion of their limited income on their education and expect success in return. Therefore, if a student fails to perform as expected for any reason, they feel they have let down not only themselves but their entire family.

Social media has further complicated this situation. Today's youth are constantly surrounded by

glimpses of others' "success" and "happy lives." The glitz and glamour displayed on Instagram, YouTube, and other platforms creates a world far removed from reality. However, students begin to compare themselves to others, believing it to be real. When they feel they fall short of this "ideal life," dissatisfaction and frustration grow within them.

French sociologist Emile Durkheim viewed suicide not just as an individual problem, but as a social one. His theory of "anomic suicide" suggests that when societal norms and expectations become unclear or unbalanced, individuals begin to feel isolated. This same situation is evident in many technical institutions today. Students are placed in an environment where high expectations are placed on them, but they lack adequate emotional or social support. As a result, they begin to break down internally.

This problem is even more acute for students from rural backgrounds. They are suddenly thrust into an environment where the language, lifestyle, and social behavior are all different. They find it difficult to connect with those around them. This isolation gradually turns into loneliness, and loneliness can become a major threat to mental health. Many students are unable to share their problems with anyone because they feel that doing so is a sign of weakness.

For female students, this struggle occurs on many levels. They have to balance academics with safety, social expectations, and self-reliance. Often, they are made to feel like they have to "prove" themselves, not only as students but also as women. This dual pressure further impacts their mental health.

Many shortcomings also emerge at the institutional level. Mental health services are inadequate in most technical institutions. One or two counselors are not enough to handle the problems of hundreds of students. Students are often hesitant to seek counseling because they fear it will affect their image. Furthermore, mentorship systems are often ineffective. In some cases, instead of being helpful, they cause additional stress for students.

The steps taken by the adminis-

tration following the four suicides—such as forming an inquiry committee, improving counseling services, and declaring holidays—are important, but not sufficient. This problem will not be solved by immediate measures alone. It requires long-term and comprehensive change. The education system must recognize that students are not just marks and ranks, but human beings with emotional and social needs.

The solution must prioritize mental health. Every institution should have adequate numbers of trained counselors, and students should be encouraged to use their services without fear or embarrassment. Furthermore, flexibility in academic regulations is essential. Not every student is the same, and it is unfair to expect everyone to perform equally. Families also need to shift their mindset. They must understand that success isn't just about a high salary or a prestigious job. Prioritizing children's mental health and well-being is just as important. Parents should communicate openly with their children and reassure them that they are there for them no matter what.

A positive and supportive environment needs to be created at the campus level as well. Students should be encouraged to help each other and share their problems. Initiatives such as peer support groups, cultural activities, and sports can help improve students' mental health. These events at the National Institute of Technology, Kurukshetra, are not just a problem for one institution, but a warning to the entire Indian education system. If timely attention is not addressed, this crisis could deepen. It is essential that we take this issue seriously and work together to find solutions that not only ensure students' academic development but also protect their mental and emotional health.

Students are the future of the country, and if that future crumbles under the weight of frustration and pressure, it's not just a personal tragedy, but a national crisis. It's time to redefine success and build an education system that empowers students to be not only successful but also balanced and happy human beings.

Earth Day 2026: Our Power, Our Pledge to Save the Planet

Sunil Kumar Mahala

April 22nd is a significant day, as it is celebrated worldwide as Earth Day. It's not just a day to discuss the Earth, but also a day to pledge to protect the Earth from plastic pollution, plant trees, conserve water, and promote sustainable lifestyles. Many readers may not know that Earth Day is celebrated twice a year. One is organized by the United Nations each year on the March equinox, while the Earth Day celebrated on April 22nd is more popular, widespread, and globally recognized. This day was initiated by US Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970. Julian Koenig is credited with coining the name Earth Day. He chose the name because the word "Earth Day" rhymes with "birthday," and coincidentally, April 22nd was his birth-

day. The date of April 22nd was also chosen thoughtfully. The organizers aimed to attract a large number of college students to participate. At that time, this day in the United States fell between spring break and final exams, when students were relatively active and available. When the first Earth Day was celebrated in 1970, approximately 20 million people took to the streets. It is considered the largest peaceful mass movement in support of the environment ever. This movement later became the basis for global environmental awareness. Earth Day also has an official flag, called the Eco-Flag. Designed by Ron Cobb in 1969, it features a yellow symbol on a dark green background, symbolizing the combination of the letters E (Environment) and O (Organism). The Paris Agreement, a highly sig-

nificant climate agreement in history, was also opened for signature on Earth Day, April 22, 2016. More than 170 countries signed it, making it a significant event in global environmental history.

From time to time, numerous movements have emerged to protect the Earth. The impact of these movements has been so widespread that countries like Ecuador and Bolivia have granted legal rights to nature in their constitutions. This means that nature is not merely considered a resource, but an entity with protected rights. It is noteworthy that in 2026, The Nature Conservancy, one of the world's leading environmental organizations, is celebrating its 75th anniversary. To coincide with Earth Day, large-scale campaigns are being launched worldwide to restore natural habitats. According to

reports, for the first time this year, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and next-generation satellites are being extensively used in Earth Day events. These satellites are providing real-time data on environmental changes such as deforestation, rising sea levels, and climate change, allowing ordinary citizens to monitor the environmental status of their areas on their mobile phones. India's Mission Life has become a topic of global discussion in the 2026 events. India is promoting a more nature-friendly lifestyle through its growing solar energy capacity and the International Solar Alliance. Recent scientific reports indicate that the period from 2025 to 2029 is expected to be the hottest ever. Therefore, Earth Day 2026 is being viewed not just as a celebration but as an emergency warning, urging us to defend

the 1.5°C temperature target. Earth Day wasn't just an awareness program; its influence led to the enactment of stringent laws in the United States, such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act, which shaped global environmental policies. Today, our Earth, also known as the Blue Planet, is grappling with numerous problems, including water, air, noise, soil, and plastic pollution. The world's ever-growing population, reckless industrialization, reckless deforestation, excessive use of fossil fuels, and uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources are disrupting Earth's balance and ecosystem. Global warming is melting polar ice, raising sea levels, and threatening the entire living world. At such a time, Earth Day assumes even greater significance.

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New Delhi,(GNS): The Delhi Government has made it mandatory for state-owned buildings, parks, residential colonies and institutional campuses to install functional rainwater harvesting systems before the onset of the monsoon, as part of a push towards sustainable water management.

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Traffic curbs at MDI Chowk tonight for construction

New Delhi,(GNS): Vehicular movement from the MDI Chowk traffic signal on the Gurugram-Mehrauli Road will remain prohibited on Tuesday night due to construction work being undertaken by the GMDA.

According to a traffic advisory issued by Gurugram Police, the work will be carried out from 9 pm to 5 am. Movement from the MDI Chowk signal towards Gurugram-Mehrauli Road will be restricted during this period for safety reasons. "Drivers who wish to go towards Sukhrali, NH-48, South City etc. via Gurugram-Mehrauli Road can use the slip road at MDI Chowk, take a U-turn at the next signal and proceed towards their destination," the advisory stated.

26-year-old Delhi HC lawyer dies by suicide at four-star hotel in Connaught Place

New Delhi,(GNS): A 26-year-old advocate practising at the Delhi High Court allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the 15th floor of a four-star hotel in central Delhi's Connaught Place on Sunday evening, police said. According to police, information about the incident was received at the Connaught Place police station around 9.15 pm. The Delhi Fire Service (DFS) also received a call at about 9.20 pm, following which a fire tender was rushed to the spot.

A police team reached the hotel and identified the man as a resident of the Mohan Garden area in southwest Delhi. He was immediately taken to a hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

DCP (New Delhi) Sachin Sharma said the man checked into the hotel on Saturday around 6.30 pm.

A senior police officer said a suicide note was recovered from the hotel room, along with liquor bottles. The officer added that the man reportedly contacted a former girlfriend before the incident, who later alerted his family through a common friend.

Crime team officials and personnel from the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) inspected the scene and collected evidence. CCTV footage from the hotel premises and surrounding areas is being examined. Police said statements of the deceased's family members have been recorded and that they have not raised any suspicion of foul play so far. Efforts are underway to ascertain the circumstances that led to the incident.

Media reached out to the four-star hotel for a comment, but no response was received. A similar incident was reported in Jan this year, when a 50-year-old property owner allegedly died by suicide after jumping from the 20th floor of another hotel in Connaught Place.

Woman killed, husband injured in mobile phone dispute in Delhi's Adarsh Nagar

New Delhi,(GNS): A 35-year-old woman was stabbed to death and her husband injured following an alleged dispute over a mobile phone in northwest Delhi's Adarsh Nagar area on Tuesday night. No arrests have been made so far.

The deceased has been identified as Rakhi. Her husband, Ashu, 30, is undergoing treatment. The couple lived in Azadpur with their 12-year-old son and worked as balloon sellers.

Police said they received a PCR call around 9 pm reporting a stabbing near the railway track in Azadpur. A team from the local police station found Ashu injured a few metres away from the main scene. He was rushed to a hospital. During further search, police found Rakhi lying with multiple stab wounds. She was rushed to hospital in an ambulance but was declared dead on arrival. Preliminary investigation suggests the attack stemmed from a dispute involving a mobile phone. Police said the victims and the accused were known to each other.

"Three youths allegedly took a mobile phone from the couple's son while he was playing a game on it and slapped him. When the child started crying, hearing him, Ashu came out of the house, followed by Rakhi. When the couple confronted the youths, the argument escalated into a physical altercation," said a senior police officer.

During the scuffle, two of them allegedly attacked Ashu and Rakhi with knives before fleeing. Locals later intervened and informed the police. "Ashu's statement will be recorded once his condition improves, following which a case will be registered," the officer said. Crime team and FSL officials inspected the spot and collected evidence. Multiple police teams have been formed to trace the accused, and raids are being conducted at various locations.

Life-saving thalassaemia drug missing from govt hospitals across Delhi

New Delhi,(GNS): In a development that could place thalassaemia patients at serious health risk, a key drug used to treat the blood disorder has been missing from leading central and Delhi government hospitals in the Capital for several months. Thalassaemia, a genetic blood disorder that causes severe anaemia, requires patients to undergo regular blood transfusions along with a life-saving iron chelation therapy using Desferal (deferrioxamine).

Ground investigations by The Tribune have revealed that this essential drug is currently unavailable at the Centre-run Lady Hardinge Medical College (LHMC) as well as Delhi gov-



ernment facilities, including Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan (LNJP) Hospital and Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital.

The stock-out has left patients struggling to access treatment, raising the risk of serious complications due to iron overload.

The Tribune has learnt that the Union Ministry of Health took note of the shortage last week and convened an emergency meeting with officials from three major central government hospitals - Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Safdarjung Hospital and Lady Hardinge Medical College.

The meeting was also attended by representatives of patient support groups, including the National Thalassaemia Welfare Society and the Thalassaemia International Federation.

The Director General of Health Services, who chaired the meeting, is learnt to have decided to call drugmaker

Novartis for discussions on the reported shortage.

Anubha Taneja, a member of the Thalassaemia Patients Advocacy Group (TPAG), who attended the meeting, said, "Heads of departments from the hospitals concerned were called, along with officials from various government departments. It was decided that Novartis would be approached for discussions on the issue." She added that if the matter remains unresolved, the group may move the Delhi High Court seeking intervention.

Novartis, when contacted, denied any supply shortage and said it had taken all necessary steps to ensure there was no disruption. Responding to

queries regarding shortages in government supply, the company said it participates in most public tenders, but these are governed by predefined conditions. For imported medicines such as Desferal, certain requirements, including shelf life and supply-linked clauses, can pose operational constraints.

The company's response suggests possible factors affecting its participation in hospital procurement processes, as also highlighted by patient groups.

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L-G inspects preparedness at fire management academy

New Delhi,(GNS): Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Monday visited the Fire Service Management Academy (FSMA) in Rohini to inspect the operational readiness, training, standards of the Delhi Fire Service and assessment of gaps in enforcement. The LG also paid tributes to the brave firefighters who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty, acknowledging their unwavering courage, selfless service and deep sense of duty in protecting lives and property.

Sandhu reviewed training modules and operational preparedness at the FSMA and witnessed live demonstrations of firefighting and rescue operations, including the deployment of specialised equipment such as the indigenous articulating water tower (AWT) with reach of up to 55 m for firefighting operations, remote-controlled firefighting machines, mini robots and



specialised Turntable Ladders imported from Germany.

Interacting with trainee officers, he reiterated that summers had set in and stressed the need for preparedness and quick response.

He highlighted the importance of modern technology in strengthening firefighting operations, expressed confidence in their professionalism, and assured full administrative support whenever required. The FSMA has emerged as the key training hub, not only for the Delhi Fire Service, but also for neighbouring states, paramilitary forces, and institutional stakeholders.

31 Delhi villages to get land ownership rights: What it means

New Delhi,(GNS): Residents of 31 villages in the national capital are set to receive property cards for their residential land within 'Lal Dora' areas, a move expected to unlock access to bank loans and formal ownership rights, BJP MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said.

According to Bidhuri, the initiative is being implemented under the Centre's SVAMITVA Scheme, which aims to provide legal ownership records to residents through modern mapping technologies. The move would address a long-standing issue faced by villagers who, despite possessing land, were unable to secure loans due to the lack of formal documentation within 'Lal Dora' limits.

Bidhuri said that he had raised the matter last year with Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, following which it was taken up with the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. He noted that villagers in Delhi had histori-



cally faced difficulties as their land, though occupied and documented, was not formally regularised, leading banks to deny loans and leaving residents vulnerable to exploitation. Officials have confirmed that drone-based mapping of the identified villages has been completed by the Survey of India, and the data has been handed over to the Delhi government. Necessary regulations are currently being finalised, and property cards are expected to be issued soon. Once implemented, the move is likely to provide significant

relief to residents by enabling access to institutional credit and strengthening property rights in rural pockets of Delhi.

Bidhuri also urged authorities to expand the initiative to all villages in the capital, stating that mapping and property card issuance should cover all 'Lal Dora' areas to ensure equitable benefits. The development is being seen as a major step towards formalising land ownership in Delhi's urban villages, improving financial inclusion, and supporting rural development in the capital.

CM Gupta flags sanitation lapses reviews Metro works in Azadpur

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday carried out a surprise inspection in Azadpur, covering Gupta Market, Azadpur Chowk and Tripolia Chowk, where she expressed displeasure over delays, poor coordination and unsatisfactory sanitation, warning officials that negligence in development works would not be tolerated.

Reviewing ongoing projects of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and the Public Works Department (PWD) on site, the Chief Minister sought real-time progress updates and stressed that "development must be seen on the ground, not just on paper." She directed all



departments to adhere to strict timelines while ensuring that public movement, safety and daily convenience remain unaffected.

At an on-site review meeting, Gupta outlined three key priorities—transparency, adherence to deadlines and uncompromised quality. Taking note of persistent waterlogging, she directed the PWD to prepare a comprehen-

sive drainage reconstruction plan for Azadpur, Adarsh Nagar and adjoining areas, along with immediate desilting of drains to provide both short-term relief and a long-term solution.

She also instructed officials to expedite road repairs, ensure pothole-free streets and upgrade footpath infrastructure to improve walkability. Emphasising civic upkeep, the Chief Minister called for strengthened waste management systems, regular cleanliness drives and prompt repair of damaged public infrastructure, warning that lapses would invite direct accountability.

Gupta undertook a detailed inspection of Metro construc-

tion works, assessing structural quality and flagging deficiencies in pillars at Azadpur Chowk. She directed agencies to restore footpaths affected by construction and ensure proper drainage at project sites to prevent water accumulation, while maintaining close coordination with the PWD.

The Chief Minister also reviewed progress on the Azadpur Metro station, being developed as a major interchange connecting the Yellow Line, Pink Line and the under-construction Magenta Line under Phase IV. Officials briefed her on the station's multi-level design integrating road and Metro infrastructure within a single corridor. She set a target to complete the Janakpuri West-R.K. Ashram Marg corridor by year-end.

Short fuse & sense of ownership fuelling city's parking rage: Experts

New Delhi, (GNS): The city has been witnessing frayed tempers when it comes to parking disputes - with seemingly minor disagreements often escalating to extreme levels, leading to incidents of violence and deaths. Even vehicles have been set on fire. On April 16, a 50-year-old auto-rickshaw driver lost his life after he collapsed during an altercation with a group of men over parking his vehicle in west Delhi's Nihal Vihar.

In Dec 2025, a 38-year-old man was arrested for allegedly firing outside his residence in Seelampur following a quarrel with his brother over parking. In Aug, 42-year-old Asif Qureshi, a cousin of actor Huma Qureshi, was stabbed to death in Jangpura, allegedly by two brothers over a similar dispute. In July, three men were arrested and a juvenile was apprehended for opening fire during a row over parking in Shashi Garden.

Delhi Police received more than 7,000 calls related to parking disputes last year. Experts point to changing behavioural patterns as a key reason behind such flare-ups.

Dr Rajiv Mehta, senior consultant psy-



chiatrist at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, said one of the main reasons behind the rise in parking disputes is a gradual decline in people's tolerance levels. "Many develop a rigid mindset, believing they are always right. Coupled with a strong sense of personal authority, this leads them to assume that their actions are justified and beyond question," said Dr Mehta, adding that even a simple request, such as asking someone to move their vehicle or pointing out improper parking, is often misinterpreted as a direct challenge to their authority or self-respect.

Dr Rajat Mitra, a professor of forensic psychology, explained that many people view parking spaces as an extension of their personal territory, even when the patches are meant for shared use.

MC chief calls for better services at TB institute

New Delhi, (GNS): Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Commissioner Sanjeev Khirwar on Monday visited the Rajan Babu Institute of Pulmonary Medicine and Tuberculosis to review healthcare services and assess the quality of patient care at the facility. Accompanied by Additional Commissioner Pankaj Naresh Aggarwal and other senior officials, Khirwar carried out a detailed inspection of medical infrastructure, patient services and the overall functioning of the hospital.

During the visit, nutrition (poshan) kits were distributed to patients undergoing treatment, with officials highlighting the importance of nutritional support as part of comprehensive healthcare, particularly for those battling tuberculosis and other pulmonary diseases.

The Commissioner directed officials to further strengthen healthcare delivery systems, upgrade infrastructure and ensure efficient and timely medical services. He emphasised that patient well-being must remain the central focus, calling for sustained efforts to improve both treatment standards and hospital facilities.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta welcomes court order

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today said the order of the Delhi high court refusing to accept AAP chief's recusal application sends a clear and unequivocal message that the independence, impartiality and dignity of the judiciary are non-negotiable.

"The attempt by Arvind Kejriwal to cast aspersions on the judicial process and question the impartiality of a sitting High Court judge is not only inappropriate but also deeply undermines the sanctity of democratic institutions. When individuals who have held high public office resort to such conduct, it risks eroding public confidence in the justice delivery system," Gupta said after judge Swarna Kanta Sharma refused to recuse herself from the appeal of CBI against a trial court order discharging Kejriwal and 21 others in the Delhi excise scam matter.

Calvin Harris debut show: This is what you came for, Delhi!

New Delhi, (GNS): After two decades of global chart dominance, Calvin Harris finally made his NCR debut, drawing a tightly packed, high-energy crowd that knew exactly what it had come for. Opening with the beats of Sweet Nothing, the DJ wasted no time in locking in the mood. "Delhi, how are we feeling?" he called out to the crowd at Leisure Valley roared back.

Known for defining EDM-pop in the 2010s, Harris leaned into nostalgia, delivering a throwback-heavy set that turned the NCR night into a



full-blown singalong. "Listen guys, it's my first time in India. I gotta be honest, I think this might be the best

tour yet. I'm finishing on a high," Harris said.

Showing Calvin Delhi's spirit: DJ Sartek opened the

night, setting the tone with crowd favourites like Sayonee, All Night Long and Trrrrr. "It was Bengaluru, then Mumbai - now we have to show Calvin Harris what Delhi is. Dil walon ki Dilli, right? Let's make some noise!" he said. Calvin engaged the crowd and challenged them with "Does anyone here know the words to this song?" as his hits played. Ending with another classic, Good Feeling, he said, "I wanna hear absolutely everybody singing this song. Do you know this?" With fading beats, a brief

namaste and a wave, he signed off.

A night celebrating 2010s music: Humchhaya, who attended the concert with her son, has been a Calvin Harris fan for decades. "I used to listen to his song during graduation which was like two decades ago! I've always wanted to attend his concert and see him live," she shared. For Masters student Suzain, who attended the gig with her friends, Calvin Harris means nostalgia: "I wouldn't call myself a die-hard fan, but his songs bring back a lot of memories from childhood. And I love attending concerts so this was a must."

Parking dispute turns fatal one arrested for shooting

New Delhi, (GNS): A late-night parking brawl turned fatal as a 34-year-old man was shot dead in East Delhi's Preet Vihar area in the wee hours of Monday, the police said, adding that the accused was nabbed.

According to officials from the Preet Vihar police station, two PCR calls were received at 2.22 am and 2.26 am reporting a quarrel and firing incident at A-144, Preet Vihar.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the altercation took place between Pankaj Nayyar (34) and his brother Paras (43) on one side, and a man identified as Gaurav Sharma, on the other side. According to the police, Sharma owns a BMW and a Toyota Fortuner and was living on the premises as a tenant. However, he had parking space



allotted for only one vehicle. His BMW was already parked in the designated spot, and the dispute began late at night over parking the Fortuner. The argument quickly escalated, and Sharma allegedly opened fire during the quarrel. Pankaj Nayyar sustained a gunshot injury to the chest and collapsed at the spot, an official said. During the quarrel, Sharma allegedly opened fire, hitting Pankaj in the chest. He

was rushed to Malik Radix Health Care Hospital in Nirman Vihar, where doctors declared him brought dead. The police said the accused, along with his accomplices, fled the spot immediately after the incident. An FIR was registered at Preet Vihar police station under Sections 103(1), 115(2) and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) as well as Sections 25 and 27 of the Arms Act, an official said.

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta targets Mamata govt

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Monday launched a sharp attack on the ruling All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) while campaigning in West Bengal, alleging that the government led by Mamata Banerjee has failed to ensure the safety a

Addressing campaign gatherings, Gupta claimed that women in the state have remained vulnerable for over 15 years. She also accused the administration of failing to generate employment for the youth while allowing corruption and fear to persist.

"The TMC and its allied parties have betrayed the women of the country. They have broken the trust of the women of



the nation. Even today, here in Bengal, for the past 15 consecutive years, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has been playing with the honour of the daughters of this state. She has not been able to ensure

the safety of women here. She is not providing employment to the youth. The entire Bengal is troubled and people want an end to this politics of fear and corruption and the beginning of politics based on trust and development in Bengal," Gupta said.

She added, "These forces are themselves creating fear and the kind of hooliganism carried out by the TMC across the state has harassed every ordinary citizen."

Sachdeva, educationists attack Opposition over women's quota Bill:

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Monday, along with senior educationists, criticised Opposition parties over the failure of the Nari Shakti Vandan Act to secure passage in Parliament, alleging that it had dashed the aspirations of women across the country.

Addressing a press conference, Sachdeva, accompanied by Rama Sharma and Ruby Mishra, accused parties including the Congress, the Aam Aadmi Party and the Samajwadi Party of adopting a "negative and malicious stance" towards the legislation aimed at enhancing women's representation.

Sachdeva claimed that women would hold these parties accountable, including women within their own



organisations. He also defended the proposal to increase the number of seats to facilitate reservation, alleging that the Opposition had used issues such as delimitation as a pretext to block the measure.

Rama Sharma, principal of Hansraj College, said that women's participation in higher education and public life has been steadily increasing and that the proposed legislation had raised expectations

among young women. "Given the pace at which women are progressing, 50 per cent reservation is their rightful claim. If the Opposition is not ready even for 33 per cent, how will it ever agree to 50 per cent?" she said.

Ruby Mishra, principal of Bhagini Nivedita College, highlighted the impact of the development on students, particularly those from underprivileged backgrounds. She said many college students viewed the legislation as an opportunity for greater representation and empowerment and its setback had led to disappointment.

This is not just a matter of policy but of their aspirations," she said, referring to interactions with students who questioned why the measure could not move forward.

Govt property worth Rs 25 crore reclaimed from Gurugram ganster

New Delhi, (GNS): In a continued crackdown on criminal assets, Gurugram Police, in coordination with the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), on Monday reclaimed around 0.5 acres of prime government land in Sector 63. The land had allegedly been encroached upon by Nitesh alias Bandar, a resident of Kadarapur village. The accused had constructed nearly 50 huts on the GMDA land and was reportedly collecting about Rs 5 lakh per month as illegal rent. The land is estimated to be worth around Rs 25 crore. A senior police officer said the site had become a hub of unauthorised activities, with around 50 illegal juggies, two scrap godowns and multiple unauthorised borewells. These borewells were allegedly used by Nitesh alias Bandar to operate an illegal water supply network in the area.

According to the police spokesperson, the accused has a criminal record involving serious offences such as assault, snatching, kidnapping and extortion. The site was marked by the police and inspected twice by DTP (Enforcement), GMDA,



RS Bath, following which a comprehensive strategy was devised to clear the encroachment.

The demolition drive was carried out by a joint team of officials from GMDA's Enforcement Wing, Municipal Corporation Gurugram (MCG), CIA Sector 31 unit and Police Station Sector 65. Nearly 100 police personnel were deployed to maintain law and order and ensure the operation proceeded smoothly.

During the drive, all illegal structures, including juggies and scrap units, were systematically demolished, completely clearing the encroachment. "The Authority will continue to undertake such targeted enforcement drives in coordination with law enforcement agencies to curb the activities of land mafia and ensure that valuable urban land is preserved for planned and sustainable development," said RS Bath.