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Cockroach Janata Party staged a five-hour protest in Delhi:

Abhijeet Singh demanded the resignation of the Education Minister announced a second gathering at Jantar Mantar next Saturday

Abhijeet Singh subsequently left the protest site with Sonam Wangchuk. Abhijeet had returned to Delhi from the United States earlier that morning. He went straight from the airport to Jantar Mantar, carrying Ambedkar's autobiography and a copy of the Constitution. **5 days deadline for minister's resignation**

Abhijeet said, "The Cockroach Janata Party is adamant on its demand. Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan should resign.

He has given Dharmendra a five-day ultimatum to resign. If the Cockroach Janata Party's demands are not met, another protest will be held at Jantar Mantar on June 13th.



New Delhi, (GNS): The Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) held a five-hour protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi on Saturday demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in the NEET paper leak case.

Party founder Abhijeet Dipke had said that the minis-

ter should resign by 5 pm today, otherwise protests would be held across the country. They would protest again at Jantar Mantar next Saturday, June 13th. The CJP had received permission to protest at Jantar Mantar until 5 p.m. today, but it ended at 3:30 p.m. after Abhijeet's health deteriorated. He sub-



One Million People Join Annammalai's New Party

Registrations Cross 1 Million Within 10 Hours; Tamil Nadu BJP Vice-President Resigns in Support

Chennai, (GNS): Former Tamil Nadu BJP president K. Annammalai's newly launched political movement, Idhu Namma Iyakkam, has claimed overwhelming public support from the outset. According to Annammalai, more than one million people registered with the movement within 10 hours of its launch. Describing it as a people's movement, Annammalai said it represents a shared vision and mission for the future of Tamil Nadu.

He resigned from the BJP's primary membership on June 2, with his resignation letter becoming public on Friday. In a significant development, Tamil Nadu BJP vice-president Karu Nagarajan also resigned from the party in support of Annammalai.

Speaking to reporters, he said that several BJP leaders had decided to back Annammalai's initiative.

CBSE Extends Deadline for Class 12 Verification and Re-evaluation to June 7



New Delhi, (GNS): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has extended the deadline for applying for verification and re-evaluation of Class 12 answer sheets from June 6 to June 7. The board said the decision was taken to provide students with additional time and to address technical issues reported on the portal. CBSE had launched its post-result online services portal on June 2. Subsequently, several students complained of difficulties in accessing answer sheets and submitting applications for verification and re-evaluation.

Mishap on Vaishno Devi-Bound Train at Ludhiana Coaches Separate; Panic Among Passengers After Blast-like Sound



Ludhiana, (GNS): A train carrying passengers to Vaishno Devi met with an accident at Ludhiana Railway Station when a sleeper coach developed a technical fault accompanied by a blast-like sound, causing it to detach from the adjoining coach.

Khan Sir Will Not Surrender in Firing Case, Says Lawyer

Plans to Seek Anticipatory Bail; Lawyer Calls FIR Baseless

Patna, (GNS): Educator and founder of Global Studies, Khan Sir, will not surrender before the Patna Civil Court in connection with the firing case registered against him, his lawyer Arvind Kumar Mahuar said on Saturday.

"There is no question of Khan Sir surrendering. We may seek bail if required. The firing incident was not caused by my client, and the FIR contains false allega-



tions. Khan Sir never made any statement asking anyone to open fire," the lawyer said.

He added that the time for filing an anticipatory bail application had expired on Saturday and that the plea

would now be reportedly conducted multiple visits to his coaching institute overnight but failed to arrest him even after 24 hours.

Students remained gathered outside the institute throughout the night despite repeated police announcements asking them to disperse. According to police, statements recorded from Khan Sir's security guards alleged that he had instructed them to fire, assuring them that he would handle the consequences. Based on these allegations, a case has been registered against him under Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

FIR Under Attempt to Murder and Arms Act: A case has been registered against Khan Sir under charges including attempt to murder and provisions of the Arms Act. Patna Police

Rajnath Singh Hails India's GDP Growth Credits PM Modi's Leadership for Economic Progress

New Delhi, (GNS): Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has praised India's economic performance, describing the country's 7.7 per cent GDP growth in the 2025-26 financial year as a symbol of national strength and resilience. In a post on social media platform X, Singh said that at a time when many nations were facing



economic uncertainty, India had maintained its position as the world's fastest-growing major economy.

He noted that the economy expanded by 7.7 per cent during the financial year, while growth accelerated to 7.8 per cent in the fourth quarter. According to him, the performance reflects the strong foundation built over the past 12 years through the mantra of "Reform, Perform and Transform."

Monsoon Reaches Goa; Expected to Arrive Late in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

Schools Closed in Wayanad and Kasaragod, Trekking Banned

New Delhi /Bhopal /Jaipur / Lucknow, (GNS): After arriving three days behind schedule, the southwest monsoon has gathered momentum and reached Goa after advancing through Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. It is also expected to reach Mumbai soon.



New Madhya Pradesh Civil Service Rules Proposed

Government Jobs Barred for Those with More Than Two Children

Bhopal, (GNS): The Madhya Pradesh government is set to introduce major changes to its civil service regulations. The General Administration Department has released the draft of the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (General Conditions of Service) Rules,



2026. One of the key provisions retains the restriction on candidates with more than two children from securing government employment. Notably, the department had proposed removing this condition last year, and the proposal had reportedly received

the Chief Minister's in-principle approval. However, the new draft reverses that decision. The two-child norm was originally introduced in 2001 by the then Digvijaya Singh government through an amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Civil Services Rules, 1961.

There is a possibility of rebellion among TMC MPs as well

hey, someone stop!



A developed India is possible only through an adulteration-free India

Lalit Garg

Special on World Food Safety Day (June 7, 2026)

World Food Safety Day, celebrated every year on June 7th, is not only a reminder of the need for safe food, but also an opportunity for a global commitment to human health, social well-being, economic prosperity, and sustainable development. The 2026 theme, "Food Safety: The Active Role of Science," emphasizes that a safe food system can only be ensured through science, research, technology, and effective monitoring systems. Ironically, in a vast agricultural country like India, the increasing adulteration of

food, medicines, and daily consumer goods is posing a serious challenge to this goal. Adulteration is not just a question of food safety; it is a matter of national health, economy, morality, and global reputation. In a country that dreams of becoming a world leader and a developed India, when milk, ghee, mawa, spices, grains, sweets, fruits, vegetables, and even life-saving medicines are adulterated, it is extremely worrying. This is not just a violation of the law, but a crime against humanity.

In India, adulteration has become an organized economic crime. The use of detergents, urea, and synthetic chemicals in milk, the adulter-

ation of mawa with starch and chemicals, the mixing of colors and dust in spices, the mixing of sugar syrup with honey, the mixing of cheap oils with edible oils, and the cooking of fruits and vegetables with artificial chemicals have become commonplace. Many products sold in the market appear attractive, but are toxic to the core. The situation becomes even more alarming when cases of adulterated or counterfeit medicines come to light. In recent years, numerous deaths and serious health crises have occurred in various states due to the consumption of fake or substandard medicines. Such reports, including in Kota, Rajasthan, have shocked the

entire country. When life-saving medicines themselves become the cause of death, it is not just a failure of the health system but the height of social insensitivity. The most serious adverse effect of adulteration is on human health. Many serious problems, such as cancer, kidney disease, heart disease, liver disorders, hormonal imbalances, malnutrition in children, health problems in women, and decreased immunity, are increasingly linked to contaminated and adulterated food. According to the World Health Organization, millions of people fall ill every year due to unsafe food. This health burden is steadily increasing in India as well. However, the

crisis of adulteration is not limited to health; it also severely impacts the country's economy. When the quality of a country's food products becomes questionable, its credibility in the international market is affected.

Exports decline, foreign investment is affected, and the country lags behind in global competition. India could become a major hub for agricultural products and the food processing industry, but the problem of adulteration is hampering its potential. Even more worrying is that adulteration is becoming a symbol of the erosion of social values. Some people, driven by the pursuit of quick profits and greater gains, are risking the

lives of others. This is not only economic corruption but also a sign of moral degradation. When the sense of honesty and responsibility weakens in society, such crimes flourish. Governments have periodically enacted food safety and standards laws. Several organizations, including the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), monitor and test food. However, corruption, bribery, weak inspection systems, and the slow pace of legal processes at the grassroots level prevent the campaign against adulteration from being effective. In many cases, it takes years for the perpetrators to be punished, emboldening the criminals.

Editorial

Discord in Karnataka

The way Minister Ramalinga Reddy resigned in Karnataka after being upset over not being given his preferred portfolio as soon as the government was formed under Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's leadership, has created a situation of hailstorm for the newly formed government. Ramalinga Reddy was given the Water Resources Ministry, but he did not like it. He says he wants the ministry with the Bengaluru Development Department. It is the Chief Minister's prerogative to decide who becomes a minister in a government and which department he gets, but perhaps Ramalinga Reddy does not care about this. He wants the Bengaluru Development Department, which is considered a lucrative one.

The way he resigned instead of demanding the portfolio of his choice suggests that he assumed he would receive the portfolio that was his priority. If other ministers also harbor similar desires, it will be difficult for DK Shivakumar to run the government. However, Ramalinga Reddy isn't the only one posing a problem. Another minister, Zameer Ahmed, is also unhappy with his portfolio. His supporters are staging protests demanding he be made Deputy Chief Minister. Some other ministers are also reportedly dissatisfied with their portfolios. It should also not be overlooked that no woman was appointed as a minister, and several ministers are relatives of prominent leaders. These include Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge and the son of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. The unfolding situation in Karnataka, with the formation of a new government, is not only exacerbating Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's problems but also rekindling factionalism within the party. The Karnataka situation is somewhat reminiscent of Punjab, where factionalism reached its peak after the Congress leadership removed Chief Minister Amarinder Singh, leading to a crushing defeat for the Congress in the assembly elections. It's difficult to predict what will happen in Karnataka at this point. However, with two years remaining before the assembly elections, it will be difficult for the new government, amid the strife, to do anything that will resolve Karnataka's problems and strengthen the Congress party.

Growing sensations on social media, scripted controversies and the responsibility of the audience

Dr. Priyanka Saurabh

The digital revolution has completely transformed the world of communication and expression. Today, anyone with a smartphone and an internet connection can share their thoughts, talents, and experiences with the world. YouTube, Instagram, Facebook, and other social media platforms have provided recognition, employment, and popularity to millions. This is a positive change that has broken the monopoly of traditional media and given ordinary citizens the opportunity to express themselves.

However, with this change, certain trends have also developed that are becoming a matter of concern. Chief among these is the blind race for views, likes, and followers. Today, the measure of success on social media is often not the quality of the content, but its popularity. The number of views, comments, and shares of a video are considered the key to its success. In this environment, some content creators have resorted to methods that rely more on drama and sensationalism than reality to attract audiences.

Over the past few years, numerous videos have gone viral on social media depicting alleged fights, family disputes, conflicts between friends, relationship breakdowns, public debates, or emotional events. These events are often so dramatic that viewers naturally become suspicious. It seems as if the entire sequence of events is pre-planned, the dialogue is written, and the cameras are set up

solely to record the script. Often, the alleged altercation occurs right in front of a camera or CCTV. Characters repeatedly glance at the camera, events unfold in a film-like manner, and the video eventually goes viral. Viewers are forced to wonder whether this was a real accident or a well-planned drama designed to gain popularity.

The economic structure of social media helps explain this trend. Attention is the most valuable asset on digital platforms. The more people view content, the greater its reach, and the greater the potential financial gain. Advertising, brand collaborations, sponsorships, and other business opportunities increase with popularity. Some people assume that creating controversy is the easiest strategy, as it increases views.

This is why genuine creativity often takes a back seat, replaced by artificial drama. Creating informative content, conducting research, or presenting useful information takes time and effort. In contrast, a controversial



video or sensational event can capture the attention of millions of people in a matter of hours. As a result, some content creators choose the easy way out.

The biggest impact of this trend falls on the younger generation. Teens and young adults are the most active users of social media. When they see controversies, fights, and sensationalism becoming increasingly popular, they may develop the impression that the path to success lies not in talent, hard work, and knowledge, but in attention-seeking activities. This thinking can prove detrimental to society in the long run.

This increasing dramatization on social media is not just a question of entertainment, but also of social values. When artificial controversies become the focus of discussion, important topics like education, health, the environment, employment, science, and social justice are marginalized. Society's collective attention shifts from these issues to events that have little relevance to real life.

However, it's also true

that not every viral video or public controversy can be called scripted without evidence. Conflicts, strained relationships, and public events occur in real life. With the increasing availability of cameras, many real events are recorded. Therefore, it's important to adopt a balanced approach when drawing conclusions about any video. It's unfair to blame an individual or group based solely on speculation. But when similar patterns are repeated, when every controversy has the potential to go viral, when every altercation unfolds in front of the cameras, and when the people involved later appear to derive economic or social benefit from the controversy, it's natural to raise questions. In a democratic society, asking questions and fact-checking is both the right and the responsibility of the audience. This is where the importance of media literacy comes in. Today, it's not enough to be literate; it's also essential to be digitally literate. People must understand how social media content is created, how algorithms work, and what factors make content

successful. If viewers understand these processes, they will be better able to distinguish between sensationalism and reality. YouTube and other platforms also have a significant responsibility. If their algorithms only promote content that is more controversial and provocative, content creators will follow suit. Platforms must develop policies that encourage knowledge, creativity, social utility, and positive dialogue. A healthy digital culture can only develop when quality is valued as much as popularity. The role of audiences is no less important. Ultimately, they determine which content will be successful. Every view, every like, and every share is a form of support. If people only watch controversies and drama, the number of such content will naturally increase.

But if they prioritize researched, creative, and useful content, the very nature of the digital world could change. Today, we need to see social media not just as a means of entertainment, but as a social force. This power can bring about positive change, educate people, and foster meaningful dialogue in society. But if its use is limited to sensationalism and the pursuit of popularity, it will foster distrust, confusion, and superficiality. Content creators must also understand that their audience's trust is their greatest asset. It can be easy to resort to artificial controversies for short-term popularity, but long-term respect is only earned through honesty, quality, and credibility. Creators who thrive on their talent and hard work will find their identity strengthened over time.

Economy stuck in the trap of income of eight annas and expenditure of one rupee

Sanat Jain

A serious debate is currently underway in the country regarding India's economy. One side believes that between 2004 and 2014, especially until 2011, India's economy was among the world's fastest-growing economies. During that period, India began to be compared globally with China, the United States, Russia, and other European countries. The expansion of information technology, the service sector, manufacturing, and small and medium-sized enterprises propelled the country to new economic heights. During the 2008 global economic recession, when major economies in the United States and Europe were grappling with crisis, India appeared to be in a relatively

strong economic position. Many economists believe that India's large domestic market, the unorganized sector, and small and medium-sized enterprises played a crucial role in maintaining the Indian economy's stability. This is why India was seen as a focal point in the global economic arena at that time. However, after 2011, India's political climate changed rapidly. Allegations of corruption, reports from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), and the Jan Lokpal movement led by Anna Hazare put the then government in the dock. This had a profound impact on the government's image. Foreign forces are also suspected to be involved. The corporate world also rose against the Manmohan Singh government. Thus, the entire

opposition rallied against the Congress and Manmohan Singh. Ultimately, a change of power occurred in 2014. Critics allege that many of the economic losses estimated in the country's audit reports at that time could not be substantiated in the judicial process, and the political climate had completely changed by then, due to the fictitious allegations.

Serious questions are also being raised about the current economic landscape. Critics argue that policies adopted over the past decade have benefited large corporate groups, while small and medium-sized enterprises and the unorganized sector have suffered significant losses. Demonetization, the initial implementation of GST, and the impact of the pandemic cri-

pled small businesses. Millions of micro-enterprises have closed, and employment opportunities have shrunk. Another economic concern is India's rising imports and declining manufacturing capacity. Imports of consumer goods, electronics, and industrial products from China have steadily increased. In contrast, India's export growth has failed to reach expected levels, leading to a widening trade deficit. This has also cast doubt on claims of economic self-reliance. Rising unemployment, inflation, and household debt remain concerns. Farmers are not receiving the right price for their produce. Farmers are becoming indebted, and farming is becoming increasingly expensive. The purchasing power of ordinary citizens has declined.

Education, health, food, and essential services are becoming increasingly expensive. On the other hand, despite the boom in the stock market and corporate profits, the economic conditions of the common people are showing no signs of improvement. This has widened the gap between economic development and social realities. The common man's income remains a mere anna and a rupee. Today, the need is for economic policies to focus not only on large investments and corporate profits, but also on job creation, protection of small industries, strengthening the agricultural sector, and expanding domestic demand. India's true strength lies in its millions of small entrepreneurs, farmers, workers, and the middle class.

Hour after hotel tragedy in south Delhi's Malviya Nagar

owner Lovkesh Bajaj applied for licence renewal

NEW DELHI, (GNS): About an hour after the fire tore through the Hauz Rani bed and breakfast on June 3, its owner, Lovkesh Bajaj, applied for the renewal of the licence of a ground floor establishment.

The licence, according to MCD, had expired on March 31. MCD officials said on Friday that the licence had been rejected.

MCD has a category of instant licences that are given to tea and snacks establishments which have no seating. The ground floor of the Hauz Rani B&B, which used to run as a restaurant, had only this licence, MCD officials said on

Friday. This expired on March 31.

Recently, MCD also deregulated the tea and snacks licence, saying that only FSSAI's nod would be needed in the form of a health trade licence to run such a business.

On Friday, when asked about the licence status of the Hauz Rani facility, an MCD official said: "While the tea and snacks licence was issued to a person identified as Lovkesh Bajaj, a separate licence for operating the B&B facility had been issued by another agency to Jai Mishra. Personal kitchen facilities were provided on each floor."



While agencies, including Delhi Police, are still probing the exact cause of the fire, the civic body claimed that Bajaj attempted to obtain a fresh health trade licence for the ground floor under the same 'tea and snacks stall' category on June 3 — the very day the building caught fire. The

applicant submitted the application at 9.35 am on the morning of the incident and also deposited the fee. However, the application was rejected by our department."

The development has raised questions as the application and fee submission were processed despite MCD's announcement that the health trade licence for this category had been deregulated and the portal was being made inactive as part of the transition process.

Sources in MCD also said that the Hauz Rani B&B was surveyed by MCD officials about eight months ago and the team found that a full-

scale restaurant was being run from the premises in violation of licence norms that allow no seating. Despite the findings, no action was taken.

Following the fire incident on Wednesday, MCD did a preliminary survey in the area and identified 12 hotels that allegedly violated health trade licence norms.

An official said that since these properties are in Lal Dora areas and were constructed 14-15 years ago, the civic body was treating these as protected under the Centre's Special Provisions Act, making action against the structures difficult.

South Delhi hotel fire: Cook arrested, several others detained

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Delhi Police has arrested a cook working at a south Delhi hotel where a devastating fire killed 21 people earlier this week, with investigators alleging that his negligence may have played a role in triggering the blaze, officials said on Saturday.

Several other people connected with the establishment have also been detained and are being questioned as part of the ongoing probe into the fire at Flourish Stays Bed and Breakfast in the Hauz Rani area of Malviya Nagar. The arrested cook has been identified as Keshav Negi. According to police sources, preliminary findings suggest his actions may have contributed to the outbreak of the fire. Investigators are examining the sequence of events and the circumstances that led to the incident, while questioning hotel staff and others associated with the property's operations. The latest arrest comes as Delhi Police expands its investigation into alleged safety violations, unauthorised construction and the role of individuals involved in the management and day-to-day functioning of the hotel. The fire broke out on Wednesday morning, killing 21 people, including a 16-year-old girl and several foreign nationals from Kyrgyzstan, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Iraq, Congo, Mozambique and Liberia.

Police had earlier arrested hotel owner Lavkesh Bajaj and booked him under charges including culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Investigators are examining whether negligence, violations of fire safety norms and unauthorised alterations to the property contributed to the high death toll.



Fresh air on agenda as Delhi unveils 18 'Namo Oxygen Parks'

NEW DELHI, (GNS): The Delhi Government on Friday launched 18 'Namo Oxygen Parks' across the national capital as part of a major environmental initiative aimed at expanding green cover, improving air quality and encouraging public participation in conservation efforts.

The parks were digitally inaugurated by Union Environment Minister Bhopender Yadav and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta during a World Environment Day programme held at the Namo Oxygen Park in Maidangarhi.

The newly launched parks, spread across 185.42 acres, are designed to promote urban greening and bio-



diversity through plantation of indigenous tree species such as peepal, banyan, jamun and mango. According to the government, the parks will not only improve oxygen levels but also support local ecosystems and bird habitats.

The government has announced plans to develop 100 such oxygen parks across Delhi in the coming years.

Union Minister Bhopender Yadav said the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign by Prime Minister Narendra

Modi had turned tree plantation into a mass movement linked to gratitude, responsibility and environmental awareness. He added that citizens should not only plant trees but also ensure their protection and growth for future

Modern architectural choices may be stoking fires: Govt review

New Delhi, (GNS): As the city grapples with a rising number of deadly blazes, Delhi govt officials have identified changing building interiors and an increasing use of combustible materials as likely reasons behind the faster spread of fires in residences and commercial establishments.

The issue came up during internal reviews conducted by govt in the aftermath of recent blazes, including the one in Hauz Rani. While a magisterial inquiry into the tragedy is underway, officials said preliminary discussions focused on how

modern architectural choices may be enhancing the intensity of fires.

Home minister Ashish Sood said wood panelling, wallpapers, false ceilings and certain categories of paints that are increasingly being used can accelerate the spread of flames. A senior official said, "Oil- and solvent-based paints like enamel, lacquer or duco are more flammable than normal water-based paints."

Wallpaper is also a concern because it can provide a continuous path of fuel from the floor to the ceiling as flames naturally move

upwards.

The review also flagged the growing use of R32 refrigerant in ACs. Officials said older ACs largely used R410A refrigerant, which is non-flammable under normal conditions, whereas R32 is classified as mildly flammable. "R32 has a lower carbon footprint and provides faster cooling, which is why it is now widely used," he said.

However, another official cautioned against overstating the role of refrigerants in incidents of fire. He said a massive and highly concentrated leak in a confined

space is generally required before flammability becomes a concern.

Officials said one of the most significant reasons behind residential and commercial fires in urban areas like Delhi is the widespread non-compliance with building bylaws and planning norms, particularly in unauthorised colonies. "Buildings are often constructed by ignoring structural fire safety norms in order to maximise available space for rental accommodation and increase their commercial value," the official said.

54-year-old man, son found dead in Delhi's Jyoti Nagar

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Police recovered the bodies of a 54-year-old man and his 13-year-old son from a house in northeast Delhi's Jyoti Nagar area on Saturday, officials said.

The man, identified as Praveen Sharma (54), was found hanging inside a room of the house in the Chajjupur area, while his son was found lying dead on a bed nearby.

Police said information regarding a suspected suicide was received at Jyoti Nagar police station during the morning hours, following which a team rushed to the spot.

Upon reaching the house, police found Praveen Sharma (54) hanging inside a room of the house, an officer said.



His 13-year-old son was also found lying dead in the same room, police said. Forensic teams were called to the scene, and evidence was collected from the spot as part of the investigation.

The bodies have been shifted for post-mortem examination to ascertain the exact cause of death, police said.

2 days after deadly inferno, fear stalks empty Hauz Rani streets

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Tourists are gone, half of the market is shut, and in the narrow lanes of Hauz Rani, where guest houses once buzzed with visitors and shopkeepers competed for customers, fear has replaced the usual chaos.

Two days after a devastating fire at a bed and breakfast establishment claimed 21 lives, the south Delhi neighbourhood remains trapped between grief and anger. As MCD teams moved through the area on Friday, sealing guest houses and taking action against alleged illegal constructions, residents watched from behind shuttered shops, asking a question that has come to define the aftermath of the tragedy.

Until this week, the locality's maze like lanes were packed with tourists, hotel staff, delivery



workers and shoppers. On Friday, many of those lanes stood unusually quiet. Several guest houses remained locked, some sealed by the civic authorities. Laundries, grocery stores, travel agencies and eateries reported little or no business. Local traders said many tourists had shifted to Saket and other parts of south Delhi after the fire.

Outside one of the buildings facing civic action, a group of residents gathered around MCD officials as workers examined staircases and structures.

GTB Hospital ceiling collapse raises concerns over ageing infra

NEW DELHI, (GNS): A section of the ceiling in the washing area attached to the emergency operation theatre complex at Guru Teg Bahadur (GTB) Hospital recently collapsed, narrowly avoiding what doctors described as a

potentially serious incident at one of east Delhi's busiest government hospitals.

No injuries were reported as no staff member was present in the washing area at the time. The space is used by medical staff

to scrub before and after surgeries and is part of the round-the-clock emergency OT complex.

For many doctors and hospital staff, the incident is not isolated but another warning sign from a building they say has shown visible deterioration for years.

A resident doctor said a portion of the roof and false ceiling had fallen inside the operation theatre a few months ago as well. While no one was injured then either,

staff said the latest collapse has renewed concerns over safety for both healthcare workers and patients in the ageing emer-

gency block. Medical staff said damaged false ceilings have exposed rusted iron rods at several points, while seepage has affected ceilings, pillars and other structural elements. They alleged repeated complaints have not led to adequate repairs. The emergency OT complex is among the busiest units in the hospital, carrying out more than 15 to 20 surgeries daily across specialities including orthopaedics, general surgery, neuro-

surgery and ENT. Doctors said there had earlier been discussions on shifting emergency services to nearby Rajiv Gandhi Super

Speciality Hospital, but no clear communication was issued to staff.

Concerns also extend beyond the OT complex. Hospital personnel pointed to faulty sewage lines, leaking pipes and persistent water seepage in parts of the old building. A senior doctor said the structure, which was expected to be phased out but later received an extension, continues to face ageing-related issues. Staff also reported blocked washrooms and sewage water accumulation on the ground floor during rainfall.

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REPAIRING OF ROOF MOUNTED PACKAGE UNITS
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Divisional Railway Manager (WA), Western Railway, 6 floor, Engg. Deptt., Mumbai Central, Mumbai 400 008 Invites E-tender Notice No. BCT/26-27/57 dt. 02/06/2026 Work and Location: Chalthan- Development of 20 ft height cover shed facility at Chalthan Goods Shed at the RL platform of (650m x 10m) with lighting facilities (Composite tender including electrical portion). Approx. Cost of Work: ₹ 8,33,07,272.43 EMD: ₹ 16,66,200.00 Date & Time of Submission: Till 26.06.2026, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of Opening: On 26.06.2026 at 15.30 hrs. For further details please visit our website www.irps.gov.in 0192

Malviya Nagar fire incident: Amid questions over licence scrutiny, MC launches demolition drive

New Delhi, (GNS): The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has launched a large-scale demolition and sealing drive against unauthorised constructions and commercial establishments across Delhi following the deadly fire at a bed-and-breakfast facility in Malviya Nagar. Questions have also been raised over the civic body's scrutiny of licences linked to the property. According to officials, Jay Mishra, registered owner of Flourish Stay B&B, submitted an online application on June 3 seeking renewal of a "Tea and Snacks Stall (without seats)" licence — the same morning a fire tore

through the six-storey building, killing 21 people. Sources said the application reached the MCD between 9.30 am and 10 am, while rescue operations were still underway.

Officials said the tea-and-snacks licence had expired in April and was due for annual renewal. However, the ground floor was allegedly operating as a full-fledged restaurant with a kitchen and seating, despite having no licence for such use. The Delhi Fire Service has indicated the blaze began in the ground-floor area.

Documents reviewed by MCD in a scrutiny exercise completed on June 2 — a day



before the fire — reportedly did not flag any violations. The exercise followed January directions to verify health trade licences after a fire incident in Goa. "The licence was among nearly 700 instant licences identified for scrutiny in the South



Zone. No violations were recorded during document verification and field inspection," an official said.

Officials also said the property was running around 25 rooms against permission for only six under the bed-and-breakfast

scheme. It allegedly lacked a fire NOC and sanctioned building plan. The structure falls in a Lal Dora area, where enforcement has traditionally been limited.

Responding to allegations of lapses, Mayor Pravesh Wahi said responsibility cannot be fixed on any single agency while investigations are ongoing. "If any individual is found responsible, strict action will be taken. There appears to have been a coordination lapse, and that must be corrected," he said.

Meanwhile, MCD said it

has demolished 82 properties and sealed 43 across Delhi since June 1. In South Delhi, 12 properties were demolished and 14 sealed for building bylaw violations. A joint survey identified more than 12 B&B guest houses in Hauz Rani, 32 properties in Said-ul-Ajaib and nine in Khirki Extension operating in violation of norms.

On Friday, five guest houses in Hauz Rani were sealed, with further demolition and sealing drives planned in the coming days as part of a wider crackdown on unauthorised construction and misuse of properties.

Woman found dead in Delhi murder angle being probed

New Delhi, (GNS): A young married woman was found dead under suspicious circumstances at her residence in Phase III of Madanpur Khadar under the Sarita Vihar police station limits in south-east Delhi, officials said on Friday.

According to the police, a PCR call reported the suspected hanging death of the woman, wife of Ankit, at the house in the locality. On receiving the information, local police reached the spot and secured the scene. Investigators said the woman had been married for about a year and was living with her husband, Ankit, at the same residence where the incident took place.

Police officials said preliminary inquiries and the condition of the scene have raised certain aspects that require closer examination. Crime team and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) experts inspected the premises and collected evidence for scientific analysis.

Sources said investigators are not ruling out any angle, including homicide, and are awaiting forensic reports and the post-mortem examination before reaching any conclusion. The couple, according to police sources, belonged to different religions and had a love marriage. Investigators are also probing reports of frequent disputes between them.

"There were regular arguments between the husband and wife. We are questioning the husband and trying to piece together the sequence of events leading up to the woman's death," a police officer said.



New Delhi: Joint teams of Special Staff

AATS, arrest Saket firing prime accused, his two associates, after brief encounter

New Delhi, (GNS): The South District police successfully apprehended notorious criminal and prime accused Rakesh and his two associates on Saturday, following a brief exchange of fire.

According to an official release, during the confrontation, the bulletproof jacket saved the life of a police officer. Following the investigation, two semi-automatic pistols, live cartridges, and a stolen motorcycle were recovered from the suspects.

The operation, conducted by joint teams of the Special Staff and AATS, targeted the accused in connection with a recent firing and extortion case in Saket.

According to a press release, three notorious criminals apprehended who claimed to be associated with the now disbanded Prince Teotia Gang after a



brief armed encounter during the intervening night of June 5, 2026. The operation was launched in connection with FIR in PS Saket, registered on the complaint of a resident of Lado Sarai who had been receiving extortion calls and threats from accused Rakesh, also known as Raka.

The press release stated that on June 1, 2026, two motorcycle-borne assailants fired multiple rounds outside the complainant's residence for extortion. During the investigation, technical surveil-

lance, CCTV footage analysis and local intelligence established the involvement of accused Rakesh and his associate Sonu, also known as Addu, who had been absconding since the incident.

Acting upon the specific information, a joint raiding team was constituted.

On June 5, 2026, specific information was received that accused Rakesh @ Raka, Sonu @ Addu and Bharat Jatav would be travelling through Birla Vidya Niketan Marg while carrying illegal firearms. Acting swiftly on the information, a joint team of Special Staff and AATS laid a strategic trap near Machhi Market Road, the release stated.

According to the police, at about 12:20 AM on June 6, the suspects were spotted riding a black Splendour motorcycle without a registration num-

ber. When signalled to stop, the accused attempted to flee and opened indiscriminate fire upon the police party.

The release further informed that during the exchange of fire, a bullet fired by accused Rakesh hit the bulletproof jacket of HC Sandeep Dhayal. Owing to the protective gear and prompt tactical response, a potentially fatal injury was averted. Exercising utmost restraint and acting strictly in self-defence, the police team retaliated in a controlled manner. As a result, accused Rakesh and Sonu sustained gunshot injuries in their legs and were successfully overpowered, while Bharat Jatav was apprehended after being disarmed. The injured accused persons were immediately shifted to the hospital for medical treatment.

Delhi cops launch manhunt to trace hotel manager

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Police has formed multiple teams to trace Jai Mishra, who is absconding in connection with the devastating fire at Flourish Stay B&B in Malviya Nagar, an official said on Friday.

Investigators have intensified efforts to find Mishra, who is believed to have played a key role in the operation and management of the hotel where the blaze broke out on Wednesday morning.

Police sources said several teams have been deployed to various locations in Delhi and neighbouring states to track him down. "Technical surveillance and other



investigative methods are also being used to determine his whereabouts," the officer said.

As part of the probe, the police are also searching for hotel employees and other workers who were present at or associated with the establishment.

Investigators aim to record their statements to piece together the sequence

of events leading up to the fire and gather information about the hotel's operations, he said.

The probe is focusing on several aspects, including compliance with safety regulations, building's layout, emergency exit arrangements, and the circumstances that led to guests becoming trapped inside the premises.

The police have already questioned several individuals linked to the hotel and examined documents related to the property. Statements of survivors and eyewitnesses are also being recorded.

Meanwhile, the police said hotel owner Lavkesh

Bajaj had been booked earlier for allegedly violating safety norms at the establishment. The Delhi Police said on Thursday that an FIR had been registered against Bajaj in 2024 over the absence of mandatory safety measures, including CCTV cameras and metal detectors. The revelation comes after the devastating fire swept through the building, claiming 21 lives, including several foreign nationals.

Preliminary probe points to short circuit as the cause of deadly fire. However, electric stoves, ovens and other appliances recovered from the premises are also being examined for possible faults.

37-year-old labourer 'kills' wife for using cellphone, arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): The Gurugram police arrested a man for allegedly strangling his wife with her scarf in Bans Aliyar village under the IMT Manesar police station area. After the murder, the accused fled the scene but was arrested in the wee hours on Thursday. The police said Narendra Singh lived with his wife, Kajal Devi, and their four children. Both worked as labourers in a private company.

According to the police, Kajal (36) usually returned home at 8 pm, while her husband reached home around midnight. On Wednesday night, he allegedly saw her talking on the phone.

He asked her who she was speaking to and demanded her phone, but she refused. An argument followed, during which he



allegedly strangled her to death. Their four children were sleeping on the roof at the time of the incident. Based on a complaint lodged by the victim's sister, police registered an FIR at the IMT Manesar police station. The accused was arrested near the KMP Expressway. He was identified as Narendra (37), a resident of Nangla Dawda village in Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh.

IPS Academy, Institute of Engineering and Science, Achieves NBA Accreditation under Tier-I Category for B.Tech. Programs

New Delhi, (GNS): IPS Academy, Institute of Engineering & Science (IES), Indore, has added another feather to its cap by securing accreditation for its B.Tech. programs from the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) under the prestigious Tier-I category, valid up to 2028. NBA accreditation is awarded after a rigorous evaluation of Outcome-Based Education (OBE), academic excellence, institutional processes, faculty competence, infrastructure, and student outcomes. Recognition under the Washington Accord ensures international equivalence of engineering qualifications, thereby enhancing global opportunities for higher education and professional careers.

The B.Tech. programs accredited under the Tier-I category are Mechanical Engineering,



Chemical Engineering, Fire Technology & Safety Engineering. The institute's other engineering programs have already been accredited by NBA, reflecting its consistent pursuit of quality education, academic excellence, and continuous improvement.

The accreditation process involved a comprehensive review of curriculum design, teaching-learning methodologies, laboratory facilities, faculty expertise, industry collaborations, research activities, and student achievements.

Bioremediation project launched to ease Gurugram's waste burden

New Delhi, (GNS): In a major step to address Gurugram's growing waste management challenge and reduce dependence on the overloaded Bandhwari landfill, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal on Friday launched a bioremediation pilot project at Dhankot Leg-3. The project will use naturally occurring microbes and fungi to scientifically treat legacy waste.

The launch was the highlight of Haryana's state-level World Environment Day celebrations in Gurugram. The Union Minister also laid the foundation stone for a



Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Sector 102 and a project to supply treated wastewater to 170 parks across the city.

The bioremediation project aims to break down

decades-old waste through a controlled biological process involving microorganisms such as bacteria and fungi. These organisms speed up the decomposition of organic matter,

reduce waste volume, eliminate foul odour, minimise methane emissions and help reclaim land occupied by garbage dumps.

Officials said the pilot project assumes significance as the Bandhwari landfill remains one of the NCR's biggest environmental concerns. Lakhs of tonnes of legacy waste have accumulated there over the years, with repeated complaints of leachate contamination, fires and air pollution. If successful, the technology could become an important tool for processing old waste heaps and reducing pressure on landfill sites across Gurugram.