



PM Modi said : TMC's pride is broken, BJP's victory is certain

There is no respect for motherland and humanity in Mamata's government, small leaders consider themselves the government

Kolkata, (GNS): PM Narendra Modi held a rally in Bangaon, North 24 Parganas district, West Bengal. He said, "The TMC's arrogance has been shattered in the first phase of voting. The BJP's victory in the second phase seems certain." The PM alleged that under TMC rule, small-time leaders



and goons have started considering themselves

the government.

The PM said, "15 years ago, the TMC came to power with the slogan 'Maa, Mati, Manush'. Today, they can't even utter these words. If they utter these words, their sins will be exposed. Under TMC rule, there is no respect for Maa, Mati, and Manush."

"The time has come to say we will not tolerate it anymore."

The PM said, "Our commitment to the women of Bengal is evident from the fact that we have given election tickets to the Sandeshkhali victim and the mother of the RG Kar doctor. The TMC's ruthless government stands with the goons who oppress the women of Bengal. Now is the time for the people of Bengal to say, 'We will not tolerate this anymore.'"

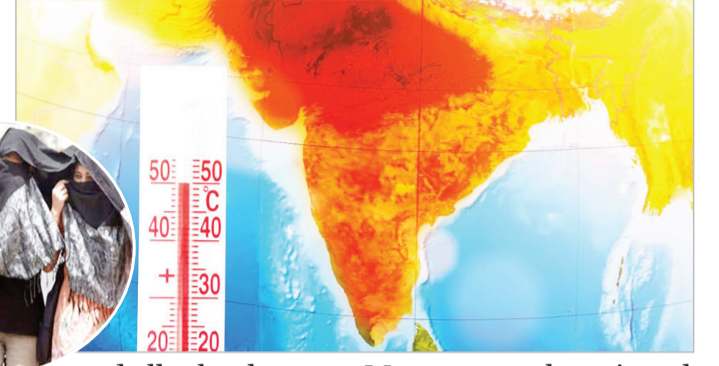
Heat wave in 50 districts of UP, mercury reaches 47.4° in Banda

Schools up to 8th standard closed in Indore-Gwalior of MP, rain in 10 districts of Bihar

New Delhi, (GNS): The impact of the intense heat wave has intensified across the country. Heat wave conditions are prevailing in 50 districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Banda, the state's hottest city, was recorded at 47.4 degrees Celsius on Saturday.

The weather took a turn for the worse in several districts of Bihar on Sunday. Heavy rain fell in 10 districts, including Supaul, Raxaul, and Madhubani. Dark clouds shrouded Darbhanga in darkness during the day. In Kishanganj, strong winds and rain uprooted trees in several areas. Anganwadi centers



and all schools up to grade 8 in Indore and Gwalior districts of Madhya Pradesh will be closed from April 27 to 30. The temperature in Una, Himachal Pradesh, also forecast here from April 27.

As the heat intensifies, electricity demand in the country has reached 252.07 gigawatts (GW), the highest ever. The previous record was 250 GW in May 2024. The

Meteorological Department has issued a heatwave and warm night alert for 10 states in northwest India.

Heatwave conditions will prevail in Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh. Hot nights are also expected in some areas of Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Odisha, and Uttar Pradesh.

Gujarat civic polls PM Modi votes by postal ballot, Amit Shah and family cast their votes in Naranpura



Ahmedabad (Gujarat), (GNS): Amid ongoing polling for various local bodies in Gujarat, Prime Minister Narendra Modi cast his vote through postal ballot, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah cast his vote at a polling booth in Naranpura here.

Shah, his wife Sonal Shah, his son and ICC chairman Jay Shah and daughter-in-law Rishita Patel cast their votes at the Naranpura sub-zone office.

Sources said the Prime Minister's Office had requested for the postal ballot system as he could not travel to his home state for Sunday's elections due to his busy schedule.

Politics over AAP MPs' resignation: Anna Hazare criticised them



New Delhi, (GNS): The decision of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha and six other MPs to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has created a stir in political circles. While social activist Anna Hazare criticized the development, BJP leaders have hailed it as a sign of growing confidence in the party.

"It's not right to change political parties for self-interest," Anna Hazare told reporters.

"It's not right to leave one party and join another... It's not right to change political parties for self-interest. Our Constitution doesn't mention it. Our Constitution is supreme. Our country runs on the basis of the Constitution." BJP welcomed the resignation, calling it a symbol of growing trust. BJP leaders strongly welcomed the resignation, characterizing it as a growing confidence in the party's leadership and policies. BJP Bihar State President Sanjay Sarawagi said the move reflects a broader trend where political leaders are gravitating toward the BJP.

Mann Ki Baat: PM Modi urges people to make Census 2027 a success Buddha's teachings remain relevant amid global tensions

New Delhi, (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people to actively participate in Census 2027, assuring them that their data would be kept in safe custody. In his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi said enumerators would conduct door-to-door data collection using a mobile application and appealed to people to provide accurate details. He added that people would also have the option to enter their information themselves. This facility will be available 15 days before enumerators visit their residences. Once they complete the process, individuals will receive a special ID on email or mobile, which can be shown to the staff for verification. "National census is not just a government task. It's the responsibility of all of us. Your participation is crucial. The information you provide will be kept completely secure and confidential."



Swiss plane's engine fails during takeoff, catches fire: 6 injured 232 people on board, including 4 infants; flight bound for Zurich



New Delhi, (GNS): A Swiss airliner's engine failed during takeoff at Delhi Airport. Swiss Airlines flight LX147 was scheduled to take off at 1:08 a.m. Saturday when one of its engines failed and caught fire. The pilot immediately grounded the plane. Officials said all passengers were evacuated using emergency slides on the runway. Six passengers were injured. The flight was bound for Zurich, Switzerland. The airline said smoke was seen in the landing gear during takeoff. "We have been informed of an incident involving flight LX147 in Delhi. The aircraft that experienced the malfunction is an Airbus A330. The incident occurred shortly after 1 a.m. IST. As the aircraft approached the runway for takeoff, smoke was observed coming from the left landing gear. The flight was immediately grounded," Swiss Airlines said in a statement.

Firing during dinner in Washington, President Trump evacuated safely

Eyewitnesses say 7 rounds fired, guests hid under tables; attacker apprehended

Washington, (GNS): Gunfire erupted during the annual White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, D.C. President Donald Trump, his wife Melania Trump, and Vice President J.D. Vance, along with several other senior officials, were present at the event on Saturday evening.

According to the Associated Press, the attacker opened fire outside the hotel's ballroom. Trump and



guests were inside. Trump announced that the attacker had been captured. Earlier reports had suggested he had been shot.

About an hour and a half after the attack, Trump addressed the media. He said, "The

US Constitution was attacked. The Secret Service saved my life. The security personnel acted bravely. The officer who was shot is safe. He was wearing a bulletproof vest. The attacker had a powerful gun."

Who is the person who opened fire during dinner?

According to a BBC report, the attacker has been identified as Cole Thomas Allen, 31, from California, USA. According to public records, Allen was a part-time teacher and video game developer. His profile states that he was named Teacher of the Month in December 2024. He graduated from the California Institute of Technology with a degree in mechanical engineering in 2017. Last year, he earned a master's degree in computer science from California State University, Dominguez Hills.



US officials' visit to Pakistan cancelled: Meeting with Iran postponed for the second time

Tel Aviv/Tehran/Washington DC, (GNS): The proposed ceasefire talks between the US and Iran have stalled as the visit of US envoy Steve Witkoff and Trump's son-in-law Jared Kushner to Pakistan for talks with Iran has been cancelled.

This is the second time a meeting between the two countries has been postponed. Previously, Iran had declared it would not hold peace talks. They stated that they would return to Islamabad for talks only after the US lifted its blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. Trump posted on social media that he had instructed his envoys not to travel to Pakistan. He wrote, "Traveling is very time consuming. Don't waste 18 hours talking nonsense. If Iran wants to talk, all they have to do is call."

Parliamentary panel 'taken aback' as NMC issues regulations without law ministry clearance

New Delhi, (GNS): A parliamentary committee has said it was "taken aback" to find that crucial regulations issued by the National Medical Commission were not vetted by the Union law ministry, an essential prerequisite to prevent future infirmities.

In its report on "Infirmities in the regulations framed under the National Medical Commission Act", the Lok Sabha Committee on Subordinate Legislation said getting draft rules and regulations vetted by the law ministry from the legal, constitutional and drafting point of view is essential.

"The Committee, during an examination of the regulations published by the National Medical Commission (NMC)



under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, found to its surprise that one of the most integral procedures in the framing of any subordinate legislation, that of getting it 'vetted' by the Ministry of Law and Justice from the constitutional, legal and drafting point of view was 'missed', it said.

The report was tabled in the recently concluded Budget session of Parliament.

The committee report is based on the examination of the National Medical Commission (Recognition of Medical Qualifications) Regulations, 2023; Teachers Eligibility Qualifications in Medical

Institutions Regulations, 2022; and the Medical Institutions (Qualifications of Faculty) Regulations, 2025, drafted by the NMC.

The parliamentary panel said it "was taken aback to find such occurrences" where the law ministry was not kept in the loop.

Getting bills, Acts, rules, regulations duly 'vetted' by the law ministry is a "non-negotiable step" which ought not be "missed" as had been "candidly accepted" by the representatives of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare also during the deposition before the committee, the report noted.

Rules, regulations and orders issued under a particular law are called subordinate

legislation. They are also called delegated legislation, as Parliament allows the executive to frame rules for the efficient functioning and implementation of laws passed by it.

"The nature of such delegated legislation, which is published in the Gazette of India, needs to be taken seriously. These delegated legislations, once in the public domain, form the fulcrum for subsequent executive actions by the nodal agency and, as such, merit utmost caution and due diligence to weed out any iota of mistake which could have serious legal ramifications on account of loopholes/vulnerability in the document," the panel cautioned.

Rising violence and security challenges in America: A series of attacks on Donald Trump and the crisis of 'gun culture'

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The latest shooting incident at the prestigious White House Correspondents' Dinner in Washington, DC, has once again drawn global attention to American security and gun culture. US President Donald Trump narrowly escaped the attack. According to eyewitnesses, the entire hall was thrown into panic upon hearing the gunfire, forcing guests to hide under tables. Although the situation was brought under control due to the prompt action of security agencies and the attacker was apprehended, the incident leaves many serious questions.

This attack has once again reignited discussions about the security measures in place for political leaders in the United States and why such attacks are so frequent. This is not the first inci-

dent involving Donald Trump. He has faced attacks or threats of attacks several times before.

The most famous incident occurred on July 13, 2024, when he was attacked during an election rally in Butler, Pennsylvania. An attacker fired an assault rifle from a long distance, grazed the upper part of his ear. This attack was extremely dangerous, and if the bullet had strayed a few centimeters, the consequences could have been catastrophic. One person was killed and several others were injured. This attack completely altered the American election environment and raised questions about the functioning of security agencies.

Additionally, Donald Trump has received numerous threats throughout his political career. He has been a frequent target since becoming president and re-enter-

ing electoral politics. The US Secret Service has periodically claimed to have foiled several potential attacks, details of which are not released to the public. However, these incidents indicate that the threat remains persistent.

The attacker in the latest incident has been identified as Cole Thomas Allen, a California resident. Interestingly, he was an educated man with higher education in engineering and computer science. This fact makes it even more worrying that the trend of violence is no longer limited to antisocial elements but is also reaching the educated sections of society.

Melania Trump and Vice President J.D. Vandenberg were also present during the incident. Security agencies responded quickly and evacuated all VIPs safely. The chaos that ensued is a testament to how quickly such

incidents can spiral out of control.

Gun culture has long been a topic of debate in the United States. While owning weapons is considered a constitutional right, the misuse of this right is leading to ever-increasing violence. School shootings, attacks on public places, and the targeting of political leaders are becoming commonplace. This situation has become not only a threat to law and order but also a serious social and mental health crisis.

Several efforts were made to implement gun control during Barack Obama's tenure, but strong lobbying and political differences prevented any concrete legislation. Donald Trump's tenure also failed to take strong action on this issue, further complicating the situation.

Following the recent incident, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi also responded, saying that

there should be no place for violence in a democracy. This statement reflects the seriousness of the incident internationally.

Taking a broader perspective, it becomes clear that the attacks on Donald Trump are not merely personal, but also an attack on American democracy and its institutions. When a country's supreme leader is not safe, concerns about the safety of ordinary citizens are natural. Such incidents also demonstrate the need for security agencies to constantly update their methods and techniques. Traditional security measures alone are no longer sufficient. Modern technology, intelligence networks, and psychological analysis must also be incorporated into security strategies. At the same time, the growing extremism and mental imbalance in society must be taken seriously.

Editorial

Gunfire in Washington: A Stark Reminder of America's Fragile Public Safety

The recent firing incident during a dinner event in Washington, where former U.S. President Donald Trump was safely escorted out, is yet another unsettling episode in America's long struggle with gun violence. While no harm came to the high-profile attendee, the incident raises serious concerns about security preparedness, public safety, and the normalization of firearms in sensitive spaces.

At first glance, the swift evacuation of Trump demonstrates the efficiency of the security apparatus surrounding prominent political figures. The United States Secret Service once again proved its capability to respond under pressure. However, the broader issue extends far beyond the safety of one individual. If such an incident can occur at an event attended by a former president, it compels us to question the level of safety afforded to ordinary citizens in everyday settings.

This episode underscores a deeper, systemic problem—America's entrenched gun culture. Despite repeated mass shootings and violent incidents, meaningful legislative reform has remained elusive. The debate between gun rights and gun control continues to polarize the nation, often stalling decisive action. The result is a cycle where outrage follows tragedy, but long-term solutions remain out of reach.

Moreover, such incidents contribute to a growing sense of unease in public life. Social gatherings, once considered safe and routine, are increasingly perceived as potential risk zones. This erosion of public confidence has far-reaching implications, not just for security, but for the social fabric itself. A society where fear shadows normal interaction cannot function at its full potential.

There is also an international dimension to consider. As the capital of the United States, Washington symbolizes political stability and governance. Incidents like these send troubling signals to the global community about internal security challenges in one of the world's most powerful nations.

India-South Korea Relations Today

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India-South Korea relations are gaining new importance in today's global era. Both countries are champions of democratic values, economic development, technological progress, and regional peace. The shifting balance of power in Asia, China's growing assertiveness, supply chain crises, the Ukraine war, Middle East tensions, and growing competition in the Indo-Pacific region have provided opportunities for India and South Korea to draw closer. The two countries have enjoyed friendly relations for years, but the time now demands that these relations be further enhanced with new energy, new direction, and practical cooperation.



India-South Korea relations are not limited to modern diplomacy, but also have strong cultural and historical roots. Civilizational links between the two countries date back to ancient times. The mention of Princess Suriratna of Ayodhya, known in Korea as Queen Hyo Hwang-ok, connects the two countries culturally. This relationship continues to be the basis of emotional ties between the peoples of today. Consequently, the potential for cultural exchange, tourism, and public relations between the two countries is immense.

India and South Korea established formal diplomatic relations in 1973. Since then, relations between the two countries have steadily progressed. In 2010, the relationship was elevated to a Strategic Partnership and later upgraded to a Special Strategic Partnership. This demonstrates that both countries view each other as long-term partners. High-level visits, foreign ministerial meetings, business dialogues, and defense talks continue to strengthen these ties.

South Korea is an important economic partner for India. South Korea is technologically advanced, industrially strong, and has an export-oriented economy, while India, with its large market, young population, and rapidly growing economy, is attracting global attention. This presents immense potential for trade and investment between the two countries. Bilateral trade has grown in recent years and has reached approximately \$27 billion. However, this remains low compared to its potential. India's trade deficit with South Korea also remains a concern.

Major South Korean companies have long been investing in India. Korean companies have a strong presence in sectors such as electronics, automobiles, mobile phone manufacturing, steel, shipbuilding, and infrastructure. South Korean investments could be extremely useful in boosting India's manufacturing sector. Korean technology and capital can play a significant role in initiatives such as "Make in India," "Digital India," "Startup India," and "Green Energy."

Nevertheless, there are some challenges. The Comprehensive



Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) was implemented in 2010, with the aim of boosting trade. However, the expected results have not been fully realized. Non-tariff barriers, quality standards regulations, complex regulatory processes, logistical problems, and market access difficulties continue to hinder trade growth. India will need to diversify its exports, while South Korea will need to provide more opportunities for Indian products and services.

Today, major changes are taking place in the global supply chain. Companies are seeking to reduce their dependence on China and are seeking new production centers. This situation presents opportunities for both India and South Korea. If South Korean companies establish large-scale production centers in India, they will benefit from a large market, affordable labor, and a strategic location. India will benefit from increased technology, employment, and export potential. Electronics, semiconductors, battery manufacturing, automobiles, defense production, and shipbuilding are areas where cooperation could grow rapidly.

Cooperation between the two countries is also crucial from a strategic perspective. India supports a free, open, and inclusive order in the Indo-Pacific region. South Korea also supports regional stability and maritime security. China's aggressive policies, pressure on sea lanes, and regional tensions have forced many countries to seek new partners. India and South Korea could be natural allies in this regard.

However, South Korea's security priorities differ somewhat. Its primary focus remains the North Korean nuclear threat and its military alliance with the United States. India's concerns, on the other hand, relate to China, the Indian Ocean,

border security, and regional balance. Nevertheless, the two countries share common interests in several areas. Joint work could be undertaken in defense industry cooperation, cybersecurity, maritime surveillance, counterterrorism efforts, and new military technologies.

South Korea has established a strong global presence in the defense sector. It possesses modern defense production capabilities. If India emphasizes joint production, technology transfer, and research collaboration, both countries could benefit. India's self-reliant defense policy and South Korea's technological capabilities can create new possibilities.

Technology has become a crucial pillar of international relations today. Artificial intelligence, 5G, 6G, semiconductors, robotics, green energy, electric vehicles, and digital innovation will shape the economy of the future. South Korea is among the leading countries in these areas, while India is rapidly advancing thanks to its digital talent, software capabilities, and startup ecosystem. If the two countries work together to build a "digital bridge," a new model of technological leadership could emerge in Asia.

Education and human resources cooperation can also strengthen ties. Indian students can access higher education, research, and technical training opportunities in South Korea. Korean students can benefit from India's culture, history, yoga, Ayurveda, information technology, and management education. University partnerships, scholarships, and joint research programs could provide a strong foundation for future collaboration.

Cultural ties between the two countries are growing rapidly. Korean music, films, and television programs have grown in popularity in India. South Korea is seeing a growing interest in Indian yoga, food, dance, and spiritual traditions. This cultural connection is not just a means of entertainment, but also a means of fostering trust and understanding between peoples. Tourism, cultural festivals, language education, and media collaboration can further deepen this relationship.

Looking ahead, India and South Korea should not limit themselves to formal meetings.

Raghav Chadha's rebellion and the future of the Aam Aadmi Party: Is this a political turning point or the beginning of a split

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Defections and internal rebellions are nothing new in Indian politics, but when such a major development occurs within a rising party, its far-reaching impact cannot be ignored. The recent decision of Raghav Chadha and several Rajya Sabha MPs to leave the Aam Aadmi Party and join the Bharatiya Janata Party signals a major political shift. This is not just a defection of individuals but raises serious questions about the internal state and functioning of an organization.

At its inception, the Aam Aadmi Party presented itself as an alternative form of politics. Focusing on honesty, transparency, and public

interest, the party rapidly gained popularity. Consecutive victories in Delhi and the formation of a government in Punjab were proof of the party's acceptance by the public. However, the discontent and divisions now emerging within the party indicate a weakness within its internal structure.

Raghav Chadha's departure from the party did not come suddenly. Reports of a rift between him and the party leadership had been surfacing for the past few years. His absence from important meetings, his attempts to establish a separate identity on social media, and his distance from organizational activities were all signs of this. When he was

removed from the position of Deputy Leader of the Rajya Sabha, it became clear that relations were not normal. His subsequent resignation and subsequent joining of the BJP appear to be a step in a certain direction.

The most important aspect of this entire development is the two-thirds MP calculation. The anti-defection law under the Indian Constitution states that if two-thirds of a party's MPs join another party simultaneously, their membership is protected. This is why Raghav Chadha attempted to secure a sufficient number of MPs to join his party. This was not just a political decision but also a strategic move to ensure his parliamentary

position was maintained.

The question arises as to whether this is merely a matter of personal ambition or whether there are genuine problems with the party's functioning. When not just one or two, but several MPs leave the party simultaneously, it indicates widespread discontent. The already existing discomfort of leaders like Swati Maliwal and the sudden departure of others indicate a lack of communication and trust.

Comparisons are now being made with the Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party. Both parties experienced similar splits, where two-thirds of their MLAs defected, leading to a change in party control.

However, in the Aam Aadmi Party's case, the split is currently limited to the Rajya Sabha, so there is no immediate threat to the government. However, if this situation spreads to the Punjab Assembly, the consequences could be serious.

Punjab is currently the Aam Aadmi Party's strongest base. If similar discontent arises there and a large number of MLAs defect, the party's identity and existence could be threatened. Therefore, this development is not just a parliamentary change but also a sign of future possibilities.

This development is beneficial for the Bharatiya Janata Party in several ways. First, it will increase its numbers in

the Rajya Sabha, strengthening its legislative process. Second, it will benefit from new faces and a network in a state like Punjab. Third, the addition of a young and popular leader like Raghav Chadha could also impact the party's image, especially among the youth.

But the biggest impact of this entire development is on the credibility of the Aam Aadmi Party. Such a split within a party that once championed alternative and clean politics suggests a disconnect between principles and practice. Opposition parties will now have the opportunity to assert that this party, like other parties, is not immune to internal conflict and self-serving politics.

CM Rekha Gupta reviews monsoon preparedness, directs MCD to intensify measures on waterlogging, drainage

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief minister Rekha Gupta has directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to step up monsoon preparedness measures, with a focus on preventing waterlogging, strengthening drainage infrastructure and ensuring public safety across the city.

The directions were issued during a high-level review meeting chaired by the chief minister, where officials assessed waterlogging-prone areas, the progress of desilting work and the implementation status of the Drainage Master Plan up to 2029-30.

As per official instructions, all zonal authorities have been asked to submit a detailed account of drainage works completed in the last financial year, along with projects taken up in the current year. Officials have also been directed to identify areas that have remained vulnerable to waterlogging over the past three years, using official



records as well as social media inputs, and to ensure targeted interventions to prevent a recurrence.

Special focus has been placed on chronic problem zones, including waterlogging reported outside Palam Metro Station. The deputy commissioner of the Najafgarh Zone has been instructed to coordinate with multiple agencies to identify the causes and carry out corrective measures.

The civic body has also ordered the identification of municipal schools that wit-

nessed flooding in recent years. Senior officials from the engineering and education departments will review these cases to address structural issues and prevent future incidents.

In addition, all zonal deputy commissioners have been directed to ensure that no manholes remain uncovered within their jurisdictions. They have been asked to submit action taken reports, along with certification confirming compliance.

The review comes as the MCD intensifies efforts to reduce monsoon-related risks and improve urban resilience in the national capital.

Ahead of the rainy season, the civic body has also outlined a two-phase plan for desilting drains across the city.

According to official data, 793 major drains, each more than 4 feet wide and spanning a total length of 545.3 km, are being cleaned through outsourced agencies. The total silt removal target for 2026 is 2,33,132.4

metric tonnes (MT). Phase I, scheduled from Jan 1 to June 30, targets the removal of 1,41,003 MT, while Phase II, from July 1 to Dec 31, aims to clear 92,129.4 MT. So far, 31,580.2 MT has been removed, accounting for 22.4% of the Phase I target.

For smaller drains, less than 4 feet wide, 12,892 drains covering 6,069.88 km are being desilted by departmental staff. The total silt removal target stands at 51,701 MT, with 25,850.5 MT planned for each phase. Till date, 13,068.7 MT has been cleared, achieving 50.55% of the Phase I target.

Zone-wise data shows that the Najafgarh Zone has the highest number of desilting works at 71, followed by South Najafgarh Zone with 52 and Central Zone with 35.

MCD has set June 30 as the deadline for completing Phase I ahead of the monsoon, while Phase II will continue till Dec 31, 2026.

Man found hanging inside women's washroom at Delhi's Inderlok Metro station



New Delhi, (GNS): The body of a man was found hanging inside a locked women's washroom at the Inderlok Metro station premises, police said on Sunday.

The incident came to light around 5:33 pm on Saturday after a call was received reporting a foul smell from a ladies' toilet that was locked from the inside.

Upon reaching the scene, the investigating officer, along with staff from the Netaji Subhash Place (NSP) Metro Police Station,

forced open the door and found the body of an unidentified man, aged around 40, hanging inside.

Prima facie, the police said the deceased appears to have been a caretaker of the washroom facility, as he had not been seen for at least two days prior to the discovery.

A crime team was called to the spot to carry out an investigation.

Following the on-site inspection, the body was shifted to the mortuary at BSA Hospital, where it will be preserved for 72 hours.

Teen killed in hit and run in Shalimar Bagh, CM blames encroachments

New Delhi, (GNS): A 15-year-old boy died after a tempo allegedly collided with a motorcycle in northwest Delhi's Shalimar Bagh on Saturday. The tempo driver allegedly abandoned his vehicle and fled. Chief minister Rekha Gupta later held roadside encroachments responsible for the incident.

The boy was on the bike with a friend, also a minor, police said. The victim lived with his parents in a jhuggi in Haiderpur's Ambedkar Nagar. He was not wearing a helmet, DCP (northwest) Akanksha Yadav said. A case has been registered.

Expressing grief over the death, CM, who represents the area in the assembly, blamed roadside encroachments for worsening traffic conditions and increasing accident risks. Encroachments disrupt traffic movement despite infrastructure upgrades, she said, adding that a similar incident had claimed the life of a five-year-old earlier.

Citing a recent order of Delhi High Court, Gupta said over 140 illegal constructions on Road no. 320 would be removed. An underpass from Azadpur to Outer Ring Road near Mukarba Chowk had failed to ease congestion due to these encroachments, she added.

In another incident, an auto driver was injured while three passengers escaped unhurt after a car allegedly rammed the three-wheeler in east Delhi's Shakarpur.

Bomb Threat at Rohini Metro Triggers Security Sweep; Man Found Dead at Inderlok Station in Separate Incident

New Delhi, (GNS): A bomb threat was received at Rohini Sector 18 Metro Station on Saturday. Following the alert, bomb disposal squad and bomb detection team, along with CISF personnel, rushed to the spot and conducted an inspection of the metro station premises. However, nothing suspicious was found. A DMRC official said there has been no impact on the metro service.

In a separate incident, a body was recovered from the ladies' toilet at Inderlok Metro Station. The toilet was found locked from inside, following which the door was broken open. Police suspect that the deceased may have been the caretaker of the washroom facility.

'YouTuber signed for Bollywood biopic': How Salim Khan became 'ex-Muslim Salim Wastik'

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police's crime branch has arrested a prominent YouTuber for murdering a 13-year-old boy after kidnapping him for ransom 31 years ago. On the run after jumping bail in 2000, Salim Khan became Salim Wastik and courted fame and danger with his views on Islam and national security on YouTube. Police said Salim was even signed for a Bollywood biopic recently.

It was fame that landed 'ex-Muslim Salim Wastik' in the police net: a head constable supplied the valuable tip and a team tracking parole-jumpers put the pieces together with some old photos of Salim's.

The YouTuber had a brush with police this Feb when he was stabbed by two brothers at his office in Loni, Ghaziabad. Salim suffered multiple wounds to the neck and abdomen. Police identified the attackers as "fanatics"



outraged by his religious commentary. In the following weeks, both attackers were gunned down in encounters, while UP police provided Salim with personal security officers.

By the time Salim recovered from his injuries, the crime branch had connected

the dots and moved in to arrest him, ending a chase that began 26 years ago.

It was on Jan 20, 1995 that Sandeep Bansal, the son of a cement businessman in the city, disappeared on his way to second-shift classes at Ramjas School in Daryaganj. Murder accused vanished

after getting interim bail. The following day, his father, Sita Ram, received ransom demands totaling Rs 30,000, with instructions to leave the cash on a bus headed towards Baghpat. The family complied, but the boy never returned.

Police suspicion fell on Salim Khan, a martial arts instructor at Sandeep's school. After a neighbour reported seeing the child leave in a rickshaw with a tall male known as 'Masterji', police confronted Salim. Under interrogation, Salim confessed and led investigators to a drain in Mustafabad, where Sandeep's body was recovered. His accomplice, a man named Anil, later surrendered and was found to have planned the kidnapping for money. In 1997, both men were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The trajectory of the case shifted in 2000 when Delhi High Court granted Salim

interim bail. He vanished. To deceive law enforcement, he reportedly declared himself dead and assumed the new identity of 'Salim Ahmed', eventually adopting the moniker 'Salim Wastik'.

For the next two decades, he evaded capture by moving across Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, working as an almirah maker and later opening a ladies' clothing shop in Loni, Ghaziabad. Once he became a YouTuber with a considerable following, he came on the police radar.

"A team led by inspector Robin Tyagi and supervised by ACP Sanjay Kumar Nagpal was tasked with tracking long-term parole jumpers. Acting on secret information provided by head constable Mintu Yadav, the team utilised fingerprints and old photographs to confirm that the famous 'Ex-Muslim Salim Wastik' was, in fact, the fugitive Salim Khan," said DCP (crime) Sanjeev Yadav.

Delhi IRS officer daughter's rape-murder: Accused made to retrace footsteps

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police on Saturday took the former domestic worker to the home of the senior bureaucrat in southeast Delhi to recreate the crime scene, where he allegedly raped and killed the officer's daughter.

The accused was brought to the house around 10am. Security arrangements were tightened in the area and barricades were placed to restrict access. Family members were not present during the reconstruction.

The exercise lasted approximately three hours, during which the accused described how he had entered the flat and outlined the sequence of events on the premises, including movements within the house towards an electronic safe, said sources. He allegedly did not show any remorse.

Investigators had earlier recovered CCTV footage showing the accused leaving the premises while appearing to be on a phone call.



However, a senior officer said call records did not indicate that any call was made. He added that the accused might have pretended to be on a call to avoid drawing attention as people in the neighbourhood knew him.

Police also traced the accused's mobile phone to a shop in Rajasthan's Rajgarh. According to officers, the device was sold there to meet travel expenses. The shopkeeper confirmed that the phone was also bought from

his store. Police have sent the device for forensic examination to recover any deleted data and assist in establishing a clearer timeline.

During questioning, the accused allegedly told investigators that he had planned to travel to his hometown in Rajgarh after the incident and intended to hand over the money and valuables to his family. Police indicated that the motive being examined included both theft and sexual assault.

Man tries to chop off confectioner's hands over payment dispute in southwest Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): A 32-year-old confectioner and tent service provider was grievously injured after a customer allegedly tried to chop off his hands with a grinder over a payment dispute in southwest Delhi's Vijay Enclave on Friday. The accused has been arrested, while two of his minor associates have been detained.

Police received a PCR call around 8.30pm and rushed to the spot under the Dabri police station limits, where the injured man, Lokesh Gupta, was found bleeding.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that Gupta had been hired by a local milk supplier, Ajay Pal (53), to provide catering and tent services for his daughter's wedding last Monday for Rs 2.5 lakh. About Rs 2 lakh was allegedly pending, and Gupta approached Pal on Friday to collect the amount.

During the meeting, the two reportedly got into a heated argument after Pal

refused to pay, claiming that the delivery had been delayed. "During the quarrel, Pal and his associates allegedly attempted to cut off both of Gupta's hands using a grinder," said DCP (Dwarka) Kushal Pal Singh.

Gupta was first taken to a nearby medical facility and later referred to AIIMS for further treatment. Police collected evidence from the spot and recorded the victim's statement. Medical examination confirmed grievous injuries caused by a sharp weapon.

A police officer said one of Gupta's hands was seriously injured, but he managed to prevent the grinder from cutting through the bone.

An FIR has been registered under Sections 118 (voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt by dangerous weapons or means), 127 (wrongful confinement) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Legendary photographer Raghu Rai passes away at 83

New Delhi, (GNS): Raghu Rai, one of India's most celebrated photographers who captured the country's many shades through his lens, passed away at a private hospital here in the early hours of Sunday. He was 83.

"Dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer two years ago but he was cured. Then it spread to the stomach, that too was cured. Recently, the cancer spread to his brain and then there were age-related issues too," Nitin Rai, photographer and Rai's son, told PTI.

He is survived by his wife, Gurmeet, son Nitin, and daughters Lagan, Avani and Purvai.

The last rites will be performed at the Lodhi Crematorium at 4 pm on Sunday.

Born on December 18, 1942, in



Jhang, Punjab (now in Pakistan), Rai trained as a civil engineer and took up photography at the age of 23 before joining The Statesman as its chief photographer in 1966.

From that point on, his life was

anything but a blur, as the next six decades of Rai's career stand as a testament to the many moments that shaped India's socio-political landscape.

A protégé of Henri Cartier-Bresson, the prolific photogra-

pher documented some of the most poignant events in modern Indian history, including the 1972 Bangladesh refugee crisis and the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy.

He also captured India's social, political and spiritual dimensions through portraits of leading figures such as Indira Gandhi, the Dalai Lama, Mother Teresa, Satyajit Ray, Hariprasad Chaurasia and Bismillah Khan, offering rare and intimate perspectives into their lives.

More than what made news on a daily basis, Rai's camera captured the ordinary, the everyman, with equal, if not more, sensibility and sensitivity. The mundane was made extraordinary, often in the black and white, as if trying to soften the edges of life's ruggedness.

During his long and distinguished career, Rai worked with leading Indian magazines Sunday and India Today. Over the years, his photo essays were featured in renowned international publications, including Time, Life, The New York Times, The Independent and The New Yorker.

He served three times on the jury of the World Press Photo and twice on UNESCO's International Photo Contest jury. According to Magnum Photos, he was nominated to join the agency by Henri Cartier-Bresson in 1977.

Rai was awarded the Padma Shri in 1972 for his coverage of the Bangladesh war and its aftermath, among several other national and international hon-

ours. He also received the Photographer of the Year award in the United States for his photo essay Human Management of Wildlife in India, published in National Geographic.

The French government conferred him with the Officier des Arts et des Lettres in 2009.

Rai also left behind a large number of books, including "Raghu Rai's India: Reflections in Colour and Reflections in Black and White" and "Exposure: Portrait Of A Corporate Crime".

According to the Raghu Rai Foundation, established in 2010 and housing an archive of over 50,000 of his images, he was working on his 57th book.

Transformer fire in Laxmi Nagar HC upholds 15 year leaves 14 flats gutted, 50 escape jail for stepdad

New Delhi, (GNS): Around 50 people had a narrow escape after a massive blaze engulfed three buildings housing 14 flats in east Delhi's Laxmi Nagar in the early hours of Saturday. The fire is suspected to have originated in an electrical transformer mounted on a pole.

Residents said sparks were first noticed around 12.30 am, prompting them to raise an alarm, alert the Delhi Fire Service (DFS) and evacuate before the situation escalated into multiple transformer explosions. The fire department received a call around 12.45 am, following which seven tenders with about 42 firefighters were dispatched to the spot. The blaze was brought under control by 2.30 am.

A resident, Dolly, 50, said she and her husband managed



to escape in the initial minutes. "An elderly woman living above us had to wait on the terrace until officials rescued her," she said. The DFS said 14 people were rescued from the buildings.

Kajal, 30, a lab technician, pointed to her elderly father-in-law sitting near a soot-blackened wall and the melted remains of an air conditioner.

"We somehow evacuated both senior citizens along with two children, including a 14-month-old, in the middle of the night," she said, adding that the building has only one entry and exit.

Residents said sparking incidents were not uncommon in the area, but automatic shut-off systems in transformers usually prevented fires

from spreading. Bachu Paswan, 61, recalled a smaller fire at the same spot around three years ago.

The locality is marked by a dense network of overhead wires running through narrow lanes. Media observed several electricity poles leaning under the weight of transformers and cables. "Less than a week ago, BSES carried out some work here. We believe the safety mechanism failed because of that," alleged Kajal, opposing the reinstallation of the transformer at the same location.

BSES, however, said the fire was triggered by sparking in an air cooler at a nearby house, with flames spreading through telecom and fibre cables before reaching electric lines. "The power supply tripped immediately from the grid end as per the protection system," a spokesperson said.

New Delhi, (GNS): A man who raped and molested his minor stepdaughters will serve out the 15-year prison term handed by a trial court, Delhi High Court has said.

Dismissing the appeal of the stepfather, the high court lamented the suffering both the girls had to undergo and noted that one of the children passed away after he forcibly brought her home from hospital where she was undergoing treatment.

"Tragic and unfortunate would be belittling the trauma undergone by the victims... at the hands of their step-father. The man in whom they, as children, were supposed to find comfort, solace and security, turned out to be the perpetrator of sexual assault. To add salt to the injury, their biological mother also seemingly acquiesced to the trauma... as she kept quiet or did not take the requisite measures to save the children," Justice VK Yadav said.

While police had prosecuted the



mother too for not reporting sexual assaults, the trial court acquitted her.

The high court noted that seemingly "she was torn between the devil and the deep sea".

Upholding the trial court's verdict, the high court noted that the "testimony of the victims, more particularly of victim 'K' is credible and trustworthy being free from any sort of embellishment or mix up, so far as narration of events is concerned and in any case, corroboration also is there".

PM meets SRCC governing body

New Delhi, (GNS): A delegation from the Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) met the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking a key moment in the institution's centenary year, with a commemorative stamp released to honour its legacy.

The PM shared details of the meeting on his X account, stating that he met a delegation consisting of the governing body of the Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), describing it as one of India's most reputed educational institutions. The interaction comes as the college completes 100 years, placing the focus on its long-standing role in higher education.

"This year, we are marking the centenary of this institution. A commemorative stamp was released too," the Prime Minister said in his post, indicating that the milestone is being formally recognised. The release of the stamp forms part of the centenary observances linked to the institution's history and contributions.



The meeting brought together members of the governing body, though specific details of the discussions were not outlined. The Prime Minister extended his message to the institution, adding, "My best wishes to this institution."

The development places Shri Ram College of Commerce's centenary within a broader national acknowledgment, with the Prime Minister's engagement and the release of a commemorative stamp underscoring the occasion.

Over 140 illegal constructions to be removed following HC order in Shalimar Bagh: CM

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday expressed deep grief over the death of a minor in a road accident that took place in the Shalimar Bagh area, stating that if there had been no encroachments along the roadside in this area, traffic would have moved smoothly and the chances of such accidents and loss of life and property would have been reduced.

Gupta said that recently the Delhi High Court had issued directions to remove more than 140 illegal units located on Road No. 320 in the area. A major underpass has also been constructed here by the Delhi Government through which traffic coming from Azadpur will pass via this road and underpass and directly reach the Outer Ring Road near Mukarba Chowk, she mentioned.

The CM further mentioned that there are two major hospitals, several educational institutions and police establishments in this area, due to which traffic pressure remains high. Due to the encroachments, not only local residents but vehicles and pedestrians passing through this area have been facing considerable inconvenience for a long time.

She said about two months ago, a five-year-old girl had also lost her life after being hit by a speeding dumper in the same area, which reflects the serious condition of traffic management in this locality. The CM further said that these encroachments were made on government land during the tenure of the previous government, due to which traffic has been obstructed for a long time and people have been facing great difficulty in commuting.



A Smarter City: ITMS integration, 96 VMS boards to better Delhi's traffic management

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police has installed variable message sign (VMS) displays at 96 locations, which will provide congestion-related alerts to commuters. The traffic police is in the process of integrating VMS with the soon-to-be rolled-out Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS). VMS is a digital roadside display system that communicates live information to motorists, including traffic flow updates and incidents. ITMS will generate alerts in case of accidents or congestion. Once approved by the control room, messages will be displayed on VMS in the affected area, advising commuters to avoid the stretch, officers said on Saturday.



ITMS will also be integrated with Safe City Project for shared camera feeds and will connect with National Highways Authority of India's system for alerts and enforcement. The system will share infrastructure with Safe City and ERSS-112

during emergencies to ensure coordinated response.

Touted as a major upgrade for Delhi's congested traffic network, ITMS aims at improving real-time traffic monitoring. The Rs 2,101.4-crore project will be executed

over two years in three phases, once an approval from central govt is granted. The first phase will cover five corridors, followed by seven in the second phase and 30 in the last one.

Delhi has around 1.5 crore registered vehicles, 8.1 lakhs of them added in 2025. Adding to the pressure, nearly 11 lakh vehicles enter and exit Delhi daily from the rest of National Capital Region. The city's road infrastructure includes approximately 1,800km of arterial roads and a total network of about 16,000km.

According to officers, ITMS will enable enforcement of at least 20 categories of traffic violations, including automatic numberplate recognition, wrong way and illegal

parking. It will also include advanced features such as tracking stolen vehicles, identifying hit-and-run cases, detecting repeat traffic offenders, and monitoring hotlisted and overage vehicles, assisting not only traffic police but also district police in crime detection and investigation.

For traffic regulation and management, the system will assist police in handling vehicle breakdowns, debris on roads, accident detection, monitoring VIP movements and managing route diversions. During emergencies, it will also help ensure smooth and priority movement of ambulances and disaster response vehicles by monitoring and clearing routes.

RML Hospital starts heat stroke ward

New Delhi, (GNS): Amid the ongoing heatwave in Delhi and a yellow alert issued by the Weather Department, Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital has activated a dedicated ward to treat heat stroke patients as the authorities prepare for a possible rise in cases.

The Capital has been witnessing continuous heatwave conditions over the past few days, raising concerns over prolonged exposure to high temperatures. Doctors warn that stepping out and working for long hours in such conditions can lead to heat stroke, a serious and potentially fatal condition.

In response, the hospital has, for the second consecutive year, set up a specialised heat stroke ward. This year, the ward is being headed by Dr Ajay Chauhan. He said two beds have been reserved for primary treatment, and large water tubs have been installed as part of

the emergency response protocol.

Explaining the treatment process, Dr Chauhan said as soon as a patient arrives, he/she is immersed in a tub containing 150 kg of water mixed with 50 kg of ice, bringing the temperature down to around five degrees Celsius. This is done to rapidly reduce body temperature before further treatment is administered on a bed. Once the patient stabilises, he/she is shifted to the emergency ward for continued care.

Dr Chauhan said no heat stroke cases have been reported in the ward so far this season.

Doctors emphasise that heat stroke remains a severe condition, with a mortality risk of 60 to 80 per cent, if treatment is delayed. Data from 2024 underlines the risk. The ward recorded 75 cases that year, of which 27 patients died.

Crop residue norms: NGT gives conditional stay to four power plants fined by CAQM

New Delhi, (GNS): After the CAQM imposed Rs 61 crore fine on six thermal power plants within 300-km radius of Delhi for failing to co-fire crop residue as mandated by 2023 rules, four of them got conditional stay on around Rs 54 crore environmental compensation (EC) from the National Green Tribunal. Co-firing of crop residue is the process of burning agricultural waste (like straw) together with conventional fuels such as coal in power plants to generate energy.

In separate orders dated April 24, the tribunal granted conditional stay to three power plants - Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant in Haryana (Rs 6.7 crore), Rajiv Gandhi Thermal Power Plant in Haryana (Rs 5.6 crore) and Panipat Thermal Power Station (Rs 9 crore). Earlier, on April 13, the tribunal granted similar con-

ditional relief to Talwandi Sabo Power Limited in Punjab against an EC of Rs 33 crore.

As reported by Media, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) imposed environmental compensation of Rs 61 crore on six thermal power plants for non-compliance with statutory provisions mandating the use of a 5% blend of pellets or briquettes made from paddy straw along with coal.

The Environment (Utilisation of Crop Residue by Thermal Power Plants) Rules, 2023 require all coal-based thermal power plants to co-fire a minimum 5% blend of biomass pellets or briquettes derived from crop residue. For the financial year 2024-25, a minimum co-firing threshold of more than 3% was prescribed to avoid the imposition of environmental com-

ensation. The CAQM said the rules were notified to promote ex-situ management of paddy straw, reduce incidents of stubble burning and mitigate air pollution in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas.

Before the tribunal, the power plants argued that compliance was not feasible due to a shortage of torrefied biomass pellets. They contended that the CAQM failed to account for the practical difficulties in meeting the prescribed norms as torrefied pellets were not adequately available.

The CAQM, however, submitted that the availability of torrefied or non-torrefied biomass pellets in the NCR was 564 tonnes per day, while utilisation by the appellants during 2024-25 was significantly lower.

Delhi notifies Societies Registration (Amendment) Act



New Delhi, (GNS): The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has officially notified the Societies Registration (Delhi Amendment) Act, 2026, bringing a key change to the regulatory framework governing registered societies in the Capital.

The legislation was passed by the Delhi Legislative Assembly on March 27, 2026, received the assent of the Lieutenant Governor on April 23 and was published in the official gazette on Friday for general information.

The amendment introduces a new Section 12-D into the existing Societies Registration Act, 1860, as applicable to Delhi. This provision empowers the Registrar to cancel the registration of a society under clearly defined conditions.

As per the notified law, registration can be cancelled if it is found that the society's registration or its name violates the provisions of the Act or any other law in force. Action can also be taken if the activities of the society are found to be against its stated objectives or contrary to public policy. Further, cases where registration or renewal certificates have been obtained through misrepresentation or fraud are also covered under the new provision.

The amendment mandates due process before any cancellation. No order for cancellation can be passed without giving the society concerned a reasonable opportunity to respond. This includes allowing the society to modify its name or objectives or to present its case against the proposed action.

The Act further lays down a clear appellate mechanism. Any society aggrieved by an order of cancellation can file an appeal before the Divisional Commissioner within one month from the date of communication of the order. The decision of the Commissioner will be final, and the law specifies that it cannot be challenged in any court.

The amendment is seen as a measure to strengthen compliance and ensure that societies function within the legal framework and in alignment with their declared objectives, while also incorporating safeguards to prevent arbitrary action.