



The historic Bhojshala of Madhya Pradesh was recognized as the Vagdevi Temple by the ASI report

Bhopal(GNS): The High Court on Friday delivered a significant verdict in the case of the historic Bhojshala, located in Dhar district headquarters of Madhya Pradesh. Based on the survey report of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), the court recognized it as the temple of Goddess Vagdevi. The ASI presented a detailed 2,100-page report to the court. This report, prepared after a 98-day survey by the ASI, revealed many important facts. According to the report, statues, coins, and numer-

ous historical relics were found during the excavation. It stated that the foundation stones of the Parmara building were later constructed, while the pillars and architecture found in the survey indicate that these may have been part of a former temple and were later used in the construction of the mosque. The report also stated that 106 vertical and 82 horizontal pillars were found in all four directions of the complex, totaling 188 pillars. The structure of these pillars clearly indicates that they were originally



part of the temple architecture. The report also stated that the deities and human figures carved on the pillars were later damaged with tools. During the survey, the team found figures of deities on the walls of the Bhojshala. The report also includes sculptures that were previously removed from the complex and preserved in the Mandu Museum. It was stated that these sculptures were also found in the Bhojshala complex and were kept in the museum for conservation purposes. The artifacts excavated

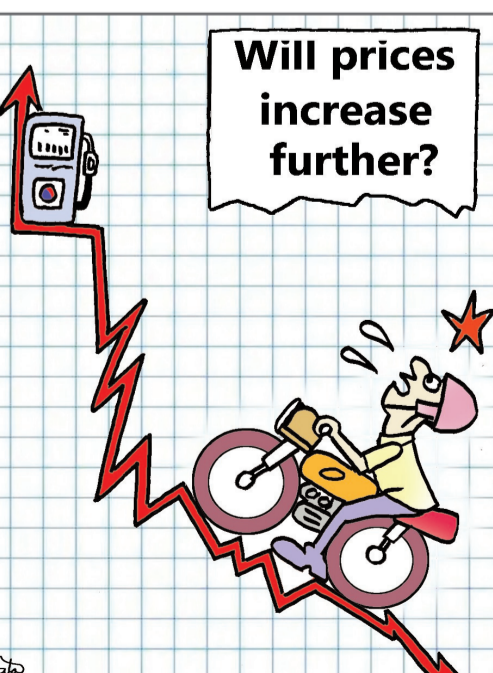
were made of marble, soft stone, sandstone, and limestone. They include symbols of Ganesha, Narasimha, Bhairava, deities, and animal figures. The survey also uncovered two pillars bearing the inscription "Om Saraswatyai Namah." Page 148 of the survey report states that the architecture of the pillars in Bhojshala indicates they were previously part of a temple and were reused on the high basalt platforms during the construction of the mosque.

The Prime Minister said that there is no ban on going abroad, but the talk of imposing tax on travel is baseless.

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday dismissed as "completely false" media reports claiming that the government was considering imposing any tax, cess, or restriction on foreign travel.

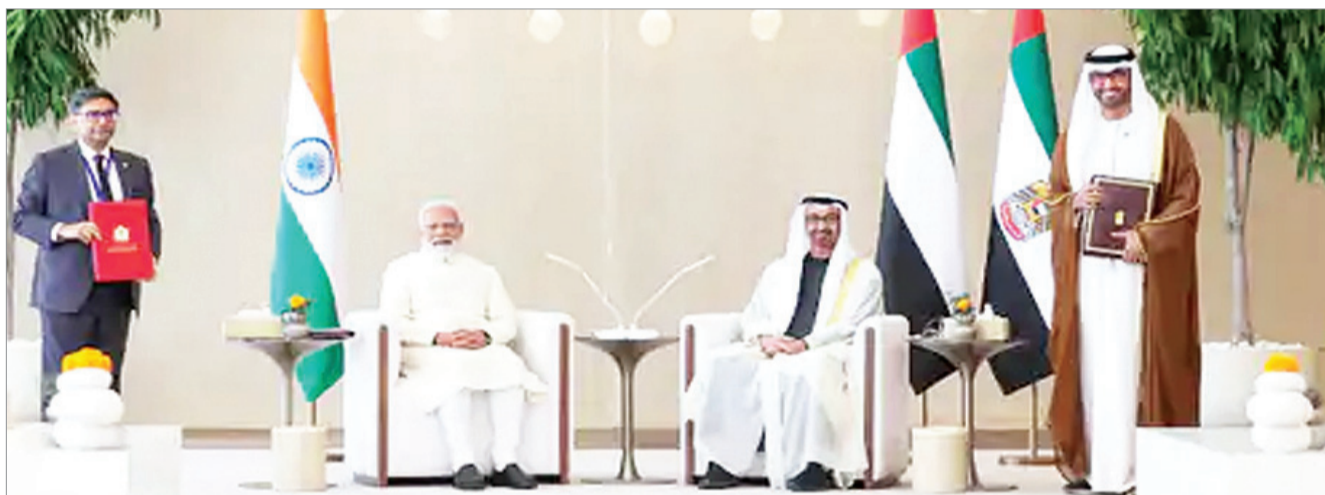
In a post on the social media platform X on Friday night, the Prime Minister said that such propaganda is a blatant lie. There is no truth in it at all. There is no question of imposing such restrictions on foreign travel. We are committed to improving the 'ease of doing business' and 'ease of living' for our people.

It is noteworthy that the Prime Minister recently made seven appeals to the countrymen in view of the global situation on May 10 in Hyderabad and on May 11 in Vadodara. In light of the crisis in West Asia, these included calls for working from home to reduce petrol and diesel consumption, reducing reliance on vehicles, and encouraging the use of public transport. He also urged reducing the temptation to buy gold to save foreign currency. In this context, Prime Minister Modi advised foreign travel only when necessary. He was imploring those traveling abroad for summer vacations and other purposes to exercise restraint. There was no mention of a ban on foreign travel unless it was necessary or for business purposes. To prevent people from being influenced by the misinformation surrounding his statement, Prime Minister Modi clearly stated that he prioritizes ease of doing business and ease of living.



India-UAE LPG supply agreement:

Decision in meeting with President Al Nahyan Modi's plane protected by F-16 fighter jets



Dubai, Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has arrived in the UAE for a state visit. Upon his arrival in Abu Dhabi, Modi was welcomed with a guard of honor. According to reports, UAE Air Force F-16 fighter jets escorted the Prime Minister's plane.

Prime Minister Modi and President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held a bilateral meeting. A key agreement was reached between the two countries regarding the supply of LPG. MoUs were also signed regarding strategic petroleum reserves, defense cooperation, and

the ship repair cluster in Vadinar. The UAE also announced a \$5 billion investment in Indian infrastructure, RBL Bank, and Samman Capital. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the two leaders discussed energy security, trade, investment, and the situation in West Asia.

- **Modi said – India stands with UAE in every situation:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while talking to UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, said that India stands firmly with the UAE in every situation. Amidst rising tensions in West Asia, PM Modi said that the relations between India and UAE are very strong. He thanked the UAE for its warm welcome, calling it his "second home". PM Modi said, "I express my heartfelt gratitude for this wonderful welcome."
- He also said that it is a matter of pride for the people of India that his aircraft was escorted by UAE Air Force fighter jets.
- **said – India is ready to help in every way for peace in West Asia:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his meeting with UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, said that India is ready to provide all possible support to restore peace in West Asia. PM Modi said that India will continue to support efforts for peace and stability in the region.
- **said – this visit was short but useful:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi concluded his visit to the UAE, saying it was a short but highly productive visit. He held extensive discussions with UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan on further strengthening the India-UAE Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Petrol and diesel become costlier by 3 each, new prices apply

● **Petrol in Delhi reaches 97.77 per liter, companies still incur a loss of 25-30 per liter**

New Delhi(GNS): Petrol and diesel have become costlier by 3 per liter each. Petrol will now be available in Delhi for 97.77 per liter. Diesel prices have risen to 90.67 per liter. The new prices came into effect on May 15th. This is the first price increase in nearly two years.

At the same time, companies are still incurring losses of 25-30 per liter on petrol and diesel. Along with petrol and diesel prices, CNG has also become more expensive by 2 per kg in major cities. In Delhi, a kilogram of CNG now costs 79.09.

Why did the prices of petrol and diesel increase

The main reason for this increase is the fluctuation in international crude oil prices. Crude oil prices, which were around \$70 before the US-Iran war, have now risen to over \$100 per barrel.

Monsoon to reach Kerala on May 26: 5 days ahead of schedule

Temperatures surpass 45°C in four Maharashtra cities, with Phalodi in Rajasthan the hottest

New Delhi, Agency: The Meteorological Department said on Friday that the monsoon could arrive in Kerala on May 26. Usually, the monsoon reaches Kerala around June 1, then moves north to



cover other parts of the country. Last year, the monsoon arrived on May 24. Rainfall in 2025 was 8% above normal. On September 30, 2025, the Meteorological Department

(IMD) reported that the country as a whole received 8 percent more rainfall (937.2 mm) than normal. IMD Chief Mrityunjay Mahapatra described it as a very successful season.

Rain and storm wreak havoc in UP, 111 dead: However, rain is still continuing in many parts of the country. Storms and rain wreaked havoc in Uttar Pradesh on Wednesday, killing 111 people in the state.

CJI said that unemployed youth are like cockroaches: they attack the system by becoming media, social media and RTI activists

New Delhi(GNS): Chief Justice Surya Kant, during a hearing, referred to the country's unemployed youth as cockroaches. He said, "Some unemployed youth are like cockroaches, who later become media, social media, or RTI activists and attack the system."

A bench of the CJI and Justice Joymalya Bagchi on Friday heard a petition filed by a lawyer seeking senior advocate status. The bench reprimanded the

lawyer, saying, "Society already has parasites who attack the system."

The bench said, "Everyone in the world may be eligible to become a senior advocate, but you are not entitled to it. Even if the Delhi High Court designates you as a senior advocate, the Supreme Court will overturn that decision based on your conduct."

Bench's question - you don't have any other case
The court asked whether the peti-



tioner had no other pending cases and whether this was proper conduct for someone aspiring to become a senior advocate. Senior advocate status is conferred, not achieved on one's own. The bench questioned, "Does this seem right to you being so intent on achieving this?" The Supreme Court may consider having the CBI investigate the degrees of several lawyers, as there are serious questions about the authenticity of their degrees. The Bar Council of India will not do anything about this because they need votes."

The light of knowledge, science and humanity

Sunil Kumar Mahala

(Special article on International Day of Light, 16 May)

International Day of Light is celebrated every year on May 16th. Let me inform you that this day is celebrated to raise awareness and understand the importance of light in fields such as science, education, culture, energy, medicine, communication, and the sustainable development of the nation and society. In reality, light does not only refer to physical illumination; it also symbolizes knowledge, awareness, hope, innovation, and human progress. Beyond religion, language, and boundaries, light is universal, and from art to phi-

losophy, it has always been seen as a symbol of wisdom and positivity. Indeed, light is the backbone of modern life, and without the science of light, Digital India, global connectivity, and modern technology are unimaginable. In fact, International Day of Light is not only a celebration of a scientific achievement: the successful operation of the laser, but also a symbol of humanity's journey from darkness to light. It would not be wrong to say that this day acts as a bridge between science and humanity and inspires us to spread the light of knowledge, science and positive thinking.

Readers may be aware that light is considered sacred and enlightening in Indian culture.

Who doesn't know about the famous Upanishad mantra, "Tamaso Ma Jyotirgamay," meaning "O Lord! Lead us from darkness to light?" Light not only speaks of light from external darkness, but also conveys humanity's continuous progress from ignorance, fear, confusion, and negativity toward knowledge, truth, and positivity. This message becomes even more relevant today. Diwali is the greatest festival of light in our country, while in folk culture, the Lantern Festival is also considered a symbol of light, hope, and human compassion. Furthermore, the light of education, awareness, and moral values in social life serves to advance society.

However, if we discuss the main objectives of this day, the main objectives of International Day of Light are to raise awareness about the importance of optical science and optical technologies, to connect science and technology with societal development, to highlight the contribution of light-based technologies to energy, health, the internet, and communication, to inspire youth towards science and research, and to promote scientific cooperation and peace among nations. According to UNESCO, this day highlights the vital role of light in science, culture, art, education, and sustainable development. In fact, this day reminds readers how essential the proper use of

science and technology is for human well-being, peace, and sustainable development. For now, let me inform you that this day was first celebrated on May 16, 2018. On May 16, 1960, American scientist Theodore Maiman successfully operated a laser for the first time, and this day was chosen as International Day of Light in memory of this historic achievement. Simply put, this day marks the anniversary of the first successful operation of the laser by physicist and engineer Theodore Maiman. It is noteworthy that the invention of laser proved to be a revolutionary turning point in the field of medicine, communication and technology and the year 2015 was declared as the

International Year of Light and Light-Based Technology by the United Nations and after this, in the year 2017, UNESCO officially declared International Day of Light. Like other holidays, this day is celebrated annually with a specific theme. This year, the theme for 2026 is "Light, Science, and Society: Advancing Innovation and Impact." This theme focuses on advancing the positive impact of science and light-based technologies on society. The theme for 2025 was "Light for a Sustainable Future," which emphasized how light-based technologies can help address the global energy crisis and climate change through solar energy and energy-efficient lighting.

Editorial

Bursting at the seams: On the rise in inflation

India's April retail inflation, at a 13-month high of 3.48%, is only marginally higher than its March print of 3.4%, and continues to remain deceptively benign. Wholesale inflation has more than doubled to 8.3% in April from 3.88% in March — a 42-month high — signalling that substantial upstream price pressures are still working their way through the economy. Unsurprisingly, the spike in the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) has been led by soaring fuel and power prices, which rose 24.71%, while petroleum and natural gas prices surged 67.2%. This clearly indicates that the full impact of rising energy costs has not yet been passed on to end-consumers. However, such a pass-through now appears imminent. Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri recently indicated that the Centre may have little choice but to raise retail petrol and diesel prices, with public sector oil marketing companies reportedly absorbing "under-recoveries" of nearly ₹30,000 crore a month since the U.S.-Israeli war with Iran began. Any increase in retail fuel prices will have economy-wide implications.

April retail inflation has already been driven chiefly by food, with the Consumer Food Price Index rising to 4.2% from 3.87% in March. Predictably, restaurants and accommodation services witnessed among the sharper increases, reflecting the cascading effect of rising commercial LPG prices. The price of the widely used 19.2 kg commercial LPG cylinder has risen by roughly ₹850-₹1,000 over revisions since the conflict began, while the 5 kg canister has reportedly seen increases of over ₹200 in several markets. The canister is extensively used by migrant wage labour across the country, directly feeding into food basket costs and potentially dampening consumption demand. This comes even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appealed to people to refrain from "extravagant spending on weddings and travel abroad" and to cut back on buying precious metals for a year.

India: A global hub of spirituality, religious harmony and human consciousness

Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani

-Gratuitous, global spiritual discourse of Hare Madhav Satsang, Nagpur, May 16-17, 2026

The ultimate truth of the liberated Satguru Baba Ishwar Shah Sahib Ji — Man's greatest power lies not in the external world, but in the consciousness within him.

India is not just a geographical nation, but an energy of consciousness, experience and self-knowledge that has provided spiritual light to the world for centuries.

On a global scale, if any country on this infinite and mysterious land of Earth can be called a living symbol of spiritual consciousness, religious harmony, human welfare, and altruism, it is undoubtedly India. This is the land where sages meditated, where the hymns of the Vedas resonated, where Buddha preached compassion, where Mahavira declared non-violence the highest form of religion, where Saint Kabir placed humanity above caste and creed, and where the Guru tradition paved the way for connecting the soul with the Supreme Being. India is not merely a geographical nation, but an energy of consciousness, experience, and self-knowledge that has provided spiritual light to the world for centuries. Modern science is researching the capabilities of the human brain, but Indian spirituality revealed thousands of years ago that man's greatest power lies not in the external world, but in the consciousness within. Inspired by the liberated Baba Ishwar Shah Sahib Ji, I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani of Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the greatest mystery of human life is one's own mind. Scientifically, it is said that humans are only able to utilize a limited portion of their brain's potential. From a spiritual perspective, this is attributed to a lack of self-knowledge. When a person becomes engrossed in materialism, competition, and selfishness, their mind becomes

restless and their inner energy is dissipated. The Indian meditation tradition states that if a person spends some time meditating, mindfully and heartily, their brain system can become highly active and balanced. Meditation is not just a matter of closing the eyes, but a process of delving within oneself, in which one begins to understand oneself. This is why even major corporate institutions, scientists, and physicians across the world recognize meditation and yoga as essential for mental health and efficiency. The Indian tradition of yoga and meditation has become a part of the global lifestyle. The most beautiful aspect of spirituality is that it unites humans, not divides them. Nature itself teaches us this. If an animal is taken away from a herd and left somewhere else, it will eventually strive to reach a place where it is surrounded by creatures of similar thoughts and energy. This is not merely animal behavior, but a profound philosophical truth of life. Humans thrive best in environments filled with love, positivity, service, compassion, and altruism. Therefore, saints and great men have always emphasized the importance of satsang, fellowship, and collective consciousness. The very word satsang carries within it a deep spiritual experience, meaning communion with truth. When a person connects with the words, hymns, meditation, and service of saints, their mind gradually begins to free itself from all distractions.

Friends, if we explore the sacred land of Katni within this great saint tradition of India, the Baba Madhav Shah-Baba Narayan Shah Darbar has become a remarkable center of spiritual consciousness. It is not merely a religious site, but a spiritual confluence where thousands and millions of devotees come seeking spiritual peace and direction in life. The experiences of those who visit indicate that when a person truly surrenders to the Satguru, positive changes begin within them. The hallmark of this Darbar

is not only its grandeur, but also its altruistic spirit, service culture, and loving atmosphere. Currently, the liberated Satguru Baba Ishwar Shah Sahib Ji, who carries forward this tradition, is spreading the message of love, peace, service, and self-realization to humanity through satsangs across the country and abroad. His satsangs welcome not just one religion, caste, or class, but all of humanity. This is the essence of Indian spirituality: Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, meaning the whole world is one family. The immortal words of Baba Ishwar Shah Sahib Ji, who is liberated from sin, contain not only religious teachings but also the inspiration to make life simple, positive, and charitable. In his satsangs, people don't just sit as listeners, but also experience a new awakening within themselves.

Friends, if we talk about understanding the important link of this spiritual tradition, then in that form, the Hare Madhav Satsang will be organised on 16th and 17th May 2026 in Nagpur and on 19th and 20th May 2026 in Jalna, Maharashtra has become a centre of special attraction and faith. After almost 12 years, the arrival of Jivanmukta Satguru Baba Ishwar Shah Sahib Ji is going to take place in Nagpur, due to which immense enthusiasm and emotional excitement is visible among the devotees. Nagpur, the sub-capital of Maharashtra, which is a symbol of cultural and spiritual diversity, is seen filled with devotion and spiritual energy these days. Thousands of devotees from various states of the country including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan and many other regions are expected to reach Nagpur.

Friends, the scale and organizational capacity of Hare Madhav Satsang can be gauged from the fact that special arrangements have been made for the convenience of the devotees. Vehicles have been arranged for Platform No. 8 of Nagpur Main Railway Station to various bus

stops to transport the Sangat to the Satsang venue and resting places. This is not just event management, but a living example of the Indian culture of service. In Indian spirituality, "Atithi Devo Bhava" is not just a saying, but a part of life. Adequate arrangements have been made for the visiting Sangat for accommodation, rest, breakfast, lunch, and dinner. These arrangements are not limited to providing food, but rather instill a feeling of love, equality, and togetherness. The grand procession to mark the arrival of Jeevan Mukta Babaji in Nagpur on May 16, 2026, will be a special attraction. The procession will begin from Hanuman Temple, Hemu Kalani Chowk, Jaripatka, and pass through the Jaripatka main market. The echo of drums and cymbals, the sweet sound of conch shells, and the spiritual performances of the followers of Ishwar Nadam Pathak will fill the atmosphere with devotion. The dance and skating show presented by the children of Bal Sanskar will symbolize that the spiritual stream of Indian culture is not limited to the elderly; the new generation is also deeply connected to it. When thousands of devotees will see their Satguru after years, the scene will not be merely a religious event but a grand confluence of emotions, devotion, and spiritual love.

Friends, if we talk about the Hare Madhav Satsang, to be held on May 17, 2026, it is considered extremely important from a spiritual perspective. In this satsang, the glories of the Shri Kalash and divine events related to Satguru Baba Narayan Shah Sahib Ji will be presented through LED. Specifically, it will depict how the Satguru gave a devotee divine visions of Mother Ganga and Har Ki Pauri. In the Indian saint tradition, such events are not simply viewed as miracles, but rather as spiritual experiences of faith, belief, and the guru-disciple relationship. The guru is given the highest place in Indian culture because he leads a person from ignorance to knowledge.

Mass verification of 36 crore voters in 16 states is a challenge for the Election Commission

Sanat Jain

The assembly elections in five states recently concluded. Immediately following this, the Election Commission of India issued a notification for SIR verification for approximately 360 million voters across 16 states and three union territories. So far, the Election Commission has conducted the verification of 590 million voters across 13 states and union territories in two phases. The names of 55 million voters have been removed from the voter list. This has been a

source of constant controversy. The matter is pending in the Supreme Court, with no decision yet. The issue of whether the Election Commission has the authority to conduct the SIR is still pending in the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court has been hearing this case since before the Bihar assembly elections. Meanwhile, assembly elections were held in five states, including Bihar, including West Bengal. There has been a strong reaction to the SIR in West Bengal. The rules set by the Election Commission here differed from those in Bihar

and other states. In West Bengal, the names of approximately 10 million voters have been removed from the voter list. The names of approximately 6.3 million voters, despite being on the 2003 voter list, were removed due to spelling errors or other reasons. Of these, approximately 28,000 voters have appealed to the tribunal. These voters were barred from voting. Over the past three months, the SIR has sparked intense backlash among political parties and citizens. Those whose names have been removed from the voter

list have been deprived of their rights.

Following the SIR in West Bengal, the Mamata Banerjee government suffered a crushing defeat. TMC candidates lost by fewer votes than the number of names removed from the SIR. While this controversy was ongoing, the governments of Bihar and West Bengal added fuel to the fire. Voters whose names were removed from the electoral rolls will no longer be considered citizens. Those not on the electoral rolls will no longer receive government benefits. Meanwhile, the

Election Commission has issued a notification bringing 360 million voters under the SIR ambit. Whether this will be readily accepted is doubtful. Until now, the Election Commission has received a degree of protection from the Supreme Court regarding the SIR. The current response suggests that the Election Commission's challenges will increase in the future. In the ongoing hearings in the Supreme Court, pressure from petitioners has begun to mount on the judiciary. In such a situation, it is doubtful whether the Election Commission will

be able to carry out the SIR. The opposition has united in this matter. The effects of inflation and unemployment are now directly affecting the general public. This issue is no longer limited to the Election Commission alone. It is also being seen as a matter of civil rights. The Election Commission does not have the authority to determine citizenship; this authority rests with the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of India. In such a situation, how can the Election Commission delete voters' names based on whether they

are Indian citizens? The fact that the West Bengal and Bihar governments have begun threatening to withhold state government benefits and deny citizenship will put pressure on the Supreme Court to issue a decision on this matter. Opposition parties lack confidence in the Election Commission's impartiality. The Election Commission is constantly being accused of aiding the BJP at the behest of the government. An impeachment motion has already been filed against the Election Commission in Parliament.

No entry fee at DDA's parks till 10 am

New Delhi(GNS): In a major relief to morning walkers, joggers and fitness enthusiasts, entry fees are going to be waived at parks managed by Delhi Development Authority. Lieutenant governor TS Sandhu on Thursday stated that no fee shall be charged till 10 am at DDA's parks and heritage sites. The prominent places covered under this initiative include Mehrauli Archaeological Park, Baansera, Asita, Kranti Udhyan, Vatika, Atal Sadbhavana Park, Vasudev Ghat, Vaishnavi Park, Amrut Biodiversity Park, Lala Hardayal Park (Jasola) and Smriti Van (Narela). Hundreds of people visit these places during morning hours every day.

The decision goes with the PM's vision to promote Fit India Movement, said LG.

The authority had begun implementing entry fees at certain public parks, such as the 36-acre Sector 16D park in Dwarka and Baansera last year. The decision had drawn flak from morning walkers.

DDA manages over 16,000 acres of green assets, including more than 700 parks, biodiversity zones, city forests, regional parks and neighbourhood gardens.

Woman tied up, robbed of Rs 8 lakh in Trilokpuri home

New Delhi(GNS): Two men allegedly robbed a woman of gold and silver jewellery and cash worth about Rs 8 lakh after entering her house in east Delhi's Trilokpuri on Thursday morning, police said.

According to police, the incident occurred around 11 am when the main gate of the house was left open and the woman was alone inside. The two accused allegedly entered the premises, overpowered her and tied her to a bed.

Police said the men snatched the keys of an almirah from the woman's purse, opened the locker and fled with jewellery and cash.

Family members and neighbours reached the house shortly afterwards, untied the woman and alerted the police. A PCR call regarding the incident was received at the Mayur Vihar police station at 11.17 am.

The woman suffered minor injuries and was taken for a medical examination, police said. An FIR has been registered at the Mayur Vihar police station.

NIA charges 10 with 2025 car blast, exposes 'Op Heavenly Hind' plot

New Delhi(GNS): National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Thursday filed a 7,500-page chargesheet against 10 people linked to the car bomb explosion near Red Fort on Nov 10, 2025.

Filed before a special court at Patiala House, the document states they are associated with Ansar Ghazwat-ul-Hind (AGuH), an offshoot of al-Qaida in Indian Subcontinent (AQIS).

NIA's exhaustive investigation, spanning Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Delhi NCR, paints a chilling picture of a conspiracy involving radicalised medical professionals. According to the agency, the 10 met clandestinely in Srinagar in 2022 to form 'AGuH Interim' after a failed attempt to migrate to Afghanistan via Turkey. Under this banner, they launched 'Operation Heavenly Hind', a plot aimed at overthrowing the Indian govt to impose Sharia law in the country.

The high-intensity blast involved a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device and claimed 11 lives, injured numerous others, and caused widespread property damage. The chargesheet, supported by 588 oral testimonies, 395 documents and over 200 material exhibits, details how the outfit procured specialised laboratory equipment like mixed metal oxide anodes and electronic circuits from both online and offline sources.

Among those charged is the alleged mastermind, Dr Umer Un Nabi, a former assistant professor of medicine at Al-Falah University in Faridabad. While Nabi is now dead - his identity as the bomber was confirmed through DNA fingerprinting - charges against him are proposed to be abated. Proceedings will continue against Aamir Rashid Mir, Jasir Bilal Wani, Dr Muzamil Shakeel, Dr Adeel Ahmed Rather, Dr Shaheen Saeed, Mufti Irfan Ahmad Wagay, Soyab, Dr Bilal Naseer Malla and Yasir Ahmad Dar. Muzammil, also a doctor, had conducted multiple reces of Red Fort in Jan 2025. NIA's investigation revealed that the outfit manufactured triacetone triperoxide (TATP) explosives using commercially available chemicals and conducted experiments to perfect the mixture. The trigger mechanism was connected to Nabi's shoes, the probe suggests. Evidence suggests the module was also experimenting with advanced weaponry, including rocket- and drone-mounted IEDs intended to target security establishments across India. Over 350kgs of explosive material, enough to assemble over 50 high-impact IEDs, was collected by the module since 2022. Beyond explosives, NIA found the accused had illegally stockpiled prohibited arms, including AK-47 and Krinkov rifles.

Delhi High Court action against AAP leaders marks accountability, says MP Manoj Tiwari

New Delhi(GNS): BJP MP and former Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari on Thursday welcomed the Delhi High Court's decision to start criminal contempt proceedings against Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal and other senior party leaders.

Tiwari said the court's action sent a strong message that "no one is above the law or the dignity of the judiciary", regardless of political influence or public office. He called the move a necessary step to uphold judicial authority and constitutional values. Accusing AAP leaders of running a sustained campaign against the judiciary, Tiwari alleged that they circulated edited



videos, made defamatory remarks and carried out coordinated social media attacks against judges. He claimed these actions were aimed at weakening public trust in the judicial system. Tiwari said those who misuse public platforms to spread misinformation must face legal consequences. He said the criminal contempt action marked "the beginning of accountability" for those accused of trying to influence or discredit judicial processes.

Delhi hospital saves two-yr-old child from bone disorder via rare stem cell transplant

New Delhi(GNS): A two-year-old child from Kashmir, who had gradually started losing his hearing and eyesight within months of birth, has recovered after undergoing a rare stem cell transplant at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for a life-threatening genetic bone disorder.



The child had been seriously ill since infancy. His parents first noticed swelling in his stomach when he was three months old. A month later, he developed unusual eye movements. He had also suffered seizures soon after birth. Over time, he gradually lost both hearing and vision. Doctors later found that he was severely anaemic and had an enlarged spleen. After detailed medical tests and genetic investigations in Delhi, doctors diagnosed the child with osteopetrosis linked to a mutation in the 'CLCN7' gene.

Two-day work from home, Metro travel to save fuel in Delhi

New Delhi(GNS):

The Delhi Government on Thursday announced a slew of measures, including two days of work from home for government offices and use of Metro trains by ministers and officers on Mondays. The steps are part of a sweeping 90-day public participation campaign, "Mera Bharat, Mera Yogdan", aimed at promoting fuel conservation, responsible consumption and support for made-in-India products.

Announcing the initiative at the Delhi Secretariat, Chief



Minister Rekha Gupta said the campaign was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "nation first" appeal and would seek to turn individual responsibility into a mass movement across the Capital. As part of the initiative,

the Delhi Government announced major administrative and lifestyle changes to reduce fuel use and encourage sustainable practices. A two-day work-from-home system will now be implemented every week in all non-essential gov-

ernment departments, while private companies have also been advised to adopt similar arrangements, wherever possible.

To cut fuel consumption, the government has reduced official petrol allowances for government vehicles by up to 20 per cent and announced that no new petrol, diesel, CNG or hybrid vehicles will be purchased for the next six months. Every Monday will now be observed as "Metro Monday", encouraging ministers, officers and employees to use public transport.

The government has also introduced staggered office timings to ease traffic congestion and prepared special routes for 58 feeder bus services connecting 29 government colonies with nearby Metro stations. Employees using public transport regularly would receive additional incentives, the CM said. In another major decision, ministers and officials will avoid official foreign tours for one year, while 50 per cent of official meetings will be conducted online to reduce travel expenditure and fuel usage.

Large government conferences and events will also remain restricted for the next three months. The Delhi Government further announced energy-saving measures in offices, including mandatory AC temperature settings between 24 and 26°C and installation of power-saving systems.

The Chief Minister also pledged to scale down her official convoy and prioritise electric vehicles and public transport, calling upon citizens to adopt carpooling, EVs and responsible consumption as part of nation-building efforts.

At Delhi's one-of-its-kind school, LGBTQ people learning to drive cars, steer lives

New Delhi(GNS): On Delhi's crowded roads, where traffic rarely slows and patience runs thin at each signal, a small group of transgender and queer persons are quietly learning ways to reclaim space for themselves -- one driving lesson at a time.

At a one-of-its-kind drivers' programme being run at the Kamla Market police station in Delhi, the first batch of transgender and LGBTQ people has just completed their course, learning not just to navigate Delhi's chaotic roads but also to negotiate society which tends to judge.

At this programme run by community building organisation Seva Bharti, transgender and queer learners are discovering more than just a skill. They are finding dignity and confidence and a space that lets them be.



For one of the trainees, Piya (39), a transgender rights activist, learning to drive was never only about mobility.

"If we don't stand on our feet, nobody will support us," she says, her words carrying the weight of years spent negotiating identity.

Like other transgender persons, she says her first struggle was not with society but within her own home.

"The first battle is with the family," she says quietly,

adding that it is better to tell your family yourself than let somebody else tell them.

The learners, whom The Tribune interviewed, went on to list their struggles that range from bullying in schools and colleges to hesitation of corporates to offer jobs. Sand, another recruit, pursuing graduation in social work, says driving, for her, began as a practical life skill. "Driving is something everyone should know," she says remembering her first nervous day at the Centre when she was filled with self-doubt. But no more. "When I reached there, I found confidence. Instructors are very patient and non-judgmental. At the end, we know jobs are still not easily available everywhere but at least we have skills. That's a satisfaction," she says.

Explainer: Why govt has increased petrol, diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre each

New Delhi(GNS): As the Central Government increased the price of petrol and diesel by Rs 3 per litre on Friday, which goes into effect immediately, let's take a closer look at the reason behind the move. The ongoing turmoil in West Asia, interruptions in the world's oil supply, and the depreciating rupee are all major contributors to the increase in fuel prices.

The extended turmoil in West Asia has been the main cause of the increase in fuel prices. Since West Asia continues to be one of the world's top producers of crude oil, tensions in the region have caused concern in the world's oil markets.

Over the past few weeks, crude oil prices have substantially surged due to growing concerns about supply interruptions. India is extremely susceptible to

such worldwide shocks because it imports around 85 per cent of its crude oil requirements.

Before the crisis intensified, India's crude basket imports were about USD 69 per barrel; more recently, they have risen to almost USD 113-114 per barrel. Crude oil prices continued to be high even on Friday. WTI crude increased 1.42 per cent to USD 102.66 per barrel, while Brent crude was trading at USD 107.20 per barrel, up 1.40 per cent. Concerns about a scarcity of oil supplies worldwide have also been raised by the conflict. Oil supplies from the region might drastically slow down if tensions intensify, which would reduce the amount of crude oil available globally, according to markets.

Crude prices typically climb quickly when supply concerns increase globally

because nations start vying for available cargoes. Importing countries like India now pay more for energy.

Vessels stuck at Hormuz Disruptions close to the Strait of Hormuz, one of the busiest oil transportation routes in the world, have also raised serious concerns.

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Shelf-care: Inside Delhi's weekend book crawls

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New Delhi(GNS): In a city where leisure often defaults to malls and cafes, bookstore hopping offers a quieter form of exploration. Tucked inside bustling markets, with low-hanging ceilings and the quiet hum of readers, bookstores are becoming destinations in themselves - spaces where readers linger over shelves, discover titles, and map the city one stop at a time. For a growing number of young readers, the ideal weekend now means a tote bag, an iced latte, and an afternoon spent moving from one bookstore to the next.

Bookstores are a shared space that keeps people connected through stories. Subir Dey, curator at a city-based bookstore, Kunzum Books, says, "There is that thrill of the hunt, the creak of a floorboard, the narrow aisles, and sometimes the recommendation notes pinned to the stacks."

Delhi Govt launches 90-day 'Mera Bharat, Mera Yogdan' campaign

New Delhi(GNS): In a major policy push aimed at promoting fuel conservation, responsible consumption and support for indigenous products, the Delhi Government on Thursday launched a 90-day mass awareness campaign titled 'Mera Bharat, Mera Yogdan'.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta announced a series of wide-ranging administrative and lifestyle measures designed to reduce fuel usage, ease traffic congestion and encourage sustainable civic behaviour across the Capital.

Addressing a press conference at the Delhi Secretariat along with members of her Cabinet, the Chief Minister said the campaign was inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for



"Nation First" and sought to transform resource conservation into a people's movement. She said the world was currently facing economic uncertainty, rising fuel costs and geopolitical tensions, making it necessary for citizens and governments alike to adopt responsible practices.

As part of the initiative, the Delhi Government has decided to implement a two-day work-from-home system every week

for non-essential departments. Essential services such as hospitals, fire services, public transport, electricity and water supply will remain exempt. Private companies and institutions have also been encouraged to adopt similar arrangements wherever feasible.

In a significant move to curb fuel consumption, the government has reduced official petrol allowances for vehicles used by ministers and officers

by up to 20 per cent. The Chief Minister also announced that no new petrol, diesel, CNG or hybrid vehicles would be purchased by the Delhi Government for the next six months.

"To promote public transport, every Monday will now be observed as 'Metro Monday', under which ministers, senior officials and employees will be encouraged to travel by Metro and buses. The government has also introduced staggered office timings for various departments to reduce peak-hour congestion on city roads. The revised timings for Delhi Government offices will be 10:30 am to 7 pm, while Municipal Corporation of Delhi offices will operate from 8:30 am to 5 pm.

Delhi's Schools Get A 360-Degree Health Check

New Delhi(GNS): At a govt school in Delhi, a drone slowly moves through corridors, classrooms and laboratories, capturing every corner of the campus in detail as part of a large-scale digital mapping and infrastructure audit exercise. Over 500 high-resolution images are taken for just one school, allowing officials to later walk through the building virtually, room by room, through a 360-degree digital map.

The exercise goes beyond creating photographs or spotting visible cracks. It can count the number of switches in a classroom, check whether a tap is functional, record the condition of furniture, and even flag damaged safety equipment.

Every classroom, laboratory and facility is digitally tagged to create a database of the school's infrastructure. Drone-mapping has been completed for nearly 360 schools and may extend to all 1,080 govt schools spread across nearly 800 campuses in the coming months, creating what officials describe as the city's most detailed digital record of school infra-

structure. Education minister Ashish Sood said unlike traditional audits that simply note whether fans, lights or toilets exist, this system measures whether they actually work. The digital reports cover everything from blackboards, cupboards and dustbins to fire extinguishers, desks and teacher chairs, categorising them as functional, needing minor repair or requiring urgent attention. Officials said the images are updated once the required repairs are done.

"The initiative is intended to create a scientific and verifiable infrastructure database, replacing manual reporting systems that only recorded whether facilities existed," Sood said. "The digital reports are expected to help prioritise repairs, monitor spending and prepare a broader white paper on the condition of Delhi govt school infrastructure."

"Unlike conventional inspections where officials physically visit schools and fill out checklists, the new system creates an interactive digital map of the campus.

NDLS revamp: Many key trains likely to be shifted to other terminals

New Delhi(GNS): One of India's busiest railway hubs, the New Delhi Railway Station (NDLS), is set to undergo redevelopment soon. As part of the ambitious modernisation plan, nearly 30 trains, including several key Shatabdi Express routes, are expected to be shifted from NDLS to other stations across the capital over the next two to three months, while about 100 trains may eventually be relocated during the period, a senior official said. Railway officials said the move is necessary to reduce congestion and minimise inconvenience to passengers while large-scale construction work is underway.

The redevelopment project has been entrusted to the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), which has already started work on the Paharganj side of NDLS. The old station building will be demolished and replaced with a modern, world-class transport hub. The entire redevelopment exercise is expected to continue for nearly three to four years. The work at NDLS will be carried out in three phases. In the first phase, platforms 1 to 5 will be redeveloped. The second phase will cover platforms 6 to 10 while the final phase will focus on platforms 11 to 16. During each phase, several premium services such as Shatabdi Express and Humsafar Express trains will be shifted to alternative terminals in Delhi. According to officials, trains will be relocated depending on the direction in which they travel. East-bound trains, particularly those heading towards Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand, are likely to be shifted to Anand Vihar Terminal. These could include the popular Dehradun Shatabdi Express, Kathgodam Shatabdi Express and Prayagraj Humsafar Express. Since these trains carry nearly 1,000 passengers each and witness consistently high occupancy, Anand Vihar would be the most suitable alternative due to its connectivity with eastern corridors, said officials.

Trains heading towards Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and southern India are expected to operate from Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station. These include the Bhopal Shatabdi Express that runs between New Delhi and Rani Kamalapati, Taj Express and Dr Ambedkar Nagar Superfast Express.

Rules flouted, stall appt of principal: DU to St Stephen's College

New Delhi(GNS): In a fresh flashpoint with St Stephen's College, Delhi University has asked the college to stall the appointment of Susan Elias as principal - days after she was named as the first woman to head the 145-year-old college - citing violation of norms.

In a letter to the college's governing body chairman Thursday, DU said the appointment process did not comply with University Grants Commission's 2018 regulations, making the recommendation "untenable". The college was asked not to proceed with the June 1 joining. DU noted that for the appointment, the varsity "has-



n't been requested for nomination of experts" as required under clause 5 of 2018 UGC rules, particularly the inclusion of the vice-chancellor's nominees in the selection committee.

It appears that the selection committee... has not been constituted in accordance

with provisions," the registrar wrote, adding that "the recommendations of such a committee cannot be implemented." DU told the college to "not proceed with appointment of new principal", and instead "convene a meeting of the selection committee constituted as per the provisions"

of the regulations. Media reached out to the college's chairperson and the newly appointed principal, Susan Elias, but did not get a response. The move throws into uncertainty Elias' high-profile and symbolic appointment, which was cleared by the college's supreme council on May 12 and signed off by Bishop of Delhi and chairman Paul Swarup.

The standoff comes against the backdrop of an ongoing tussle between DU and St Stephen's over appointments and institutional autonomy. The university and the college were already at loggerheads over the extension of outgoing principal John Varghese,

whom Elias was set to succeed. Varghese was appointed in 2016 for a five-year term and was granted an extension for a second tenure by the college's supreme council - a move the university had objected to, citing procedural violations. The matter has remained contested, with DU stating that it did not recognise Varghese as principal of St Stephen's.

Tensions have also played out on the admissions front. In 2024, the college and DU were again at odds after St Stephen's refused to admit 12 students allotted under the 'single girl child' quota, citing that it had already exceeded its sanctioned intake.

'Moral power is greatest power': Arvind Kejriwal after Delhi HC judge opts out of excise case after initiating contempt

New Delhi(GNS): AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday said "truth has triumphed" after the Delhi high court said the excise-policy case involving the former chief minister would be heard by another bench. "Truth has won. Mahatma Gandhi's Satyagraha has triumphed once again," the AAP chief said after the court development. The remarks came after Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma observed that she was not recusing herself from the matter, but that the case would now be placed before another bench.

Leader of Opposition in the Delhi assembly Atishi described the development as a "big victory" for Kejriwal and claimed that Justice Sharma had "finally recused" from hearing the excise-policy case.



AAP national media in-charge Anurag Dhanda also termed the development a major victory for Kejriwal, saying the party had consistently maintained that the judge should not hear the matter because of an alleged conflict of interest. AAP MLA from Burari Sanjeev Jha said, "Where truth and patience walk hand in hand, victory is assured."

He added that "no matter how dense the darkness may be, the sun of truth pierces through it", and said the "victory of Gandhi's Satyagraha is proof that moral power is the

greatest power".

Earlier on Thursday, Justice Sharma initiated criminal contempt proceedings against Kejriwal, MSSh Sisodia, Durgesh Pathak, Sanjay Singh, Saurabh Bhardwaj and others over what the court described as "vilifying" social media posts targeting her in connection with the excise-policy case.

Justice Sharma said the former Delhi chief minister had "orchestrated a calculated campaign" of vilification against her on social media instead of pursuing legal remedies. She also clarified that the CBI's petition challenging the discharge of all accused persons in the case would now be heard by another bench. The judge said she was not recusing herself from the matter, but transferring the case after initiating contempt proceedings.

Procedural delays keep Jangpura pet park non-operational

New Delhi(GNS): Municipal Corporation of Delhi's (MCD) pet park at Jangpura remains non-operational nearly three years after its construction was completed, with procedural delays preventing the appointment of an agency to run the facility. Developed in early 2023 over 1.5 acres, the park was planned as a dedicated recreational space for pet dogs, with facilities such as a day care centre, open play areas and basic veterinary services. However, the absence of an operator has left the infrastructure unused, raising questions over administrative delays and the under-utilisation of public assets.

MCD officials said on Thursday that the civic body has begun a fresh process to appoint an agency to operate and maintain the park after an earlier tender failed to attract any bidders.

"We floated tenders earlier, but there was no response from agencies. The entire process has now been restarted. In the meantime, the department is ensuring regular upkeep so that the infrastructure and facilities are properly maintained," an official said. According to officials, the project was initially held up by the prolonged absence of the MCD standing committee, whose approval is required to finalise rates and clear proposals related to the appointment of an operator.

Once operational, the park is expected to offer amenities such as veterinary services, sand play areas, pet supply shops, a cafe with a party zone, dog trails, swimming facilities and a day care centre. Dedicated defecation areas with proper lighting and signboards outlining rules and regulations are also planned.

'Dispute over money': Accused in Delhi bus gang-rape case tell cops; what we know so far

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police has arrested the driver and the conductor of a private sleeper bus for allegedly raping a 30-year-old woman inside the vehicle in west Delhi's Nangloi three days ago. The woman, a mother of four children, lives with her family in a slum cluster near outer Delhi.

In her statement before a magistrate and to police, she said that she was returning home after helping her brother around 12.15am on May 11 when the incident took place.

She claimed she was heading towards Madhuban Chowk and had reached near Saraswati Vihar bus stand when a private sleeper bus, with curtains drawn over the windows, approached her. The woman boarded the bus and found three men inside.

One of them got down after some time. The remaining two, who have been accused, allegedly drove the bus towards a secluded area in



Nangloi, at least 7km from where she was picked up.

The woman alleged that both the accused sexually assaulted her inside the bus. The accused have, however, claimed that it was a "monetary dispute" and cops said this was a matter of investigation. The accused have been identified as Umesh, a resident of Agra, and Ramendra, from Hathras in Uttar Pradesh.

Both have been driving in Delhi for 5-6 years and used to take turns driving the bus,

police said, adding that they are examining the sequence of events. Investigators said an argument broke out between the woman and the accused, allegedly over money. The woman first used Umesh's phone to ask Ramendra, who got out of the bus after some time, for money. When he refused, she used the phone to call the police and inform them about the alleged assault.

Delhi Police denied that she was sexually assaulted in a moving vehicle.

Senior police officers reached the spot soon after and arrested the two accused from the location.

The woman was taken for medical examination following which the FIR was registered under Sections 64 (rape), 70 (gang rape) and 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Both accused were later produced before a court and sent to judicial custody. Police said the claims made by the accused are being verified and all angles are being examined as part of the investigation.

The victim's statement has also been recorded in court under Section 164 of the CrPC.

The police are examining the sequence of events and will be looking at CCTV footage to examine the route taken by the bus and the background of the accused. The vehicle allegedly used in the crime has been seized and a forensic examination has been conducted for evidence.

School outreach programme shifts online, DoE targets 50% meetings via videoconferencing

New Delhi(GNS): A series of programmes organised by the directorate of education (DoE) will shift to virtual mode following govt's nudge to work-from-home, choose carpooling and online meetings amid the war in West Asia. This includes an interaction of education minister Ashish Sood with heads of govt schools. All directorates are aiming to hold 50% meetings through videoconferencing. Colleges have been urged to conduct select non-practical classes, guest lectures and administrative meetings online. The DoE has directed regional and district officials to ensure participation of all heads of govt schools. Meeting links and technical instructions will be shared with participants. Sources said more such measures will be seen in the coming weeks.

The circular also lays down guidelines for participants, including timely login, use of official designation and school names, decorum during the meeting and ensuring confiden-

tiality of meeting links and proceedings. The series of programmes focuses on academic planning, implementation of educational initiatives, learning outcomes and administrative coordination in Delhi govt schools.

The first interaction session for east Delhi zones 1 and 2 was held on May 12 through in-person interaction. The remaining sessions will now happen virtually, according to a circular by the directorate.

"Technology-enabled governance and direct academic engagement with school leadership are essential for strengthening Delhi's public education system while also ensuring administrative efficiency and responsible public conduct," Sood said. A total of 11 sessions have been planned to cover all 28 education zones in Delhi. The next session, covering zones 24, 26, 27 and 28 in south, central and New Delhi districts, is scheduled for Friday at 10am online.