



32 People died due to rain, storm and hailstorm in several states of the country

New Delhi (GNS): Thunderstorms, rain, and hailstorms in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Bihar, and Jharkhand caused temperatures to drop by 3-5 degrees. On Thursday, 17 people died in Uttar Pradesh due to thunderstorms and hailstorms over the past two days. Five people also died in Bihar. The death toll in separate incidents during heavy rain and thunderstorms in Bengaluru, Karnataka, has now risen to 10. On Thursday, a glacier broke off from a mountain in Churah, Chamba district,



Himachal Pradesh. Workers and laborers clearing snow from the road escaped by fleeing. However, there was no

country on Thursday, recording a temperature of 44.6 degrees Celsius. Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan recorded temperatures of 44 degrees Celsius. According to the Meteorological Department, on Saturday, May 2, there will be heat wave in Rajasthan bordering Pakistan. Along with this, there is also an alert of thunderstorm and rain. There is a yellow alert of thunderstorm and rain in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand, Bengal, South Karnataka.

India's first 'barrierless' toll plaza inaugurated in Surat, Gujarat

Surat(GNS): The country's first 'barrierless' toll plaza was inaugurated on Friday in the industrial city of Surat, Gujarat. After the implementation of the new toll system, motorists will no longer need to stand in long queues at the barriers to pay toll tax.



Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the launch of India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling system at the Choryasi toll plaza on the Surat-Bharuch section of National Highway-48 in Gujarat. According to a central government release, this modern system was being tested by the National Highways Authority of India at the Choryasi toll plaza near Kamrej, located between Surat and Bharuch on the Mumbai-Delhi Highway (NH-48), for the last two months and after its success, it has been fully launched. This system is based on Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) technology. High-resolution cameras installed along the highway will scan the number plates of passing vehicles, and the toll amount will be automatically deducted from the account linked to the Fastag. The entire process will be completely contactless and automated.

Under this new system, drivers will be able to cross toll plazas at speeds of approximately 80 km per hour without stopping. According to NHAI, this will save the country approximately 1,500 crore in fuel annually and reduce traffic congestion at busy toll plazas like Kamrej and Choryasi. If a vehicle does not have a Fastag, the cameras will scan the number plate and generate a digital invoice, which will then collect the toll along with the penalty. Regardless of the speed at which vehicles pass, their data will be instantly transmitted to a central server and verified.

The central government aims to equip more than 1,050 toll plazas across the country with an AI-based "multi-lane free flow system" by the end of 2026, making travel more convenient and environmentally beneficial.

Buddha relic exhibition inaugurated in Ladakh

Amit Shah said: the message of peace and coexistence is more relevant

Leh,(GNS): On the occasion of Buddha Purnima, in the inauguration program of the first national exhibition of the sacred relics of Lord Tathagata Buddha in Ladakh, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that the arrival of these relics in Ladakh after 75 years is a historic and fortunate moment, which gives the message of peace, coexistence and middle path to the entire humanity. Indian civilization has been based on knowledge and compassion for thousands of years and today the relevance of Buddha's message has increased more than ever before. The event, held at the religious venue, Jiwetsal Ground, was attended by Ladakh Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena, Ladakh Buddhist Association President Tsering Dorje Lakruk, Ladakh Gonpa Association President Dorje Stanzin, Rinpoche Kyabje Drukpa Thuksey, and Dr. Lobzang Tsewang, along with several prominent religious leaders and spiritual gurus from the Buddhist community. The event included traditional Lama recitations, Tsog offerings, lamp light-



ing, and viewings of sacred relics. Tibetan cultural programs, devotional songs, and Ladakhi folk dances were also presented, showcasing the region's rich cultural heritage. Amit Shah said that Siddhartha was born in Lumbini in 563 BC. After attaining enlightenment, he became known as Tathagata Buddha, and attained Mahaparinirvana in Kushinagar at the age of 80. Such coincidences are rare in history: birth, enlightenment, and death all occurring on the same day. This makes the life and message of the Buddha even more special. He said that when the Buddha's

relics were brought here 75 years ago, basic facilities may have been limited, but today, amidst developed infrastructure, the arrival of these relics symbolizes a new era. This day is a special day of good fortune for the people of Ladakh and a moment of historic reunion, when the memories of the Tathagata Buddha are being reconnected with this land. Amit Shah said that Ladakh has been the land of the Buddha's Dhamma, and his teachings have been preserved and promoted here for centuries. When the Dalai Lama visits here, he describes this land as a living laboratory of Buddhist culture and compassion. This region has pre-

served the Buddha's wisdom in difficult times and promoted it in favorable times. Referring to Buddhist traditions like the Nyingma, Kagyu, Sakya, and Gelug, he said that the core message of traditions like the Nyingma, Kagyu, Sakya, and Gelug is to see things as they are. This approach is extremely important in the current global situation, when the world is facing conflict and instability. The Home Minister said that the presence of these sacred relics in Ladakh is a reminder that India's civilization is based on the values of peace and coexistence. Even in times of war and conflict, only the path of peace can move humanity forward, and this is the message of the Buddha. He said that Emperor Ashoka's emissaries spread Buddhism to Ladakh via the routes from Kashmir to Tibet. Furthermore, the Silk Route made the region a major hub for trade and the exchange of ideas. Even today, wherever Buddhist traditions exist in the world, the knowledge associated with Ladakh is given special importance.

6 killed in road accident in Hyderabad's Shamshabad

Hyderabad(GNS): Six people were killed in an accident on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) in Shamshabad area of Hyderabad, Telangana. Local police have confirmed this.

According to police, the accident occurred near ORR Exit Gate No. 16. A car hit a lorry parked on the roadside from behind.

The car stuck in the rear of the lorry was pulled out with the help of a crane. Police reached the spot and started relief and rescue operations. The deceased include two women and two children. The deceased are being identified. According to preliminary information, all those who lost their lives were residents of Rajanna Sircilla district.



Nine bodies found so far in MP cruise ship accident

Mother found clutching 4-year-old son in Jabalpur; 4 missing, including 3 children

Jabalpur(GNS): A tourism department cruise ship sank at Bargi Dam in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, around 5 p.m. Thursday due to a sudden storm. Nine bodies have been recovered so far.

According to the administration, 28 people have been rescued. Four people, including three children, are missing. It is reported that there were approximately 43 to 47 tourists on the cruise at the time of the accident. Tickets were issued for only 29 people. The accident occurred about 300 meters from shore, and winds were 74 kilometers per hour when the cruise ship sank. According to Bargi City CSP Anjul Mishra, the SDRF rescued several people, but darkness and bad weather hampered rescue operations. 2 lakh rupees each to the next of kin of the deceased and 50,000 rupees to the injured Prime Minister



Narendra Modi expressed grief over the accident. He announced an ex-gratia of 2 lakh each to the families of the deceased and 50,000 each to the injured from the Prime Minister's Relief Fund.

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has ordered an investigation into the accident. In the evening, he visited the scene and met with survivors. Meanwhile, State Tourism Minister Dharmendra Lodhi has arrived in Jabalpur, but his surprising statement has come to light. In response to a question, he said, "There is a ban on petrol and diesel boats in the Narmada."

Commercial gas cylinders costlier by up to 994



Claim: Epstein wrote a suicide note before dying: Sealed in court for 7 years, even investigating agencies haven't found this crucial evidence

New York(GNS): ex offender Jeffrey Epstein is claimed to have written a suicide note before his death. This alleged suicide note has been under seal in a New York court for nearly seven years, and as a result, it has not been released to the public.

According to a New York Times report, agencies investigating Epstein's death have so far failed to find this crucial piece of evidence. If the note was indeed written by Epstein, it could

Claim: Epstein wrote a suicide note before dying:



provide crucial insight into his mental state. According to the report, the note was found by Epstein's fellow inmate, Nicholas Tartaglione, in July 2019. At the time, Epstein was found unconscious in the prison with a cloth tied around his neck. He survived the incident, but

died in prison a few weeks later in what medical officials ruled a suicide.

Written in the note - now it is time to say goodbye. According to Tartaglione, the note stated that investigative agencies had investigated Epstein for months but found nothing. It also said, "What do you want me to do? Should I cry? It's time to say goodbye."

However, the US Justice Department says they do not have the note, so they cannot confirm it.

Humanity Trapped on Paper: In which direction are we and our society headed?

Sunil Kumar Mahala

There was a time when humanity wasn't just a word, but the very foundation of life. There were people to lend a helping hand in times of sorrow, systems possessed sensitivity, and the ability to understand human suffering behind the rules. However, it's not as if humanity has completely vanished today. Humanity is still alive, and we see many examples of this every day. Simply put, humanity hasn't completely vanished, but some incidents make us realize that humanity has been marginalized over time—weakened, wounded, and nearly dying.

In fact, a recent incident in Odisha's Keonjhar district shook the entire society to its core. This wasn't just any news, but a resounding blow to our system, our sensibilities, and our claims of development.

Jitu Munda, a young tribal youth

from Diyanali village in Odisha—who already lacked much in life—had now lost his sister. His sister, Kalra Munda, who had saved 19,300 rupees with great difficulty by selling cattle, had passed away some time ago. For that poor family, that savings was now their last hope. But standing between hope and reality was a ruthless system. A system that only knows how to play the game of paperwork.

According to available information, tribal Jitu visited the bank several times. He made numerous trips, but each time he explained his plight, each time he pleaded with the bank staff/officials to return his deposit, each time he tried to explain his reality. But each time, he was met with a mountain of paperwork, a wall of regulations, and a listless response: "Bring the account holder... Bring your sister's death certificate..."

The question here wasn't whether

the rules were wrong. It's true that rules are rules, and they should be, for the system to function properly. But the question was: had the person behind those rules completely disappeared? Expecting an uneducated, poor tribal youth to immediately obtain a death certificate—isn't that a blind eye to the ground reality? Is this a reflection of the India where every citizen is promised equal opportunity and support? When every door was closed for Jeetu, when all his hopes were dashed, Jeetu did something that makes the soul tremble at the mere thought of it. According to media reports, he dug up his sister's grave, retrieved her skeleton, placed it on his shoulders, and walked nearly three kilometers to the bank—just to prove that his sister was truly dead. Imagine what must have been going through his mind as he walked that path? What must have been going through his

mind? Wouldn't he have been cursing the system? Today, people are capable of so many things with fake documents, and we read about fraud every day. The question arises: is it necessary to simply fill the paperwork to keep the system running? The question also arises: can any rule, any process, understand that pain, that humiliation, that helplessness? After tribal Jeetu brought his sister's skeleton to the bank on his shoulders, chaos erupted, the police were called, and later, help was assured. But couldn't this have been possible earlier? Shouldn't Jeetu have been asked about his problem earlier? Or shouldn't he have been helped with his problem earlier? Why did the system become complacent only later? The question is, can this help (assurance of help) by the bank compensate for the humiliation, the mental trauma, and the inhuman conditions that Jeetu endured? Today, we

proudly proclaim that we are building a Digital India, living in the age of AI, and are among the world's largest economies. We will realize the dream of a developed India by 2047. But has this development reached the individual who had to carry his sister's skeleton to get his rightful 19,300 rupees? It wouldn't be wrong to say that this incident from Odisha isn't just about one individual. It's the story of the chasm that's growing deeper and deeper between India and Bharat. The truth is that this incident forces us to reflect on the fact that the problem isn't just corruption or the complexities of rules, but rather a mindset where the system has become about the system, not about humans. We need a change where rules are accompanied by human conscience, processes are accompanied by sensitivity, and, most importantly, humanity is alive within every official.

Editorial

Battle in West Bengal over exit polls

The West Bengal Assembly elections have seen constant conflict between the Election Commission, the Bharatiya Janata Party, and the TMC, from the SIR to the voting itself. The manner in which the Election Commission is conducting the elections in West Bengal is being discussed throughout India. Furthermore, the way the voters and the TMC are fighting their battles in the High Court, Supreme Court, and Tribunals regarding the West Bengal elections is unprecedented. For the first time in West Bengal, the Election Commission removed over 10 million voters from the electoral rolls in the name of logical discrepancies. Subsequently, despite subsequent battles in the High Court and Supreme Court, 6.2 million voters still have not been granted the right to vote. This has led to tensions between voters and political parties in West Bengal for the past several months. The TMC has repeatedly had to fight in the High Court and Supreme Court over the new rules being enacted by the Election Commission. The judiciary's reluctance to intervene in the Election Commission's case has prevented the TMC from receiving the relief it should have received from the judiciary. Instead, the judiciary, under the Supreme Court's order, established a tribunal to examine voter documents, deputing judicial officers. Even then, voters were deprived of their right to vote. This has never happened before in West Bengal. The remaining gap appears to be being filled through exit polls. National channels and some survey agencies have projected the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to form a government in West Bengal. The exit polls claimed the BJP would win 190 seats, which contradicts ground reality. Two Bengali channels in West Bengal also conducted exit polls, projecting 161 seats for the TMC, 71 for the BJP, and a close contest in 49 seats. The Anandabazar Patrika group's Bengali news channel predicted the TMC to win 177 to 187 seats, while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) predicted 100 seats. The sharp discrepancy between exit polls and the fact that these polls are contrary to ground reality has sparked a heated debate in West Bengal.

Historic bumper voting in West Bengal

Khela Hobe vs Parivartan Hobe

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

-Likely to determine the future direction of Indian politics - May 4, 2026 will be the political conclusion of a story that has been written for months
Over 92 percent voter turnout in West Bengal is no ordinary event; this election is not just a formality but has become a defining moment for the people.
High voter turnout is a result of anti-incumbency; BJP gains, pro-incumbency mobilization; TMC may retain power; popularity of local candidates; regional issues and last-minute voter turnout likely to play a decisive role

Globally, the West Bengal election has become more than just a state election; it has become a laboratory for India's democratic politics, federal structure, ideological conflict, and electoral strategies, a subject that is being keenly watched not only by the entire country but also by global political analysts. With both phases of voting completed with unprecedented enthusiasm and high voter turnout, it itself signals that the voting in West Bengal has concluded. Now, the wait is only for May 4th, when the results will be announced, and it will become clear whether Mamata Banerjee will return to power or whether the lotus will bloom in West Bengal this time. But before that, the exit polls that have emerged are shaking Mamata Banerjee's ground and raising the pulse of many TMC leaders. And what are some TMC leaders saying? TMC leaders are saying that the BJP creates this kind of atmosphere every time, only for it to backfire. This time, they are talking about crossing 200 in Bengal. This time, those promises will prove to be baseless, as the results on May 4th will favor the TMC. However, those in the BJP are claiming that Mamata Banerjee has been manipulated this time. On the one hand, there's growing public political participation, and on the other, there's a strong sense of dissatisfaction or support for the ruling party. Over 92 percent voter turnout in West Bengal is no ordinary event; it demonstrates that elections are no longer merely a formal process but a defining moment for the people. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that against this backdrop, debates like "revenge versus change," "vote flood," and "change of power" become not just slogans but indicators of social psychology. Historically, West Bengal has long been a center of ideological politics. Three decades of Left rule and the subsequent rise of the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) under Mamata Banerjee, both these phases show that Bengal's politics

has always been in flux. But the biggest change visible in the current elections is the unprecedented rise of the BJP, which has transformed the state's traditional bipolar politics into a triangular and now almost bipolar (TMC vs BJP) contest.

Friends, if we consider the biggest question facing India and the world, why is the entire world focused on the results of Monday, May 4, 2026? The answer lies not just in the seat arithmetic, but in the political narrative that defines India's democracy. The Bengal election will indicate whether regional parties can still retain their strongholds, or whether the expansion of national parties has now become possible in almost every state. This election is also a direct contest between PM-led national politics and regional identity politics. Internationally, it is being seen as a local versus national narrative, which is in line with an emerging trend in many democratic countries.

Friends, if we try to understand the question of revenge or change, it touches upon the most sensitive aspect of West Bengal politics. The word "revenge" refers to the culture of political violence and retaliation that has been a part of the electoral process for decades. Meanwhile, "revenge" symbolizes development, administrative reform, and a new political direction. Interestingly, this election saw relatively few incidents of widespread violence, which is being attributed to the deployment of central forces and strict monitoring. This change is reflected not only in the electoral process but also in the psychology of voters; they now clearly prioritize stability and security.

Friends, if we try to understand the bumper voter turnout of over 92 percent in both phases, the question arises: with whom did the vote flow? High voter turnout usually signals two things: either massive dissatisfaction with the ruling party, or a strong mobilization in support of the ruling party. This time, both possibilities exist in Bengal. While the TMC has maintained a strong hold on the party through its welfare schemes, women's vote bank, and rural network, the BJP has attempt-

ed to attract urban and young voters through issues of Hindutva, national security, and development, as well as organizational expansion. Exit polls have made this complex equation even more exciting. Estimates from various agencies show the BJP leading, with some even claiming a clear majority. However, the Poll of Polls points to a close contest, with the seat difference between the TMC and the BJP not being very significant. Exit polls have proven wrong many times in Indian electoral history, so they cannot be considered the final word. Nevertheless, they do indicate the political climate and the likely direction of voters. The TMC claims that these exit polls are part of a strategy to create psychological pressure. Party leaders say that the actual results will be in their favor and that the BJP's claim of crossing 200 is mere propaganda. On the other hand, the BJP's confidence reflects its belief in its performance on the ground. The slogans "Khela Hobe" versus "Parivartan Hobe" are no longer just words but represent two different political perspectives.

Friends, if we consider another important aspect of this election, it is allegations of corruption, particularly the coal scam. Political analysts believe that these allegations could play a significant role in any major upset this time. The actions of investigative agencies and the political debate surrounding them have influenced the electoral atmosphere. Furthermore, the role of professional organizations, such as IPAC, in electoral strategy has also been a topic of discussion, highlighting the importance of data-driven strategies in modern Indian elections. Another major impact of the peaceful conduct of the elections is that it has enhanced the legitimacy and credibility of the elections. India's democracy is often praised internationally for its complexity and diversity, but electoral violence has been a major issue. This relatively peaceful election has sent a message that India is further strengthening its electoral system.

Friends, if we consider the biggest question: will the exit poll data translate into actual results? The

Meditation is essential to avoid anxiety

Sanjay Goswami

Nowadays, anxiety disorders are on the rise. A person suffering from anxiety disorder is constantly afraid, feeling nervous, and their hands and feet tremble. They may experience trouble sleeping and sweat constantly. Gradually, these symptoms become so common that a person becomes a victim of anxiety disorder. Anxiety occurs whenever fear occurs. This is either due to a wrongdoing or a bad event. I don't know if this fear is simply ignorance. Fear causes a loss of judgment, and medication can make it even more dangerous. While medication

provides temporary relief, visiting a doctor can worsen the illness. Therefore, meditation is essential. I can understand what *I am* in this. There are so many people in the world who have some positive thoughts but are mostly negative, making the illness worse. Therefore, first, eliminate fear and learn to control your mind. Whatever is known or heard is through the intellect and is separate from me. The inner mind is a mixture of matter and consciousness. The entanglement of matter and consciousness is dispelled only by knowledge, and when it is, it is like the darkness of eternity being dispelled by

lighting a lamp. This is called Ritejnanannamukti. For this, meditation on Lord Rama, who is crystal clear and an ocean of mercy, and worship of the Supreme Being Rama, who is the embodiment of truth, consciousness, and bliss, is of immense importance. I have heard and read about this: In the world of physics, there is a very mysterious but completely proven truth called the observer effect. When we are not observing microscopic particles, they behave like waves of energy, spread across many places at the same time. But the most astonishing fact of science is that as soon as we try to observe or measure

them, their behavior changes instantly. In that very moment, they transform from waves to solid particles located at a fixed location. This simply means that our act of seeing or focusing determines the form of reality at the microscopic level. This is one of the most profound and proven scientific laws of our universe. In simple terms, this is called Maya. Adhiropaapavada (Adhiropa + exception = first superimposition, then exception (removal)) is the scientific method of teaching the essence of the soul in Advaita Vedanta. Teaching the true form of Brahman is the primary goal of the Acharya of

Advaita philosophy. Brahman itself is without illusion, and its knowledge cannot be acquired without the help of illusion. Advaita stops at the stage of 'adhiropa-exception'. There, experience is dismissed as 'ignorance', but it is not clarified in whose being the direct experience of doership, enjoyership, and ignorance occurs. If the support of ignorance is pure consciousness, its purity is shattered; and if not, the very existence of ignorance is disproved. To say "indescribable" is to avoid this contradiction, not to resolve it. According to Kaivalya Jnana, doership, enjoyership, and ignorance belong neither to Brahman

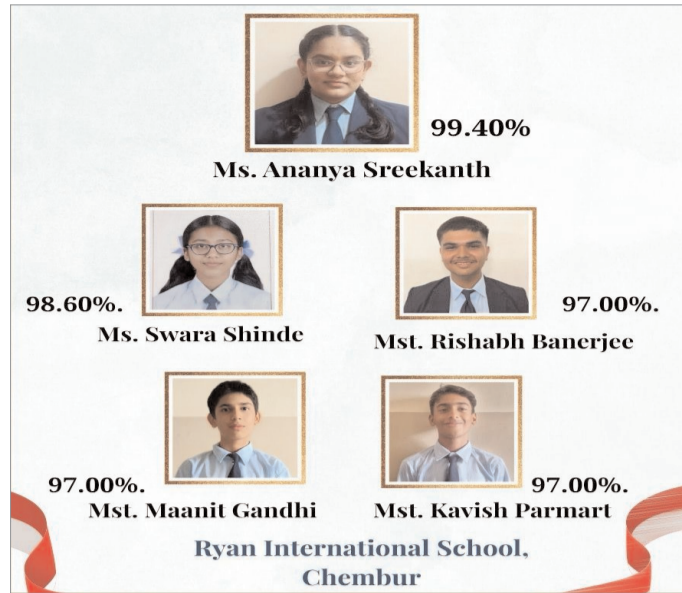
nor to false spiritual practice—they are the true tendencies of the partial state. The partial experiences "I do, I enjoy" by residing in the body-nature. Whereas the part (Kaivalakarta) is completely beyond that, the original controlling entity. Therefore, while Advaita denies distinction, Keivala Jnana reveals the basis of distinction. 'Neha Nanasti Kinchan' is a state of experience, not a final principle. Until the distinction between the experiencer, his tendencies, and the original entity is clear, the solution remains incomplete. This is the limit of Advaita, and this is where Keivala Jnana begins."

Ryan International School, Chembur once again sets new standards of academic excellence

Mumbai, 1st May. Ryan International School, Chembur, Mumbai's premier educational institution, has once again achieved remarkable success, setting new benchmarks of academic excellence thanks to the exceptional achievements of its students in the ICSE examinations for the academic year 2025-26.

Briefing this information, Mrs. Pramila Sharma, a senior teacher at Ryan International School and a well-known Mumbai literary figure, stated that Ryan International School, Chembur, achieved a 100% pass result in the Class 10th board examinations for the academic year 2025-26. The school celebrated the results with great joy upon the declaration of the results. She stated that Ryan International School, Chembur, is proud to have achieved a 100% pass

percentage in the recent examinations, marking another milestone in its journey towards academic excellence. She explained that this remarkable achievement reflects the school's unwavering commitment to holistic education, disciplined learning, and consistent academic support. Leading this group of bright and outstanding students was Ananya Sreekanth, who scored an impressive 99.40%, followed by Swara Prashant Shinde, who scored 98.60%. She added that the school is also proud of the outstanding performance of Rishabh Banerjee, Kavish Amit Parmar, and Maanit Hemal Gandhi, who each scored 97%, placing themselves among the top achievers. This overall result analysis clearly demonstrates the school's strong academic performance. She stated that a total of 14 students scored



above 95%, while 64 students scored between 85% and 94%. Additionally, 48 students achieved marks between 75% and 84%, and 15 students scored between 60% and 74%. Notably, no student scored below 60%, reflecting the institution's consistently excellent academic standards. The total number of students who took the exam was 141. She stated that this remarkable success is a strong testament to the students' dedication and hard work. It also reflects the persistent efforts of the school's highly dedicat-

ed faculty, whose guidance and mentorship played a crucial role in ensuring these successes. He believes that the continued encouragement and support from parents has further strengthened this success. She added that the success of our students is also a testament to the tireless efforts and dedication of our esteemed management team. The contributions of Chairman Dr. A.F. Pinto and Managing Director Grace Pinto have been invaluable for their visionary leadership and unwavering support in nurturing the talents of the students. The Chairman of the school, has congratulated all the students and expressed his heartfelt best wishes for their bright future. He said, "At Ryan International School, Chembur, we believe in shaping young minds not only academically but also in character and values."

Delhi CM warns pvt schools against arbitrary practices, threatens takeover by govt

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday issued a stern warning to private schools against arbitrary practices, directing them to allow parents the freedom to purchase books, uniforms and stationery from vendors of their choice. Failure to follow instructions would invite strict action, including possible government takeover, she added.

CM Gupta said all private schools must prominently display a written declaration on their notice boards, websites and in-house stores stating that parents were not bound to buy items from a single vendor. "No parent can be compelled to purchase from the school or any designated seller. Schools may suggest vendors but cannot make it mandatory for parents to buy from them," she said. Calling the issue a serious concern, Gupta emphasised that the directive was not routine and warned of the "strictest possible action" in case of



non-compliance. She added that her government was committed to ensuring transparency and reducing financial burden on parents.

Gupta said she would personally conduct surprise inspections based on complaints received from parents. "This is not symbolic. Parents have written to me to inform me where inspections should be carried out. I will visit all such places where irregularities are reported," she said, inviting further feedback from the public.

Delivery exec killed as car hits his scooter, flings him off Dabri flyover

New Delhi(GNS):

A 25-year-old delivery executive died after his scooter was hit by a car and he was flung off the Dabri Mor flyover in southwest Delhi early Thursday. The driver of the car abandoned the vehicle and fled the spot, police said.

The victim, Rajkumar, was a resident of Pathwara village in Jharkhand's Godda district. He had moved to Delhi about a week ago with his 20-year-old cousin, Mahavir, in search of work to support his family.

The accident occurred around 6.30am. A PCR call was received from Pankha Road at Dabri police station reporting that a man had fallen from the Dabri Mor flyover and required medical assistance. The injured was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he was declared dead.

"The offending vehicle, a red hatchback, was found abandoned at the spot. Based on the number plate, the owner has been identified as a resident of Dabri," said DCP (West) Darade Sharad Bhaskar.

Mahavir said Rajkumar had stepped out for tea when the incident took place. "When I woke up around 6.15 am, he wasn't in the room. I called him and he said he had gone to have tea. I told him I would join him in a bit," he said. "When I called again later, a cop answered and informed me about the accident." Rajkumar is survived by his parents, a younger brother and an elder sister. His father is a farmer in Jharkhand. "He was very hardworking. He used to work as a security guard in Bengaluru earlier. His sister had got married only recently," Mahavir said. The Dabri Mor flyover lies close to a commercial area, with shops and vegetable carts densely packed underneath. A spot visit by Media revealed that the height from which Rajkumar fell was at least 30 feet and the collision took place near the cemented crash barrier on the edge of the flyover. The barrier was at a low height and there was no upper barrier either.

There are also residential buildings in the area and the Dabri police station lying on the opposite side, along with two other adjacent flyover carriageways.

From 750m to 80m: Subway to link Delhi airport's T3 metro station with T2 by end of year

New Delhi(GNS): A pedestrian subway connecting the existing metro station of the Airport Express Line at Delhi airport's Terminal 3 with Terminal 2 is likely to be ready by the end of the year. Once completed, the subway will significantly reduce the walking distance between the two terminals from nearly 750 metres to about 80 metres. At present, passengers either walk or take a shuttle bus to cover the distance. The subway, which will be equipped with escalators, will significantly ease their problems of having to walk with luggage.

Work on the subway started in June last year. It is being



executed by Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), along with Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL). "Access to T2 from Delhi

Metro's T3 station will become seamless through the subway. It is expected to greatly improve ease of movement, save time, and provide a safe

and smooth transit experience for passengers," said a DMRC official, adding that it marks another important step in strengthening passenger-centric infrastructure at Delhi airport. A DIAL spokesperson said the modern pedestrian subway will improve last-mile connectivity for passengers travelling to and from T2. "It will enable direct access to T2 from the metro station, ensuring seamless connectivity and greater convenience for passengers," said the spokesperson. The project is being executed using the advanced box-pushing method and includes the construction of pushing and receiving shafts, entry and exit points, integration with

the existing metro station, and architectural finishing works.

"In the box-pushing method, vertical excavation or large-scale digging is not required. This method is much faster than the conventional cut-and-cover technology generally used for the construction of subways. It is being used keeping in consideration the presence of utilities and buildings in the surrounding areas, limited space availability and traffic management concerns," a DMRC official had said earlier.

The Airport Express Line is currently the fastest metro corridor in DMRC's network, with trains running at a speed of 120 kmph.

HC pulls up Delhi govt as lakhs of students yet to get textbooks

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi High Court on Thursday sought an explanation from Delhi govt over allegations that lakhs of students enrolled in its schools are yet to receive textbooks, despite earlier court rulings mandating their timely supply.

HC issued a notice on a contempt plea filed by Social Jurist, an NGO, alleging non-compliance with the earlier court directions.

Justice Sachin Datta pulled up Delhi govt's education directorate over the alleged lapse affecting the children and questioned the delay in distribution of books.

The govt counsel assured the court that the textbooks would be supplied to all students before the start of the summer vacation in the second week of May so that they have the



study material at hand before the beginning of the July session.

Recording the submission, HC said the authorities are bound by the assurance and directed that a status report be filed to this effect, posting the matter for Sept 30.

Appearing for the petitioner, advocate Ashok Agarwal submitted that despite undertakings given before the court, students of classes I to VIII have not received their textbooks even after the start of the 2026-27 academic session,

impacting their studies.

The contempt plea alleges wilful disobedience of earlier directions by HC in a PIL concerning the supply of textbooks to nearly 10 lakh students studying in these classes. According to the contempt petition, action is required against Delhi govt's education secretary, as despite assurances recorded in April 2024 and directions issued in July that year mandating the timely procurement and distribution of books and learning materials, the students have been left without textbooks weeks into the academic session that began this April 1, affecting their right to education. The petitioner argued that the delay has disrupted foundational learning and widened disparities between govt and private school students.

Maliwal: MPs sit together in House, exit talk began there

New Delhi(GNS): The defection of seven Rajya Sabha MPs from AAP to BJP last week triggered intense backlash, with the group facing accusations of "betrayal" and a U-turn in their stance against the saffron party. Speaking to Media, Swati Maliwal, who was part of the coordinated split, addressed the criticism, particularly the resurfacing of her past remarks against BJP on social media, and explained the reasons behind her decision to quit. "I have been part of movements since 2006. I was among AAP's youngest core committee members. I spent several years working for women's causes and assault survivors. When I became the chairperson of the Delhi Commission for Women (DCW), I listened to lakhs of cases. I also went on hunger strikes twice for women's laws - once for 10 days and once for 13 days," she said, recounting her



journey.

Elected an RS MP in Jan 2024, Maliwal's fallout with the party began just a few months later, in May, when she alleged that she was physically assaulted by a close aide of AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal at the latter's house - a claim she has repeated after her exit.

"When I tried to file an FIR, I was threatened," she alleged. "It's been two years since, and I was not given even one minute to speak in Parliament, even though I was the only woman MP. This shows how anti-women the party is."

Maliwal said despite the incident, she wanted to remain in the party and reform it from within. But seeing Kejriwal's close aide, whom she had accused of assault, getting "royal treatment in Punjab" only drove her away. "Over time, I realised Kejriwal does not listen," said the RS MP. According to Maliwal, AAP was against the Women's Reservation Bill, which finally sealed her decision to exit the party. "For me, that was the point where I had to put my foot down. I resigned from the party and joined BJP. I am

inspired by the PM," she said. Looking ahead, Maliwal said she views her role in BJP in modest terms. "I am a party karyakarta (worker) and will do what the party says. I am an MP who has a lot of work to do. I will learn from the party," she said. Asked how the decision was reached by the group of seven MPs to leave AAP, who contacted her to switch the party, or if she took the lead, Maliwal said that discussions among the MPs played a crucial role. "All the MPs sit together in Parliament, and it was there the discussion took place," she said. On her earlier criticism of BJP govt and the lieutenant governor during her time as the DCW chief, especially after the termination of contractual staff, Maliwal said, "I initially blamed the LG and held a press conference. But later, I was shown files that made it clear that the order came from Delhi cabinet

ministers."

Since Jan 2024, DCW has been largely non-functional and headless, when then chairperson Maliwal resigned upon being elected to RS. Underlining the need to boost women's commissions and filling up vacancies, she said, "I believe that there should be appointments, but at the same time, I have also moved a bill which would ensure more strength is given to women's commissions across India."

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3 kids drown while bathing in Dwarka Golf Course pond



New Delhi(GNS): Three children, aged between eight and 10, allegedly drowned in a pond at the Golf Course in Sector 24, Dwarka, on Thursday morning, the police said.

A PCR call regarding the incident was received at Sector 23 police station at around 7.07 am. The Station House Officer (SHO) and other police personnel immediately rushed to the site, while emergency services were also alerted, an official confirmed.

On arrival, authorities discovered that the three children had died in the pond. With assistance from the fire brigade, the bodies were retrieved from the water, the officer

added.

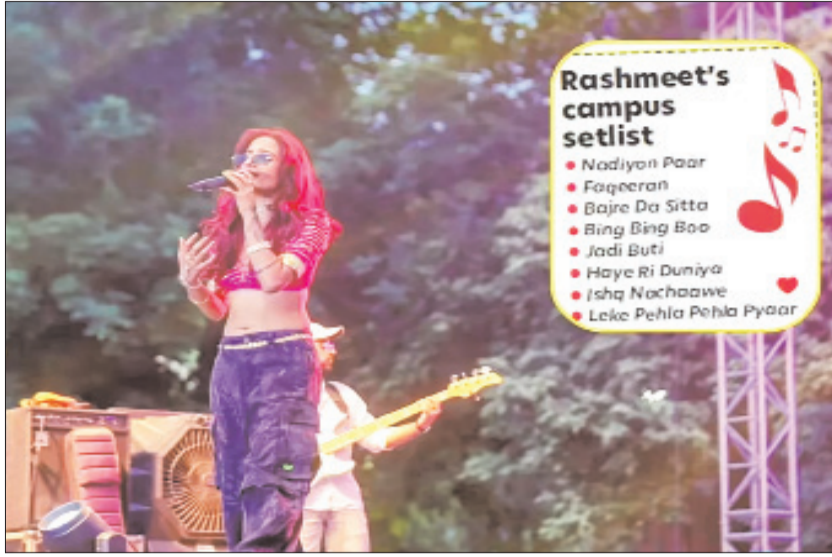
Preliminary investigations suggest that the children may have entered the pond to bathe, as their clothes were found lying nearby. It is suspected that they accidentally drowned, the official noted.

The police stated that investigation is ongoing to establish the exact circumstances of the tragedy. According to the Delhi Development Authority, the Dwarka Golf Course remains under construction. The agency has indicated that, once completed, the project will include an 18-hole golf course, a driving range, and a six-hole chip-and-putt course designed for children and young aspirants.

'North Campus ki ladki' Rashmeet gets Hindu College students grooving

New Delhi(GNS): Bringing high energy to Mecca, Hindu College's annual cultural fest, singer Rashmeet Kaur headlined the event on Saturday evening, powering through a packed campus crowd. From soulful tracks to party beats, she had the audience on their feet, with fireworks lighting up the backdrop.

'Main bhi North Campus ki hi ladki hoon': The singer opened with her popular Bajre Da Sitta remix and said, "Kaise ho? How we feeling, Hindu? Main bhi North campus ki hi ladki hoon so I get the vibe here," gaining an uproar of cheers from the crowd. Known for blending folk with contempo-



rary pop and electronic influences, she kept the energy high and interacted with students throughout.

Wearing an embroidered choli with baggy pants, the singer made a dramatic entrance with a dupatta on her

head, which she later removed during the performance. Complete with Indian jewellery, Rashmeet channelled the quintessential DU girl aesthetic. As the temperature cooled, the fest only grew louder. Students climbed onto each other's shoulders for a better view amid a crowd of thousands.

"The next song is one jisko aapne bahut pyaar diya, aur aaj main woh pyaar dene vapas aayi hoon. Can you guess the song? Chalo saath mein gaate hain," she said before launching into her highly anticipated song, Fageeran. The set, a mix of originals and reimagined covers, struck a personal note for Rashmeet. The Khalsa

College alumna later shared on Instagram that she had been unwell in the days leading up to the performance. She wrote, "North Campus... this one felt personal. Been bedridden for the last few days... but tonight, I got on that stage... And somehow, music held me together. It always does." Calling the performance 'healing', she added that the audience's energy uplifted her, "Performing in the campus where I once was a student... there's nothing more healing than that. Your energy uplifted me. Your art, your dedication, and the energy from those, who feel it - will guide you through everything. Forever grateful. Har vele shukar!" she added.

Delhi steps up dust control as mist sprayers go up at 1,160 Poles



New Delhi(GNS): Of the 2,524 electric poles identified for installing mist sprayers across the capital, work has begun at several locations, with multiple agencies together covering 1,160 poles so far, according to Delhi govt data. Public Works Department (PWD) has installed mist sprayers on 305 poles at identified pollution hotspots and plans to extend the system to Barapullah Phase III once civil works are completed. Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has fitted mist sprayers at 131 metro stations, while Delhi Airport has installed the system at 120 locations. Civic agencies are also installing mist sprayers along key stretches such as Copernicus Marg, Aurobindo Marg, Akbar Road and in the Gole Market area. Delhi environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said, "Our plan is to install the mist sprayers at the identified locations in the first phase within

Mayor reviews biomining at Bhalswa, says landfill to be flattened by Dec this year

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi's newly elected mayor Pravesh Wahi on Thursday inspected the Bhalswa landfill site to review the progress of bio-mining and bioremediation operations. He later visited the CNG biogas plant at Ghoga.

Wahi said the drive to rid Delhi of garbage mountains was ongoing, and regular site visits were being conducted to monitor the pace and quality of biomining work. "I found the biomining work satisfactory and am confident that by the end of Dec this year, the flattening of the landfill site will be completed and the legacy waste fully disposed of," the mayor said.

After the complete removal of legacy waste, a green belt will be developed at the Bhalswa landfill site, and the reclaimed land will be utilised for public welfare activities in consultation with Delhi govt, Wahi said.

The Bhalswa landfill earlier held around 73 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste. Disposal work began in Nov 2022, during which about 45 lakh metric tonnes were cleared in the first phase. The second phase started in Dec 2024, during which an additional 43.44 lakh metric tonnes of waste was processed. "At present, around 28 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste remain at the site, which is scheduled to be processed by the end of this year," Wahi said. The maximum height of the waste mound, which once stood at 65 metres, has now been reduced to around 30 metres.

Panel to review admission process in IP Univ's self-financing colleges

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi govt has constituted a five-member committee to review the functioning of self-financing colleges affiliated with Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, following repeated complaints over admission delays and alleged irregularities.

In an order issued on April 27, Directorate of Higher Education said the committee would examine the admission and affiliation framework for these colleges and recommend changes to make the system more transparent, streamlined and student-friendly.

The panel has been asked to review the recommendations of Narayanswami Committee in light of the 2016 policy guidelines and suggest reforms in affiliation, admissions and related regulatory processes. The exercise, the order notes, is aimed at aligning the system with National Education Policy 2020 and the evolving needs of higher education.

Retired IAS officer UR Kapoor will chair the committee. Its members include prof Payal Mago, director of Delhi University's School of Open Learning; Manmeet Singh Walia, joint secretary (law, justice and legislative affairs), Delhi govt; and Brig Pradeep Kumar Upmanyu (retired), former joint registrar. The director of training and technical education/higher education will serve as the convener.

The move follows scrutiny of the university's admission processes by Delhi govt's admission regulatory committee last year, when at least 90 complaints were taken up. These included allegations of missing merit lists, donation demands, delays in fee refunds and complaints related to reservation and seat conversion.

In one such case, the committee had pulled up the university over delays in fee refunds, noting that nearly Rs 50 crore was pending. The university later informed the panel that refunds had been processed for around 7,500 students.

After MCD tribunal hearing, MCD continues demolition drive in Uttam Nagar

New Delhi(GNS): Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on Thursday continued its demolition drive in Uttam Nagar, targeting illegal structures allegedly linked to individuals accused in a fatal Holi clash on March 4.

Sources said the affected parties had approached the Delhi High Court on April 13 against demolition action carried out by the civic body the same day. "The court granted a 15-day stay and directed the petitioners to approach the MCD's appellate tribunal. The family moved the tribunal on April 28 and was heard on April 29, during which the stay was vacated and MCD's action upheld. Following this,



the civic body resumed the demolition," a source said.

On Thursday, MCD took action against two properties.

"One involved a building constructed by amalgamating three plots, while the other comprised two plots-both in

violation of building norms. The action will continue to render the structures uninhabitable," an official said. He added that the area falls under a JJ cluster where the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) had allotted 25 sq yard plots, which cannot be amalgamated.

MCD officials maintained that prior notices had been served on the defaulters and said the drive was part of routine anti-encroachment action. Earlier, on March 8 and April 13, MCD had carried out demolition action against the alleged illegal encroachments linked to the main accused. Shortly after the April 13 action, the daughter

of the accused, who is currently lodged in Tihar Jail, approached the high court seeking urgent intervention. The court then directed MCD to pause the demolition for a few days and advised the petitioner to approach the appellate tribunal. The incident dates back to March 4, when a dispute allegedly triggered by a balloon being thrown from a rooftop escalated into a violent clash, resulting in the death of 26-year-old Tarun Kumar. On March 8, MCD had demolished alleged illegal encroachments linked to the main accused, including constructions over a public drain, to restore water flow, officials said.

Mercury plummets as rain & hailstorm lash parts of Delhi-NCR

New Delhi(GNS): An intense spell of rain accompanied by a thunderstorm and a dust storm hit parts of Delhi-NCR on Thursday, bringing relief from intense heat. Some areas, including east Delhi, Noida and Ghaziabad, were also lashed by a hailstorm. When the thunderstorm hit the region around noon, it instantly caused temperatures to crash. At Safdarjung, the city's base station, the mercury plummeted from nearly 40 degrees Celsius to 30°C. Ayanagar, Lodhi Road and Pragati Maidan recorded a fall of 11.7, 11 and 10.8°C, respectively. The highest drop - 17.1°C - was at Hindon in Ghaziabad.

The mercury, though, is expected to start rising from Friday, with rain unlikely for the next two days. The city may again receive some rain



from May 3 to 5.

"The eastern and northeastern parts of Delhi-NCR, including Noida and Ghaziabad, experienced a comparatively larger fall in temperature - between 14 and 17°C - because of the rain and hailstorm," said Krishna Kumar, an India Meteorological Department (IMD) scientist.

Safdarjung did not receive any rain from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, but the observatory at

Mayur Vihar logged 5.5 mm of rain. During the same period, Noida recorded 8.5 mm and Hindon received 10.5 mm of rain. Though the distribution of showers was uneven, a dust storm swept through the city. The maximum wind speed was recorded at 36 kmph at Safdarjung, 52 kmph at Pusa, 50 kmph at Noida, 48 kmph at Palam and Pitampura, 43 kmph at Lodhi Road, 41 kmph at Pragati Maidan and Jafarpur and 28 kmph at Janakpuri.

The hailstorm was limited to areas like Krishna Nagar, Bhajanpura, Maujpur, Ghonda, Usmanpur, Shashtri Park, Seelampur, Shahdara, Welcome, Delhi-Meerut Expressway, parts of Noida and Sahibabad. The maximum temperature during the day was recorded at 39.9°C, nearly a notch above normal.

Death is only way out': Rape survivor tries immolation outside Gurugram CP office

New Delhi(GNS): A rape survivor's desperate cry for justice spilled onto the streets outside the Gurugram Police Commissioner's office on Thursday, when she allegedly tried to end her life by setting herself on fire, claiming months of police inaction in her case.

Clutching a bottle of petrol and a matchbox, the woman reached the gate of the CP office and poured the fuel over herself. Policemen deployed acted promptly and prevented her from setting herself on fire, while also trying to calm her down. Moments leading up to the incident were captured in videos, now circulating on social media. Though the visuals are unclear, her screams can be distinctly heard.

In another video that the woman recorded before entering the CP's office, she said that she was raped by a man from Panipat and had lodged an FIR at Sector 51 police sta-



tion. However, even after four months, the accused had not been arrested.

"The accused is still roaming freely. His family and their goons are threatening me and my family to withdraw the case. Now death is the only way out. I am going to the CP office to commit suicide," she said in the video.

While there was no immediate comment from the police, Police Commissioner Vikas Arora could not be contacted. Later, in an official statement, Gurugram Police neither confirmed nor denied the incident, but said the accused in the case would be arrested soon.

LG reviews Yamuna Bazar revamp, seeks spiritual tourism, flood mitigation push

New Delhi(GNS): Lieutenant governor TS Sandhu on Thursday held a meeting with officials of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) to review the progress of rejuvenation and restoration works at the Yamuna Bazar and its ghats.

"Held a detailed discussion with DDA officials on the rejuvenation and restoration of the historic Yamuna Bazar and its ghats. I have instructed officials to further refine the restoration plan by integrating elements of spiritual tourism, expanding green spaces and creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for local residents," Sandhu said in a post on X. Officials also discussed the need for robust flood mitigation measures to ensure the long-term resilience of the area. Yamuna Bazar and adjoining localities regularly witness severe waterlogging during the monsoon, with floodwaters from the Yamuna entering low-lying areas near Loha Pul and Yamuna Bazar.

5 arrests & arms haul helps avert gang war

New Delhi(GNS): Making a dent in the Gogi-Dinesh Karala network, Delhi Police has recently raided multiple locations across three states and arrested five of its shooters, arms suppliers and financiers from northwest Delhi's Rohini and Hapur in Uttar Pradesh.

"A 9 mm Glock, an Italian Beretta and a Turkish zoraki procured in order to be used during gang wars were seized, apart from 14 firearms and over 100 cartridges," special commissioner of police (law and order) Ravindra Singh Yadav said on Thursday.

Police sources believe that the arms haul has helped avert a major gang war in the capital. A probe has revealed that members of the Gogi-Karala network - Karala has been running it from Tihar jail - have been aggressively procuring such illegal firearms and ammunition to assert their dominance over the Tillu Tajpuriya and Chichad gangs. Police in Rohini received were tipped off that Rahul Mathur, a key financier of the gang, would come near a metro station in Rohini to meet an associate, Manjeet. Cops laid a trap and

intercepted Mathur on April 26. "He attempted to flee in his SUV by driving on the wrong side of the road, but was caught and overpowered by a team led by inspector Sandeep Godara," said joint commissioner of police Vijay Singh, adding that he is involved in five criminal cases. Based on Mathur's interrogation, his other associates, Kunal alias Kuku and Aditya, were apprehended. During a probe, it emerged that Surender alias Kala was the primary supplier of illegal weapons to the Gogi-Dinesh Karala gang.