

Red Heat Party amidst the heat web of Cockroach Janata Party

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Everyone has heard about the Narasimha incarnation, the boar incarnation, the fish incarnation, the tortoise incarnation, etc. of God, but these days we have to witness the 'cockroach incarnation' of man.

While the world is preoccupied with extracting oil from the Strait of Hormuz, cockroaches have begun to emerge here. The only difference is that they're emerging less from gutters and kitchens and more from social media.

While we may be dependent on

the Gulf countries and Russia for oil, we're becoming completely self-sufficient when it comes to cockroaches. These creatures once thrived in kitchens, bathrooms, and filth; now they flourish in "digital spaces" like Instagram, X, and Facebook. New species thrive in the filth of thought, behavior, and evolution.

These days, thanks to the birth of AI and social media, a new species called the human cockroach has emerged. This species is spreading rapidly and seemingly overnight occupying positions like global member, district president,

state convener, and national spokesperson. For these unregulated, self-proclaimed positions, "online activism" has become the standard for degree rather than qualification.

Scientists say that real cockroaches use their antennae to assess atmospheric humidity, odors, vibrations, etc. Meanwhile, human cockroaches are using AI to sense political winds. Interestingly, most of these cockroaches are young people, languishing in the heat of unemployment. They suddenly found refuge in "digital politics." Now, day and night, they are

making their presence felt through posts, tweets, and comments, as if "engagement," not employment, is the real income. Some journalists are warmly welcoming this new breed, perhaps finding a new crop of content. Meanwhile, seasoned politicians are starting to feel a mild typhoid fever from this "cockroach surge." They fear these digital insects might reach their positions. However, politics is no longer confined to fields and rallies. The "Cockroach Janata Party" is now active on social media, with branches spreading across every platform. In response, opposition

parties are also building their own "Red Heat Janata Party" with the help of AI. When the oil shortage drained the common man's life, people switched from motorcycles to bicycles, whereas when the alleged cockroach comment and unemployment drained the life out of the youth, they turned into cockroaches and took to social media. Overall, the situation has become such that there's a shortage of oil, but not of cockroaches. In this season of intense heat, amid the heat of the cockroach-like incarnation of humans, heatwaves and red heat are also in the news.

Editorial

Maoists should not be able to re-emerge

The Modi government is ensuring security and development in Maoist-affected areas, while Union Home Minister Amit Shah has blamed the policies of previous Congress governments for the spread of Maoism. The article highlights the historical spread of Maoism, the role of various governments, and the need to prevent its resurgence in the future. Having eradicated the scourge of Maoism, the Modi government is now focused on ensuring security and development in the affected areas. Recently, in Bastar, Union Home Minister Amit Shah cited Maoism as the reason for the lack of development there, saying that non-BJP governments supported the campaign to eradicate Maoism, but the Congress government did not.

It's important to consider how this storm, which arose from Naxalbari in Bengal in the 1960s, spread to nearly 150 districts in 14 states. How did the Maoists work to create a Red Corridor from Tirupati to Pashupatinath? Who were the governments that allowed the Maoists, who murdered thousands of innocent people, to flourish and promoted them as spoiled brats?

It's not without reason that PM Modi calls the Congress party a Maoist sympathizer. Congress has a history of supporting Maoism. It has consistently portrayed Maoism as a socio-economic problem. This led to the spread of Maoism in the 1970s and 1980s. In the early 1990s, when Maoists intensified their violent activities to create the Dandakaranya tribal state by combining Bastar in Chhattisgarh with parts of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra, Congress governments remained inactive. During this period, hundreds of soldiers were martyred and innocent civilians were killed. Andhra Pradesh's YSR Reddy Congress government even negotiated a truce with the People's War Group in 2004. However, the TDP remained opposed. In 2003, Maoists even attacked then-Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. At one time, the Maoists established a junction in the south, called the KKT Zonal Committee. KKT stands for Kerala, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The extent of the Maoists' influence in the south can be gauged from the fact that they learned the technique of IED blasts from the LTTE. The Maoists also inflicted wounds on the Congress party. In 2013, they launched an ambush in the Jhiram Valley in Sukma district of Chhattisgarh, wiping out almost the entire leadership of the state Congress.

India moving towards slavery of RSS-BJP and America

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After independence, India's foreign policy was based on the principle of non-alignment and did not bow to either of the two major actors of the Cold War—the United States and the Soviet Union. Pakistan has been toeing America's line since its inception, and the role of the American ambassador, the mul-lahs, and the military in stifling democracy and establishing the dominance of Muslim communal politics is clear to all. Even today, fundamentalists dominate the country in the name of Islam, and the military plays a crucial role. Successive army generals have either held power or exerted significant influence in political affairs. Donald Trump's invitation to Field Marshal Asif Munir for a dinner clearly illustrates Pakistan's current situation. While there are other aspects to Pakistan's foreign policy, its inclination towards the United States has been clear. It was jokingly said that Pakistan is ruled by the three "A"s: Allah, the American ambassador, and the army. This statement may be an exaggeration but it is clear that when politics in the name of religion becomes prevalent in the society, then similar situations arise as are there in our neighboring country.

India followed a path of unyielding submission to any superpower and, through multifaceted development in collaboration with various nations, achieved progress in the technological, industrial, and educational fields. A prime example of this is the five IITs, each of which was established with the assistance of a different major nation. India's unwavering resistance to superpower pressure is evident in the events

leading up to the creation of Bangladesh. US President Richard Nixon urged India not to interfere in developments in East Pakistan. At that time, the Pakistani army was wreaking havoc there, resulting in a large influx of refugees. Indira Gandhi, demonstrating courage, not only refused Nixon's advice but also signed a "friendship treaty" with the Soviet Union. Despite the presence of the US Navy's Seventh Fleet in Bengal, the Indian Army intervened and helped the Mukti Bahini (Mukti Bahini) liberate East Pakistan from the clutches of West Pakistan, which was committing various atrocities there. There were even attempts to impose Pakistan's national language, Urdu, on East Pakistan. Bengali-speaking East Pakistan rebelled. India, ignoring American threats, liberated the people of East Pakistan.

But since 2014, India's foreign policy has gradually shifted, becoming increasingly dominated by the United States. India is developing closer ties with Israel. Our traditional relations with Iran and Palestine have been sacrificed in accordance with the policies of the ruling party. Operation Sindoor involved clashes between Indian and Pakistani forces. While India claimed that the ceasefire was due to Pakistan's request and negotiations between the two countries, Donald Trump has repeatedly boasted that his administration secured a ceasefire by threatening economic damage to the two countries.

Until now, Pakistan has been considered India's number one enemy. Efforts have been made to establish contact between the citizens of both countries through important initiatives such as the Indo-Pak Forum and Aman Ki Asha. The Aman Ki

Asha campaign was initiated by India's Times of India and Pakistan's leading newspaper Jang. Undoubtedly, the governments of both countries have been exchanging accusations. Kashmir has always been an issue between the two countries. On the one hand, Kashmiris have had to contend with militants and terrorists coming from Pakistan, while on the other hand, the heavy presence of the Indian Army in civilian areas has made their lives miserable.

Now, it appears that the RSS-BJP's stance toward Pakistan is shifting. RSS's second-highest leader, Sarkaryavah Dattatreya Hosabale, recently stated that the doors for dialogue between the two countries should always remain open. The Sangh Parivar has consistently raised the Kashmir issue and blamed Nehru for the situation in Kashmir. Meanwhile, the unrest in Kashmir continued. Atal Bihari Vajpayee traveled by bus to Lahore in an attempt to resolve the dispute between the two countries. Subsequently, Pakistani dictator Pervez Musharraf visited India, but the deadlock persisted. Hosabale's statement came as a breath of fresh air amidst all this. RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has consistently linked relations between Pakistan and India to the concept of a united India. The BJP government has made no effort to promote SAARC, which was a significant step toward regional cooperation among South Asian countries.

Hosabale claims that this has always been the RSS's policy, although the truth is that keeping the doors open for dialogue is completely new. Hosabale issued this statement after his recent visit to the United States, but many suspect that he made this statement under pressure

from the United States. The veracity of this claim is difficult to ascertain, but there is no doubt that India has accepted the United States as its master. When the United States increased import duties on India from 3 percent to 50 percent and then reduced them to 18 percent, India did not protest. India also unhesitatingly followed the US directive not to purchase crude oil from Russia.

This was further confirmed by a statement by Ram Madhav, a prominent RSS-BJP leader, which he later retracted. Speaking at the Hudson Institute in Washington, he said that India had bowed to US decisions and demands, such as raising tariffs and not buying oil from Russia. He then added, "What has India not done to cooperate with the US?" When he faced criticism, he retracted his statement, but the truth was revealed.

The RSS has always been a stooge of America. It even supported America's invasion of Vietnam. The Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the Sangh's political wing, was opposed to the cooperative and public sector model that helped India industrialize. Pakistan was so confident of American support for everything that it did not develop its industrial, educational, and research infrastructure. India's current government is focused on identity issues, cows, and beef. It rejects Darwin's theory and Mendeleev's periodic table has been removed from the science curriculum. This government is under the influence of gurus like Dharendra Shastri and promotes superstition. Furthermore, it remains a stooge of America. This is the same path that Pakistan also followed, which led to neither democracy nor national development.

Arrogance of rights is the biggest threat to democracy

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India's democracy is considered the world's largest democratic structure. The Constitution, enacted in 1950, guarantees citizens equality, freedom of expression, religious freedom, the right against exploitation, cultural and educational rights, and justice. The framers of the Constitution designed a three-tier system consisting of the legislature, executive, and judiciary, with the aim of maintaining a balance of power and protecting citizens' fundamental rights. However, serious questions are currently being raised about whether these institu-

tions are fulfilling their fundamental responsibilities with the impartiality and sensitivity they intended. The greatest strength of democracy is public trust. When citizens elect a government through their right to vote, they not only delegate power but also the responsibility to protect their rights and future. The Constitution clearly ensures that no institution is autocratic. The legislature will make laws, the executive will implement them, and the judiciary will monitor that the Constitution and civil rights are not violated. But in recent years, there has been a growing perception of a growing centraliza-

tion of power and authority. Governments are enacting draconian laws, investigative agencies are detaining people for long periods, and courts are experiencing inordinate delays in delivering justice. This naturally raises the question among citizens whether justice is merely on paper. The fundamental principle of the Indian judicial system is, "Bail is the rule, and jail is the exception." Despite this, in many cases, accused remain in jail as undertrials for years. Sometimes trials don't even begin, while the accused spends more time in jail than their potential sentence. This situation pushes not only the

individual but their entire family into mental, social, and economic distress. It is worrying that the tendency to restrict personal freedom in the name of draconian laws is increasing. National security and law and order are essential, but ignoring fundamental rights in their name cannot be considered a good sign for democracy. When the law appears to be applied selectively rather than equally, citizens' trust begins to weaken. Today, the perception is also growing in society that the rules are different for the influential and wealthy classes, while the rules are different for ordinary citizens. Equality in justice is the soul

of democracy. If allegations of contradictions, delays, and bias in court decisions increase, it poses a serious challenge not only to the judiciary but to the entire democratic structure.

The judiciary is considered the ultimate guardian of democracy. Therefore, it is expected to exhibit the utmost sensitivity, restraint, and impartiality. The courts' observations and decisions have a profound impact on society. Consequently, if the courts make comments that offend the dignity of ordinary citizens, dissatisfaction is natural. Justice must not only be done, but must also be seen to be done. In a democ-

cracy, dissent cannot be considered anti-national. Ideological differences between the government and citizens are a natural part of the democratic system. Attempts to suppress every voice of dissent through draconian laws will undermine the credibility of democratic institutions. Today, the need is for the legislature, executive, and judiciary to introspect. Power does not imply autocracy, but responsibility. The Constitution has not made any institution supreme, but has made all accountable. If humility and sensitivity are lost along with power, democracy gradually becomes merely a system, not public trust.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated integrated sports infrastructure facilities at SAI NCoE Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today inaugurated several new sports infrastructure facilities at SAI NCoE Gandhinagar, reaffirming the government's commitment to building world-class high-performance sporting ecosystems across the country.

The Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Para Athlete Hostel, Centralized Dining Hall, Strength and Conditioning Hall, Multipurpose Training Hall and Meditation Park at the Centre.

These facilities have been developed to strengthen athletes' preparations through integrated support in training, recovery, nutrition, sports science and mental wellbeing.

Addressing the players, coaches and officials, Dr. Mandaviya said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's sports ecosystem is undergoing a

transformative change with special emphasis on player-centric development and inclusive sports infrastructure.

The Minister said, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji is truly the 'Best Friend' of our Para-athletes. Under his leadership, India has not only expanded sports infrastructure across the country, but has also ensured dignity, accessibility, recognition and equal opportunities for every Para-athlete."

Highlighting India's rise in global sports, Dr. Mandaviya noted that India has won 111 medals at the Asian Para Games and a record 29 medals at the Paralympics 2024, reflecting the country's rapidly strengthening sports ecosystem.

He commented, "Our record-breaking performance in recent international competitions is not an accidental achievement. It is the result of continuous investment in players, scientific training



, modern infrastructure and a strong belief that India can become a global sporting superpower." The Minister observed that SAI NCoE Gandhinagar, which has been notified as the 'Nodal Centre for Para Sports' by the Ministry, is emerging as one of the leading high-performance centres in the country for the development of para-athletes.

The centre currently supports six para sports disciplines including para athletics, para bad-

minton, para table tennis, para powerlifting, para swimming and para fencing. The facilities are also being used for training in handball, kabaddi and kho-kho.

Dr. Mandaviya also interacted with the players participating in the National Coaching Camps organized at the Centre for Kabaddi, Para Sports, Volleyball and Basketball. He observed that continuous exposure to high-level training environment and scientific support systems will

strengthen India's chances of winning medals in future international competitions including the Olympics and Paralympics. The Minister added, "Facilities like Para Athlete Hostel, Strength and Conditioning Hall and Centralized Dining Hall are not just buildings; they are investments in India's future champions."

These integrated high-performance ecosystems will play a crucial role in India's journey to sporting excellence in the years to come."

The newly inaugurated multipurpose training hall will be used primarily for Kabaddi training and is expected to facilitate high-intensity practice, match simulation and tactical preparations for the players throughout the year. The modern Strength and Conditioning Hall is designed to enhance the performance, endurance, recovery and injury prevention of the players through scientific training methods.

Dr. Mandaviya further highlighted that the Para Athlete Hostel and Centralized Dining Hall have been developed with financial assistance from the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which reflects the integrated approach of the Government of India towards the development of inclusive sports and the welfare of para-athletes. Stressing the importance of holistic development of the players, the Minister said that excellence in modern sports depends not only on physical preparation, but also on nutrition, mental well-being, discipline and recovery. He noted that facilities like meditation parks and centralized dining halls will significantly contribute to creating a comprehensive high-performance ecosystem for the players. The inauguration ceremony was attended by senior officials of the Sports Authority of India (SAI), coaches, players and members of the sports fraternity.

Illegal parking sites under MCD scanner for better traffic management

New Delhi(GNS): In a move aimed at improving traffic management and boosting revenue, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has decided to identify parking sites allegedly being operated illegally across the city. In an internal communication issued to all zonal deputy commissioners, MCD said it had been receiving complaints and reports from various sources regarding the unregulated and unauthorised functioning of parking sites in its areas -- by roads, on vacant land parcels and around markets.

According to the communication, the civic body is seeking to bring such sites under a formal regulatory mechanism in the interest of effective traffic management. Officials said there was a "strong requirement" to control and regulate these parking sites, many of which were being run by people who had been collecting parking charges without authorisation. "We will identify all such unauthorised parking sites as they are not only causing traffic congestion but are also operating without any regulation. The zonal commissioners have been asked to conduct inspections and deploy cranes to remove vehicles and clear encroachments wherever required," a senior official said. The remunerative project cell of MCD has already identified 44 such parking sites across various zones of the city, which are either being operated without permission or functioning free of charge despite their commercial utility, the document stated. The zonal deputy commissioners will also identify the land-owning agencies concerned, such as the public works department, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board and National Highways Authority of India, on whose land such parking lots are being operated. The information gathered through the inspections will be used to develop an "effective parking management system" for public spaces, the communication stated. MCD is also exploring the possibility of regulating these sites on a revenue-sharing basis in coordination with the land-owning agencies.

75th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle unites the nation, Ahmedabad leads India in grand celebration of Commonwealth Games Day

Ahmedabad: Leading the national celebrations from the iconic Sabarmati Riverfront in Ahmedabad, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, along with Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Shri Harsh Sanghvi and Bollywood actor Ayushmann Khurrana, joined 5,000 cyclists, athletes, youth volunteers and fitness enthusiasts in a lively display of community participation and sportsmanship.

The Ahmedabad edition, whose theme was "A New Icon for a Fitter India - Paddling to 2030", featured a grand 5-km cycle rally along with yoga and Zumba demonstrations, which transformed the Sabarmati Riverfront into a celebration of fitness, culture and the growth of India's sports. The highlight of the event was the inauguration of a special Commonwealth Games-themed exhibition by Dr. Mandaviya, showcasing India's sporting achievements, development of sports infrastructure under the Khelo India Mission and the country's expanding sports ecosystem leading up to the Centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030.

The event also featured a wide range of exciting activities including pickleball, box cricket, volleyball, tug of war and many interactive community games, which created a festival-like atmosphere for participants of all age groups.



Actor Ayushmann Khurrana joined former Commonwealth Games medalists and Olympians including Gurjit Kaur, Rajni Eimarrpu, Sonika Tandy, Anjum Moudgil, Ankur Mittal and Trupti Murgunde, inspiring young participants and strengthening the growing culture of fitness and sports among India's youth. The event was also attended by several eminent dignitaries and sports personalities including Ajay Patel, Senior Vice President, Indian Olympic Association; Olympic Shooter and CWG Medalist Gagan Narang; Shri Mayank Srivastava, Deputy Director General, Khelo India and Olympian and Adil Sumariwala, President, Athletics Federation of India. A special cultural attraction of the event was a performance by renowned artist Shri Anish

Rangrej showcasing a unique blend of the traditional spirit of Garba with the science of yoga. Additionally, Dr. Pawan Kumar of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga engaged the participants through wellness consultation and guidance sessions, promoting holistic fitness and a healthy lifestyle.

As part of the major build-up to the historic Centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) will continue to organize grand, interactive and community-driven initiatives across the country to deepen public participation and strengthen India's sports ecosystem.

The nationwide celebration aims to create greater awareness around the Commonwealth Games move-

ment and also inspire youth to embrace fitness, sports and an active lifestyle as India prepares to host the CWG in 2030.

Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports and Labour and Employment Dr. Mandaviya said, "Today is a very special occasion as we are celebrating both the 75th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle and Commonwealth Games Day. It makes me proud that Gujarat will host the Commonwealth Games in 2030, and even more heartening to see thousands of people coming together early in the morning for fitness and nation building. A fit society can build a prosperous nation. If we truly want to fulfill the vision of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji for a developed India, then every citizen must prioritize fitness and a healthy lifestyle. Cycling is not just exercise, it is a movement. It keeps us fit, reduces pollution and helps in saving fuel, while also being in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Ji's appeal to reduce fuel consumption. By adopting cycling in our daily lives, even for short distances, we contribute towards a healthier and more sustainable India."

Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghvi said, "Today, the entire city of Ahmedabad came alive for Fit India Sundays on Cycle, and I am extremely happy to see such a tremendous response from the people of Gujarat. The fact that

thousands of citizens stepped out early in the morning for fitness and sports shows the growing awareness and enthusiasm for a healthy lifestyle."

The large-scale participation witnessed in Ahmedabad also reflects the growing enthusiasm for sports and fitness in Gujarat, underlining the state's readiness to host major international sporting events in the future. The strong turnout of citizens, athletes, youth volunteers and fitness enthusiasts showcased the rapid growth of sports culture in the region and solidified Ahmedabad's emergence as a key venue for global sports competitions ahead of the 2030 Commonwealth Games. Actor and Fit India icon Ayushmann Khurrana said, "I am truly happy to see people from every age group here today enjoying and participating with such energy."

The association between Fit India and the upcoming Commonwealth Games 2030 is beautiful as it is inspiring a culture of sports among young Indians. Sundays on Cycle is a very interesting and futuristic initiative. "Sports is not just about winning medals; it is about discipline, sacrifice and building aspirations. Behind every athlete, the entire family sacrifices and supports their dreams. Their success becomes the success of the country. Seeing the children participating here today, I truly believe that many future medal winners of India are among us."

Delhi allots Rs 860cr projects for 12 sewage plants to cut Yamuna pollution

New Delhi(GNS): As part of a major push to clean the Yamuna, Delhi govt has awarded work for 12 new decentralised sewage treatment plants (DSTPs) in the Najafgarh area at an estimated cost of around Rs 860 crore. The projects aim to curb pollution flowing into the river through the Najafgarh drain, the capital's largest conduit of untreated sewage.

Water minister Parvesh Verma said many colonies and villages in Najafgarh continue to discharge untreated sewage directly into the drain, adding significantly to the Yamuna's pollution burden.

"This has remained a key environmental challenge for years. The govt is now moving towards a permanent solution. Work orders have been issued for installing DSTPs at 12 locations, including Kair,



Kakrola, Galibpur, Jaffarpur and Kazipur-Shikarpur. These plants will ensure sewage is treated locally before it enters the drain network," Verma said. The projects have a combined treatment capacity of 46.5 million gallons per day (MGD) and are expected to benefit over seven lakh residents across villages and unauthorised colonies in outer Delhi. Funding is being provided under the Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

(AMRUT) scheme, which supports urban sewerage, drainage and water supply infrastructure.

The largest package includes a 17 MGD DSTP at Mitraon, which will serve 81 unauthorised colonies and three villages with an estimated population of 3.66 lakh. Four additional DSTPs at Kair, Kanganheri, Kakrola and Dichaon Kalan will cater to around 2.2 lakh residents, while smaller plants at Galibpur, Sarangpur, Shikarpur, Hasnapur, Jaffarpur,

Kazipur and Khera Dabar will serve rural pockets of southwest Delhi. Officials said the Rs 860 crore outlay covers both construction and 15 years of operation and maintenance, with executing agencies responsible for long-term upkeep and performance of the facilities. The move is part of BJP govt's broader Yamuna-cleaning push, which has emerged as a priority under chief minister Rekha Gupta. The govt has repeatedly stressed that reducing the discharge of untreated sewage into major drains is central to rejuvenating the river. Among Delhi's drains, the Najafgarh drain is considered the most critical as it carries wastewater from large parts of west and southwest Delhi into the Yamuna. Environmental agencies have long identified it as one of the biggest contributors to river pollution in the capital.

Relief short-lived, brace for heatwave spell

New Delhi(GNS): A thunderstorm hit parts of Delhi on Saturday morning, with wind speeds touching 81 kmph, bringing brief relief from the heat. The respite, however, was short-lived, with temperatures rising again during the day and heatwave conditions likely to return from Sunday as the mercury is forecast to hover between 43 and 45 degrees Celsius.

Under the influence of a feeble western disturbance and convection, several areas experienced gusty winds, thunderstorms and very light rainfall. The highest wind speed of 81 kmph was recorded at Pusa, followed by 56 kmph at Palam and 35 kmph at Pragati Maidan. While Safdarjung, the city's base station, recorded no rainfall till 5.30 pm, Palam and Ayanagar reported trace rainfall,



Pitampura received 1 mm and the Ridge logged 0.2 mm till 8.30 am.

The thunderstorm led to only a marginal dip in temperatures. At Safdarjung, the maximum fell by one degree Celsius, while Pitampura recorded the sharpest drop, from 35.3 degrees Celsius before the storm to 29.5 degrees Celsius after it. "Convection develops after a spell of very high temperatures. Very light rain accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning

and dust storms was observed at some places over Delhi," a Met official said. The mercury climbed again during the day, with Safdarjung recording a maximum of 41.1 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal, compared with 43.3 degrees Celsius a day earlier. Although no heatwave was recorded for the second consecutive day, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for Sunday and Monday.

2 held in fake GST scam of Rs 128 crore

New Delhi(GNS): A TV mechanic from Delhi and a Bhopal-based accountant have been arrested by Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police in connection with a Rs 128-crore fake GST invoicing racket that allegedly operated through bogus firms created using stolen identity documents. With the latest arrests, the total number of accused held in the case has risen to eight. Police identified the newly arrested accused as Puneet, a resident of Yamuna Vihar in northeast Delhi, and Hemant Mulani, a 24-year-old commerce graduate from Bhopal. According to investigators, the two allegedly played key roles in creating fake GST firms and facilitating fraudulent invoicing and GST filings.

The case was registered on March 24 at EOW police station after investigators found that a fake proprietorship firm had been fraudulently created using the identity and financial documents of an unsuspecting man. Police said the victim's documents were allegedly collected on the false promise of securing him employment in the GST department.

During the investigation, six accused were arrested earlier. Sustained interrogation of the accused allegedly revealed the involvement of Puneet and Hemant. According to the cops, Puneet, who worked as a TV service mechanic, had access to digital copies of identity documents of several customers during the course of his work. Investigators alleged that he passed on one such ID to Hemant in exchange for money.

Centre's eviction order marks climax of years of turmoil at Delhi Gymkhana Club

New Delhi(GNS): Centre's order directing Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) to hand over its premises to govt is being seen as the culmination of a governance dispute that was building up over six years, ever since corporate affairs ministry conducted a probe into multiple violations and instances of mismanagement at the club.

Yet, the move has come as a surprise for club's members, especially as just a few weeks ago, Land and Development Office (L&DO) had issued a notice asking the club to pay around Rs 47 crore in dues, including Rs 36 crore arising from the revised lease rate. "There were discussions on how to address this. We never expected that govt had a different plan altogether, to get the premises vacated," said a member of the club who didn't wish to be named.

The country's most coveted club from the British-era, which boasts Delhi's who's who among its members, symbolises power, elitism and exclusivity. The club with swimming pool, 26 grass tennis courts, squash courts, dining rooms, restaurants, three bars and five party venues has followed a membership rule under which 40% each went to civil servants and defence services and remaining 20% to others.

However, the club courted controversies over several issues, including the provision of "green card", which allowed adult dependents of existing members to get preferential treatment in becoming members, making it very difficult for outsiders to get membership, with the waiting period stretching to 30-40 years even after paying hefty charges.

The elite club has also been in news for strong factionalism on part of members of defence services and civil servants, which came to the forefront in every election, embezzlement of funds and mismanagement. Govt agencies had also accused the club of drifting away from its original objective of promoting various sports and pastimes.

Governing body clears Dyal college renaming, dissent note 'ignored'

New Delhi(GNS): In a shocking move on Saturday, the governing body of Dyal Singh Colleges-New Delhi approved a controversial agenda to rename Dyal Singh Evening College in the capital and cleared two renaming options--Banda Singh Bahadur College or Majithia College.

The second option--Majithia College--has been incorporated as a reaction to protests by Dyal Singh Evening College staffers, who have been resisting the renaming and demanding that the glorious legacy of Sardar Dyal Singh Majithia, the great philanthropist, be preserved and honoured. The governing body, under chairman DS Chauhan, however, today confirmed the agenda (including the college



renaming) that had previously been debated at a meeting held on December 5, 2025.

Sources said the dissent note which teacher representatives of the college wanted to submit (they were demanding status quo) was not taken on record despite repeated requests for two hours during the meeting.

The ball is now in the court of Delhi University Vice-Chancellor Yogesh Singh, who can approve either of the two

new names or maintain status quo and let the college continue by its current name.

Dyal Singh Evening College Staff Council president Mithilesh Singh told The Tribune that they would await minutes of today's meeting and consider moving court as the last option should the DU stamp the renaming proposal. "Renaming is illegal. Under the agreement signed between Dyal Singh College Trust and DU regarding the land for the institution, the name of the college is protected and any alteration of the name is illegal. A name change would not just undermine Dyal Singh ji's legacy, but also entail abdication of college land.

Centre orders takeover of elite Delhi Gymkhana Club, cites security needs

New Delhi(GNS): In a major move involving one of the Capital's most exclusive institutions, the Centre has ordered a takeover of the historic Delhi Gymkhana Club at 2 Safdarjung Road, directing possession of the premises by June 5. The club said it would move the court against the Centre's decision. The orders, issued by the Land and Development Office (L&DO) under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on May 22, say the 27.3-acre property is required for "strengthening and securing defence infrastructure" and other "vital public security purposes" in a strategically sensitive zone of New Delhi. The communication, addressed to the general committee and the secretary, Delhi Gymkhana Club Ltd, invokes Clause 4 of the original lease deed to terminate the lease and resume possession with immediate effect.



Maitreyi College admin, students at odds over reel restriction

New Delhi(GNS): A campus notice at Maitreyi College restricting video recording has sparked a clash of opinions between students and the administration. Dated May 20/21, 2026, the notice - which is doing the rounds online - states that the college has prohibited the recording of videos "within the college campus, classrooms, corridors, offices, laboratories, library or any other institutional space without prior approval from the competent authori-



ty." The notice added that "the college premises are meant primarily for academic and institutional activities and any act that disrupts the decorum, discipline or dignity of the institution will not be tolerated." The move has sparked backlash from students. This idea is stu-

dent-centric, it is for their benefit: Principal Prof Haritma Chopra, Principal of the college, tells us, "This notice is being misinterpreted by students. The college has not put a ban on making videos. Students can get permission from the social media committee and upload them online. The committee was formed in 2023 to prevent unnecessary content from the college being shared online. The current move is for the students' benefit, since students these days are

running after views and likes on reels instead of focusing on the content or caring about their future. When they go into the corporate world, their social media profiles can easily be accessed, and it can be difficult for them if that happens. Final-year students need to get serious and think about their future. This idea is student-centric, and we believe that it will be implemented by other colleges as well."

The Students' Union is currently in discussion

with the administration and has not issued a statement yet. Meanwhile, we spoke to students about their take on the decision. "While maintaining decorum is important, a complete restriction on making reels feels excessive. From what I have seen on campus, students who create content usually do so in open spaces, and it doesn't disrupt academics or harm anyone. This kind of creative expression doesn't really compromise the sanctity of the college.

Fire guts Shastri Park furniture market, tenders pelted with stones over response time

New Delhi(GNS): A massive fire engulfed a furniture market near Seelampur Metro station in northeast Delhi's Shastri Park late Friday night, gutting around 300 tin-shed shops and triggering unrest, with some locals allegedly pelting stones at fire tenders over claims of a delayed response.

Delhi Fire Service said it received a call about the blaze at the New Seelampur furniture market at 11.57 pm. Initially, two water tenders, three water bowsers and a quick-response vehicle were dispatched. As flames spread rapidly through the market, packed with highly inflammable materials such as wooden furniture, plywood and foam, around 12.25 am, additional units were rushed in, taking the deployment to 16 vehicles, including seven water tenders and seven water bowsers.

Officials said the situation escalated when some locals



allegedly turned hostile and began pelting stones at emergency personnel and fire vehicles. Around 12.50 am, fire officials sought additional police deployment after a fire tender was attacked and its windscreen was damaged. Videos circulating on social media showed crowds surrounding fire engines, with some residents claiming that a large portion of the market was already ablaze by the time firefighters arrived.

A senior fire official said, "The firefighting operation was extremely challenging due

to the highly flammable material stored in the market and strong winds that caused the fire to spread rapidly. Several boundary fences were locked, and in some places our teams had to cut iron grills to gain access. Entry routes were also blocked, delaying the movement of fire tenders."

"The intense heat caused tin sheds to melt and collapse, trapping burning furniture underneath and making it harder to douse the fire," the official added.

On allegations of a delayed response, the official said traffic conditions worsened after crowds gathered at the site. "The first fire tenders reached on time, but later it became difficult to navigate through the congestion," he said.

At 12.55 am, the blaze was categorised as a "medium fire", prompting further reinforcements. Senior officers also reached the spot to supervise operations.

514 challans issued for black films penalties hit Rs 51.40 lakh

New Delhi(GNS): The Gurugram traffic police issued challans to 514 vehicles for using illegal black films and imposed fines worth Rs 51.40 lakh over the past 22 days.

The police carried out a special enforcement drive against vehicles violating black film rules from May 1 to May 22. A senior police officer said the drive aimed to ensure transparency on roads and strengthen checks on criminal activities. The officer said black films on vehicle windows not only violate traffic rules but also pose law and order concerns.

The Gurugram police appealed to residents not to use black films on vehicles and to follow the provisions



of the Motor Vehicles Act. The police said compliance with traffic rules ensures public safety and helps maintain law and order. "The Gurugram traffic police will continue such special enforcement drives in future as well," the officer said.

'Didn't give money for drugs': Woman teen son stabbed to death in Delhi cousin held after police encounter

New Delhi(GNS): Two days after a woman and her 13-year-old son were found murdered at their residence in southeast Delhi's Govindpuri, police arrested the woman's cousin from a park in south Delhi. He allegedly admitted to being addicted to drugs and claimed that he had grown resentful of his cousin, believing she was financially well-off yet unwilling to support him financially or give him money for drugs. When police reached the house around 1am on Thursday, the woman's husband, Vishnu, told them he had returned home around 12.30am after work in Vasant Vihar and found the front door latched from the outside. After entering the house, he discovered the bodies of his wife, Sharda Sahu (38) and their 13-year-old son, a Class VII student, in the kitchen with multiple stab injuries.



ident of Sangam Vihar, as the suspect, police tried to track him and spotted him near Ghati Wala Park in Tughlaqabad Extension, and asked him to surrender.

Sahu allegedly tried to evade arrest by pulling out an illegal firearm and firing at the police team. He allegedly fired four rounds, one of which struck the bulletproof jacket of sub-inspector Yashpal. Police retaliated and fired three rounds. Sahu was eventually apprehended and taken to a hospital as he was injured in the firing.

Sahu allegedly confessed to murdering the woman and her son due to personal resentment and jealousy.

AIIMS-Delhi team set to conduct 2nd autopsy in Twisha case

New Delhi(GNS): After the Madhya Pradesh High Court ordered a second autopsy of Twisha Sharma, a four-member medical board from AIIMS-Delhi reached Bhopal on Saturday. The team will conduct her second autopsy at AIIMS-Bhopal on Sunday. After the Madhya Pradesh High Court ordered a second autopsy in the Twisha Sharma death case, a four-member medical board from AIIMS-Delhi is set to fly to Bhopal to conduct her second autopsy on Sunday. Twisha's family had been demanding a second postmortem examination, claiming her death required deeper forensic scrutiny. Her family has alleged that crucial evidence may not have been properly examined during the first postmortem.



The All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Delhi, has now constituted a medical board comprising four senior doctors, who reached Bhopal today, and will conduct the second autopsy.

Chief of forensic medicine at AIIMS-Delhi, Dr Sudhir Gupta, said the Madhya Pradesh High Court had authorised the director of AIIMS-Delhi to constitute the medical board for the examination. According to him, the

hospital received both the court order and the request from Madhya Pradesh Government officials on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Twisha's husband Samarth Singh was sent to seven-day police custody on Saturday. He was produced before a Bhopal court amid heavy security after he was arrested on Friday. He had been absconding for 10 days after Twisha was found hanging at her matrimonial home.

During the proceedings, the police sought a seven-day remand, arguing that custodial interrogation was necessary to carry out on-site verification, seize additional evidence and record detailed statements connected to the case. Samarth's counsel opposed

the plea, telling the court that a one-day remand was sufficient as all material evidence had already been seized. Accepting the police's arguments, the court granted them seven-day police custody of Samarth Singh.

In another development, the police have also served a High Court notice to Samarth's mother, retired judge Giribala Singh, directing her to appear before the court on May 25. Investigators also visited the terrace of Giribala Singh's residence, the spot where Twisha was found hanging.

Twisha Sharma's death has sparked widespread debate after allegations of dowry harassment surfaced against Samarth Singh and his mother. The case also came under scrutiny over claims that the investigation was initially mishandled and that influential connections may have affected the probe.