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● For the first time, Kumbhabhishekam with the water of 11 shrines, Surya Kiran Air Show ● Pokhran Nuclear Test, Modi said -



Jamnagar,(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday attended a function to mark 75 years of Pran Pratishtha at Somnath temple in Gujarat. "Today is a special day for another reason. On May 11, 1998, India conducted a nuclear test at Pokhran. At that time, all the powers of the world had entered the field to capture India.

closed. But we're not afraid. India named the Pokhran nuclear test as Operation Shakti. Because the worship of Shakti with Shiva has been our tradition. I bow at the feet of Lord Somnath and congratulate Operation Shakti. Nation can be strong only when it is connected to its roots: PM Modi "Hundreds of families are associated with the



Somnath temple trust. People from other parts of Gujarat also come. This temple teaches us how to live our lives.

PM Modi arrives at Somnath temple to witness historic event

The world was shaken, the powers of the world entered the field to capture India, we stood firm, not afraid



Our faith is in rivers, in trees. We also look at forests with reverence. Today, when the world is returning to a natural way of life, we have to be aware. Let us adopt a life that preserves the natural style. When the new generations

connect with their history and values, the self-confidence of the nation becomes stronger. Today the country is moving forward. Our cultural heritage has a big role in it. Somnath reminds us that any nation can remain strong for a

long time only if it remains connected to the roots.

"Many devotees of Lord Shiva have been getting the Somnath temple constructed from time to time. Manishi like Lakulish preserved the legacy of Prabhas Patan.

I got the opportunity to develop the pilgrimage sites of the country

"After independence, Sardar Patel tried to rebuild the Somnath temple. For this, Nehru had to face opposition. But it was Sardar Saheb's willpower that he did not fall. Somnath was built again and the country washed away the stigma of centuries. The Prime Minister said - Today I have got the opportunity to develop all the pilgrimages of the country. This is the blessing of Somnath. Vishwanath, Omkareshwar, Kedarnath Dham have been developed. Lord Ram is worshipped at the Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya. There are many such pilgrimages whose glory is heard in the Puranas. Today we are beginning to see that rich tradition. All this has happened within 10-12 years.

I am witnessing thousands of years of spiritual consciousness :The Prime Minister said - Today I am not looking at the tableau of 75 years. I see the resolution of creation in destruction. I see here the victory of truth over falsehood. I see thousands of years of spiritual consciousness here. Who saw the whole world with the welfare of only human beings.

AI will lead to a massive increase in energy consumption, India needs to prepare now: Adani

New Delhi(GNS): Adani Group Chairman Gautam Adani on Monday said that Artificial Intelligence (AI) will bring a revolution like the mobile data explosion, which will lead to an unprecedented increase in energy consumption. Addressing an event, Gautam Adani cited the example of the mobile data explosion a decade ago, where affordable smartphones, network expansion and falling data prices led to a massive surge in consumption. He said that AI will also bring similar growth, but this growth will be much more energy consuming. Adani warned that data centre capacity, which is expected to reach 5 gigawatts by 2030, could increase to around 75 gigawatts by 2047, hence India needs to prepare now.



Speaking about India's growth story, the Adani Group chief said the country is constantly evolving, with ordinary families, expanding cities, vibrant factories, electric vehicles, and millions of small businesses waiting to expand. He said India's biggest advantage is that whatever we create, there will already be demand for it, and the challenge is to build capacity and meet this demand. Referring to India's progress in the energy sector, Adani said that installed energy capacity will exceed 500 gigawatts by March 2026, representing a robust 53 percent increase over the past 10 years. He said India is on track to quadruple this capacity to reach 2,000 gigawatts by 2047. Adani described the country's GDP growth trajectory as unprecedented. He said it took India 67 years to become a \$2 trillion economy, but the next \$2 trillion was added in just the next 12 years. According to Adani, India is growing rapidly, where every road, port, airport, factory, energy resource and data centre is driving the next level of development.

Car falls into deep gorge in Chamba, 6 dead, 4 seriously injured

Shimla, (GNS): Six people were killed and four others seriously injured in a road accident on the Chamba - Pathankot National Highway in Himachal Pradesh early Monday. The accident occurred around 3 a.m. near Kakira Ghar in the Tunuhatti area when an Innova taxi, travelling from Dharamshala to Dalhousie, lost control and fell into a deep gorge.

According to media reports, preliminary information suggests that there were ten people in the vehicle. Most of them are said to be tourists from Gujarat. At the time of the accident, it was raining heavily in the



area, making the road slippery. It is suspected that bad weather and slippery conditions may have been the cause of the accident. Upon hearing the sound of the accident, people immediately informed the police and administration. Police, administration, and rescue teams then arrived at the scene and began rescue operations amid darkness and rain. After considerable effort, the injured and bodies were pulled out of the ditch. After first aid, the injured were referred to Medical College Tanda due to their critical condition. The process of identifying the deceased is ongoing.

3 arrested in Bengal CM Suvendu's PA murder case

● Court sends accused to 13-day police custody, sharpshooter from Bihar-UP among accused

Kolkata(GNS): Three suspects have been arrested from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh in connection with the murder of West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari's personal assistant, Chandranath Rath. The accused were identified as Mayank Raj Mishra, Vicky Maurya and Raj Singh. Mayank Raj Mishra and Vicky Maurya were arrested from Buxar in Bihar, while Raj Singh was arrested from Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh. The three accused were produced before a court in Barasat in North 24 Parganas district, which sent them to 13-day police custody for further interrogation.



For the second consecutive day, the PM urged people to use less petrol and diesel

Postpone gold purchases, consume less oil; schools should be online, and companies should offer work from home

Jamnagar Agency: For the second consecutive day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged people to use fuel and resources sparingly. He urged them to reduce their use of petrol and diesel wherever possible and to use the metro, electric buses, and public transport.

In Vadodara, Modi said that just as the country faced the COVID-19 crisis together, it will overcome the current crisis as well. He urged Indians living abroad to bring at least five foreign guests to India for a



tour. Gold imports also cost the country a significant amount of money abroad. We should postpone buying gold until the situation returns to normal. Gold is not needed. Modi also appealed for reducing the consumption of edible oil. He said that importing edible oil also costs the country a significant amount of foreign exchange. If people use less edible oil, it will benefit both the country and the city.

'Compromised PM no longer capable of running country'

Rahul says 'don't buy gold, don't travel abroad' is not advice but proof of Modi gov't failure

New Delhi, Agency: Rahul Gandhi hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent "seven appeals" aimed at addressing the ongoing crisis in West Asia, calling them a sign of failure. He said governing the country was no longer within the Prime Minister's capacity. In a post on X, Rahul wrote: "Yesterday, Modi ji asked the public to make sacrifices—don't buy gold, don't travel abroad, use less petrol, reduce consumption of fertilisers and cooking oil, take the metro, work from home. These are not suggestions. These are failures." He added: "In 12 years, the country has been brought to a point where the Prime Minister has to tell people what to buy and what not to, where to go and where not to."



Barmer hottest in India at 46.8°C Temperatures cross 44°C in 9 cities

Char Dham yatra pilgrims urged to avoid travel for next 2 days



Bhopal/Lucknow/Jaipur/Patna(GNS):Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh are experiencing heat-wave-like conditions. On



Sunday, temperatures crossed 44°C in nine cities across these four states. Barmer in Rajasthan was the hottest city in the country at 46.8°C. Jaisalmer recorded

46.3°C, while Phalodi reached 46°C.

In Madhya Pradesh, Ratlam recorded 45.5°C. In Bhopal, although the temperature was

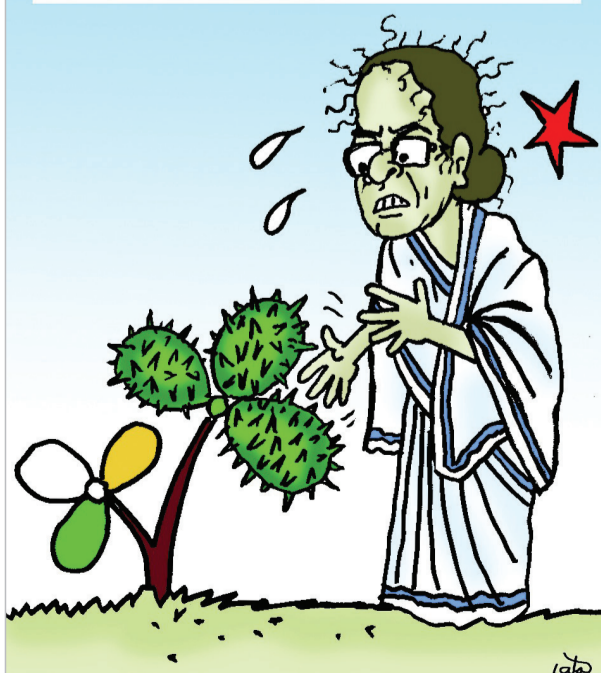
40.4°C, the intense heat felt like 42°C. According to the Meteorological Department, temperatures are expected to rise further by 2-3°C on May 11 and 12. In Bhopal, the mercury may reach 42-43°C.

Meanwhile, in Gujarat, Rajkot recorded 44.3°C and Amreli 44.1°C, both experiencing heatwave conditions. In Maharashtra, Jalgaon was the hottest in the state at 44.5°C. In Bihar, thunderstorms and rainfall continue. In Kaimur district, the highest temperature on Sunday was 38.4°C.

SC to Mamata Banerjee; TMC flags 31 seats where BJP's win margin was lower

New Delhi(GNS): The Supreme Court on Monday told the All India Trinamool Congress (TMC) that it may file fresh applications over its claim that the BJP's victory margins in several constituencies in the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections were smaller than the number of voters deleted during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. A Bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi took note of submissions made by senior advocate and TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee.

'Rebellion' in TMC



Government becomes shield in energy crisis

Dr. Suyash Narayan Mishra

The closure of the Strait of Hormuz is burning the world with the fire of energy crisis.

The Modi government wisely avoided the impact of this crisis on the public and shouldered the burden itself. All activities continued as normal in India.

The public will also have to support the country with patience.

The entire world is feeling the impact of global war and the Hormuz crisis. The flames of war are not confined to borders; their impact has reached every kitchen, every vehicle's wheels, and every family's budget. In many countries,

petrol and diesel prices have reached historic highs, long queues have formed at petrol pumps, inflation has crushed the common man, and governments have been forced to face the anger of their citizens.

But amidst this turmoil, even after nearly 11 weeks of war, the normal pace of life in India remained intact, the stoves of millions of families remained burning, and vehicles kept running. This did not happen by chance. Behind it was a policy, a preparation, and a sensitive thinking that shielded India's citizens against the global storm. When the world was engulfed in the fires of an energy crisis, the



Modi government stood with its citizens like a protector. Just as Lord Krishna saved the people of Braj by lifting the Govardhan mountain in Dwapar, in this difficult time, the government took

upon itself a large share of the rising global prices and economic pressure, so that its burden did not reach the people's plates, kitchens, and pockets.

This is why today this cri-

sis has become not just a story of economic management, but an example of sensitive governance, visionary leadership, and accountability to citizens. The easiest path globally was to pass the burden of rising prices directly onto the public, and many countries did just that, but India chose not to. The Modi government itself bore the enormous economic pressure to minimize the impact on the common man's kitchen and daily life. The government bore the burden of approximately ₹24 per liter on petrol and ₹30 per liter on diesel. Since February 28th, there has been a massive increase in petrol and diesel prices glob-

ally. In many countries in Europe and Asia, petrol has become costlier by 30 to 35 percent, while there has been no change in India. Petrol is the most expensive in Hong Kong today, with the price of a liter reaching approximately ₹295, a 25 percent increase since February 28th. In Singapore, prices have risen by 30 percent to approximately ₹240 per liter. In the Netherlands, petrol has reached ₹225 per liter, a 28 percent increase. In war-torn Israel, petrol has risen 30 percent to ₹185 per liter. Meanwhile, in India, petrol still costs ₹95 per liter.

Incurring a daily loss of approximately 1,000 crore rupees is no ordinary feat.

Editorial

?No detours: On the Tamil Nadu elections, post-poll outcome

The Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) and its leader C. Joseph Vijay, who was sworn in as Chief Minister along with nine Ministers from the party on Sunday, took the shortest and straightest route to power. Falling 10 seats short of the 118-seat majority mark, the TVK secured the support of four ideologically aligned parties — the Congress (five MLAs), CPI(M), CPI, and Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi, or VCK (two each) — with the IUML's two MLAs taking the tally to 121. The TVK had, soon after its formation, sought to position the Congress and the VCK as ideological partners; that it has now drawn support from them and the Left and the IUML, even though they contested within the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam-led coalition, is therefore not out of place. The alternative mooted by AIADMK leaders, and endorsed by some DMK leaders — an AIADMK government propped up by the DMK — would have been an immoral exercise. In any case, outgoing Chief Minister M.K. Stalin was against such a farcical twist. Meanwhile, by demanding written proof of 118 MLAs' support before inviting the TVK, the single largest party, to form the government, Governor Rajendra Arlekar ignored the Sarkaria Commission framework — which prioritises the single largest party with outside support next only to a pre-poll alliance — and the Supreme Court's ruling in Rameshwar Prasad (2006) that only the floor of the House can test a Ministry's strength.

The Congress, for its part, jumped at the offer opportunistically, pledging support to the TVK and committing to an alliance for local, Assembly and parliamentary elections. That it would so casually jeopardise a decades-old alliance with the DMK is unsurprising. The party contested the 2026 elections half-heartedly, divided at the top, and that ambivalence showed in its returns: in the 28 seats it contested, it polled just 28% of the vote — the second-lowest share within the DMK-led coalition; only the late-entrant DMKD did worse. It was also short-sighted, given that this alliance helped the INDIA bloc win all 39 Lok Sabha seats in Tamil Nadu in 2024.

Nurses are synonymous with smiles and hope for patients

Lalit Garg

(International Nurses Day — May 12, 2026)

Every year on May 12th, the world celebrates International Nurses Day. This day marks the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale, considered the mother of modern nursing. It is an occasion to express gratitude to the countless compassionate hands that work day and night to alleviate the pain of patients, give them the assurance of life, and light the lamp of hope within those struggling with death. The service of nurses is of paramount importance in the world. Every day, nurses, with quiet strength, steady hands, and compassionate hearts, step into hospitals, clinics, and various community settings, becoming angels for patients. Nurses are embodiments of God; they witness the birth of a human being and sow the seeds of compassion in them. They give their all to heal a patient. They sacrifice their family happiness, careers, lives, and everything else in their lives to serve the patient. The theme for the year 2026 is "Our Nurses, Our Future - Empowered Nurses Save Lives" and sends a message to the world that if health systems are to be strengthened, nurses must be given respect, security, resources and an empowering environment. This day was started in 1965 by the International Council of Nurses and many people use this day to honor the amazing service done by nurses in their country and around the world.

Nurses are truly the soul of hospitals. While doctors diagnose and determine the course of treatment, nurses empower patients to live through their touch, service, compassion, and constant care. When patients are beset by pain, fear, anxiety, and helplessness, it is the nurse who brings a smile of trust to their

faces. She isn't limited to administering injections, administering medications, or handling reports; she is also the guardian of the patient's morale. Through her behavior, words, and compassion, she reassures the patient that they are not alone. This is why nurses are called "angels on earth" worldwide. If the most vibrant and effective form of human service is seen anywhere, it is in nursing. A nurse not only sees the patient's suffering but also feels it. She stays up all night caring for patients, understanding their language of pain, attending to their smallest needs, and sometimes even at the expense of her own family, her own health, and her own happiness. During the global pandemic of COVID-19, the entire world witnessed that while people were distancing themselves from their own families, nurses stood closest to infected patients. They overcame the fear of death and remained committed to saving lives. That era proved that nurses are not just healthcare workers, but humanity's strongest guardians.

Nursing is not just a profession, but a practice of compassion, patience, and sacrifice. A nurse continues to smile even when she herself is experiencing mental and physical exhaustion. She creates an atmosphere of hope among patients. Often, patients who are mentally broken are reawakened by the nurse's warmth and inspiration. Medicines have their role in medical science, but sensitive care and mental support make treatment more effective. This is why it is said that "a nurse's touch is also a medicine." Today, as the world has entered the age of modern technology and artificial intelligence, the need and importance of nursing has not diminished; rather, it has increased. Machines can diagnose disease, but they cannot

read the fear hidden in a patient's eyes. Technology can provide treatment, but it cannot replace compassion. Nurses' greatest strength is their sensitivity, which distinguishes them from all other healthcare services. This is why nursing is still considered one of the most sought-after and respected healthcare professions in the world.

One of the biggest challenges facing the global health system today is the shortage of trained nurses. Better salaries and facilities in developed countries are attracting many talented nurses from developing countries to foreign countries. Consequently, healthcare services in poor and developing countries are suffering. The growing global demand for nurses indicates that the quality of healthcare in the future will depend solely on the availability and competence of nurses. Therefore, it is time to recognize nurses not as mere "servants," but as crucial pillars of the healthcare system. In a vast country like India, there is an urgent need to make nursing services more empowered, respectful, and safe. Nurses must be ensured better salaries, safe working conditions, adequate leave, mental health support, skill development, and leadership opportunities. Private and government hospitals must work together to create an environment where nurses can work with respect and confidence. If nurses themselves are surrounded by stress, insecurity, and neglect, the human quality of healthcare services will be affected. Therefore, the well-being of nurses is not just a personal issue, but a matter that pertains to the health of all humanity.

The 2026 theme of International Nurses Day furthers this vision: "Empowered nurses save lives." Only when nurses receive training,

decision-making authority, and social respect will they be able to fulfill their full potential and contribute to a healthy society. This day not only inspires us to honor nurses but also reminds us that no healthcare system is complete without them. Nurses are the true heartbeat of hospitals. The return of glow to patients' eyes, the relief on the faces of families, and the steps toward a healthy life are all thanks to the silent contribution of nurses' selfless service. Today, there is a need for society to see nurses not just as employees, but to recognize them as sensitive protectors of humanity. From the birth of a child to the last breath of life, nurses stand with us at every crucial moment. They soothe pain, soothe broken hearts, and bring hope to despair. The truth is that nurses not only treat the body, they also keep the will to live alive within the human being.

Whether it's a normal day or a war against epidemics, these nurses perform their duties fearlessly, with ease and enthusiasm. Not because it's their job or because they're paid, but because they prioritize the health and well-being of others. In the healthcare field, the term nurse is synonymous with caring and caring for everyone with affection and concern, like a mother. They are the backbone of the hospital. We need to consider the welfare and encouragement of these wonderful angels of humanitarian service. This will undoubtedly make nurses' services more efficient, effective, and humane. On this International Nurses Day, we need to resolve to provide greater respect, security, and support to nurses' services. We need to consider their welfare, encouragement, and empowerment comprehensively. When nurses' lives are more secure, balanced, and respectful, their services will become more effective, sensitive, and humane.

How long will the Congress party remain entangled in its fascination with old faces in North India?

Dilip Kumar Pathak

Looking at politics today, the battle between the Congress and the BJP is at a new turning point. On one side is South India, where Rahul Gandhi has shown remarkable maturity. In Tamil Nadu, when superstar Thalapaty Vijay entered the fray with his new party, TVK, Rahul Gandhi respected him instead of displaying the arrogance of an elder brother. It was Rahul's strategy that led to such a mobilization to stop the

BJP that even former Chief Minister M.K. Stalin had to say that Vijay would not be questioned for six months. Yesterday, when Vijay took the oath of office as Chief Minister, the Congress stood there as a generous partner.

By strengthening its hold in Karnataka, Telangana, and Kerala, the Congress has turned the South into an impregnable fortress. However, as we cross the Vindhya Mountains and enter the Hindi belt of

North India, the story completely changes. The question remains: why does a strategy that works well on the seashore fail in the Gangetic plains? Congress's vote share in North India still hovers between 35 and 45 percent. A national vote share of 21.2% in the 2024 elections suggests that the public is ready to support the party, but the problem lies in the faces of the people. The BJP has cleverly engineered a generational change

here. In states like Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, it has sidelined its veterans and given leadership to new faces. Meanwhile, the Congress is still unable to break free from its infatuation with the old guard, who not only fail to win elections themselves but also prevent any new ones from emerging.

The Congress's roots in North India are being eroded by none other than the same veteran leaders who have held sway over the organ-

ization for decades. These leaders have no support base of their own, but their hold in the corridors of Delhi is so strong that even today energetic faces like Sachin Pilot, Deepender Hooda and Jitu Patwari are entangled in the name of permission and protocol. We have the example of Kanhaiya Kumar - who can answer the BJP in its own language, but the old leaders of the party consider him a threat to their fiefdom. Unless Congress puts

these young people at the forefront and appoints older leaders to the steering committee, it will be unable to compete with the BJP's new and fast-paced machinery. On the other hand, things are not easy for the BJP either. The latest data from March 2026 shows that the unemployment rate in the country is 5.1%, and among the youth, it has reached 15.2%. The youth of North India are now tired of empty slogans; they want jobs. The anger over

Agniveer has not subsided, and inflation of 3.4% has broken the back of the common man. The BJP's biggest weakness is its overconfidence, which has somewhat disconnected it from the ground. In hindsight, the slogan of a Congress-free India now seems a thing of the past. Congress hasn't ceased to exist, but the path to recovery will open not just through tours, but through the organizational surgery that Rahul Gandhi has so far avoided.

Railways clears two key projects to ease Mukarba Chowk traffic congestion

New Delhi(GNS): In a major boost to Delhi's transport infrastructure, the Railways has approved two key traffic projects in North West Delhi aimed at reducing congestion and improving connectivity in some of the Capital's busiest corridors.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced that the Railways has granted approval for the widening of the existing Railway Over Bridge (ROB) at Haiderpur-Badli on Outer Ring Road to ease traffic pressure at Mukarba Chowk. It has also approved the proposed elevated loop connecting Shalimar Bagh and Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar over the railway tracks. According to the Delhi Government, both approvals came after exten-



sive technical scrutiny and coordination between the Public Works Department (PWD) and the Northern Railway. The projects are expected to significantly improve traffic movement in the region, which witnesses heavy daily movement of commuters and goods vehicles. Calling it a major step towards modernising Delhi's transport

network, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, "The Delhi Government is committed to developing a modern, safe and uninterrupted transport network across the Capital."

She said, "Once completed, the projects are expected to substantially reduce congestion and provide faster, safer and smoother connectivity to the public."

The Chief Minister said the PWD had submitted detailed technical proposals and drawings to the Railways, following which an in-principle no objection certificate (NOC) was granted with the approval of the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM). The Railways has directed that all construction work must follow

prescribed safety standards and technical supervision to avoid disruption to railway operations.

Highlighting the importance of the projects, CM Gupta said, "Mukarba Chowk, Outer Ring Road and Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar area are among Delhi's busiest transport corridors. Implementation of these projects will strengthen regional connectivity, reduce travel time and provide major relief to commuters."

Thanking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav for supporting the projects, the Chief Minister said infrastructure development in Delhi is gaining momentum through coordinated efforts of the "double engine government".

AIIMS Launches Low-Cost Advanced Test to Make Epilepsy Treatment Safer

New Delhi(GNS): All India Institute of Medical Sciences has started an advanced blood testing service that can help doctors more accurately treat epilepsy patients and reduce the risk of medicine-related side effects. The new facility at AIIMS' Neurosciences Centre will monitor the levels of two commonly used anti-epilepsy medicines - levetiracetam and lamotrigine - in a patient's blood. Doctors say this is important because the same dose may affect patients differently, and incorrect drug levels can either fail to control seizures or cause toxicity. The specialised testing, known as Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM), started this week and is currently being provided free of cost. AIIMS officials said the tests may later be offered at highly subsidised rates as per institute policy. At present, similar tests in private laboratories can cost between Rs 6,000 and Rs 10,000 for each drug.

Experts said the test can help doctors personalise treatment by adjusting medicine doses according to the patient's response, body chemistry



and risk of side effects. It can also help identify cases where medicines are not reaching effective levels despite regular intake. AIIMS officials said the in-house facility is expected to improve access to precision-based epilepsy care.

Prof S.B. Gaikwad, chief of the Neurosciences Centre, said advanced neurodiagnostic facilities are helping improve diagnosis and treatment of complex neurological disorders.

Prof Ashok Sharma, professor in-charge of the Neurobiochemistry Laboratory, said only a small blood sample is needed for the test and reports will be available online through the e-Hospital and ORS portals.

Mother's Day gift: CM launches Rs 3.5cr scheme to support youth leaving CCIs

New Delhi(GNS): Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday launched the Aftercare Scheme for Young Persons to support youth leaving institutional care after they turn 18, ensuring their higher education, skill development and financial assistance. Announced on Mother's Day, the initiative, which has an allocation of Rs 3.5 crore for 2026-27, aims to prevent vulnerable young adults from slipping into insecurity, reaffirming Delhi gov't's commitment to their long-term rehabilitation and dignity, the chief minister's office said.

Approved under the framework of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, the scheme will be implemented by women and child development (WCD) department. It will support their higher education, vocational training and internships; and help them get monthly stipends, career counselling and jobs.

Between 150 and 200 young adults leave Delhi's 88 child care institutions annually. Many of them lack family support and struggle to continue education, acquire skills, find employment, tide over financial difficulties or start independent lives. The new scheme, the CM said, has been designed to provide structured assistance to all such people. Delhi gov't currently operates two aftercare homes for both young men and women, she said, adding that it will expand this support through individual care plans and case-based assistance. A state aftercare panel headed by the WCD secretary and district-level committees led by district magistrates will oversee the scheme's implementation and monitoring, and rehabilitation planning to ensure accountability and timely support to the youth. Gupta said the financial allocation reflects her gov't's commitment to long-term empowerment of vulnerable young adults. "No child should feel he or she is alone after leaving institutional care," she said, adding that the initiative focuses on building self-reliance.

Partnerships with training institutes and prospective employers will be strengthened to ensure that the youth have a smooth transition into adulthood and have stable livelihoods in the capital, gov't officials said.

Property dealer linked to arms racket, terror module arrested in Delhi

New Delhi(GNS): A 45-year-old property dealer allegedly linked to an international arms trafficking network and the terror module of Shahbaz Ansari has been arrested, police said.

Investigators said Praveen Kumar, a resident of Aya Nagar in south Delhi, is suspected of acting as a receiver of weapons that were later supplied to gangsters and other criminals. In March, a case was registered against Ansari's operatives under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Arms Act and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

During the investigation, police seized a large cache of

arms and ammunition allegedly supplied to criminal gangs operating in Delhi. The network is suspected to have links with Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI).

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Sanjeev Yadav said 14 accused have been arrested so far. "We have seized 24 firearms, including a sub-machine gun, and 216 live cartridges," he said.

Police said Kumar is allegedly associated with gangster Rohit Chaudhary and other gang members in illegal



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ly occupying disputed properties in the Aya Nagar-Mehrauli area.

The proceeds from these activities were allegedly channelled into gambling and betting operations. A reward of Rs 2 lakh had been earlier announced for

Kumar's arrest. Police said he has been involved in eight previous criminal cases. One semi-automatic pistol (Made in Italy) and five live cartridges of 0.32 bore were recovered from his possession.

Chaudhary, on whom a reward of Rs 4 lakh was declared, was later arrested by the crime branch following a police encounter.

During an earlier period of incarceration, Kumar allegedly came into contact with co-accused Nishant Arora, who has already been arrested in the case. After being released on bail, Kumar is suspected to have begun procuring sophisticated foreign-made weapons for gang members to create fear and assert dominance in the area.

Police said Kumar has emerged as a key operative in a transnational criminal network linked to Chaudhary, who faces multiple cases

involving serious offences such as murder, extortion, illegal arms possession and organised gang activity. The gang is believed to have operated in areas including Aya Nagar, Pushp Vihar and Ambedkar Nagar, targeting rivals and extorting money from builders, bookies and property dealers.

Chaudhary has previously been booked under stringent laws, including the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA), and was allegedly evading arrest by moving across states. His gang has been linked to several violent incidents, including the killing of rival gang members.

Bigg Boss OTT 2 winner Elvish Yadav receives death threat

New Delhi(GNS): Social media influencer and Bigg Boss OTT 2 winner Elvish Yadav has allegedly received a Rs 10 crore extortion threat from a person claiming links with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, prompting the Gurugram police to launch an investigation.

According to the police sources, the threatening message was sent through WhatsApp from an international number on May 5. In his complaint, Elvish Yadav stated that he had first received a call from a foreign number but could not answer it. Shortly afterward, a WhatsApp message was sent to him and his father, Ram Avtar Yadav. The sender allegedly identified himself as close to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and demanded Rs 10 crore within two days. The



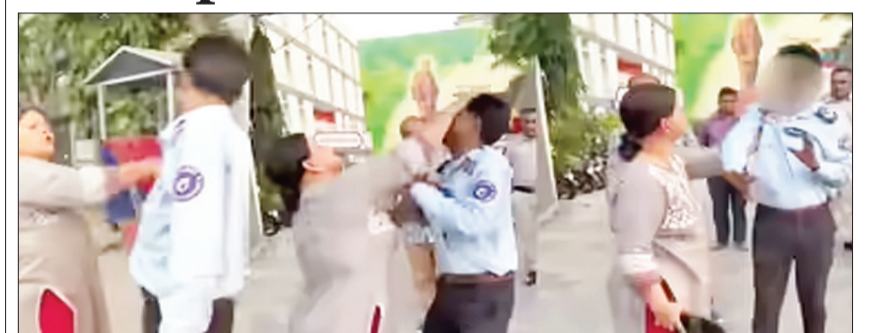
message also reportedly warned of dire consequences, including threats of firing, if the money was not paid.

A case has been registered at Sector-56 police station in Gurugram. The police officials said the matter has now been handed over to the Crime Branch for further investigation. Authorities are currently trying to trace the origin of the international call and verify the authenticity of the threat.

The latest threat has revived concerns around an earlier firing incident linked to Elvish

Yadav's residence. On August 17, 2025, armed assailants arriving on three motorcycles allegedly fired nearly two dozen rounds outside his house. Following that incident, Sector-56 police had registered a separate case. Several arrests had been made in connection with the previous firing case. Crime Branch Faridabad had arrested a suspect identified as Ishant, while another accused, Jatin (24), a resident of Parvatiya Colony in Faridabad, was later arrested by the Crime Branch Sector-40 from the Gurugram-Faridabad road. Two other accused, identified as Gaurav and Aditya, were reportedly arrested by the Rohini Special Cell in Delhi. The police said they are examining whether the latest extortion threat has any connection with the earlier firing incident.

Security guard slapped, beaten with sandal by woman outside police station in Delhi



New Delhi(GNS): A security guard was allegedly slapped and beaten with a sandal by a woman in front of police personnel outside police station in Delhi, sparking outrage after a video of the incident surfaced online.

According to reports, the incident took place at the gate of the police station following an argument between the woman and the guard. In the

video the woman can be seen allegedly assaulting and hitting the security guard with her sandal while police personnel were present nearby. Following the incident, members of the NCM India Council For Men Affairs reached Kirti Nagar Police Station and demanded strict action against the woman. The organisation urged police to register a case and arrest the accused.

Pink Saheli card must for free bus travel from July

New Delhi(GNS): Women commuters travelling for free on Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) and cluster buses must use Pink Saheli Smart Cards from July as Delhi gov't prepares to phase out the existing pink ticket system introduced in 2019.

Women availing the free travel facility will be required to tap their pink cards while boarding buses to register their journey digitally, an official said.

The move is aimed at streamlining the subsidy mechanism and integrating the scheme with the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) framework under the Centre's 'One Nation, One Card' initiative, he said.

President Droupadi Murmu launched the pink card initiative on March 2 this year. Since registrations began the same month, around six lakh women commuters have obtained the card from 58 centres in the city. However, its usage remains low, with only 5% to 6% of cardholders currently tapping it during travel.



Over 10 lakh women take DTC and cluster buses daily, with many of them taking multiple rides. "Most commuters still depend on the pink ticket system because it continues to operate alongside the card," a senior official said. "Govt wants commuters to gradually make a digital shift before the compulsory system comes into effect." Authorities clarified that strict enforcement has been deliberately avoided for now because of summer. Awareness campaigns will be

conducted on buses and at depots over the next few weeks so that passengers learn how to use the card and know the rules. The facility remains restricted to women living in Delhi. Applicants are required to furnish a Delhi Aadhaar card along with an active Aadhaar-linked mobile number during registration. Any female aged 12 years and above is eligible to apply for the card. Transport officials said the transition to the smart-card system will help

eliminate misuse of pink tickets, improve collection of passenger data and ensure greater transparency in subsidy disbursement. The system will also allow authorities to monitor real-time ridership patterns among women.

Delhi gov't allocated Rs 450 crore in the 2026-27 budget for the continuation of this free travel scheme. The funding will support both operational subsidies and technological integration under the NCMC platform, officials said.

DTC plans to conduct a random survey among women passengers travelling on buses to understand why many of them continue relying on the old ticket system. The exercise will also assess issues, such as availability of smart cards, travel by inter-state passengers and whether conductors are urging commuters to tap their cards.

Currently, Delhi gov't operates around 5,500 buses, with women forming a chunk of the daily ridership. The pink ticket scheme was introduced by the then AAP gov't in 2019.

With activity calendar, CBSE to draw parents back to school, be deeply involved in child's learning journey

New Delhi(GNS): On a weekday morning, parents will soon be stepping into classrooms - not to collect report cards, but to sit in, observe and engage. Under a revised parenting calendar rolled out by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE), schools are being nudged to restore a personal connection that years of screen-led communication have thinned. The new framework shifts parent engagement away from app alerts and episodic parent-teacher meetings (PTMs) towards sustained, in-person interaction. Rather than treating parents as mere recipients of updates, schools are being encouraged to involve them as "active partners" in a child's learning and development.

Officials said the move is aimed at rebuilding trust and collaboration. In recent years - accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic - school-home communication has largely migrated online. While efficient, this has often reduced exchanges to reminders, schedules and academic scores. The revised calendar seeks to rebalance

that equation by prioritising face-to-face dialogue and shared experiences.

"Since the pandemic, communication between school and home has shrunk to messages, app notifications and brief PTMs. Technology has its place, but it cannot replace the nuance of direct interaction," said Rooma Pathak, principal of MM School, Pitampura.

The calendar calls for structured, need-based engagement spread across the academic year, rather than one-off meetings. Schools are encouraged to create multiple touchpoints tailored to students' needs, including workshops, curriculum-linked activities and reflection sessions that help parents better understand how their children learn. A key shift is the redefinition of the parent's role - from a passive listener to an active collaborator. Parents will be invited to participate in classroom-linked activities and discussions on academic progress, behaviour, emotional well-being and skill development.

Court rejects Amanatullah's plea for "fair investigation"

New Delhi(GNS): A Delhi court has rejected a plea by Okhla AAP MLA Amanatullah Khan seeking discharge and a fair investigation in a 2023 case, observing there is reason to presume he committed the offences related to alleged assault, wrongful restraint and criminal intimidation near Jamia Millia Islamia.

In the present case, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Paras Dalal had already taken cognisance of the chargesheet on Feb 13, 2026, and arguments on framing of charges were heard on April 11, 2026, following which Khan had filed the present application on April 18, 2026.

According to the prosecution led by prosecutor Lalit Pingolia, the complainant was installing CCTV cameras for Delhi Police at Gate No. 10 of Jamia Millia Islamia on Oct 1, 2023, when Khan allegedly confronted him over the work, abused Delhi Police, and assaulted the complainant after stopping him from leaving the spot.

The court also referred to Khan's interrogation conducted on Jan 15, 2024, at his residence in Jogabai Extension, Jamia Nagar, where he allegedly stated that he saw some boys working on the road, felt they would damage it, and "hit them." The defence argued that the investigation officer had conducted the probe "in a superficial manner and with the intent to falsely implicate the applicant," while also raising a plea of alibi. However, the court noted that "no concrete proof" or digital evidence had been submitted to establish the claim. It further observed that although the accused relied on four documents and fifteen photographs relating to a public function on the same day, the material didn't conclusively establish his presence there at the relevant time.

Noting that the said documents don't show any exact time of Khan's presence at the alleged event, magistrate Dalal held that "merely invitation letter of function to start at 5pm and actual time of the function are different matter of fact, and same would require proof."

The court also observed, that the venue of the alleged alibi was within 8 km of the incident spot, leaving open the possibility of his involvement with the alleged incident.

Thus rejecting the plea for fair investigation, the court held that "the prayer to direct fair investigation is not warranted at this stage," noting that the allegations were supported by the victim's testimony, medical evidence and witness statements. It concluded that "prima facie allegations are made out to frame charges under Section 323/341/506."

WCD sets up committee to draft guidelines for rehabilitation of street children

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi govt's women and child development (WCD) department has initiated the process of framing comprehensive guidelines for the care, protection, rehabilitation and reintegration of street children in the capital, with a dedicated committee set up to prepare the framework. The committee, to be chaired by a senior member of the child protection and development unit (CPDU), will include officials from child welfare homes, district child protection units and welfare departments. It will also have field experts working closely with vulnerable children. A senior committee member said priority is to engage with designated stakeholders and formulate an impact-driven roadmap.

The panel has been asked to examine the existing system for street children and children engaged in begging, identify gaps in care and rehabilitation, and suggest a more coordinated response. As part of the exercise, institutional mechanisms such as open shelters, children's homes, outreach services and convergence efforts under Mission Vatsalya will be reviewed to assess their efficacy. The guidelines are expected to cover the entire chain of intervention, from prevention and identification to rescue, rehabilitation and long-term reintegration. The committee will develop strategies to identify vulnerable children early, map hotspots and strengthen rescue operations, while also focusing on immediate support systems, including shelter, healthcare and counselling. The rehabilitation framework is likely to emphasise long-term support measures, including education, vocational training, family restoration and follow-up mechanisms aimed at preventing children from slipping back into street situations. The panel is expected to study models adopted in other states and countries and identify practices that can be adapted for Delhi.

The committee will also recommend ways to strengthen coordination between govt departments, NGOs and civil society organisations, besides suggesting monitoring systems based on measurable outcomes. The order also allows the panel to co-opt members from the child care committee constituted earlier this year and seek additional expert inputs, if required.

The committee has been given 15 days to submit draft guidelines to the WCD secretary. Based on the findings, consultations with stakeholders, including govt agencies and civil society groups, will be carried out before the framework is finalised.

Connaught Place hosts 'Shaurya Diwas' to mark one year of Operation Sindoor

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi Government on Sunday organised a special "Shaurya Diwas" programme at Central Park in Connaught Place to commemorate the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor. The event witnessed participation from Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Cabinet Minister Kapil Mishra, ex-servicemen, youth, social organisations and a large gathering of citizens who came together to honour the courage and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces. The event was marked by patriotic fervour as renowned singer Ashish Kulkarni delivered patriotic performances that filled the venue with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram".

Addressing the gathering, CM Gupta said that "Shaurya Diwas"



was an occasion to salute the bravery and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces. She said that through Operation Sindoor, India had delivered a strong response to terrorism and those supporting it. She said, "Shaurya Diwas" is an occasion to salute the indomitable

courage, bravery and sacrifice of the Indian Armed Forces. She stated that through Operation Sindoor, India gave a befitting reply to terrorism and its handlers, sending a clear message to the world that India will never compromise on its security, sovereignty and national honour. Referring to the April 22 terror attack, the CM described the incident as deeply painful and said it had shaken the nation and united citizens in grief and anger. She credited the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for ensuring a decisive response against terrorism. She further stated that Operation Sindoor represented the emotions and pride of the entire nation and paid tribute to soldiers serving in difficult conditions across the country's borders.

Delhi court grants three-day police custody of Al-Falah varsity chairman

New Delhi(GNS): A Delhi court on Saturday granted three-day police custody of Al-Falah University chairman and Tarbia Education Foundation director Jawad Ahmad Siddiqui, who was arrested on March 24 in connection with a money laundering case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

According to the Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Al-Falah Trust generated proceeds of crime amounting to Rs 493.24 crore through fee collections obtained by allegedly misleading students and regulatory authorities.



20,000 healthcare workers trained in 'Golden Minute' lifesaving initiative

New Delhi(GNS): In a major nationwide healthcare initiative aimed at reducing neonatal mortality in India, more than 20,000 healthcare workers and medical professionals were trained in new-born resuscitation and emergency neonatal care on Sunday under the National Neonatology Forum of India's (NNF India) "Nationwide NRP Training Day".

The large-scale programme, conducted as part of the Presidential Action Plan 2026 of NNF India, focused on equipping healthcare profes-



sionals with life-saving skills required during the critical "Golden Minute" immediately after birth - the first 60 seconds when timely intervention can save a new-born's life.

In Gurugram, the

training campaign was conducted at Sector-15-based Krishna Medi Healthcare under the coordination of senior paediatrician Dr Balraj Singh Yadav.

Highlighting the

urgency of strengthening neonatal care systems in India, Dr Yadav said the country's Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) currently stands at 25 per 1,000 live births, significantly higher than developed nations such as Japan, Finland, Sweden and Norway, where the rate is nearly 2 per 1,000 live births. In the United States, the IMR is around 5 per 1,000 live births.

"To realise Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of making India a developed nation by 2047, strengthening healthcare systems and advanced training of

healthcare workers is essential," Dr Yadav said. According to paediatric experts associated with the programme, nearly one in every ten babies born in India experiences breathing difficulty at birth and requires immediate medical support. The training sessions focused heavily on practical neonatal resuscitation techniques to ensure healthcare providers can respond effectively during childbirth emergencies. The free Basic Neonatal Resuscitation Programme (NRP) course was specially designed for paediatricians,

neonatologists, gynaecologists, anaesthesiologists, physicians, resident doctors, nurses, midwives, medical officers and healthcare workers associated with labour rooms and newborn care units.

Dr Yadav said the campaign was organised with support from the Government of India, UNICEF, the Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India, Trained Nurses' Association of India and the Indian Medical Association.

Don't sleep over persistent snoring in children, warn doctors

New Delhi(GNS):For many parents, a child's snoring is little more than a bedtime quirk - an indication of deep sleep or exhaustion after a long day. Doctors, however, warn that persistent snoring, mouth breathing and restless sleep can be red flags for obstructive sleep apnoea (OSA), a potentially serious condition that disrupts breathing during sleep and deprives the brain and body of oxygen. For 12-year-old Surya Pratap, what started as loud snoring gradually turned into a health crisis that went unnoticed for nearly two years. While studying at a boarding school, Surya struggled to sleep through the night, breathed almost entirely through his mouth and showed steadily declining energy levels.



"For two years, our family lived in a state of constant exhaustion," said his father, Rajesh Kumar, adding, "Watching him struggle for breath every night meant neither my wife nor I could rest. Seeing him finally breathe normally and regain his energy has been an overwhelming relief." Doctors say Surya's experience is far from uncommon. OSA in children is fre-

quently overlooked, even though it disrupts the deep sleep cycles essential for growth, learning and emotional regulation. Children with the condition often wake up tired, struggle to concentrate in class, become irritable or unusually hyperactive, or show a decline in academic performance - symptoms that are frequently mistaken for behavioural problems or attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

"Because he was unable to breathe properly through his nose during sleep, he could not consistently reach the deep, restorative stages of sleep that are essential for a child's growth," said Dr Rajesh Bhardwaj, consultant ENT specialist at MedFirst ENT Centre, who treated Surya.

Smile during 'snatching' leads police to staged robbery plot

New Delhi(GNS): A smile caught on CCTV footage helped police crack what initially appeared to be a daylight robbery in north Delhi's Wazirabad. Investigators grew suspicious after spotting the complainant smiling at the alleged snatchers during the incident - a clue that eventually exposed what police claim was a staged theft of Rs 6.5 lakh. Three people were arrested in the case.

Police received a PCR call regarding the alleged snatching near the old Yamuna bridge on May 4 at around 6pm. The complainant, 20-year-old Ayush Mishra, told police that he worked at the office of a chartered accountant in Burari and was travelling to Rajendra Place on a motorcycle to deliver cash when two bike-borne men allegedly snatched a black bag containing Rs 6.5 lakh.

"During the investigation, the team thoroughly analysed CCTV footage from the spot and adjoining routes," said DCP (North) Raja Banthia. "In one of the clips, Mishra was seen smiling



while the alleged snatchers followed him carrying the same black bag," he added.

The footage, along with other inconsistencies in Mishra's account, raised suspicion. Police found it unusual that although Mishra claimed the incident had taken place around 3.30pm, the matter was reported only at 6pm. During questioning, Mishra allegedly confessed to orchestrating the fake robbery with two associates, Ashu (28) and Akash (33), police said.

The co-accused were subsequently arrested and the entire amount was recovered from the trio. According to police, Mishra had recently moved to Delhi and had joined the CA's office around two months ago.

Metro, Airtel Payments Bank to launch 'On-The-Go' NCMC cards

New Delhi(GNS):In a major push towards seamless urban mobility and digital payments, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has partnered with Airtel Payments Bank to launch co-branded RuPay 'On-The-Go' cards enabled with the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) system.

The initiative aims to provide commuters with a unified payment solution for metro services, buses and other transit systems across the country under the Government of India's 'One Nation, One Card' vision.

The announcement was made during a ceremony held at the Delhi Metro headquarters in the presence of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Managing Director Vikas Kumar, Airtel Payments Bank MD & CEO Anubrata Biswas and senior officials from both organisations.

The newly launched co-



branded cards include Debit Cards and PPI-MTS (Prepaid Payment Instrument for Mass Transit Systems) Cards. Unlike existing DMRC-issued cards that are restricted to the Delhi Metro network, the new open loop RuPay cards will allow commuters to make payments across multiple metro systems and transit networks nationwide using a single card. The cards are expected to be available at all Delhi Metro stations within the next 10 days. Commuters will also be able to recharge the cards digitally through

the DMRC and Airtel apps, reducing dependence on physical recharge counters at stations.

Kumar said, "DMRC has consistently focused on adopting innovative solutions to enhance passenger convenience. This exclusive partnership with Airtel Payments Bank and the introduction of co-branded NCMC cards will enable seamless and interoperable travel for our commuters, not only within the Delhi Metro network but also across multiple transit systems nationwide." Biswas said, "Our partnership with DMRC reflects a shared vision to simplify and modernise urban mobility through secure, digital first solutions. With the launch of the co-branded 'On-the-Go' NCMC cards, we are enabling commuters to experience seamless travel across transit systems, while advancing the larger ambition of 'One Nation, One Card' for India."