



Asaram-Surrender- Jodhpur-Jail Asaram surrenders at Jodhpur Central Jail

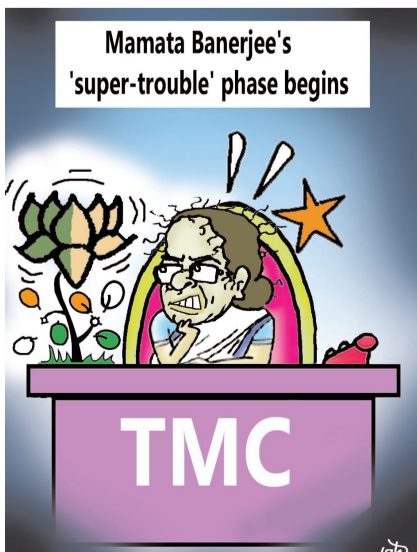
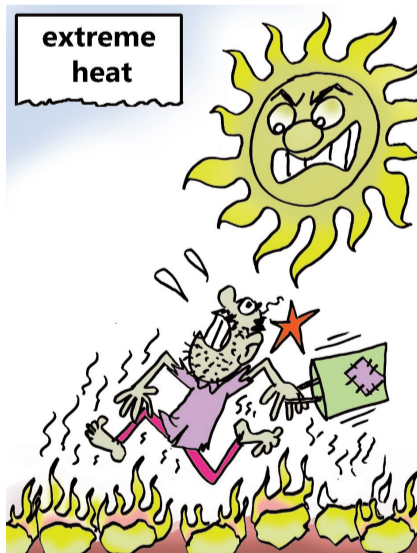


Jodhpur,Agency:

Following the Rajasthan High Court's decision, Asaram surrendered at Jodhpur Central Jail. Upon receiving information about Asaram's arrival in Jodhpur, a crowd of his supporters gathered at the airport. Police struggled to get Asaram out of the airport and into a vehicle.

Asaram went straight from Jodhpur airport to his ashram in Pal village. From there, he went to AIIMS and, after examination, surrendered at the Central Jail. On Wednesday, the Jodhpur bench of the High Court upheld Asaram's life sentence in the rape case of a minor and revoked his interim bail. Following the court's order to issue an immediate arrest warrant, Asaram left Haridwar for Delhi late Wednesday evening. He was in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, when the High Court division bench rejected Asaram's appeal and revoked his interim bail. Upon receiving the court's decision and the immediate issuance of an arrest warrant, Asaram left Haridwar for Delhi by road.

His supporters claim that his health deteriorated due to the road journey, which is why he was taken to AIIMS Delhi.



Our government is determined to throw out every single infiltrator from across the country: Amit Shah

Shah inaugurated the ultra-modern hostel of Umiyadham, also remembered Veer Savarkar

Ahmedabad, Agency: Union Home Minister Amit Shah said that as per the promises we made in the West Bengal elections, fencing and security is being strengthened on the Bangladesh border. Our government is determined to throw out every single infiltrator from across the country.

Union Minister Shah was speaking on the second day of his two-day Gujarat tour on Thursday at the inauguration of the newly constructed J.S. Patel Kumar Hostel and Tapasvikumar Patel Girls Hostel for the youth of Patidar community at Sola Umiyadham Campus on SG Highway in Ahmedabad.

Shah said, "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the BJP today governs 80 percent of the country's territory. In keeping with the promises we made during the West Bengal elections, fencing and



security are being strengthened along the Bangladesh border. The West Bengal government handed over 600 hectares of land to the BSF in seven days. Our government is determined to expel every single infiltrator from across the country. To this end, the central government is establishing a Demography Change Commission, which will submit its report within a year and work towards a new law to prevent illegal

immigration." Remembering freedom fighter Veer Savarkar, the Home Minister said, "Today is Veer Savarkar's birth anniversary. He was such a fierce patriot that he needed no government honors. Every child in the country knows him as Veer Savarkar. The British sentenced him to life imprisonment twice in his lifetime. He wrote poems on prison walls with his blood and did important work against untouchability in

society."

He stated that this state-of-the-art hostel, built on an area of approximately 4.33 lakh square feet, will provide five-star, smart accommodation and dining facilities to approximately 1,600 students pursuing higher education. It will also provide a world-class academic environment for preparing for competitive exams like the UPSC and GPSC. This international-level hostel project includes a 216,807 square foot boys' hostel and a 219,807 square foot girls' hostel. Together, this vast complex encompasses a total area of 436,614 square feet. Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, senior leaders of the Patidar community, and numerous dignitaries were present at the inauguration ceremony of this mega project, designed by the Umiya Mataji Sansthan of the Unjha Kadva Patidar community.

PM Modi congratulates Janez Jansa on becoming the Prime Minister of Slovenia



New Delhi, Agency: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday congratulated Janez Janša on being elected as the new Prime Minister of the European country Slovenia. The Prime Minister expressed hope that bilateral relations between the two countries will further strengthen during his tenure.

In a post on the social media platform, the Prime Minister wrote, "Hearty congratulations to Janez Janša on being elected as the Prime Minister of Slovenia. I look forward to working closely with him to further strengthen our bilateral relations for the shared prosperity and mutual benefit of our peoples."

In the recent elections, Janša's party, the Slovenian Democratic Party (SDS), won 28 seats in the 90-member Slovenian Parliament, while the Freedom Movement secured 29 seats. Janša's SDS has formed a coalition with several parties, including New Slovenia, the Democrats, the Slovenian People's Party, and Focus.

Twisha-Sharma Case Retired-Judge-Mother- in-Law-Arrested

Bhopal,Agency: In another major action on Thursday, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested the deceased's mother-in-law and retired judge Giribala Singh in the case of the death of famous actress Twisha Sharma of Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh.

In fact, CBI officials reached her Bhopal residence on Thursday morning, just a day after the Madhya Pradesh High Court cancelled her anticipatory bail.

After a long and rigorous interrogation that lasted for about seven hours inside the house, the CBI arrested her at 5:10 pm. The CBI team is now preparing to take Giribala Singh to the hospital for a medical checkup. Amit Soni, the station house officer (TI) of Baghsewania police station, who was handling security at the scene, confirmed that the accused former judge would be produced in court today after completing legal formalities and a medical examination. In view of the arrest in this high-profile case, a heavy police force from Katara Hills and Baghsewania police stations has been deployed at the scene, and the roads surrounding the house have been barricaded.

During the day-long operation



on Thursday before the arrest, the CBI team placed special emphasis on gathering digital forensic evidence. The investigation team conducted 360-degree recordings of Giribala Singh's entire house and premises using high-intensity 3D cameras. The surrounding geographical location and location were also scanned with modern equipment to determine with technical accuracy whether the room or area of the incident was clearly visible from the roof, window, or balcony of a neighboring house. It is worth noting that on Wednesday, the Madhya Pradesh High Court overturned the lower court's decision and flatly rejected Giribala Singh's anticipatory bail plea. In its 17-page, scathing order, the High Court clearly stated that given the suspicious injuries found on the deceased's body, the gravity of the case, and the early stages of the investigation, it was unjustifiable to let the accused go free.

After resigning as Chief Minister, Siddaramaiah said Resigned on the instructions of the Congress High Command

Bengaluru, Agency: Siddaramaiah appeared emotional after resigning as the Chief Minister of Karnataka on Thursday. He said that the Governor was not present in the city, so he submitted his resignation letter to the Governor's Secretary. After submitting his resignation, he said in a press conference, "The Governor is not in the city, I received information from the office that he will return by night. Therefore, I have submitted my resignation letter to his Secretary. I am fully confident that my resignation will be accepted after the Governor's return." Siddaramaiah clarified that he resigned as soon as he received instructions from the High Command. He said, "I had been saying all along that I will resign whenever the High Command gives instructions. Accordingly, I submitted my resignation after receiving instructions."

Recalling his political career, he said, "I come from a village. I never imagined becoming an MLA or Chief Minister. My entry into politics was a coincidence. No one in my family was in politics." Describing his ideological principles, he said, "I believe in the ideals of Buddha, Basavanna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, and Mahatma Gandhi. I believe that the Constitution is our religion."



Referring to the late Kannada actor Dr. Rajkumar, Siddaramaiah said, "Rajkumar used to call his fans God. I am a politician, and for me, voters are God. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the 70 million people of Karnataka." Expressing gratitude to Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, he said, "I had the opportunity to become Chief Minister twice and Leader of the Opposition twice. I am grateful to the Congress high command for this." He said that since joining the Congress in 2006, he has received immense love and support from party workers, MLAs, and MPs. He said, "I was the Chief Minister for the first time from 2013 to 2018. After this, I got the opportunity to serve as the Chief Minister again from the year 2023 till now. I am grateful to all those who worked with me."

Siddaramaiah's political career

Siddaramaiah has resigned from the post of Chief Minister of Karnataka but it will be effective after the approval of the Governor. Looking at his political journey,

Siddaramaiah, one of the prominent leaders of the Congress in the state, was the Chief Minister from the year 2013 to 2018. His second term as the Chief Minister started with the massive victory of the Congress in Karnataka in May 2023. His political career spans more than 40 years and he is a prominent leader of the state.

Born on August 3, 1948, in a farmer's family in Siddaramaiah village in Mysore (now Mysuru) district, Siddaramaiah was the first graduate in his family. He earned a B.Sc. and a law (LL.B.) degree from the University of Mysore.

High-level meeting held at Rajnath Singh's residence regarding NEET exam

Education Minister Pradhan and PMO officials present; NTA extends fee refund deadline

New Delhi,Agency: A high-level meeting is underway at Defense Minister Rajnath Singh's residence on Thursday regarding the NEET issue. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, Jyotiraditya Scindia, NTA Director General Abhishek Singh, and senior Prime Minister's Office (PMO) officials are also present. Following the cancellation of the exam, the National Testing Agency (NTA) has

extended the deadline for submitting bank account details for fee refunds to 11:50 pm on June 22. The previous deadline was May 27. Candidates will have to log in using their credentials to access the refund link and submit their bank account information. The NEET exam, held on May 3 in 551 cities in India and 14 abroad, saw over 2.2 million students appear. It was cancelled on May 12 following a paper leak.



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday met with the family of Pradeep Meghwal, a NEET aspirant who committed suicide after the exam's question bank was

leaked. Gandhi accused the central government of mismanagement and said the Modi-Pradhan duo is responsible for the family's plight. On May 24th, a team from Delhi AIIMS conducted a second postmortem on Twisha's body at Bhopal AIIMS. Following this, Twisha was cremated at the Bhadbhada crematorium in the evening. Her brother, Major Harshit, lit the funeral pyre.

Uttarakhand High Court Judge Verma Resigns

Nainital,Agency: Uttarakhand High Court Judge Alok Kumar Verma has resigned from his post due to personal reasons. A notification from the Ministry of Law and Justice and the Press Information Bureau (PIB) have confirmed this. High Court Judge Ashish Naithani is also retiring on June 3rd. A full court reference will be held in his honor. This will create two vacant judge positions in the Uttarakhand High Court. The Ministry of Law and Justice stated in its May 27th notification that Justice Alok Kumar Verma has resigned under proviso (a) to clause (1) of Article 217 of the Indian Constitution, effective April 30, 2026.

Ebola fears increase vigilance in Gujarat

Kantilal Mandot

Health system on alert due to fear of infection in a young man who came from Congo

The threat of the Ebola virus in Gujarat has raised concerns among the health department and the general public. The entire state's health system has been put on alert after a 37-year-old man, who returned from the African country of Congo, developed Ebola-like symptoms. The man was initially admitted to a private hospital in Vadodara, but due to his deteriorating condition and symptoms, he was later admitted to Ahmedabad Civil Hospital for special observation. Following this incident, the health department has intensified contact tracing and surveillance.

According to the health department, the patient arrived in Mumbai from Congo about ten days ago. After a few days in Mumbai, he traveled to Silvassa and Daman, and later reached Vadodara on May 22. His health began to deteriorate on May 26. After persistent fever and viral hemorrhagic fever, doctors considered him a suspected Ebola patient and placed him under close observation. His test results revealed elevated levels of the liver enzymes SGPT and SGOT. Furthermore, platelet counts were also lower than normal, further increasing the health department's concern.

The Ebola virus is considered one of the world's most dangerous infections. It spreads through contact with the body fluids of an infected person and can rapidly

lead to a serious illness. Outbreaks have been reported from time to time in African countries. This is why special screening is being conducted for travelers arriving from countries like Congo, Uganda, and South Sudan. The Gujarat government has also arranged for special screening at Ahmedabad's Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport to identify any potential infections early.

The patient has been placed in an isolation ward at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital. A special team of doctors is monitoring him. The hospital administration has implemented special protocols to prevent infection. Healthcare workers have been provided with PPE kits and other protective equipment to reduce the risk of infection. The patient will be kept under com-

plete isolation and observation until the final test results are received.

The state Health Minister stated that the government is fully vigilant and no negligence will be tolerated. He added that all contacts of the patient are being identified. Some of those in contact have also reported fever, so their medical examination and monitoring have been initiated. A doctor and some foreign nationals have also been identified as having come into contact with the patient. All of these individuals have been placed under the supervision of the health department. Three suspected patients have also been quarantined at the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation-run SVP Hospital. The hospital administration has prepared a special ward so that

treatment can be initiated immediately in case of any emergency. Doctors say there is no need to panic yet, but caution and vigilance are essential. It would be inappropriate to jump to any conclusions before the infection is confirmed. Diseases like Ebola pose not only a health crisis but also a social and economic challenge. Following the COVID-19 pandemic, people's sensitivity to infectious diseases has increased. Consequently, news of any suspected case quickly becomes a cause for concern. However, experts say that timely testing and monitoring can prevent the spread of infection. This is why the health department has rapidly initiated measures such as airport screening, hospital monitoring, and contact tracing.

Editorial

Change in Karnataka

Finally, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah resigned, paving the way for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar to succeed him. The possibility of a leadership change in Karnataka had been discussed and debated for some time, but nothing was finalized. Shivakumar claimed that he and Siddaramaiah had agreed to share power for two and a half years each when the government was formed in 2023, but the Congress leadership did not confirm this.

The leadership change, now taking place after three years, suggests that the two leaders had indeed reached an agreement to take turns as Chief Minister, and that the Congress high command was aware of it. If so, why the six-month delay? This question reflects the failure of the Congress leadership, and especially Rahul Gandhi.

This is all the more so because it is being said that the leadership change was only ensured when Priyanka Gandhi intervened. If this is true, it will raise the old question: why is Rahul Gandhi unable to make timely decisions? Keep in mind that while Mallikarjun Kharge may be the Congress president, Rahul Gandhi is the one who makes the major party decisions.

Siddaramaiah, who agreed to resign, admitted that he did as the high command asked, but he wasn't ready to enter the Rajya Sabha. In a way, he sent a message to the Congress leadership that he wasn't satisfied and would pursue state politics on his own terms. Although Shivakumar touched his feet and sought his blessings upon his resignation, it's difficult to say whether their relationship will remain normal and that factionalism won't escalate within the Karnataka Congress. It should not be overlooked that similar tussles over rotating leadership have previously occurred in Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh. In Rajasthan, tensions persisted between Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot over the possibility of sharing power for two and a half years each, and in Chhattisgarh, between Bhupesh Baghel and T.S. Singh Deo. The Congress leadership was unable to resolve the disputes between its leaders in these two states, nor was it able to clarify whether they had reached an agreement to hold the chief minister-ship for two and a half years each.

Self-reliant India will run at the speed of hydrogen

Vinod Kumar Singh
'Takiyawala'

Indian Railways' Green Revolution: The country's first indigenous hydrogen train is going to be launched on the Jind-Sonipat section, a new direction for India developed through the confluence of clean energy, modern technology and environmental protection.

Today, India is not only progressing towards becoming an economic superpower, but is also leading the world in the fields of science, technology, environmental protection, and energy self-sufficiency. There was a time when Indian Railways was primarily a means of transporting passengers and freight, but today, the same Indian Railways has become a symbol of modern India's changing landscape, technological confidence, and green development. In this regard, Indian Railways has achieved another historic milestone. The country's first indigenous hydrogen fuel cell-based train is set to launch on the Jind-Sonipat section of Haryana. This is not just a new train, but a new wave of India's energy future, environmental responsibility, and self-reliant technology. This state-of-the-art 10-coach train, approved by Indian Railways, will be powered by a 1,200-kW engine and has a maximum speed of 75 kilometers per hour. The most significant feature of this project is that this train will not pollute the environment, as it operates using hydrogen fuel cell technology and will emit only water vapor. Today, the entire world is facing serious challenges such as climate change, global warming, and increasing pollution. Petrol and diesel-based transportation systems have increased air pollution to dangerous levels. At such a time, India's launch of a hydrogen-powered rail service is considered a vision-

ary and historic step.

Currently, the entire world is grappling with the challenge of an energy crisis. The Russia-Ukraine war, tensions in West Asia, and steadily rising fuel prices in the international market have made it clear that relying solely on traditional energy sources is not a safe future. For a vast country like India, energy self-sufficiency is no longer merely an economic necessity, but also a crucial issue of national security and sustainable development. At this time, hydrogen energy is emerging as one of the greatest possibilities for the future. Hydrogen fuel cell technology generates electricity through a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen. This process produces no smoke, carbon, or toxic gases, but only water vapor. This is why it is being recognized globally as one of the cleanest and safest energy technologies of the future. This initiative by Indian Railways will rapidly advance the country towards a green transportation system. This will reduce railway carbon emissions and promote alternative energy sources. India has already set a target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2070, and this project strengthens that commitment. This initiative is also a matter of pride and emotional connection for the country's millions of rail passengers. Indian Railways is not just a means of transportation, but is considered the social, cultural, and economic lifeline of the country. People from all walks of life, from villages to cities, farmers to laborers, students to businessmen, are connected to Indian Railways. When passengers realize that their travel is now being done using pollution-free and environmentally friendly technology, it will also instill a new awareness of nature conservation within them. Today's conscious traveler not only wants a

comfortable journey, but also a system that leaves a clean environment for future generations. This is why there is special enthusiasm for hydrogen trains among environmentalists, youth, and the scientific community. This initiative also sends a message to the public that development and environmental protection can go hand in hand. Hydrogen-based rail systems are still in their infancy globally. Currently, only a few countries are successfully testing or operating this technology. Following developed countries like Germany, Japan, China, and the United States, India has now joined this elite group. This achievement is even more significant because India has not limited itself to importing technology, but has also taken significant steps towards developing hydrogen trains and related infrastructure indigenously. The indigenous hydrogen storage and refueling facility established in Jind is a living example of India's technological capabilities, scientific thinking, and the Self-reliant India campaign. This project provides new impetus to national campaigns like "Make in India" and "Atmanirbhar Bharat."

The Jind-Sonipat section in Haryana has been selected as the pilot route for this ambitious project. A modern hydrogen storage and refueling station has been developed in Jind, where arrangements have been made for the safe storage of hydrogen gas and refueling of trains. The Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization (PESO) has also granted the necessary safety license for this project. Hydrogen gas is considered highly sensitive, so special technical arrangements have been made for its safe handling. A modern hydrogen compression system has been installed at the refueling station. A backup compressor unit is also

being arranged to ensure no disruptions in operations. For safety, hydrogen leakage detectors, flame detectors, and other advanced sensors have been installed. Regular inspection and cleaning of these equipment will be ensured to eliminate the possibility of any accident. Indian Railways has given top priority to safety in this project. Detailed operation and maintenance manuals have been prepared by the Railway Design and Standards Organization (RDSO). Special safety standards have also been set for the proposed maintenance facility in Shakur Basti. The Railways has ensured 24-hour monitoring, regular safety audits, and the deployment of trained technical staff. In the initial phase, trained technical staff will be present with the trains to promptly resolve any technical problems. This arrangement is a testament to the Indian Railways' commitment not only to technological innovation but also to the importance of safety and reliability. India has long been dependent on the import of petroleum products. This increases the country's economic burden, and global conditions directly impact the Indian economy. Hydrogen-based energy systems can play a significant role in reducing this dependence in the future. If hydrogen technology is widely used in railways, buses, and other public transportation systems, India will become more energy-reliant. Experts believe that green hydrogen could become India's largest energy power in the coming years. India has immense potential for solar and wind energy, which can be harnessed to produce environmentally friendly green hydrogen. The expansion of the hydrogen energy sector will significantly benefit not only the railways but also industry, employment, and the rural economy.

Climbing Everest is considered the greatest feat in the world

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(Special on International Everest Day (May 29))

Mount Everest is the world's highest mountain peak, with a height of 8,848 meters. This highest peak was conquered by Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay on May 29, 1953, 73 years ago. To commemorate their victory, International Mount Everest Day, also known as International Sagarmatha Day, is celebrated annually on May 29. Mount Everest Day was first celebrated in 2008 after Sir Edmund Hillary's death. Since then, it has been celebrated on May 29 in India, Nepal, and New Zealand. Mount Everest is located on the border of Nepal and China (Tibet), and

a major objective of celebrating this day is to promote tourism in Nepal. In reality, this day is an annual event celebrated by Nepal to honor mountaineers. It inspires mountaineers to conquer Mount Everest. International Mount Everest Day is not only a day to celebrate the triumph of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Sherpa, but also to highlight the dangers of climbing the mountain and to pay tribute to those who lost their lives on the journey. Despite the dangers, climbing Mount Everest continues today.

Climbing Mount Everest,

the world's highest peak, is still considered the ultimate test of human courage, perseverance, and indomitable willpower. Situated at an altitude of 8,848.86 meters above sea level, this peak is not just a mountain of ice and stone, but has become a symbol of adventure, risk, and a direct confrontation with death. Thousands of climbers from around the world venture into the Himalayas every year with the dream of conquering it, but only a select few succeed. Many climbers lose their lives during this arduous journey, facing icy winds, oxygen shortages, ava-

lanches, and dangerous gorges. History bears witness that climbing Everest has always been fraught with peril. According to statistics, approximately four out of every 100 climbers who attempt Everest die. The years 2014 and 2015 are considered among the most traumatic years in Everest's history, when more than three dozen people lost their lives due to natural disasters such as avalanches and earthquakes. The bodies of many climbers still lie on Everest's icy slopes, making them nearly impossible to retrieve. The month of May holds special significance for Everest because the weather is relatively favorable during

this time, and most successful expeditions are accomplished during this month. This is why many world records related to Everest have been set in May.

While conquering Mount Everest is full of mystery and thrill for mountaineers, the other truth is that it is a journey where death stands with open arms at every step, and this journey requires a heart of steel. A slight mistake and life is lost. This highest peak in the Himalayas was discovered in 1852. At that time, George Everest was the Governor General of India, and the peak was named after him. The route to Mount Everest was first discovered in 1921,

and attempts to conquer Everest have been continuous ever since. In 1922, George Mallory, Edward Norton, and Howard Somervell attempted to climb Everest for the first time, reaching an altitude of 8,000 meters. In 1924, George Mallory and Andrew Irvine attempted to climb Everest, but both mysteriously disappeared somewhere in the snowy mountains. On 29 May 1953, when Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay of New Zealand conquered Everest for the first time, there was a stir in the whole world because many attempts were made before that but no one was successful.

IIC Quarterly issue on syncretic traditions explores India's pluralism amid global polarisation

New Delhi, (GNS): Titled "Syncretic Traditions of the Indian Subcontinent: Varied Voices", the special issue was released on Tuesday evening at the Kamaladevi Complex of the India International Centre in the presence of historians, academics, diplomats and public intellectuals.

The volume was released by Karan Singh, Chairman, IIC Editorial Board, and former Jammu and Kashmir Governor, who described the theme as "extremely important in this day and age", pointing to what he called the "fracturing and fragmenting of consciousness" across societies worldwide.

Drawing from the shared cultural histories of India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Singh said the subcontinent's diversity had historically pro-



duced traditions where religions and cultures not only co-existed but deeply interacted with one another.

"Every state has a different language, cuisine, music and style of living. In this extraordinary diversity, it is important to preserve the syncretic traditions that evolved through centuries of interaction," he said.

Recalling examples from his home region of Kashmir, Singh spoke of the influence of the Rishi and Sufi traditions and described a cultural atmosphere where people visited shrines and places of worship across faiths with equal reverence. "We have once seen what division on the basis of religion has done to the subcontinent. We simply cannot

afford it again," he said, warning against the growing divisions among communities.

Singh also linked the discussion to contemporary global conflicts, referring to wars across different regions and expressing concern over what he described as the "drying up of wells of sympathy" in public consciousness. Referring to the humanitarian crisis in Palestine, he said voices advocating healing and reconciliation appeared increasingly absent in today's world.

The thematic issue was conceptualised nearly a year ago by the IIC editorial board. Speaking at the event, Shyam Saran, president of the IIC, said the theme had been proposed by Singh in view of growing societal turmoil and polarisation globally.

MCD removes mandatory inspection for regularisation of buildings up to 105 sqm in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Property owners in Delhi with buildings up to 105 square metres will no longer have to undergo mandatory physical inspection by MCD engineers for regularisation, with the civic body shifting the entire process online in a move aimed at reducing delays and simplifying approvals.

The decision is expected to benefit thousands of residents who often faced procedural hurdles and long waits in getting smaller residential buildings regularised.

According to mayor Pravesh Wahi, the move will help clear pending cases faster while making the system more transparent and citizen-friendly. He explained that to remove obstacles in the regularisation process for buildings up to 105 square metres (127 square yards), the mandatory physical inspection by an



engineer has now been abolished. "Under the new system, the entire process will now be completed online. The building owner will only need to submit an undertaking certified by an authorised architect and deposit the prescribed fee. Thereafter, MCD will complete the regularisation process within the stipulated timeframe," Wahi added.

Explained: The TCAS technology that makes planes 'talk to each other' - and why Air India flight had to turn back

New Delhi, (GNS): An Air India flight bound for San Francisco was forced to return to Delhi on Wednesday after flying for nearly nine hours because of a snag in a critical airborne safety system that helps aircraft avoid mid-air collisions.

The problem was linked to the aircraft's Traffic Collision Avoidance System (TCAS) - a technology that allows planes to electronically "talk to each other" in the sky when they come dangerously close.

AI 173, a Boeing 777 carrying around 250 passengers and crew, had taken off from Delhi at 3.09 am and was overflying China when the issue was detected.

Since a fully functional



TCAS is mandatory for flights crossing the North Atlantic oceanic region en route to the US west coast, Air India decided to turn the aircraft back to Delhi as a precautionary measure. The aircraft landed safely at IGI Airport shortly after noon and was sent for

technical checks. Senior pilots explained that TCAS is one of aviation's most important safety layers. Installed on commercial aircraft worldwide, the system continuously exchanges signals with nearby planes to assess their altitude, speed and direction. If two

aircraft are projected to come too close, the system automatically issues coordinated warnings - instructing one aircraft to climb and the other to descend - thereby preventing a possible collision.

"Globally, a functional TCAS is mandatory for aircraft flying above 29,000 feet. Some regions have even stricter rules and do not permit aircraft without a working TCAS to enter their airspace at any altitude," senior pilots said. Such restrictions apply over areas including the North Atlantic corridor, Europe and parts of West Asia. The malfunction meant the Boeing 777 could not legally continue on its planned

route to San Francisco, prompting the lengthy turnaround despite the aircraft already being several hours into the journey.

In a statement, Air India said the flight returned "due to a technical issue in accordance with laid down procedures".

"The aircraft landed safely and will undergo technical inspection in line with Air India's safety standards.

We regret the inconvenience caused to passengers and are making alternative arrangements to fly them to their destination as soon as possible," the airline said, adding that passengers were provided refreshments, hotel accommodation and rebooking options.



Govt renames Britannia chowk, several metro stations

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi gov't has approved renaming several metro stations, public landmarks and institutions across the capital to honour prominent personalities and strengthen local identity.

The decisions were cleared by the State Names Authority (SNA), chaired by chief minister Rekha Gupta, with senior officials from the urban development department, DMRC and DDA present.

Britannia Chowk in Shakurpur will be renamed 'Ashvini Chopra (Minna) Chowk' after the noted journalist, while an under-construction hospital in Jwalapuri will be named 'Baba Ramdevji Maharaj Hospital' after the 14th-century spiritual guru.

Among metro stations, Rohini West will be renamed 'Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital Metro Station', Rohini East will become 'Rohini Metro Station' for clearer identification, and Dwarka Metro Station will be renamed 'Dwarka-Kakrola'.

The SNA also approved naming the new sports complex in Begampur, Rohini Sector-33, as 'Atal Khel Parisar', with a statue of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to be installed there.

Officials said the move aims to strengthen public memory and connect citizens, especially younger generations, with notable figures and places.

"Honouring those who contributed to public life remains a priority, helping preserve our history and heritage," the CM said, adding the gov't is committed to both infrastructural and cultural development.

2 suspected Ebola cases from Ahmedabad, Bengaluru trigger airport surveillance, quarantine measures across the country

New Delhi, (GNS): Health authorities have intensified airport surveillance, traveller monitoring and quarantine measures after suspected Ebola cases surfaced in Bengaluru and Gujarat, though no Ebola infection has been confirmed in India so far.

A 28-year-old Ugandan woman who had been isolated in Bengaluru over suspected Ebola infection has tested negative for the virus, bringing relief amid heightened global concern over fresh outbreaks reported in parts of Africa.

Officials said Airport Health Organisation (APHO) teams are directly contacting travellers arriving from affected countries and isolating even mildly symptomatic individuals as a precautionary measure. "Even if someone reports a slight headache, we do not want to take any chances and



are keeping such persons in isolation," an official said, adding that samples are being sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV) for testing.

Officials said the sample of a suspected Gujarat case has been sent to the National Institute of Virology (NIV), Pune for tests and results are expected in 24 to 48 hours.

The Gujarat case involves a 37-year-old man, Amuri Lokula, who reportedly travelled from the African continent and Bangladesh before

arriving in Mumbai and later Vadodara for business purposes with two associates. He was quarantined at Civil Hospital in Ahmedabad on Wednesday.

According to health officials, the man developed fever, cold and cough symptoms and was initially admitted to a private hospital in Vadodara before being shifted to the special Ebola ward set up at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, after his travel history emerged during screening.

Rs 70K stolen from temple's donation box in Gurugram

New Delhi, (GNS): Thieves broke into a temple at Shikohpur village in Sector 78 and fled after stealing over Rs 70,000 from the donation box. The entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the temple.

According to the police, the incident took place late last night at the Johar Wala temple in the village. On Wednesday morning, when the temple management and attendants arrived, they found the donation box broken and items scattered on the temple premises. They immediately informed the police and cops reached the spot.



The police team found that the CCTV footage showed the thieves entering the temple premises and breaking the donation box with a cutter. An FIR was registered and cops began investigating the matter.

Delhi notifies sweeping overhaul of Capital's fire safety framework

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government has formally notified a sweeping overhaul of the capital's fire safety framework, introducing third-party fire safety auditors, automated compliance monitoring systems and stricter accountability measures for building owners and occupiers.

The reforms, brought through the Delhi Fire Service (Amendment) Rules, 2025, mark one of the most significant changes to Delhi's fire safety regime in recent years. The notification was issued by Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu under the Delhi Fire Service Act, 2007. Most provisions have come into force immediately, while major changes relating to fire safety certification, auditors and automated monitoring systems will become operational



after 90 days. The Tribune had first reported on May 20 that the Delhi Government was considering a comprehensive restructuring of the fire safety system, including third-party auditors, technology-driven compliance mechanisms and changes in certification procedures. Several of those proposals have now been incorporated into the notified rules. A key feature of the

amended framework is the introduction of empanelled fire safety auditors, who will be authorised to inspect buildings and issue fire safety certificates (FSCs). The auditors may be individuals, firms or companies empanelled by the Director of Delhi Fire Service (DFS). Until now, FSCs were issued directly by the DFS.

Under the new system, building owners or occupiers can appoint an audi-

tor from a DFS-maintained panel. The auditor will inspect premises, certify compliance and upload reports online. Certificates issued by auditors will remain subject to verification by the department.

To strengthen oversight, the rules mandate random inspection of at least five per cent of certificates issued by auditors every quarter. Action has also been provided for false declarations, deficiencies and misrepresentation.

The amendments significantly expand categories of occupancies deemed vulnerable to fire risks. These include residential buildings above 15 metres, hotels above 12 metres, educational and institutional buildings above 9 metres, all assembly buildings, underground structures, hazardous occupancies and large industrial and storage facilities.

Delhi SIR to begin on June 30 final electoral rolls on Oct 7

New Delhi, (GNS): Over 42% of Delhi's 1.4 crore electors have already been digitally mapped ahead of Election Commission's special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls under which booth-level officers (BLOs) in the city will begin door-to-door voter verification from June 30.

Ashok Kumar, chief electoral officer of Delhi, said on Wednesday that preparations for the large-scale revision are on in full swing. Training of BLOs, printing of enumeration forms and arranging logistics will be undertaken between June 20 and June 29, while the house-to-house visits by BLOs will continue until July 29. EC has ordered the SIR in Delhi under Article 324 of the Constitution and provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, saying that the revision should be started from June and concluded by Oct 7. The



exercise is aimed at removing duplicate and ineligible entries while ensuring all eligible voters are included in the rolls. "EC has announced the revision since many changes have taken place in the existing rolls due to frequent migration since the last SIR was conducted in 2002, resulting in many electors being registered in more than one place. Also, dead voters have to be removed from the rolls," said an EC official. Over 62.4 lakh electors

have been mapped as on May 26 as part of pre-revision activities before the start of field verification, the official said. The mapping was done in the past few months through special camps organised across the city and by BLOs who visited households.

Delhi has around 13,000 polling booths and 13,000 BLOs. "There is one supervisor for every 10 BLOs.

Apart from them, volunteers and additional manpower will be used during the SIR. Altogether, we estimate 20,000 to 25,000 personnel will be deployed," said the official. During the exercise, every existing elector whose name figures in the rolls will receive two copies of an enumeration form from the BLOs. He will have to fill in a copy and return it during the verification process. Voters will also have the option to submit the completed forms online.

3 arrested in planned robbery case

New Delhi, (GNS): In northwest Delhi's Samaypur Badli, a man allegedly plotted a robbery targeting his own brother-in-law, believing he was carrying a bag full of cash, only to later find it was empty.



The incident took place on May 21 when Sharad Kumar Thakur, who works at an auto spare parts shop in Kashmere Gate and regularly collects cash for his employer, was targeted in Rohini. Police said an accused boarded the victim's scooter at a traffic signal, threatened him with a knife and forced him to drive towards Divya Jyoti Apartments, where another accomplice intercepted them and allegedly snatched his mobile phone, keys and bag.

During the investigation, CCTV footage led police to a black scooter, the owner of which, identified as Prashant Verma, turned out to be the victim's brother-in-law.

Police said Verma had allegedly planned the robbery with associates Harsh and Nitish Kashyap, believing the victim was carrying cash. However, the accused later discovered the bag was empty. A knife, the scooter and the robbed bag have been recovered. Three of them were arrested.

Delhi unveils draft B&B policy for tourists

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi govt has unveiled a draft Bed & Breakfast Policy 2026 that seeks to promote regulated homestay-style accommodation through a simplified online registration system and self-certification regime. The move aims to supplement the city's conventional hotel infrastructure by encouraging affordable, neighbourhood-based accommodation while also creating additional income opportunities for homeowners and caretakers.

"Delhi, which is home to Unesco World Heritage sites and historic monuments and offers food streets, markets and rich cultural experience attracts a diverse set of domestic and international visitors throughout the year. Tourism preferences are evolving globally and many travellers now prefer smaller, community-based and more personalised accommodation over conventional hotels. The proposed B&B policy is aimed at creating a proper regulatory framework for such accommodation," said a govt official.

It proposes allowing residential properties to operate small-scale guest accommodation facilities with a minimum of one room and a maximum of eight rooms or 16 beds. The tourism department has invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders and the public within 30 days of May 26 through email and post for improving the draft policy in line with the requirements of the industry, the visitors and the convenience of users. The draft policy puts emphasis on guest safety, particularly of women travellers. All registered B&B units will be required to maintain verified guest records, upload guest details on the tourism department portal and comply with police verification norms. Operators will also have to install fire extinguishers, smoke or heat detectors, first aid kits and proper locking systems. CCTV coverage has also been proposed for entrance and common areas in higher-category units.

"The objective is to create a safe, accountable and professionally managed homestay ecosystem where visitors, especially solo women travellers, can access affordable accommodation with greater confidence and transparency," said an official. The B&B scheme was first introduced in 2007 in Delhi.

Race against flames: How head constable's swift action saved visually impaired students

New Delhi, (GNS): With eight shops engulfed in flames and 11 visually impaired students trapped at a Burari market in the early hours of May 17, it was a race against time for head constable Amar Singh, who had to act with swift thinking and decisive action. Singh, a beat officer posted at Burari police station, was on night patrol around 2.30 am when a local resident alerted him to the fire. By the time he reached the spot, flames engulfed the ground floor, and thick smoke made it impossible for residents to enter the building.

As the fire spread upwards and the staircase became inaccessible, a couple remained trapped on an upper floor. Singh first cleared bystanders from the area and stopped a passing truck. Climbing onto its roof, he positioned himself below the balcony where the couple was stranded.

"Due to thick smoke, there was almost no visibility inside the building, and the room was close to collapsing. Despite the flames, Singh carried the man and woman out one by one on his shoulders and lowered them safely onto the truck," DCP (North) Raja Banthia said.

Ravi Yadav, a tuition teacher res-



cued along with his wife, said the main exit was completely blocked. "We were on the second floor when the fire broke out. The beat officer reached in time and saved us. After that, he went to the adjoining building to help visually impaired students trapped there," Yadav said.

Soon after rescuing the couple, Singh was informed that 11 visually impaired students were stranded in the neighbouring building, with the fire threatening to spread. Despite struggling to breathe due to smoke inhalation, he guided all of them through a dark, smoke-filled staircase and brought them out safely.

CM asks depts to accelerate work on projects announced in budget

New Delhi, (GNS): Chief minister Rekha Gupta on Wednesday directed all Delhi govt departments to accelerate implementation of budget 2026-27 announcements and public welfare schemes, and also warned officials during a high-level review meeting that departments failing to properly utilise allocated funds could face cuts budgetary allocations in future. CM asked the department heads to regularly monitor progress of the work.

Senior officials and heads of departments attended the meeting through video conferencing and CM also attended the meeting from her home as Delhi govt observes work from home on Wednesday as part of the ongoing austerity measures being adopted by the Delhi govt.



"No negligence in public welfare works will be tolerated," CM said while reviewing the status of various flagship projects and welfare schemes.

An official said that monsoon preparedness figured prominently during the meet-

ing. CM Gupta directed civic and infrastructure agencies to complete desilting and cleaning of all small and major drains before the onset of monsoon which typically starts by the end of June or early July in Delhi.

LG Sandhu pushes 3,000 DDA plots for parking to ease congestion

New Delhi, (GNS): Lieutenant governor TS Sandhu has directed the DDA to identify around 3,000 vacant land parcels across the city to develop surface parking that can accommodate nearly one lakh vehicles and help ease traffic congestion. In the first phase, 232 DDA plots have been identified and are ready for the tender process.

Sandhu chaired a high-level meeting on Wednesday with all seven Delhi Lok Sabha



MPs and senior DDA officials to review issues of parking, traffic, encroachments, utilisation of vacant land and

maintenance of parks. "It was informed that DDA over the next year would identify over 3,000 vacant land

parcels to be utilised for surface parking across the city. Of these, 232 vacant DDA plots - 30 in Rohini, 23 in South, 53 in North, 98 in Dwarka and 28 in East - are ready for tender. These will go a long way in addressing the parking woes as well as easing traffic congestion in the capital," said an official. The LG reiterated that all DDA parks must remain open from 6 am to 10 am, and those charging entry fees must allow free access during these

hours. MPs flagged unauthorised occupation and encroachment as major civic concerns and assured full cooperation in tackling them. Officials said such meetings will be held regularly. South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri said he raised issues including removal of the 'O-Zone' classification - the Yamuna riverfront area where construction is restricted because of flood risk - from 91 colonies across multiple

constituencies, regularisation of 69 affluent colonies, amenities on gram sabha land, and development of parks on vacant plots.

"I requested land for the Delhi-Varanasi high-speed rail corridor without it passing through residential areas of Bammoli and Dhulsiras. Community facilities such as halls, dispensaries, schools, sports grounds and parks will be developed on gram sabha land subsumed by DDA.

LNJP first 2,000 bedded govt hospital to receive NAQS certification

New Delhi, (GNS): Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Narayan Hospital has become the country's first 2,000-bedded govt hospital to receive the National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification from Union health ministry, officials informed on Monday.

The certification recognises Delhi govt-run tertiary care hospital's performance across critical healthcare quality indicators, including patient safety, infection control, clinical services and hospital administration. Praising the hospital staff, medical director Dr B L Chaudhary described the achievement as a result of "collective dedication, teamwork and commitment" shown by doctors, nurses, faculty members, sanitation workers, security personnel, PWD staff and administrative employees.

According to hospital



authorities, LNJP Hospital secured exceptionally high scores in the NQAS assessment. It achieved 99.4% in service provision, 96.1% in patient rights, 97.6% in clinical services, 97% in infection control and 95.6% in quality management. The hospital also scored 99.5% in patient privacy and dignity, while recording a patient satisfaction score of 87.3%.

Among specialised facilities, the pharmacy department

scored 95.8%, the ICU 96.7% and the haemodialysis centre 97.9%. Officials said the certification follows years of systemic reforms and infrastructure strengthening undertaken at the hospital. Measures included implementation of strict infection-control practices, scientific sanitisation systems, biomedical waste management protocols and mandatory infection-prevention training for healthcare workers.

Keshav Puram dacoity: Assets worth Rs 40L attached by police

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police has attached assets worth around Rs 40 lakh in connection with a dacoity case registered in northwest Delhi's Keshav Puram. Police said the incident was reported on July 17 last year, when a man was allegedly robbed of Rs 40 lakh at gunpoint near Kanhaiya Nagar metro station. During the investigation, four boys were apprehended and, subsequently, accused Arif (23) was arrested. Probe revealed that Arif had allegedly arranged the country-made pistol used in the offence. Police recovered around Rs 12 lakh during the investigation. Later, the alleged mastermind, Dheeraj Randhava (27), was arrested from Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district.

DCP (northwest) Akanksha Yadav said Randhava had retained a substantial portion of the robbed amount and used the proceeds of crime to purchase jewellery and an

immovable property plot in Sri Ganganagar. On his instance, police recovered jewellery and a mobile phone.

The inquiry established that the jewellery had been purchased entirely through cash payments allegedly made from the looted money. Police also found that the accused had purchased a plot in cash soon after the commission of the offence in Sri Ganganagar.

Accordingly, proceedings under Section 107 (attachment, forfeiture or restoration of property) of BNSS were initiated before the court for attachment of the jewellery and immovable property identified as proceeds of crime. Subsequently, the court directed the district magistrate, central Delhi, to attach the jewellery, while the district magistrate of Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan, was directed to initiate attachment proceedings related to the plot.

Key KCP commander arrested in Delhi; large cache of arms, ammo seized in Manipur

New Delhi, (GNS): In a joint operation, security forces have arrested Haobijam Dilip Singh, a key commander of the banned Manipuri insurgent outfit Kangleipak Communist Party, in Delhi, officials said on Thursday.

The operation was conducted by the Special Cell of Delhi Police, Manipur Police and Central agencies.

Based on his interrogation, security forces carried out a recovery operation in Manipur's Kakching district, leading to the seizure of a large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives, the officials said. Haobijam, believed to be a key member of the proscribed outfit, was wanted in more than a dozen cases registered under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), they said.

According to the officials, Haobijam came to Delhi for a "secret meeting", prompting central agencies to probe



whether the national capital was also on the radar of the insurgent group.

Investigators are examining his movements, contacts and the purpose of his visit to Delhi, sources said. Further details about Haobijam's

arrest are awaited.

Among the weapons seized in Kakching were an AK-56 rifle, an Amogh rifle, an AI rifle and an M4 rifle fitted with a scope. Several empty magazines of INSAS, AK, SLR, M4 and light machine gun (LMG)

rifles were also seized, they said. The security forces also recovered 51 high-explosive bombs, two para bombs, 11 detonators and four lethod shells during the operation.

The officials said nearly 2,000 live cartridges of different calibres, including Amogh, INSAS, AK, .303 and SLR ammunition, were also seized from the site.

Apart from arms and explosives, security forces recovered bags of different colours, a tarpaulin sheet, plastic bags and a Redmi 13C mobile phone fitted with Airtel and Jio SIM cards, they said. Officials suspect that the seized weapons and explosives could have been meant for large-scale violent activities in Manipur and elsewhere. The central agencies are now investigating whether there was any larger conspiracy involving Delhi or any other metropolitan cities, sources said.