



## Assembly Elections:

# Lotus in Bengal, Assam, Puducherry, Vijayrath in Tamil Nadu, Congress in Kerala

### Tamil Nadu - Results of 8 seats

In the remaining 234 seats, 118 seats are required for majority. Here TVK is leading or leading on 107 seats, DMK on 60 seats, AIADMK on 47 seats. Whereas PMK has won on 4 seats, Congress on 5 seats. BJP has won on Udhagamandalam seat. DMDK and others have got 1 seat each. TVK has got 34.92 percent, DMK on 24.19 percent, AIADMK on 21.22 percent votes.

In Tamil Nadu, the TVK performed well across the state, especially in northern, western, and urban areas. The DMK was largely confined to some southern and traditional strongholds. Chief Minister M.K. Stalin lost Kolathur to TVK candidate V.S. Babu. Party leader A.K. Vijay managed to win Perambur and Tiruchirapalli East. AIADMK chief Edappadi K. Palaniswami won by a record margin in Edappadi. TVK candidate Venkataramanan P. won in Mylapore. In Gobichettipalayam, AIADMK's K.A. Sengottaiyan won for the 10th time (historically). Chief Minister Stalin's son, Udhayanidhi Stalin, won in Chepauk-Tiruvallikeni. Several DMK ministers and prominent leaders were defeated in the state.

### Assam - Results for all seats are out

Assam has 126 seats, and a majority of 64 is required. The BJP-led alliance won 102 seats. The BJP won 82 seats, the Bodo People's Front 10, and the Asom Gana Parishad 10. The Congress won 19 seats, the AIUDF 2, the Rajgor Dal 2, and the Trinamool Congress 1. The BJP, the largest party, secured 37.81 percent of the vote, while its allies, the Bodoland Party (BDP), secured 3.73 percent and the AGP 6.47 percent. This figure, combined, exceeds 48 percent.

The BJP-led NDA secured a landslide victory in the state, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma winning the Jalukbari seat by a landslide margin. Congress state president Gaurav Gogoi lost in Jorhat. Opposition leader Debabrata Saikia lost in Nazira. Health Minister Ajanta Negi retained the Golaghat seat. Ranoo Pegu won Dhemaji, Atul Bora won in Bokhakhat, and several other prominent leaders from the BJP and its allies emerged victorious.

### Kerala - Results for all seats are out

The Congress-led UDF alliance in Kerala has reached a tally of 99. Congress won 63 seats, the Indian Union Muslim League 22, the Kerala Congress 7, the Revolutionary Socialist Party 3, the Rashtriya Janata Dal 1, and others 3. The Left-led alliance won 36 seats. The Communist Party of India (Marxist) won 26 seats, the Communist Party of India 8, the Revolutionary Marxist Party of India, and the Communist Marxist Party Kerala State Committee 1 each. Among other parties, the Bharatiya Janata Party won 3, and other candidates won 4.

The Congress-led UDF returned to power in Kerala with a landslide victory. Congress leaders like Leader of the Opposition V.D. Satheesan and Oommen Chandy won by huge margins. Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan won the Dharmadam seat. However, his LDF alliance members suffered defeats. This includes several LDF ministers, including Health Minister Veena George and former Health Minister KK Shailaja. For the first time, the BJP won more than one seat. BJP's Rajeev Chandrasekhar won the Nemom seat, bringing the total to three.

Puducherry's 30. The All India N.R. Congress-led alliance performed strongly here, winning 18 seats. The party won 12, its ally Bharatiya Janata Party won 4, and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and Lachchiya Jananayaka Katchi won 1 seat each. Among other parties, the DMK won 5 seats, the Congress won 1 seat, the TVK won 2, and the Neyyam Makkal Kazhagam won 1 seat. Three independent candidates also won. By-

elections - All results have been announced. The results of the assembly by-elections have also been in the BJP's favor. The party won four of the seven seats, with its ally's candidate winning one seat. Congress won both seats in Karnataka. In the by-elections for seven assembly seats across five states, Sunetra Pawar of the Nationalist Congress Party won by a large margin in the Baramati seat in Maharashtra. BJP candidate Akshay

Kardile from Rahuri, BJP candidate Harshadbhai Govindbhai Parmar from Umreth seat of Gujarat have won. BJP candidate Daochir I. Imchen from Koridang seat of Nagaland, BJP candidate Jahar Chakraborty from Dharmanagar seat of Tripura have won. Congress candidate Umesh Hulappa has won from Bagalkot seat of Karnataka, while Congress candidate Samarth Shamanur Mallikarjun has won from Davanagere South seat.

**New Delhi(GNS):** In the assembly elections held in five states, the Bharatiya Janata Party has secured a large majority in West Bengal. With this, another state has been added to the BJP's tally. The BJP and NDA governments have returned to power in Assam and Puducherry. Power is set to change in two major southern states, Kerala and Tamil Nadu. In Kerala, the Congress-led coalition, which replaced the Left parties, has returned after 10 years. Meanwhile, in Tamil Nadu, actor Vijay's party, TVK, formed a year ago, has become the largest party.

**The figures on the Election Commission's website as of 11 pm are as follows:**

West Bengal - Results of 19 seats. In West Bengal, 147 seats are needed for a majority in the remaining 293 seats. The Bharatiya Janata Party is leading or leading in 207 seats, while the Trinamool Congress is leading or leading in 80. Meanwhile, Congress won two seats, Aam Janata Unnayan Party two, CPI(M) one, and AISF one. The BJP secured

45.85 percent of the vote, while the Trinamool Congress secured 40.80 percent. In the Bhawanipur seat, BJP's Suwendu Adhikari defeated Trinamool Congress leader and Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by over 15,000 votes. Adhikari, contesting from Nandigram, also won there. BJP's Dilip Ghosh (former party president) won the Kharagpur Sadar seat. BJP's Agnimitra Paul won from Asansol South. In the Baharampur seat, the BJP candidate defeated Congress leader Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, who was the Congress floor leader in the last Lok Sabha. Nishith Pramanik won from Mathabhanga. In Panihati, Ratna Debnath, mother of the victim in the RG Kar case, won as a BJP candidate. Trinamool candidate Pannalal Halder won from Diamond Harbour, considered a Trinamool stronghold. BJP won most of the seats in North Bengal like Rajganj, Mal, Kalimpong, Darjeeling.

● **Puducherry - Results for all seats declared.** A majority of 16 seats is required in

## Bihar: A 34-meter slab of the Vikramshila Bridge fell into the Ganges

**Bhagalpur(GNS):** A 34-meter section of the 4.7-kilometer-long Vikramshila Bridge in Bhagalpur, Bihar, collapsed into the Ganges late Sunday night. Fortunately, the administration had already halted traffic, averting a major tragedy.

This incident has affected connectivity to approximately 16 districts, including Seemanchal, and impacted the daily commute of approximately 100,000 people. The bridge has been repaired three times in the past 10 years, most recently in March 2026. The bridge was built by the Uttar Pradesh Bridge Corporation.

## Modi said on Bengal victory – Lotus blooms from Gangotri to Gangasagar

**Will take action against infiltrators, Ayushman Bharat will be approved in the first cabinet**

**New Delhi(GNS):** PM Modi said on Monday at the BJP headquarters in Delhi, "Ayushman Bharat will be approved in Bengal's first cabinet meeting. Action will be taken against infiltrators, women will be provided with security, youth will find employment, and migration will stop."

In his 47-minute speech, the PM said about the formation of governments in West Bengal, Assam, and Puducherry, "Lotuses have bloomed from Gangotri to Gangasagar. I see the joy on the faces of the workers that comes when years of hard work turn into accomplishment."

**BJP from Gangotri to Gangasagar:** Last year, on November 14th, I said from here that the Ganga flows from Bihar to Gangasagar. With Bengal's victory, the lotus has bloomed from Gangotri to Gangasagar. Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, and now West Bengal. Today, the states near Mother Ganga have BJP-NDA governments. In 2013, when the BJP appointed me as its Prime Ministerial candidate, and I went to Kashi to fill out the form, it dawned on me that no one had sent me, nor had I come here. Mother Ganga had called me.



## Supreme Court issues notice to Centre and states on Transgender Persons Amendment Act

● **Seeks response within 6 weeks; Singhvi says amendment takes away right to self-determination of identity**

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Supreme Court has issued notice to the Central Government and all States/Union Territories on petitions challenging the constitutional validity of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Act, 2026. A bench comprising



Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi sought a response within six weeks. The case will now be heard by a three-judge bench. Singhvi said – the new amendment is against the NALSA judgment. Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing the petitioners, strongly object-

ed to the amendment. He argued that it deprives transgender individuals of their right to self-identification. This contradicts the landmark 2014 NALSA judgment, in which the Supreme Court declared the right to choose one's gender identity as a fundamental right. CJI asked – Will people not take advantage by creating fake identities? During the hearing, Chief Justice Surya Kant expressed some concerns about the right to self-identification. He asked, "Doesn't this pose a threat? Couldn't there be people who pretend to be transgender so they can benefit from reservations or privileges meant for this community?" Singhvi responded that, to his knowledge, there are currently no reservations for transgender individuals, so the potential for misuse is unlikely. He further stated that even if there is a potential for misuse in 0.01% of cases, the majority community's right to Article 21 (right to life and dignity) cannot be suspended on this basis.

## Car mows down roadside pedestrians, 8 dead

**Bike riders were helping injured people in Ambedkar Nagar when they were crushed by a car**

**Ambedkar Nagar, (GNS):** In Ambedkar Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, an out-of-control car ran over pedestrians standing on the road. Eight people, including two brothers, were killed in the accident. It is reported that two bikes collided around 12 a.m. on Sunday night, leaving both riders seriously injured. Neighbors rushed to the scene to help the injured and were trying to take them to the hospital. Meanwhile, an out-of-control Swift Dzire car arrived and crushed the victims. The accident occurred near the Ashrafpur Bhuwa kiln in Jalalpur, 17 km from the district headquarters. After the accident, locals informed the police. With the help of the locals, the police transported all the injured to Jalalpur CHC. Doctors there declared six people dead. Two injured were referred to the district hospital after first aid. They were later sent to Tanda Medical College, where they also died during treatment.



bjp expansion in india

# Why did Mamata Banerjee lose in West Bengal?

Saurabh Varshney

The resounding victory of the BJP in West Bengal in the five-state elections confirms that the party's election management fights with great vigor and dedication. Meanwhile, Mamata Banerjee has long been considered invincible in West Bengal politics. Her combative image, grassroots presence, and charismatic leadership have made her the center of state politics. However, if she faces defeat in an election, it is not a single incident but the result of multiple political, social, and strategic factors. The primary reason is the growing gap between public expectations and reality. People's expectations rise after a long regime. If the expected improvements in employment,

industry, law and order, or infrastructure are not seen, voters are inclined towards change.

The second major reason is the anti-incumbency wave. Continuously being in power naturally breeds discontent against the government. This discontent manifests itself in the form of corruption at the local level, the behavior of party workers, and administrative laxity. The third factor is the opposition's strong strategy and the politics of polarization. When the opposition organizes and contests elections with clear issues—whether the promise of development or identity politics—it poses a challenge to the ruling party. In West Bengal, too, the electoral equations were not limited to development; social and ideologi-

cal polarization also influenced the results. The fourth reason could be the weakness of local leadership and organization. The popularity of any major leader is not sustainable unless the party is strong at the grassroots level. In many areas, organizational laxity or factionalism also causes harm.

It is the nature of democracy that it recognizes no one as a permanent victor. From time to time, the public makes it clear through its decisions that power is a means of service, not a right.

Mamata's defeat is not just the loss of a single leader, but a reflection of the democratic process—where the public demands change, accountability, and better governance. It's a message to every political party that maintaining public

trust requires constant introspection and reform.

End of a decade, is it the beginning of the saffron era?

The politics of West Bengal appears to be at a major turning point. The Trinamool Congress, which has held power in the state for nearly a decade, now faces a powerful challenge. Considering the political signals and the direction of public opinion, the question naturally arises: is one era about to end and another begin in Bengal?

The Trinamool Congress, led by Mamata Banerjee, came to power in 2011, ending the 34-year rule of the Left and proclaiming a call for change. In its initial years, the government consolidated its hold through public welfare schemes, women's empowerment, and rural

development. However, over time, centralization of power, allegations of corruption, violence, and questions about administrative impartiality have dented its image.

On the other hand, the BJP has rapidly gained ground in Bengal politics over the past few years. Previously marginalized, it has now emerged as the main opposition. The BJP's rise is being seen as a sign of not only a political but also an ideological shift—where identity politics, nationalism, and religious polarization are becoming increasingly important issues. However, it may be premature to claim the beginning of the saffron era. Bengal's social structure, cultural diversity, and political consciousness have always been complex.

## Editorial

### Inflation and Homelessness in America

The growing number of homeless people in the United States, considered one of the world's most developed economies, exposes a profound social and economic irony. Despite technological advancement, high incomes, and global influence, a large section of the country still lacks basic necessities like shelter, food, and healthcare. This situation is a direct manifestation not only of poverty but also of the growing economic inequality. The problem of homelessness has increased rapidly in recent years. This is not a political rhetoric that can be ignored and dismissed. Rather, data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development shows that millions of people lack permanent housing. A large number of these homeless people are working-class. It is particularly worrying that despite having jobs, people are unable to afford housing. This is primarily due to skyrocketing housing prices and stagnant or limited wages. Overall, the impact of inflation is now being felt on a larger scale. The situation is most severe in major cities like Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City. The number of people living on roads, under bridges, in tent colonies, and makeshift camps is steadily increasing. Rents in these metropolises have become so exorbitant that even a minimum wage earner cannot afford a basic home.

Rising inflation in this era of global recession is a primary cause of this crisis, but it also has several interconnected factors. These include stagnant incomes, expensive healthcare, mental health problems, and a growing addiction trend. These factors have further complicated the situation. The COVID-19 pandemic further exacerbated this problem, leaving millions unemployed and weakening their economic security. Global circumstances also play a role in making the situation more challenging. Pierre-Olivier Gorinhaas, Chief Economist of the International Monetary Fund, has warned that if the ongoing conflict between the US and Iran continues for a long time, it could severely impact the global economy. Rising oil prices and rising inflation could lead to a decline in economic growth to around 2 percent, which is considered the biggest sign of a global recession.

# Assembly election results of five states 2026 - May 4, Didi is gone...

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

Lotus blooms in Bengal, BJP scores a hat-trick in Assam, victory in TN - a turning point in Indian democracy

Assembly election results in five states - victory magic in Tamil Nadu, Bengal in BJP's bag... from hat-trick in Assam to Kerala

In any democratic system in the world, election results serve as policy signals for investors, industries and international markets.

Globally, May 4, 2026, has gone down in the history of Indian democracy as a day when the election results in five states not only changed the course of domestic politics but also signaled India's political stability, economic prospects, and policy continuity globally. The vote count trends in the five states of West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Assam, and Puducherry on May 4, 2026, not only signaled a political shift but also emerged as a multi-layered signal with profound implications for India's economic direction, investment climate, and global image. In any democratic system, election results serve as policy signals for investors, industries, and international markets. The picture that emerged from this election, where the Narendra Modi-led BJP appeared victorious in a major state like West Bengal, maintained its position strongly in Assam, and emerged with a coalition in Puducherry, conveys a message of stability and continuity for investors. In contrast, the rise of Vijay's party, the TVK, in Tamil Nadu, and signs from Kerala point to a mixed but overall positive economic outlook. The Bharatiya Janata Party's first-ever victory in West Bengal, its return to power for the third consecutive term in Assam, and a change of guard or a strong mandate in Tamil Nadu have all made it clear that Indian politics has now transcended traditional regional boundaries and is

increasingly ideological and performance-based. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this election result also demonstrated that voters are no longer satisfied with identity-based politics alone, but are prioritizing development, good governance, and alignment with the national leadership. This article is based on results reported in the electronic media.

Friends, if we consider West Bengal, Assam, and Tamil Nadu, this election wasn't just about a single state, but rather became the epicenter of an ideological conflict. The BJP's aggressive strategy against the long-standing TMC-led government was unprecedented. In fact, the BJP's victory in Bengal represents not just a change of power, but a shift in political culture. The rise of a national party in Bengal, which for decades was a stronghold of leftist and regional politics, indicates that voters now desire better coordination between the central government and the state. This victory also strengthens the narrative that national-level policies and leadership are now influencing regional politics. The BJP's hat-trick victory in Assam tells a different story. Northeast India, once considered politically unstable and distant from the center, is now moving towards stability on issues of development and security. The BJP's third consecutive victory demonstrates that the people there have accepted the party's model of governance. Infrastructure development, improved connectivity, and security stability were all key factors behind this victory. This result strengthens the political balance not only at the state level but also in the entire Northeast region, bolstering India's Act East Policy. Tamil Nadu politics has always been unique, dominated by Dravidian parties. If this election results in a clear majority for one party or a change of power, it could

mark the beginning of a new era in South Indian politics. If a new equation emerges within the traditional contest between the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam and the Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam, it signals that voters are now prioritizing performance and leadership abilities over traditional loyalties. The Tamil Nadu result is also significant for national politics, as it highlights the potential for political expansion in South India. Beyond these three key states, results from other states also complement this broader picture. Overall, these election results send a mixed but clear message: while voters make decisions based on local issues, they also consider national leadership and policy consistency. This election also demonstrated the impact of digital media, social media, and data-driven strategies on campaigning, which was more precise than ever before. The immediate impact of these election results can be seen on the stock market, development infrastructure, and the national economy. If the market receives signals that the government is strong and stable, investor confidence increases, leading to a market rally. Sector-wise, infrastructure, banking, and manufacturing sectors are likely to benefit the most, as these sectors depend on government policies and investment. Meanwhile, sectors like IT and pharmaceuticals are less impacted, as they are more influenced by the global market. In the context of the national economy, the biggest impact of these election results is on the speed of policy decisions. A strong government can make decisions quickly, making it easier to implement economic reforms. If there is better coordination between the central and state governments, major infrastructure projects and investment plans can progress faster. This also promotes job creation and economic growth.

From a political perspective, if we were to explain how this out-

come will impact the Indian federal structure, West Bengal has so far been a prime example of the conflict between the central and state governments, witnessing constant political and administrative conflict between the TMC government and the BJP government at the Centre.

Now, coordination between the central and state is likely to increase. This could accelerate development projects, infrastructure construction, and investment. However, it is important to note that maintaining democratic balance in the absence of an opposition will be a major challenge. From an economic perspective, the BJP's victory in West Bengal can be seen as a positive sign for investors. There have long been allegations that the state lacks a conducive environment for industry, with political instability and violence deterring investment. If the new government succeeds in ensuring stability and transparency, industrial development in the state could gain new momentum. The potential for large investments, particularly in the manufacturing, IT, and infrastructure sectors, could increase. Furthermore, improved coordination between the central and state governments could accelerate the implementation of schemes, boosting job creation and economic growth. We will see that this election result could also have a profound impact on Bengal's identity politics from a social and cultural perspective. Until now, the TMC has centered its political discourse on Bengali identity and regional pride, while the BJP has prioritized nationalism, development, and cultural revival. If the BJP comes to power, it will be interesting to see how it balances these two narratives. Given the state's diverse cultural traditions and social structure, any one-sided approach could lead to political and social tensions.

# The name of Ram provides coolness in the summer

Sanjay Goswami

What a Kaliyuga has arrived, that even air-conditioned rooms feel hot in the summer, because you are forgetting the coolness of the name of Ram. There was a fundamental flaw in the four Vedas, where sages like Vyasji exploited the four Vedas to present their contradictory opinions, creating differences and increasing conflict.

Without understanding the essence of Neti Neti, in the infinite universe, in the form of Omkar, there is the omnipresent light Brahma, who is the supreme light Brahma of the creator of the universe. No one in the world

has been able to discover the reality of that creator, hence the mistake that started from the four Vedas has been increasing day by day and there is no sign of it stopping. Every day a new god and goddess keeps on being born. Because the world is trapped in the verbal pleasure of the poets in the form of imaginary, fabricated, factless, romantic poems and sayings. Till date, no one in the world has the real understanding of their own conscious form nor the awareness of the creator of the universe, yet everyone is intoxicated by the verbal pleasure like chewing gum, as if they have attained the

supreme position right now.

When the awareness of God becomes strong within, then fear disappears because there is no difference between the protector and the protected - he becomes the refuge and the one who surrenders.

Love is the only support for the journey beyond reason. Love begins when one becomes detached from worldly things.

The pleasures cannot be suppressed because the enjoyer of the world created by the mind is the mind itself. It is like the painter forgetting the paper, is enjoying the pictures made on it: there is family, society, clan etc. there is

wealth, property, honour, dignity, all this that is accumulated by hard work throughout life, it is not easy to give it up: there is no ego in the body and the world. Where is ego, it is in knowing and believing in whom. It is there even unknowingly. It is there in knowledge and ignorance also. Tell me who am I, which emotion am I, the question is, am I just a sign or not, am I an emotion.

The ego is neither in the body nor in the world, it is only in the spark of the knower I am - and when you see in whom this spark is arising, then I remains only a sign of the witness, not a feeling.

: Those officers of the Rama story.

Whose true company is very dear.

Listen to satsang and everything will be fine.

One is a dead body and the other is a living body; both are illuminated by the sun; one is still, the other is alive. From the sun's perspective, both are the sun's object, and the sun is the object of both. All three exist as truths; this is the thought of the intellect, the belief, the determination of the mind. If suddenly it is discovered that whatever you saw was in a dream, then there is some power which is illuminating even the Sun.

Now there is a dead body, a living body, an intellect, a sun and there is also a power which creates all these in a moment in a dream.

: Nowadays, there is only one truly enlightened philosopher in the entire world, and he is like Krishna in politics. He is available in North India, and photos of his sermons have also appeared on this site. However, those who provide information about him are ignorant of what is right and wrong. I've already mentioned that the disciples of the Mahatma mentioned are ignorant of what's right and wrong.

# Delhi CM Rekha Gupta announces stricter, time-bound system for traffic challan settlement

**New Delhi(GNS):** Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday announced a new structured and time-bound system for settling traffic challans, stating that the move was aimed at curbing violations, improve road safety and bring greater transparency through a fully digital process.

"Under the new framework, avoiding challans will no longer be possible and timely resolution will be mandatory for all citizens," Gupta said. She added that violators would not be able to approach courts directly to contest a challan without first going through the prescribed process. The CM said the Delhi Government would soon implement amendments made by the Centre to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The revised system, she



said, made the challan process more stringent, transparent and technology-driven. Anyone committing five or more traffic violations within a year will be classified as a serious offender. Such cases may lead to suspension or disqualification of the driving

licence under the amended rules.

Gupta said issuance of challans would be fully modernised. Police or authorised officers can issue challans either physically or electronically. Violations captured through cameras and digital

surveillance systems will automatically generate challans. If the department has a violator's mobile number, the e-challan will be delivered within three days, while a physical notice will be delivered within 15 days.

All challans will be recorded sequentially on an online portal. Motorists have been advised to update their mobile numbers and addresses on their driving licence and vehicle registration certificates. Once a challan is issued, the violator will have 45 days to either pay the fine or challenge it before a grievance redressal officer through the online portal, supported by documentary evidence. If no action is taken within this period, the challan will be deemed accepted, and payment must be made within the

next 30 days. If a challenge is rejected, the individual can either pay the fine within 30 days or approach the court after depositing 50 percent of the challan amount. Failure to act within the stipulated time will result in the challan being treated as accepted, with payment required within 15 days thereafter. Payments can be made through electronic modes. The grievance redressal officer will be required to upload a decision on the portal within 30 days. The Chief Minister said once deadlines lapsed, daily electronic notices would be issued. Continued non-payment will lead to restrictions on all vehicle-related services, including payment of taxes and processing of driving licence or registration-related requests.

## AIIMS pioneers safer, more reliable spine surgery technique



**New Delhi(GNS):** At Delhi's All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), a complex spine surgery once considered too risky is steadily being reshaped into a safer, more reliable option, offering renewed hope to patients living with severe deformities.

Over the past seven years, a technique pioneered by Dr Bhavuk Garg from the Department of Orthopaedics has transformed how surgeons approach some of the most challenging spinal conditions. Patients often arrive with extreme curvature of the spine, leaving them unable to stand upright, struggling to breathe, and living with chronic pain and social stigma. For many, treatment options were previously limited and the risks of surgery daunting. The innovation builds on posterior vertebral column resection, a highly complex procedure used for rigid spinal deformities.

## Jamia students raise slogans against VC at hostel event over RSS row

**New Delhi(GNS):** Protests were reported at Jamia Millia Islamia on Friday night as students raised slogans against Vice Chancellor Mazhar Asif during an annual hostel function, alleging his complicity in allowing an RSS-linked event on the university campus, according to Media.

According to videos circulating on social media and a press note issued by AISA-JMI, students residing in the boys' hostel objected to the Vice Chancellor's presence at the event and raised slogans, expressing anger over what they described as the "safronisation" of the university space.

The student body also alleged that the VC made derogatory remarks during the event, referring to protesting students in objectionable terms. However, there was no immediate response from the Jamia Millia Islamia administration. "At the annual event of the Boys hostel at Jamia Millia Islamia, the students of MMA Jauhar Hall raised slogans against the VC for his complicity in hosting the recent RSS event on the campus. Shamefaced, the vice chancellor resorted to derogatory comments about the students, referring to them as dogs on a public platform for expressing their dissent," Left-affiliated group AISA said in a statement. The incident comes amid a series of protests on campus over the recently held 'Yuva Kumbh' programme linked to the RSS centenary celebrations. Several student organisations, including SFI and AISA, had earlier staged demonstrations opposing the event, calling it an attempt to introduce "communal and majoritarian politics" into a public university space.

On April 28, protesting students gathered on campus, raising slogans and demanding accountability from the university administration for granting permission to hold the event. The controversy has also been fuelled by the Vice Chancellor's remarks at the RSS-linked programme, where he spoke about "Mahadev's DNA" in the context of Indian identity and suggested giving "Sanatan" traditions a chance. These remarks drew sharp criticism from several student organisations, which termed them "unscientific" and "undemocratic," arguing that such statements imposed a narrow definition of Indian identity on a diverse population.

## No more advance fee pressure on parents in Delhi private schools

**New Delhi(GNS):** Parents can pay school fees monthly basis without being compelled to make advance or lumpsum payments, the Directorate of Education (DoE) has said in a recent order. It has directed all private unaided recognised schools to collect fees monthly. The order states that no school can mandate or compel any parent or guardian to pay fees for a period exceeding one calendar month in a single instalment. The directive comes after numerous complaints from parents and guardians. An official said: "Several schools were allegedly forcing families to pay fees in bi-monthly, quarterly lumpsums. Such practices were creating financial hardship in many households. Many had approached the department regarding such problems."

Reiterating earlier instructions, DoE referred to its previous circular in 2019, which had also mandated monthly fee collection in compliance with a Delhi High Court order. Despite these guidelines, some schools insisted on advance fees.

The order highlights that such practices impose an undue financial burden on parents, particularly those belonging to low and middle-income groups. It notes that forcing advance payments runs contrary to the broader objective of ensuring equitable and inclusive access to education.

## 'No justice, no peace':

# Manipur tribal groups mark 3 years of ethnic violence in Delhi protest

**New Delhi(GNS):** In the last week of April 2023, Nenghoikim thought she was simply heading home to Churachandpur after work in Imphal. The schoolteacher remembers the roads feeling tense and unfamiliar. A drive that usually took an hour stretched into three. Back home, however, there was reason to celebrate. Her niece had just been born on April 30. But before the newborn could even receive proper care, Manipur changed overnight.

As ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki groups intensified, her brother, sister-in-



law, mother, and the three-day-old baby fled their home in Kongsai Veng, moving from a school shelter to a church as neighbourhoods came under

attack. "A baby that small needed medicines, rest and safety. Instead, they were just trying to survive," Nenghoikim recalled, her eyes welling up

while narrating the ordeal. Days later, on May 4, her brother was allegedly killed in front of his wife, infant daughter and mother.

Three years later, many like Nenghoikim say they are still waiting for justice.

That sentiment was echoed by many at Jantar Mantar on Saturday as student organisations representing several indigenous hill tribes marked three years of the Manipur ethnic violence with a protest. They alleged "ethnic cleansing" and demanded justice, rehabilitation and accountability for the violence since

May 3, 2023. At the protest site, the anger and grief were hard to miss. Posters and banners carried figures that protesters said reflected the scale of the violence, including "229 deaths", "360-plus churches and synagogues burnt" and "200-plus villages destroyed". Placards reading "No justice, no peace", "Tribal lives matter", "Stop ethnic cleansing" and "We need a solution" were held up during the demonstration. Speakers recounted stories of displacement, loss and trauma that continue to shape their lives three years later.

## Gurugram seeks corporate support to fund treatment for 1,100 haemophilia patients

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Haryana Government has launched a strategic appeal to corporate partners to support the treatment of nearly 1,100 registered haemophilia patients in the state. As the cost of specialised medical care continues to rise, the state's Health and Family Welfare Department is looking to bridge the funding gap through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives to ensure that no patient is left without life-saving medication.

Haemophilia is a rare genetic bleeding disorder in which the blood does not clot normally due to a lack of sufficient clotting proteins, known as factors. Patients with this condition can experience spontaneous bleeding as well as prolonged bleeding following an injury or surgery. Of



Haryana's registered patients, over 800 individuals suffer from haemophilia A. For these patients, the primary treatment involves the regular infusion of clotting factors. However, these factors are exceptionally expensive, with the annual cost of treatment for a single patient ranging between Rs 7 lakh and Rs 8 lakh. To date, the state government has remained committed to providing these

essential factors on a need-based basis. While officials maintain that no patient has been denied treatment, escalating market prices and the complexities of global supply chains have placed significant strain on the government's procurement system. This financial pressure has prompted the state to seek robust partnerships with the private sector to sustain and expand the delivery of these high-cost treatments.

"Patients are provided clotting factors free of cost on a need basis, such as before surgery or after an injury. We ensure that nobody faces a crisis, but the provision of this healthcare comes with its own challenges. The majority of patients depend on public healthcare, as treatment in the private sector can cost several lakhs.

## Delhi Police busts fake trading app scam

**New Delhi(GNS):** The Delhi Police has busted an investment fraud racket and arrested three people, including a bank official, for allegedly duping a retired government officer of over ₹45 lakh through a fake trading application, an official said on Sunday. With the latest arrests, the total number of accused held in the case has risen to five, he said.

The accused have been identified as Kapil Bain and Manoj Sharma, both residents of Uttarakhand, and Kamal Pandey, a resident of Gadarpur in the same district, who was working as an assistant manager in a bank.

The case surfaced after a retired government official reported that he had been cheated of ₹45.33 lakh on the



pretext of investing in the share market through a mobile application posing as a legitimate trading platform.

"The fraudsters impersonated representatives of reputed investment firms and lured the victim into investing in IPOs by promising high and assured returns. They used a professionally designed fake application and website to gain his trust," a senior police officer said.

# Child with 'heart on right side' gets rare lifesaving surgery at Safdarjung

**New Delhi(GNS):** In what doctors at Safdarjung Hospital described as a globally first and rare cardiac intervention, surgeons have successfully performed a mitral valve replacement and tricuspid valve repair in a child with 'situs solitus dextrocardia', a condition in which the heart is abnormally positioned, while the internal organs remain in their usual arrangement.

The surgery was performed on a 14-year-old child named Vishnu (name changed) who hails from Bihar and was here for the treatment. The procedure was led by Dr Anubhav Gupta, director professor and Head of the Department of Cardio-Thoracic and Vascular Surgery (CTVS), who said the child reached the hospital late, by which time severe heart dysfunction had already developed.

"We examined and evaluated the patient. We knew after tests that he is having a condition called a situs solitus dextrocardia," Dr Gupta said, adding that the child had two leaking valves, the mitral and tricuspid valves, both of which are meant to allow blood to move in one direction.

Once such valves begin leaking, he said, the heart not only has to pump blood forward but also faces

backflow into the atrium, the other way, increasing strain on an already weakened heart.

Doctors said the condition itself is uncommon. Dr Gupta estimated that situs solitus dextrocardia occurs in around one in 30,000 live births. In this case, they believe the valve disease was congenital rather than acquired, suggesting a developmental defect present over time.

What made the surgery exceptional, according to the operating team, was not the individual procedures themselves, both of which are routinely performed, but the combination of the two in a patient with this anatomy and the absence of published medical literature guiding how to proceed.

Dr Gupta said previous reports exist of

mitral valve surgery in such patients, including one paper in which he was among the authors. However, he said there was no prior published guidance on how to intervene when both the mitral and tricuspid valves required simultaneous correction in a child with situs solitus dextrocardia. "The question is which valve has to be done first was also not reported elsewhere," he said. This was the main challenge. In a standard patient, surgeons usually address the mitral valve first and then the tricuspid valve. But in this case, the reversed positioning of the heart changed that sequence.

Doctors said once a mitral valve is replaced or a rigid ring is inserted, the heart should not be lifted or repositioned. Since accessing the tricuspid valve required movement of the heart, the team decided to first



shift the heart to the left side, repair the right-sided tricuspid valve, return the heart to a stable position, and then proceed with the mitral valve intervention.

Dr Gupta said the team relied on CT imaging and 3D reconstruction before surgery to map the anatomy and prepare for what would be encountered in theatre.

"Our plan was clear," he said, adding that imaging allowed the team to anticipate the altered structure before opening the chest.

The operating surgeons were Dr Gupta and Dr Ajit Kumar, another professor in the same department, while the wider hospital team participated in pre-operative evaluation and planning.

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# LG and CM promise all assistance to families scarred by fire

**New Delhi(GNS):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed deep grief over the fire in a residential building in Vivek Vihar, Shahdara, which caused nine deaths.

He announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund (PMNRF) to the next of kin of each deceased person and Rs 50,000 to those who are injured. Union home minister Amit Shah also expressed sorrow, calling it "extremely heartbreaking." In a post on X, he extended condolences to families who have lost their loved ones and prayed for strength to those grieving. He said local authorities were providing the highest level of medical care to the injured.



Lieutenant governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and chief minister Rekha Gupta, too, expressed grief. Sandhu wrote in a post that the authorities would ensure all medical assistance is provided to the injured, and immediate support to those affected.

The chief minister said all senior administration officials,

Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Delhi Fire Service, and police were engaged in the relief and rescue operations. "The injured are undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital. I pray for their speedy recovery. In this hour of grief, my heartfelt condolences go out to the bereaved families," she said. Union minister of state Harsh Malhotra and Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva visited the site in Vivek Vihar, and met the families. They also visited an injured person at GTB Hospital, BJP said. Sachdeva said the loss was irreparable for the affected families.

Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav said that the

Rekha Gupta govt should be prompt in providing help without playing petty politics. He also demanded a high-level probe into what caused the blaze. An AAP delegation led by MLAs Sanjeev Jha and Kuldeep Kumar visited the injured in hospital and later the site, where they spoke to residents. The party drew parallels with the Palam fire a month-and-a-half ago and asked Gupta to take concrete steps to prevent such incidents. Former Delhi chief minister Atishi said: "This is clearly the result of serious systemic negligence. How long will safety standards continue to be ignored? Will any accountability be fixed on the administration? My condolences to the bereaved families. May God give them strength."

## Suspected members of 'Kaccha-baniyan' gang held after encounter with police in Delhi

**New Delhi(GNS):** Three suspected members of the infamous 'kaccha-baniyan' gang involved in a recent robbery at a house in Sarvodaya Enclave in south Delhi were arrested early Monday after a brief exchange of fire with police here, an official said.

The robbery in Sarvodaya Enclave took place in the intervening hours of Thursday and Friday last. Police said the accused had allegedly entered the house by climbing onto a balcony using a tree located near the boundary wall adjoining Vijay Mandal Park. "They cut open the door lock using a cutter and gained entry into the house. When the residents woke up, they were held hostage and locked inside a room," a senior police officer said. The accused then ransacked the house for nearly an hour and decamped with cash, jewellery and other valuables. CCTV footage from inside the premises showed three masked men moving around the house with ease. They were seen



wearing gloves and socks and carrying tools typically associated with the 'kaccha-baniyan' gang.

Investigators said the gang is known for committing thefts and robberies in minimal clothing, often armed with tools, and does not hesitate to turn violent if resisted.

"Had the victims tried to resist, the situation could have turned fatal," the officer added. Following the incident, a case was registered at Malviya Nagar police station and multiple teams were formed to track down the accused. Acting on specific inputs, police laid a trap near Ambedkar Nagar, where the suspects were intercepted, leading to the encounter.



## Doctor jumps into canal after 'argument' with wife in Faridabad

**New Delhi(GNS):** A doctor allegedly argued with his wife, stopped his car, and jumped into the Agra Canal from the Sector-17 Bridge in Faridabad on Saturday evening. He remained untraceable even 19 hours after the incident, sparking panic and protests. Dr Sachin, a resident of Yadav Colony in Ballabhgarh and originally from Dayalpur village, was returning with his wife Manju and children after attending a family function at SRS Royal Hills Society in Greater Faridabad. He was driving his Scorpio when he suddenly parked near the Sector-17 Bridge around 7.45 pm and ran towards the canal. His wife and children followed him, but before they could intervene, he jumped into the canal. His wife also tried to approach the canal but was stopped by a woman present at the spot. Their son Jai informed his uncle Rahul, who reached the site within 10 minutes.

As darkness fell, locals gathered but hesitated to enter the canal. Despite being alerted, divers did not arrive for nearly three hours, triggering outrage. Residents staged a protest and blocked the road near the bridge, forcing the police to intervene and pacify them. An SDRF team reached the spot around 11.30 pm and launched a search operation, which continued till 3.30 am without success. The search resumed on Sunday morning under the supervision of SDM Ballabhgarh Mayank Bhardwaj and other officials. A tehsildar was also deployed. Police teams were stationed at Chhajju Nagar in Palwal, where nets in the Agra Canal often trap bodies, but no trace of the doctor was found.

While the exact cause remains unclear, a possible argument between the doctor and his wife is being cited as a trigger. However, officials said this remains speculative. Khedi Pul police station SHO Devender Kumar said no confirmed reason has emerged, and the family has not indicated any cause.

## How firefighters improvised & braved flames for 5 hrs to rescue 18 residents

**New Delhi(GNS):** Sunday's pre-dawn blaze triggered a high-stakes rescue operation that pushed emergency services to their limits. Firefighters waged a gruelling five-hour battle against the flames, executing a series of daring manoeuvres through balconies and windows, in the process evacuating 17 to 18 residents. Witnesses credited the coordinated efforts of more than 70 responders for preventing more loss of life.

The firefighters rushed to the scene in east Delhi's Vivek Vihar after getting an alert at 3.47 am. "We deployed five ladders, cutting tools and our specialised turntable ladder to conduct simultaneous firefighting and rescue opera-



tions," Delhi Fire Service officer Mukesh Verma said.

However, protective grilles and bars installed on the windows posed a hurdle for the firefighters during the rescue operation. "Another major problem was that electronic locks installed in the flats malfunctioned during the blaze, possibly trapping residents

inside," said a firefighter. The blaze broke out at the rear of the four-storey building - each floor has two 4BHK flats - where most of the fatalities occurred, he added.

A station officer said that three teams started firefighting while others focused on rescue operations. Entering the building was difficult as

the only staircase was engulfed in fire and smoke. "Adding to our difficulties were the toughened glass and flammable decorations made of plastic and wood, which acted as a catalyst in spreading the blaze," he said.

The biggest risk was in the parking area, where at least 12 vehicles, many of them electric, were on charge. Had the fire reached the parking, it could have led to a disaster of a bigger magnitude, Verma said. To enter the building, the firefighters started spraying water on it from all four sides. They used a hydraulic lift as well. Finally, when they managed to enter through the main gate, they found the door to the terrace locked. Three

people were found lying on the stairs near the door. "It appears that they tried to reach the terrace but were trapped by the door and choked by heavy smoke. We cut the lock and went to the terrace," the officer said.

The building has a lift, but it stopped functioning during the blaze. Firefighters checked it thoroughly, but no one was found inside.

The rear side of the house was covered with steel grilles, leaving no access point. To mount a rescue from the back, firefighters connected multiple hoses and directed them towards that side. "Some of them climbed onto neighbouring houses and began dousing the flames.

## Assailants open fire at house of Haryanvi singer Fazilpuria's aide

**New Delhi(GNS):** In a fresh escalation of gang-linked violence, alleged gangster Deepak Nandal has resurfaced in Gurugram, with armed assailants opening fire at the residence of Saurabh Yadav, an event coordinator linked to Haryanvi singer Fazilpuria, late on Saturday night.

According to the police sources, the attackers reportedly on a motorcycle-fired multiple rounds at Yadav's house in Kadarapur village. Yadav was on the first floor at the time, while his security personnel were stationed near the gate. As the firing began, a constable, identified as Kulvinder, rushed to take position but sustained two bullet injuries. He was immediately shifted to Medanta Hospital, where his condition is stated to be critical.

Investigators said Yadav



had earlier received threats allegedly linked to Nandal following his association with Fazilpuria's recent promotional work. The police had deployed security at his residence in view of the threat.

Preliminary findings suggest Yadav was the intended target, but the constable was caught in the line of fire. The accused fled the spot after the attack. "We are examining CCTV footage from the nearby

area and multiple teams have been formed. Efforts are underway to identify and arrest the accused at the earliest," a Gurugram police spokesperson said.

The incident has again raised concerns over law and order in Gurugram, especially amid a series of recent firing incidents linked to gang rivalries. The police have cordoned off the area and launched a detailed probe.

## 30-year-old judge found dead at Delhi home



**New Delhi(GNS):** A 30-year-old judge allegedly died by suicide at his residence in south Delhi's Green Park on Saturday. Police have initiated inquest proceedings to probe the case. The deceased, Aman Sharma, was secretary of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), North East District, at Karkardooma courts.

Police said Sharma's relative contacted police around 1.45pm to report that the judge had locked himself in

the bathroom. Emergency responders rushed to the scene and broke open the bathroom windowpane. Sharma was found unresponsive and moved to Safdarjung Hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Police are interviewing family members and awaiting the postmortem report. Sharma completed his BA LLB from Symbiosis Law School, Pune, in 2018, and joined the Delhi Judicial Services on June 19, 2021.

## 'Bhaiya, bacha lo': Frantic last call as flames spread, family of 5 dies in Delhi's Shahdara blaze



**New Delhi(GNS):** Every Saturday, 35-year-old Nishank Jain and his family would gather over a video call. This time, the conversations were filled with excitement as they planned to celebrate his nephew, five-year-old Anant's birthday on Sunday at a resort in Manesar.

Deepak (37), Nishank's elder brother and Anant's

father, had already reached the resort with his wife and children, while the rest of the family was to join the next day. Nishank, his wife Aanchal (33), their 18-month-old son Akaay, and Nishank's parents, Arvind (60) and Anita (58), never made it. All five were charred to death. Family members said that around 3.45am, as flames spread rapidly, Nishank made

frantic calls to Deepak, crying, "Bhaiya, bacha lo." The calls ended abruptly. They later contacted their driver, Karamvir Singh, to go and check. By then, it was too late. Nishank, a CA at his firm in Connaught Place, and Aanchal, an employee at a public sector bank, had waited eight years for a child. Akaay's birth had brought immense joy to the family. "They had been waiting for the baby for so long. It is all gone in an instant," said Pritesh, Nishank's brother-in-law.

**Lack of proper exits costs families dear:** It cushioned their fall as flames began reaching the balcony. Their father, Naveen Jain, also suffered injuries. On what may have happened, Nitin's mother

Deepa told Media, "They tried to run upstairs to reach the terrace, but they must have picked up the wrong keys to open the lock. They couldn't get it open and got trapped there."

Locals and family members said Nishank's son Akaay was found holding onto the charred remains of one of his parents.

Residents alleged a delay in response, saying the fire started around 3.13am. At the time, most residents were sleeping. Several locals at the spot claimed multiple calls were made to DFS, but the number turned out to be 'invalid'.

A senior fire official said they received the first call around 3.47am and teams were dispatched immediately. The building where

the blaze broke out houses eight families, with an 800 sq yard plot split into two 400 sq yard flats on each floor. The structure comprises stilt parking and four floors - first, second, third and fourth. Each floor is divided into multiple flats, with a total of eight flats in the building. DCP (Shahdara) RP Meena said the fire is suspected to have started due to a malfunctioning air-conditioner on the second floor. Residents pointed to multiple hazards that may have worsened the situation. They said the entire backside had been sealed with iron grills, with no staircase or opening for escape. Police have filed an FIR and, along with the fire and electricity departments, are investigating the incident.

## Birthday celebration plans end in tragedy

**New Delhi(GNS):** What was meant to be a joyful birthday celebration ended in tragedy for Arvind Jain's family on Sunday after a deadly fire killed its five members. The family had planned to celebrate fifth birthday of Arvind's grandson in Manesar.

His son Deepak, daughter-in-law Sonali and their two sons, aged four and five, had travelled there before the tragedy and other five members were supposed to come on Sunday. "It is my son's fifth birthday today. We had booked rooms in Manesar for the celebration and rushed back after hearing the news," Sonali told reporters. She said her in-laws and a child were also supposed to travel to Manesar on Sunday, but had postponed their trip to Monday.

All five died in the fire. Arvind's household had nine members in total, including Deepak, Sonali and their two children.

The fire is suspected to have



erupted on the second floor, where Shikha Jain (45) was found dead. Her husband, Naveen Jain (48) suffered burns while trying to escape. "Naveen came down using the stairs and suffered burn injuries. We rushed to the side of the building to rescue their two daughters, aged around 21 and 23, who were standing on the edge of the balcony. We spread mattresses below and used ladders to bring them down," a resident said. Both daughters sustained minor leg injuries after the jump.