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12 years of ensuring 'DIGNITY, SAFETY and CONVENIENCE' for the poor have laid the True foundation of a 'Viksit Bharat'. - Shri Harsh Sanghavi, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat



Domestic LPG Cylinder Dearer by 29; Prices Up 89 in Three Months

LPG sales. Oil Companies Claim Loss of 703 Per Cylinder

Sources said that state-run oil companies have been incurring losses of around 703 on every domestic LPG cylinder sold. The latest price increase will only partly offset these losses. Before 2026, the government had raised domestic LPG prices by 50 on April 8, 2025. Commercial LPG cylinder prices were also increased by up to 31 on March 1, 2026. The price of the 5-kg LPG cylinder has also been raised by 11, taking its cost to 821.50.

New Delhi(GNS): Domestic LPG cylinder prices have been increased by 29, with the revised rates coming into effect from midnight. In Delhi, a 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder will now cost 942, up from 913. This is the second hike in LPG prices within three months.

Earlier, on March 7, the price was raised by 60, taking the cumulative increase to 89 during the period. According to agency sources, oil marketing companies attributed the hike to rising global energy costs and mounting losses on domestic

gas. The price of the 5-kg LPG cylinder has also been raised by 11, taking its cost to 821.50.



Petrol, Diesel and CNG Prices Also Rise

In recent weeks, prices of petrol, diesel and CNG have also gone up. During May, petrol and diesel prices increased by a cumulative 7.50 per litre, while CNG became around 6 per kilogram costlier. Oil companies claim they are losing nearly 11 per litre on petrol and 33.6 per litre on diesel. Despite the hikes, they maintain that both fuels are still being sold below cost. The government has stated that consumers are not being made to bear the full impact of rising global crude oil prices, with a part of the burden being absorbed by state-owned oil companies.

Manipur Violence: 731 Displaced Persons Dead in Relief Camps, Over 43,000 Still Homeless



New Delhi(GNS): More than 700 displaced persons have died in relief camps and prefabricated shelters since ethnic violence erupted in Manipur in May 2023, according to a report released by the State Home Department under the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The information was provided to RTI activist and political analyst Hareshwar Goswami following directions from the Manipur Information Commission. Official data compiled from various district administrations reveal that at least 731 displaced persons have died in relief camps and temporary shelters across nine districts. Churachandpur recorded the highest number of deaths at 248, followed by Bishnupur (151), Kangpokpi (128), Imphal West (94), Kakching (60), Imphal East (25), Jiribam (13), Thoubal (11) and Tengnoupal (1). Over 43,000 People Still Living in Relief Camps

Three years after the outbreak of violence, normalcy has yet to return to the state. RTI records show that more than 43,000 people continue to live in relief camps and prefabricated houses. As of April 30, 2026, Kangpokpi district had the largest displaced population with 15,694 people, followed by Bishnupur with 10,092 and Churachandpur with 6,365.



Monsoon Reaches Maharashtra, Seven States; Heavy Rain Lashes South India

Chennai Sizzles at 40°C, Dust Storms Hit Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan

Bhopal/Lucknow/Jaipur/Patna(GNS): The southwest monsoon has reached the coastal town of Devgarh in Maharashtra and is expected to cover the entire state within the next two days. The monsoon has also advanced into the northeastern states of Mizoram and Manipur. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the monsoon is likely to spread further over the remaining parts of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and other northeastern states over the

next two days. Heavy rainfall has been reported in several districts of Kerala, Karnataka, Goa and Tamil Nadu due to the advancing monsoon. However, Chennai continued to experience intense heat, with temperatures crossing the 40-degree Celsius mark for the fifth consecutive day. Northern India has also witnessed a return of severe heat conditions. Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and eastern Rajasthan are under heatwave alerts. Except for Gujarat, pre-

monsoon showers have been reported across most parts of the country. Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Jharkhand, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and several northeastern states received heavy rainfall on Saturday. In Madhya Pradesh, strong winds reaching speeds of 50 kmph swept through Bhopal and three other districts, while hailstorms accompanied rainfall in Bikaner, Rajasthan. Rain was also reported in Mau and Ghazipur districts of Uttar Pradesh.

TMC MLA Madan Mitra's Car Attacked

Protesters Demand Return of 'Cut Money'

Kolkata(GNS): A vehicle belonging to Trinamool Congress (TMC) MLA Madan Mitra was attacked by a group of protesters in Kamarhati, Kolkata, on Saturday night.

The incident took place in the Ariadaha area when the legislator had reportedly gone there for a local visit. Protesters shouted slogans of "thief, thief" and hurled eggs at the vehicle, demanding the



return of money allegedly collected as "cut money." A video of the incident has gone viral on social media. However, Mitra later claimed that he was not inside the vehicle at the time of the attack and alleged that his

driver had been assaulted instead.

Protest Linked to Auto-Rickshaw Drivers' Meeting

According to media reports, a meeting of auto-rickshaw and e-rickshaw drivers was being held outside the residence of a councillor in Ward No. 14 of Kamarhati. The protesters alleged that local leaders had been collecting illegal commissions for years and demanded the return of the money.

Illegal Migrants Voluntarily Coming Forward to Return to Bangladesh

200-300 People Verified Daily in Bengal Amid Border Tensions



Kolkata(GNS): A growing number of Bangladeshi nationals living illegally in India are voluntarily approaching the Hakimpur checkpoint in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district, expressing their desire to return to Bangladesh. Instead of allowing immediate cross-border movement, the Border Security Force (BSF) is collecting biometric data and identity documents before sending them to holding centres established across the state.

NTA May Overhaul Examination System After NEET Paper Leak

Question Setters May Not Know Which Exam They Are Preparing

New Delhi(GNS): Following the alleged NEET-UG 2026 paper leak and marking irregularities in other examinations, the government is reportedly planning major reforms in the country's examination system. According to a report by The Indian Express, the National Testing Agency (NTA) is developing a new mechanism under which even subject experts preparing questions will not know for which examination the questions are intended. Under the proposed system, experts will only prepare individual questions in their respective subjects. These questions will be stored in a large digital question bank that could contain around 10,000 questions. The final examination papers would then be generated through a technology-based selection

Rijiju Defends Education Minister



responsibility but is continuously working to improve the system," Rijiju said.

Speaking at The Indian Express Idea Exchange programme on Saturday, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had accepted moral responsibility for the examination controversies. "He is not running away from responsibility but is continuously working to improve the system," Rijiju said. such problems and ensure they do not recur. "If there are direct allegations of corruption, bribery or wrongdoing against a minister or members of his staff, demands for resignation are justified. However, in the NEET paper leak case, no such direct allegation has been made against the Education Minister," he said.

India's 'Rocket Woman' Receives Global Recognition

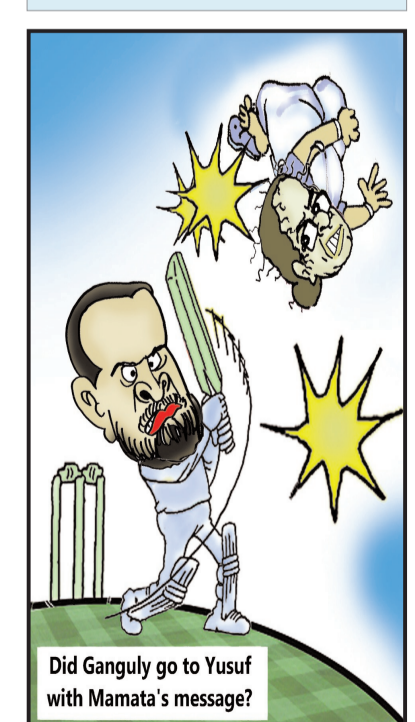
Historic Saree Worn During Mangalyaan Mission Displayed in US Museum

New Delhi(GNS): The historic saree worn by India's "Rocket Woman," Nandini Harinath, during a crucial phase of the Mars Orbiter Mission (Mangalyaan) has been put on display at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Nandini Harinath, who served as the Deputy Operations Director of India's first Mars mission, wore the bright red and blue silk saree while reporting for duty on December 1, 2013. That day marked a historic milestone as Mangalyaan successfully left Earth's orbit and began its journey



towards Mars. Harinath and other scientists of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) were present in the mission control room to oversee the operation. Recalling the moment in

an earlier interview with the BBC, Harinath described it as a "do or die" situation, as the mission's success depended heavily on the successful execution of that day's manoeuvre.



Did Ganguly go to Yusuf with Mamata's message?

The ocean is crying and we are sleeping

Dilip Kumar Pathak

(June 08 World Oceans Day)

There's hardly anyone who doesn't enjoy sitting on the seashore. The rising and falling waves, the cool breeze, and the vast expanse of blue water captivate everyone. But do we ever consider that the ocean, which we consider merely a place to visit, is actually connected to our every breath? Today, June 8th, the entire world is celebrating World Oceans Day. This day isn't just for newspaper greetings or speeches. It's a warning to the ocean, which is

slowly becoming sick due to human mistakes.

This time, the United Nations has called for reimagining, reminding us that if the oceans are not saved, our existence will be lost. Books often say that seventy percent of the Earth is covered in water. But simply put, the oceans are the lungs of our planet. More than half of the oxygen we breathe comes from tiny ocean plants, not just forests. The changing climate, timely rainfall, and the planet's temperature are all possible thanks to this blue ocean. But what are we

humans giving the ocean in return? Only our waste! All the wastewater and chemicals from our homes, drains, and factories ultimately end up in the ocean. An even greater enemy is plastic. Every year, millions of tons of plastic bottles, bags, and chips packets are thrown into the ocean. Today, the situation is such that huge floating mountains of plastic have formed in the middle of the ocean. The voiceless marine creatures are paying the heaviest price for this human negligence. Plastic straws get stuck in the mouths of turtles, and tons of

plastic bags are being excreted from the stomachs of fish. And it's not just them who are suffering. When the fish that eat this plastic reach human plates, the poison eventually enters our own bodies. If we talk about India, our coastline is vast. Millions of fishermen's families depend on this sea for their livelihood. But in the last few years, you may have noticed a sudden increase in the number of storms. Cyclones wreak havoc every day. This is happening because our mistakes are warming the ocean, and its anger is erupting on our cities

in the form of these storms. What we give to nature is coming back to us. Now the question is, what can an ordinary person do? We don't have to do anything drastic, we just need to change our small habits. Whenever we visit a beach or riverbank, avoid littering. Stop using single-use plastic. A plastic bottle dropped today could kill an innocent creature tomorrow. As for governments and politicians, there have been plenty of tall promises and paper rules. Now, what's needed is for factory owners and municipal corporations

to stop dumping the city's sewage directly into rivers and the ocean. Unless they are heavily fined and monitored with cameras, nothing will change. Ultimately, the point is that the ocean is silently giving us life, and we, in turn, are slowly killing it. If we don't improve today, in the future, we will find only piles of garbage and stench on the seashore, not peace. So, this June 8th, instead of merely showing off with photos and statuses on our mobile phones, let's make a small promise to ourselves that we won't litter.

Editorial

Tussle in the Opposition Front

The meeting of the opposition party front INDIAN is taking place at a time when tensions are evident between the Congress and its other allies. It's difficult to say whether this meeting will bridge the growing distance between the Congress and its other allies, but it's clear that the alliance currently appears less united and strong than it once was. The DMK has announced its withdrawal from the alliance, and it's unclear whether the Aam Aadmi Party's leaders will attend.

While leaders of the Left parties are attending this meeting, the CPI(M) has previously expressed its objection to the Congress party's attitude toward then-Chief Minister P. Vijayan during the Kerala Assembly elections. According to the CPI(M), Congress's attitude is likely to weaken the unity of the opposition alliance.

The Jharkhand Mukti Morcha is among the parties unhappy with the Congress, and it's no secret that tensions continue between the Congress and Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena in Maharashtra. Trinamool Congress leaders are undoubtedly excited to attend this meeting, but it can't be ignored that until recently, Mamata Banerjee was reluctant to attach any importance to this alliance.

The agenda of the opposition alliance meeting, which is being described as maintaining unity and jointly confronting the BJP, clearly demonstrates that the alliance has yet to determine its position and direction. It is also clear that it currently has neither a common minimum program nor a concrete joint strategy.

This alliance's unified agenda is to oppose the BJP and oust the Modi government, but it's unable to establish a narrative. The INDIAA meeting will undoubtedly target the government on the issues currently facing the country. While it's fine for opposition parties to highlight the problems that are currently surfacing and causing concern to the public, the question is whether this alliance has a roadmap for addressing these issues. After all, what good is simply listing problems? This alliance, by and large, is focused on the politics of opposition for the sake of opposition.

Mamata Banerjee faces a tough time in poverty

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

You've probably heard the old saying, "Poverty adds insult to injury." This is proving to be quite true for Mamata Banerjee. On the one hand, she's lost power, and on the other, her own people have turned against her.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's political and legal troubles have been mounting since the Trinamool Congress's defeat in the assembly elections in May 2026. A major rebellion within the party and legal cases have further exacerbated her difficulties.

Mamata Banerjee's growing troubles come as her party, the Trinamool Congress, is grappling with the biggest internal crisis in its 28-year history. Fifty-eight party MLAs have rebelled and elected expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, a position approved by the Speaker. Furthermore, reports are emerging that more than 20 TMC MPs are in contact with the BJP.

The weakening of her grip on the party can be gauged from the fact that only eight out of 80 MLAs and six out of 41 MPs attended the high-level meeting called by Mamata Banerjee amid the crisis. Most elected representatives abstained, which is being seen as a direct challenge to her leadership.

In addition to the political situation, Mamata Banerjee is now embroiled in legal trouble. Complaints and police

reports have been filed against her in Siliguri and Kolkata for sedition and hate speech, based on statements she made during the election campaign and for linking the central government to a political murder in Bangladesh. The petitioners have described this as a threat to the country's sovereignty and national security.

The loss of power has also led to a grassroots panic due to allegations of corruption. Kolkata Mayor Firhad Hakim and Bidhannagar Mayor Krishna Chakraborty, considered close to him, have resigned from their posts. Furthermore, more than 100 TMC councillors and local leaders across the state have left the party.

Mamata Banerjee lost her stronghold, Bhawanipur, to BJP's Suwendu Adhikari by 15,105 votes. The 15-year-old TMC rule in the state has ended, and a new BJP government has been formed under the leadership of Suwendu Adhikari.

Mamata Banerjee is fighting a legal and political battle against all these adverse circumstances from the streets to the High Court. You know that the results of the West Bengal Assembly elections were announced a month ago, on May 4th. The Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool Congress faced disappointment. It won only 80 seats in the 294-seat assembly. Thus, the rule of Mamata Banerjee, who served as Chief Minister of the state for 15 years, ended. Mamata began her political career with the Congress party

and remained associated with it for a long time. However, 28 years ago, in 1998, she broke away from the Congress and formed the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and fought bravely and resolutely to end the Communist parties' rule in the state, which had lasted for more than three decades. Currently, the party has 28 MPs in the Lok Sabha and 13 in the Rajya Sabha. However, for a long time, discontent and disagreement had been brewing within the party due to Mamata's authoritarian and confrontational policies. However, her firm grip on the administration and tough decisions had kept this rebellion simmering. Mamata Banerjee had brought her nephew Abhishek Banerjee into politics and given him greater powers. There was also dissatisfaction within party circles with Banerjee's working style, which her party leaders had consistently informed her about, but she ignored it. Based on her power, she had cultivated the illusion of being a major national leader, which allowed her to remain a member of the India Alliance, a coalition formed by dozens of parties at the national level, but she harbored the illusion of being superior to all the leaders of the various parties involved. Therefore, before the assembly elections, she refused to form an alliance with any of her allies. During her tenure, the state's economy had become extremely weak and it was completely in debt. Due to constant con-

flicts with the central government and lack of support for industry, the state's economy had become unstable. The unemployment rate had also risen. However, her administrative control had also weakened due to the ongoing conflicts with the central government and other parties. This situation quickly turned into public despair. Unable to anticipate the growing anti-government sentiment, she failed to see the writing on the wall, leading to her electoral disappointment. Even after the defeat, instead of engaging in open introspection, she ignored the discontent within her party, which ultimately proved detrimental to her. This internal spark flared into flames when, at the behest of Abhishek Banerjee, she ignored most party leaders and submitted Saiman Deb's name to the Speaker for the post of Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. While most MLAs favored Ritabrata Banerjee, Mamata ignored this and instead sent a letter signed by the MLAs to the Speaker for the post, leading to a rebellion by most of the party's leaders. On Wednesday, 59 of the party's 80 MLAs approached the Speaker, submitted a letter with their signatures, and declared their faction the real Trinamool Congress. This is the first such significant attack on Mamata in the party's 28-year history. An example of this is found in Maharashtra, where on June 20, 2022, 40 of the Shiv Sena's 55 MLAs supported Eknath

Shinde when Uddhav Thackeray was Chief Minister. Just a week later, Shinde became Chief Minister with the support of the BJP. Now, with two-thirds of the members united, Mamata Banerjee's supporters in the Assembly have been reduced to less than two dozen, making her political situation even more dire.

On the other hand, due to the BJP's landslide victory, its leaders have refused to compromise with the Trinamool Congress rebels. Ritabrata Banerjee began his political career with a left-wing student organization. At the age of 34, he became a Rajya Sabha member and later joined the TMC. It was Mamata Banerjee who elected him to the Rajya Sabha in 2024. He was elected MLA from the Uluberia constituency in the assembly elections. Despite this significant challenge, Mamata Banerjee has maintained her courage and challenged these rebels and the BJP. Along with this, she has also talked about contacting anti-BJP parties, but now it remains to be seen how she will move in the politics of the state and the country in the near future. It is clear that in today's politics, the trend of all-out bribery and discrimination has increased. Those in power have the power to keep everyone together, but as soon as they are out of power, the reality of their own colleagues comes out as to how much bitterness they were hiding in their hearts.

The system is not only full of cockroaches outside but also inside

Tanveer Jafri

In the 134th episode of his Mann Ki Baat program, Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to people to take precautions against the heat. This appeal included several home remedies, such as avoiding the afternoon and lying down in a shady place if feeling dizzy. Despite this appeal, on June 6th, thousands of students and youth were forced to gather at Jantar Mantar in the scorching heat of Delhi. These youth and students were demanding the resignation of the country's Education Minister. Jan Z announced at Jantar Mantar that if Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan did not resign, similar protests would be held across the country. It is noteworthy that

Dharmendra Pradhan has held the position of Education Minister of the Government of India for the past five years. During his tenure, the NEET-UG 2024 exam, scheduled for May 5, 2024, was leaked in Bihar. Several accused were arrested in this case. Recently, during his tenure, the NEET-UG exam was leaked. Distressed by this, four students committed suicide, leaving the future of approximately 2.2 million students in limbo. However, the Congress party has released a list of 25 examinations from 2014-2024, which include complaints of rigging or paper leaks in Bihar TET, UPSC, and other state-level recruitment exams in Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan. Many of these incidents occurred during Dharmendra Pradhan's previous

term, 2021-2024. Consequently, it is natural for young, unemployed students to be outraged. Just as the youth's anger over the paper leak was erupting on social media against the government and the system, Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, suddenly remarked during a hearing on May 15th that, like cockroaches, many young people in the country are unable to find employment. These young people later become media, social media, and RTI activists and then begin attacking the system. As Justice Surya Kant's statement became public, the country's youth, already living in an environment of unemployment and uncertainty, naturally became enraged. However, as the controversy escalated, the Chief Justice clarified his position, stating

that his statement had been distorted. He was not targeting young people, but those who infiltrated prestigious professions with fake degrees and through unfair means. He stated that he was proud of every Indian youth and that every youth inspires him, and that he saw youth as pillars of a developed India. But by the time the Chief Justice's clarification came, the country's unemployed youth and the new generation of young people, Gen Z, who were dissatisfied with the system, had become enraged. Abhijeet Deepak, who previously worked as a political communications strategist with the Aam Aadmi Party, officially launched a humorous online page on social media on May 16, 2026, called Cockroach Janata Party. It quickly went viral on plat-

forms like Instagram and X (Twitter). Within just four days, the page garnered a record 4.4 million young supporters. On Instagram, it reached 18.7 million followers in just five days. Alarmed by this campaign, the government blocked X (Twitter) account in India, citing national security concerns. Despite Justice Surya Kant's recent clarification of his statement, which referred to India's youth as cockroaches or parasites, the shadow of the cockroach continues to haunt him. On June 4th, at a lecture on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and International Law at Birkbeck College, University of London, several participants questioned Justice Surya Kant's record of democracy in India and the growing hostility towards dissent.

Ministry of Panchayati Raj to organize outreach workshop on Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme at Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 9th June 2026

• This workshop will be held in hybrid mode by connecting eligible Gram Panchayats and Taluka Panchayats across Gujarat through video conferencing.

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India is organizing an outreach workshop on the Self-Reliant Panchayat Programme at Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 9 June 2026. The workshop will be attended by Shri Vivek Bhardwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India; Smt. Mukta Shekhar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj; Shri Dhananjay Dwivedi, Principal Secretary, Department of

Panchayat, Rural Housing and Rural Development, Government of Gujarat; and Dr. Gaurav Dahiya, Additional Development Commissioner, Government of Gujarat, along with senior officers of the State Government and representatives of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and representatives and office bearers of Panchayats.

The workshop will be conducted in hybrid mode. Eligible Panchayats around Gandhinagar will participate in person, while Panchayats outside that radius will join the live broadcast through video conferencing from their respective offices. Through this outreach, the Ministry aims

to directly interact with the leaders at the Gram Panchayat and Taluka Panchayat levels across Gujarat and present to them the vision, objectives and operational framework of the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme.

The programme of the workshop includes an address by the Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj on the vision of the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Programme, a detailed presentation on the national policy objectives, technical roadmap and expected outcomes, an end-to-end live demonstration of the Atmanirbhar Panchayat Portal and an interactive question-and-answer session. Representatives from NABARD and HUDCO will also address the participants, reiterating their institutional



commitment to the programme.

The Self-Reliant Panchayat Programme is an initiative of the Government of India, run by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, designed to promote economic autonomy of Panchayats. Through a transparent national challenge process, Panchayats are invited to submit ideas for income-generating projects and initiatives that can make productive use of unused assets and untapped local opportunities.

The selected ideas will receive dedicated technical assistance from the Ministry to develop viable and bankable projects, with financial support from Public-Private Partnership (PPP), Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Funds, bank finance and convergence of other government schemes. Community ownership is ensured through mandatory participation of Gram Sabha at every stage of planning.

Gram Panchayats with Own Source Revenue (OSR) of at least Rs. 50 lakh and Taluka Panchayats with OSR of at least Rs. 1 crore, both with at least three years of remaining tenure, are eligible to participate in this challenge process. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj has partnered

with NABARD and HUDCO to provide institutional expertise in rural project development and facilitate financial assistance to eligible Panchayats.

The Self-Reliant Panchayat Programme is implemented under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA). It has a vision of creating a new generation of autonomous, economically self-reliant Panchayats, each of which will demonstrate that economic independence and good local governance go hand in hand. As per the vision of the Ministry, Self-Reliant Panchayats are the strongest foundation of a Self-Reliant India. The Gandhinagar workshop marks the beginning of the outreach of this programme in the state of Gujarat.

NGT seeks report on illegal borewells

New Delhi(GNS): National Green Tribunal has sought a comprehensive report from the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA) on allegations of illegal borewell operations in a residential society in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar Phase-I. The tribunal has also asked the district administration and Delhi Jal Board to submit an action taken report.

A local resident filed a complaint alleging that several borewells are illegally operating at a society in the area. The bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava observed that the complaint was made to the area SDM, CGWA and DJB in April, but no effective action has been taken. The bench has asked the CGWA,

1 dead, 6 injured after tempo overturns near Delhi's Mahipalpur

New Delhi(GNS): A 47-year-old woman died and six others, including three children, were injured after a three-wheeler tempo overturned on the Rajokri flyover near Mahipalpur early Sunday morning.

The deceased was identified as Kripa Devi (47). The injured were identified as Vansh (8), Savitri Devi (60), Naina (34), Rahul (37), Naksh (14), and Ishan (2).

According to the Delhi Fire Services (DFS), a call regarding the road accident was received at 4.37 am from the Vasant Kunj area. Officials from the fire dept and police personnel rushed to the spot.

Officials said the accident involved a tempo, which overturned on the flyover. By the time rescue teams reached the location, PCR personnel had already shifted the injured to Safdarjung Hospital and AIIMS Trauma Centre.

Police are probing the circumstances that led to the accident.

Four criminals, including three Prince Teotia gang members held after two encounters

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police arrested four suspects, including three alleged shooters of the Prince Teotia gang, in two encounters in south and north-east districts between Friday night and early Saturday. Three of the accused suffered leg injuries in retaliatory firing by police.

In the first operation, a south district team apprehended three gang members after an encounter in Pushp Vihar. The accused - Rakesh, Sonu and Bharat Jatav - were intercepted around 12.20 am on a stolen motorcycle without a number plate.

When asked to stop, the trio allegedly opened fire at the police team. Police retaliated, injuring Rakesh and Sonu in the legs before overpowering the three.

Rakesh, a Dakshinpur resident with 11 previous criminal cases, had been on the run after allegedly carrying out an extortion-related firing on June 1 outside a businessman's house in Lado Sarai under Saket police station limits.

Police said they recovered two semi-automatic pistols - including weapons used in the Saket incident - along with seven live cartridges, six empty shells and three mobile phones.

In a separate encounter in north-east Delhi, a team from Welcome police station arrested Rihan, an absconding murder suspect, after a shootout at Jheel Park. Acting on a tip-off around 11 pm on Friday, police cornered him.

Rihan allegedly fired three rounds while trying to escape. A member of the police team fired back, hitting him in the right leg and stopping his escape.

DU professor murder case

Couple arrested, property dispute behind killing

New Delhi(GNS): Police have arrested a man and his wife in connection with the murder of a Delhi University assistant professor, Dr Debosmita Paul in New Ashok Nagar.

The couple was known to the victim, and the motive appears to be a property dispute.

At the time of the incident, they also had a child with them, whom they left outside the professor's apartment before going inside and attacking her.

The 42-year-old professor was found dead in her apartment in east Delhi's Vasundhara Enclave on Thursday.

She taught English at Shivaji College, Delhi University, and lived alone in Satyam Apartment while her parents resided nearby.

Police said they received a PCR call around 2.35pm at New Ashok Nagar police sta-



tion from the victim's sister, Devarati Paul, 49, who reported that her sister had been murdered at her residence.

"Devarati had been trying to reach Debosmita all day, but her calls went unanswered. Concerned, she went to the apartment and found it locked from outside," a senior officer said.

"Suspecting something was wrong, she broke the

lock and found her sister dead inside."

A police team rushed to the spot and found the victim on a bed with severe head injuries. Preliminary investigation suggests she was attacked with a blunt object.

Police also found injuries on her wrists, indicating that a sharp-edged weapon may have been used during the assault.

Two found dead in Chajjupur police suspect man 'poisoned son before killing self

New Delhi(GNS): A 54-year-old man allegedly poisoned his 13-year-old son before allegedly dying by suicide at their home in northeast Delhi's Chajjupur on Saturday morning, police said.

The deceased have been identified as Praveen Sharma and his son. Police received information about a suicide at Jyoti Nagar police station in the morning and reached the house in North Chajjupur.



Preliminary investigation suggests the father may have administered a poisonous substance to the child before taking his own life, police said. The exact cause of death will be confirmed after post-mortem.

Forensic teams examined the scene and collected evidence.

Don't even go near': Muslim youth urged to stay away' from Cockroach Janta Party's stir

New Delhi(GNS): Six years ago, Muslim women occupying a stretch of road in southeast Delhi transformed Shaheen Bagh into a global symbol of protest. Ahead of Saturday's demonstration, a very different message travelled through WhatsApp groups, mosque announcements, Instagram reels and X posts across parts of the Muslim community: stay away.

Widely shared posts warned Muslim youth that while protests may last a few hours, "the consequences can linger for years for them". Others advised: "Don't participate. Don't even go near the protest site" - arguing if violence or disorder erupted, Muslims would be among the



first to face scrutiny.

Days before CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke who flew in from the US for the protest announced the date for the congregation, clerics, community figures and ordinary Muslim users circulated warnings urging members not to attend - a sentiment that has gained ground since the anti-CAA protests and the Delhi riots investigations.

Ashraf Masood, a college

student said his father discouraged him from attending. "He told me it's wiser to focus on building yourself and your career first and then help people. This way, we don't invite trouble," he told Media. One X post urged Muslims to avoid even the surrounding area. "As always, Muslims will be made the scapegoat," it said, warning of arrests, media scrutiny and anti-national allegations if unrest broke out.

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CJP's online movement faces its first real-world test

New Delhi(GNS): After staying awake through the night, 41-year-old Tripura-based content creator Madhavi Biswas stood outside Gate No. 6 of Terminal 3 at Indira Gandhi International Airport on Saturday, hoping to catch a glimpse of Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke. Leaving behind her Class XII-bound child in her native state, she said she had travelled to Delhi "to secure his future".

Biswas was among the many who waited under the morning sun for the man whose online movement, triggered by a remark by the CJI, had suddenly found itself at the centre of a national conversation. As the crowd swelled, Delhi Police personnel repeatedly moved people behind the barricades.

At 9.15am, Dipke finally

emerged. Accompanied by CJP spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka, he was greeted with chants of "CJP ki Jai" as dozens pulled out their phones to record the moment.

Interestingly, in a video message posted on Friday, Dipke had urged supporters not to crowd the airport as it could "cause inconvenience to the public and the security forces". Yet, for those who had followed the movement since its inception, being present at the airport to witness his return to India felt like a natural extension of their participation.

Among them was 48-year-old Mussoorie hotel owner Daulat Kunwar, who had flown to Delhi solely to welcome the Boston returnee and show support for the outfit's campaign for institutional reforms, especially in the light of recurring paper leaks. Describing himself as the quintessential

"cockroach" referenced by the movement - lazy, glued to social media and comfortably detached from public life - Kunwar said the campaign had pushed him out of that complacency. "It's the cockroaches like me who have woken up and left the comforts of our room. Now the whole country will rise up with us," he said.

His son, Kunwar added, was among thousands of students already waiting at Jantar Mantar to attend the gathering featuring speakers like Sonam Wangchuk and Saurav Das.

For younger supporters, the airport turnout represented something else: a chance to challenge assumptions about their generation, that they only exist as Instagram followers, not visible on the ground.

Arya Shri, an 18-year-old law aspirant from Safdarjung Enclave,

stood behind cops with a book and a flower, which was among CJP's 'guidelines' for the protest. "I know our generation is known for reels and not real-life action. But I'm here to prove otherwise and make sure students own this movement from the very beginning," she said.

For many, CJP marked the first public mobilisation they had participated in for years. Standing outside the terminal since 6am was former Indian Navy Commander Rishi Raj Singh, 48. He acknowledged that Wangchuk's support was a major reason for his presence, but said the movement had also prompted a degree of self-reflection. "I voted for the first time last year. As a citizen, I should have been more responsible. Maybe to compensate for that, I'm here to join this movement," he said.

Delhi Congress begins final 2-day round of Talent Hunt programme

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav on Saturday inaugurated the final two-day round of the National Talent Hunt programme at the party's Rajiv Bhawan headquarters. He said the initiative aims to identify and groom talented workers for roles as spokespersons, research coordinators and publicity coordinators.

Organised by the Congress National Talent Hunt team, the programme provides a platform for aspiring party workers and young members to showcase their abilities and contribute to the party's com-

munication and outreach efforts.

Addressing the inaugural session, Yadav said the initiative was launched under the guidance of Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi to strengthen the party's communication network at the grassroots, state and national levels.

He said the talent hunt, which started in Delhi on March 17, encourages participants to engage with issues affecting the country and understand the Congress ideology. Candidates selected through the process will get opportunities to serve as



spokespersons, research coordinators and publicity coordinators within the organisation.

Yadav said the programme reflects the party's commitment to transparency, inclusiveness and merit-based par-

ticipation. He added that experienced Congress workers and aspiring candidates have been given equal oppor-

tunities to contribute ideas and raise public concerns.

Delhi Congress organisational general secretary and National Talent Hunt convener Anil Bhardwaj said the initiative offers talented workers a direct pathway to become the voice of the Congress. He added that candidates short-listed during the regional phase had been invited for the final round of assessment.

A jury of experienced experts will evaluate the candidates before

preparing the final list of selected spokespersons, research coordinators and publicity coordinators.

Cyber fraud racket busted, three held for Rs 4.3 lakh scam

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police has busted an interstate cyber fraud syndicate and arrested three people for allegedly siphoning funds through unauthorised banking transactions.

The fraud came to light after a complaint was received from a 50-year-old resident of Prem Nagar in Karol Bagh about such transactions through his account. The man told cops that he had received sudden SMS alerts indicating that substantial amounts of money had been debited. While his son managed to get the account blocked, around Rs 4.3 lakh had already been siphoned off, police said.

"An investigation of the financial trail led the team to discover that the syndicate was working in layers," said DCP (Central) Rohit Rajbir Singh.

Police found that in the first layer, the account provider would be lured into opening an account, after which a local facilitator would collect the credentials and hand them over to the interstate handler.

Based on trail mapping and digital profiling of the beneficiary accounts, the cops were led to Sonu, a 21-year-old mule account holder from Uttam Nagar. The local facilitator was identified as Yash Kumar (27) from Uttam Nagar. Both were arrested on May 27.

The duo led the cops to their regional handler, Baljinder Singh (48), who was subsequently arrested last week on Wednesday. Police also managed to freeze and secure Rs 4 lakh of the stolen money.

A total of 28 debit cards associated with multiple suspected mule accounts, 12 SIM cards used for managing internet banking and UPI configurations, and four mobile phones containing incriminating transaction logs and coordinator chats were seized.



Clock tower near Talkatora Stadium set for completion by month-end

New Delhi(GNS): The upcoming clock tower at Shankar Road-Mandir Marg junction near Talkatora Stadium is set to be transformed into a landmark gateway to the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) area, with civic authorities planning a host of smart and aesthetic features around the structure.

NDMC vice-chairman Kuljeet Chahal said nearly 80% of the civil work has been completed and the agency is targeting completion by June 30. Once construction is done, the focus will shift to developing the site into an iconic attraction on the lines of New York's Times Square and similar global modern structures.

"We plan to install a large LED display wall around the clock tower. The screens would provide real-time information, such as air pollution levels, temperature



forecasts, nearby attractions and public messages. The system will be supported by AI-enabled equipment to enhance information dissemination and visitor engagement," Chahal said after a recent inspection.

"We don't want it to look like any other conventional clock tower. It should represent 'Viksit NDMC'. A detailed discussion has been held with officials, who will come up with an

updated plan soon," he added.

NDMC's beautification plan includes projector lighting to illuminate the clock faces on all sides, 5-6-metre-high decorative poles fitted with 70-watt post-top lights, and bulkhead lighting inside the tower to illuminate stairways. Wall-mounted fans will also be installed at the premises.

Officials said all electrical installations inside and outside the structure, along with associated accessories, will be properly earthed to ensure safety and operational efficiency. In addition, horticulture work has also been planned around the tower.

From an engineering perspective, the clock tower is being designed to withstand both wind and seismic forces. "Internal electrical installations, along with colourful linear façade

lighting, will be among the other features," an official said.

The structure comprises a reinforced concrete framework supported by RCC raft foundations. Its exterior will feature wire-cut brick cladding in line with the approved architectural design, giving it a distinctive and durable finish.

The foundation stone for the project was laid in Aug 2025 by former LG V K Saxena, with the initial deadline set as Jan 31, 2026. NDMC missed the target, with officials attributing the delay to GRAP restrictions and challenges encountered during site preparation. Subsequently, the revised April 30 deadline was also missed. Officials later clarified that excavation work took longer than expected due to rocky strata at the site.

MCD orders transfer of deceased, suspended employees

New Delhi(GNS): Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) appears to have lost track of the status of at least some of its employees, with transfer orders issued by its engineering department even for officials who have either died or are under suspension.

The lapse came to light on Friday when a transfer order listed the names of two deceased junior engineers and another junior engineer who has been under suspension since last year. The error was partially repeated in a corrective order issued by the department on the same day.

Following criticism



from opposition councillors and questions over the apparent lack of verification, the department issued a third order on Friday evening, keeping all previous transfer and posting orders in abeyance due to administrative reasons.

Media reviewed the document, which confirmed that all transfer orders issued earlier in the day had been withdrawn pend-

ing verification.

The first order included the name of junior engineer Apurv Bhatnagar, who died several months ago, and that of another deceased engineer, Prateek, for transfer to a different zone or department. The name of suspended junior engineer Gaurav Garg was also on the list, said an official.

After the discrepancies were pointed out, the engineering department issued a revised order withdrawing the transfers of only two officials, Bhatnagar and Atul Kumar Suman, a civil junior engineer, claimed AAP councillor and leader of the opposition in MCD Ankush

Narang. However, the revised withdrawal order did not mention the names of the other two officials from the original list.

Sharing copies of the orders on X, Narang alleged that the episode exposed serious administrative lapses within the civic body and demanded an inquiry. He also questioned how the mistake went unnoticed despite the order carrying the signature of the additional deputy commissioner.

"Departmental action should be taken against the responsible officials. A digital verification system should be implemented to prevent such incidents in the future.

Silent killer on our plates

WHO links unsafe food to 1.5 mn deaths worldwide

New Delhi(GNS): More than 866 million people fell ill and 1.52 million died from foodborne diseases in 2021, according to updated World Health Organisation estimates that paint a stark picture of the global toll of contaminated food.

The assessment, which examined 42 infectious and chemical foodborne hazards across countries and regions, found that unsafe food was responsible for 57.1 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs), a measure that combines years lost due to illness, disability and premature death. The burden was found to be greatest in Africa and South-East Asia.

The findings show that foodborne disease remain one of the world's major public health challenges despite an overall decline in



burden since 2000. Researchers said the scale of the problem is comparable to that of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and malaria, underscoring the continuing health and economic costs of unsafe food.

The study found that while foodborne illnesses are often associated with infections, chemical contaminants accounted for a disproportionate share of deaths. Inorganic arsenic and lead emerged as the leading contributors to the overall burden, alongside non-typhoidal Salmonella.

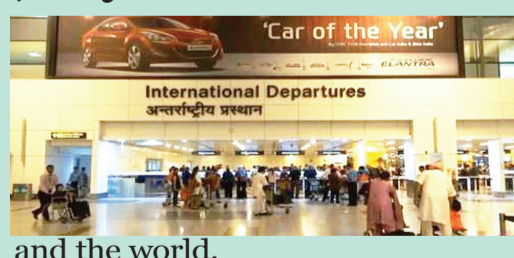
Every 4th passenger at IGI Airport in Delhi is in transit, says DIAL data

New Delhi(GNS): At Indira Gandhi International Airport in Delhi's Palam, the country's busiest aviation hub, one out of every four passengers is a transfer flyer.

Data from Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) shows the airport handled nearly 1.9 million transfer passengers in May, accounting for 27 percent of its total traffic of 7.14 million travellers.

GMR Airports Limited, which operates and manages IGI Airport, mentioned that the transfer volume in April stood at 1.54 million, which was nearly 23 percent.

The data showed that during the last year, the transit volume in May was 20 percent, which increased to 27 percent this year. On average, Delhi airport facilitates nearly 56,000 transfer passengers every day, highlighting its growing role as a preferred transit gateway connecting destinations across India



and the world.

As per GMR, the increase in transfer traffic reflects the strength of Delhi airport's extensive route network, robust airline partnerships, integrated terminal operations and passenger-centric infrastructure, which together enable seamless connectivity for domestic and international travellers. Domestic-to-domestic (D-D) transfers continue to be the largest contributor, accounting for 61 percent of total transfer traffic, underscoring the IGI Airport's critical role in connecting metropolitan cities with emerging economic centres, tourism destinations and regions across the country.

Court grants Alka Lamba good conduct bond in protest case

New Delhi(GNS): Days after convicting Congress functionary Alka Lamba over a July 2024 protest at Jantar Mantar demanding implementation of women's reservation, a Delhi court on Saturday directed her release on a one-year good conduct bond.

Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Ashwini Panwar also asked Lamba to furnish a bail bond of Rs 1 lakh, extending her the benefit of Section 401 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

In its sentencing order, the court noted that Lamba had played a significant role in the demonstration,



observing that "the gathering was huge and any action of the convict could have major consequences since she enjoyed a pivotal role in the protest." It added that "it is fortunate that no physical injury was caused to the police, fellow protesters, or the public at large."

Despite these observations, the court held that Lamba was entitled to

relief under Section 401. "In the present case, the convict is a woman and a first-time offender and as such Section 401(1) of the BNSS squarely applies," it said, noting that the state had not placed on record any previous conviction or argued against granting her the benefit.

The court said that during the July 29, 2024 protest, Lamba had "exceeded the permitted time and place," jumped police barricades, pushed personnel and obstructed a public way.

Rejecting any claim of ignorance of restrictions, it held that "the convict, a former lawmaker, cannot

plead that there was insufficient information about the time and place of protest."

The court added that it had "no reason to deny the benefit of the benevolent provision" and emphasised reform, noting that "the reformatory theory of punishment aims at rehabilitating an offender as a law-abiding member of society."

Accordingly, it held that "to meet the ends of justice and considering the character and antecedents of the convict, as well as the circumstances of the offence," extending the benefit of Section 401 was appropriate.