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Jaipur: Fire at a fireworks factory kills eight people, including two brothers

They were left writhing in pain on the street after being burned; a young man from Delhi was running an illegal factory.

Jaipur(GNS) : A massive fire broke out at an illegal firecracker factory in the Khoh Nagorian area of Jaipur at 11 a.m. on Tuesday morning. Eight people, including a child and two brothers, died in the blaze. The firecracker factory was operating in a residential area at house number 88, Karim Nagar-B, owned by Yakub, son of Nazir Khan, a resident of Rakshaya Ki Dhani, Khoh Nagorian. Yakub rented his house to Firoz, a resident of New Delhi. Firoz used to illegally pack wedding fireworks in the house. Since the incident, the landlord and factory owner are being searched for. The deceased were Mohammad Ashraf (40), son of Mohammad Shakeel, resident of Peerji Colony, Mohammad Rabbil (16), son of Mohammad Sikandar, resident of Karim Nagar-2 Talai, Abdul Waheed (46), son of Abdul Aziz, resident of Rahim Nagar, Sameer Khan (20), son of Anees Khan, resident of Rahim Nagar, Bilal Khan (28), son of Nasir, resident of Rahim Nagar, Azim Khan (18), son of



Nasir Khan, resident of Rahim Nagar, identified. Three of them died on the spot. One of the deceased has not been

Nasir Khan (25), son of Mohammad Ali, resident of Rahim Nagar Khoh Nagorian. Two brothers were among the dead Azim and Bilal were real brothers. Bilal

had gone to visit his younger brother Azim's factory, where Azim worked. They were sitting there and talking. During the fire, both were burned.

MP: Congress Rajya Sabha candidate Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination rejected

Congress says it will appeal the decision to the court; plane carrying MLAs to Bengaluru returns short of runway

Bhopal(GNS): The nomination of Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan for Madhya Pradesh's third Rajya Sabha seat has been rejected. The Returning Officer made this decision on Tuesday following an objection from the BJP. According to political experts, the BJP candidates are now unopposed on all three seats. The BJP had alleged that Meenakshi concealed information about a case pending in the Hyderabad Court in criminal case against the Election Commission of India. She had only received a notice from the court. "We will go to court to challenge the cancellation of her nomination." Meanwhile, a party delegation led by Congress National Organization General Secretary KC Venugopal has arrived in Delhi for



runway. The plane carrying the MLAs returned from the runway.

New Condition for Security Forces Entering Villages in Manipur

Imphal(GNS): Ethnic violence has continued in Manipur for the past three years, and normalcy has yet to return. On Monday, suspected Kuki militants opened fire in Pongringlong Rongmei Naga village in Kangpokpi district. Following the incident, the body of missing Naga village guard Chunjanglung Panmei was recovered from a forest area with a gunshot wound to the head. Naga groups have alleged that the Centre is using Kuki groups as part of a "shadow war."

Monsoon Reaches 13 States in Five Days Storms and rain lash MP-UP; Red alert in Kerala and Karnataka, heatwave warning for Rajasthan



Bhopal/Lucknow/Jaipur/ Patna(GNS): The southwest monsoon is advancing rapidly across the country. According to the India Meteorological Department, it has covered 13 states within five days and entered Telangana on Monday. The monsoon is now about 150 km away from Mumbai and is expected to reach the city within the next 48 hours. Pre-monsoon showers have been reported in several states, including Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh. Rainfall occurred in Bhopal on Monday, while Gorakhpur and Jalaun in Uttar Pradesh also witnessed heavy showers. Parts of Rajasthan experienced winds with speeds ranging from 60 to 120 kmph. Meanwhile, western Rajasthan remains under

a heatwave alert. Sri Ganganagar recorded a maximum temperature of 45.6 degrees Celsius on Monday, followed by Phalodi at 44.8 degrees and Jaisalmer and Bikaner at 44.4 degrees. The weather department has issued a rain alert for 15 states on Tuesday, while Kerala and two districts of Karnataka are under a red alert for heavy rainfall.

India Deploys 12 Nuclear Warheads for the First Time Nuclear arsenal rises from 180 to 190 in two years; 20 more than Pakistan

New Delhi, (GNS): India has deployed 12 nuclear warheads for the first time, while its total nuclear arsenal has increased from 180 to 190, according to the latest report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The report states that India had not deployed any nuclear warheads in 2025, but has deployed 12 in 2026. Pakistan's nuclear arsenal has remained unchanged at 170 warheads, though the number of its deployed weapons is not known. Like the United States and Russia, India does not officially disclose the exact number, capabilities or specifications of its nuclear weapons. SIPRI and other organisations publish estimates based on available information. **Nine countries possess 12,187 nuclear weapons:** According to the SIPRI Yearbook 2026, the world is entering a new era of nuclear competition. Nuclear-armed states, including the United States, Russia, China, India and Pakistan, are rapidly modernising their weapons and delivery systems. At the beginning of 2026, the world's nine nuclear-armed nations—the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea and Israel—possessed a combined total of 12,187 nuclear weapons. Of these, 9,745 are kept in military stockpiles and are ready for operational use.



One Per Cent Rise in Per Capita Security Spending Cuts Crime by 0.36 Per Cent

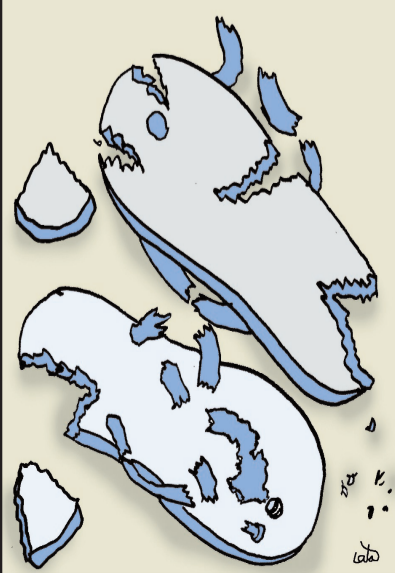
SBI study of 28 states finds areas with more CCTV coverage have lower crime rates

New Delhi(GNS): There is a close relationship between the economy and crime in the country. A mere one per cent reduction in crime can increase real GDP growth by 0.11 per cent in the short term and by up to 0.133 per cent in the long term, according to an SBI Research study based on data from 28 states. The study found that a one per cent increase in per capita government spending on security

reduces the crime rate in a state by around 0.36 per cent. It also noted that cities with greater CCTV coverage tend to have lower crime rates. Areas with higher crimes against women generally have lower female participation in the workforce. A total of 5.886 million cognisable crimes, including murder and rape, were registered across the country in 2024, representing a six per cent decline compared to the

previous year. The all-India crime rate dropped from 448.3 per lakh population in 2023 to 418.9 in 2024. Kerala recorded the highest crime rate, with 1,389 cognisable offences per lakh population, while Nagaland reported the lowest at 61.6. Crimes against women declined by 1.5 per cent, falling from 448,000 cases in 2023 to 441,000 in 2024. The study said this decline in crime has also contributed positively to economic growth.

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A glimpse of the politics of 1948 in 2026

Sanat Jain

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijay, an actor-turned-politician, has initiated a new phase in Tamil Nadu politics. This is bringing back memories of the political landscape that existed in the country between 1948 and 1952. Vijay's party, TVK, has been supported by the Congress party in Tamil Nadu. The Congress party also has a minister in the Tamil Nadu government. Congress does not have any significant influence in Tamil Nadu, but it plays a significant role in central politics. Even today, the Congress party faces

direct competition with the BJP and other political parties in 300 Lok Sabha seats. Current politics is marked by animosity and a sense of insecurity among political parties. Political parties strive to maximize their share of power. In contrast, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay has decided to give two Rajya Sabha seats to the ally Congress. He believes that his party can better protect Tamil Nadu's interests by collaborating with the Congress in central politics. Even if two MPs from his party are elected to the Rajya Sabha, they cannot represent Tamil Nadu's cause as strongly as the Congress

party can in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha at the Centre. This decision by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister is unique in coalition politics since independence. When the Constituent Assembly and the Union Cabinet were being formed, the Congress Party worked to create a strong Constitution and a strong government by including members of all communities and political parties in the Constituent Assembly and the Cabinet. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru adopted a path of coordination after independence by including opponents and those with different ideologies in his cabinet. The same

path has been adopted by the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister in 2026. Currently, most political parties in the country are engaged in coalition politics, such as the NDA and the India Alliance. Regional parties stake strong claims for each seat. In this situation, Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijayan has attempted to give a new direction to coalition politics in Tamil Nadu politics by giving the Congress two vacant Rajya Sabha seats. Regional parties play a significant role in the state's politics. Regional politics are deeply rooted in language, culture, and connections with the general public. However, in central politics,

the central government must make decisions based on national interests. Keeping the federal system in mind, relations between the center and the states should improve. This situation has undergone significant changes in the last decade. The Planning Board was dissolved upon the Modi government's inception. In its place, the NITI Aayog was established, and the manner in which NITI Aayog is functioning has been questionable. Since then, state governments have alleged that the central government is not treating them fairly. Resources and funds are being distributed arbitrarily.

Complaints of discrimination against states with non-BJP governments are increasing. The way politics is being conducted on the basis of caste and religion, the distance between the central government and the states is growing. The governors have added to the woes. They prevent the implementation of decisions and laws made by the state legislature. A parallel power structure exists between the governor and the chief minister in non-BJP ruled states. In such a situation, the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu has once again taken a step towards establishing a decades-old political system in Indian politics.

Editorial

Another split in Trinamool

As anticipated, Trinamool Congress Lok Sabha members have rebelled against Mamata Banerjee. Previously, approximately 60 of the party's 80 MLAs had formed a separate faction and elected a Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly. The news of the split among TMC Lok Sabha members is a major blow to Mamata Banerjee. It appears she will now lose both the party and its election symbol—just as happened to the NCP and Shiv Sena in Maharashtra.

Since the names of many of the 20 TMC MPs who expressed their desire to support the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance, demanding separate seating arrangements for themselves in Parliament and also asked for recognition of Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar as their leader, have already surfaced, it seems unlikely that Mamata will be able to save her party.

The TMC MPs' separation also represents a major setback for the INDIAN, a front of opposition parties. This blow comes at a time when the party is meeting in Delhi after a long hiatus. It's worth noting that the DMK has already announced its withdrawal from the alliance. It's clear that the INDIAN, along with the TMC, faces a difficult path ahead. It was difficult for anyone to imagine that the Trinamool Congress would disintegrate so badly within a month of the assembly elections, but that is precisely what is happening. This proves that political parties that lack ideology and rely on dynastic politics do not have a bright future for long. It cannot be ignored that most of the TMC's leaders came from other parties. Mamata Banerjee's political clan disintegrated not only because most of the leaders who joined her were from other parties. It also disintegrated because Mamata imposed her nephew Abhishek Banerjee on the party. Abhishek Banerjee's attitude was even more arbitrary than Mamata Banerjee's, and this was a major reason for the Trinamool Congress's rule turning into misrule. Had this not been the case, the party would not have suffered such a crushing defeat in the assembly elections.

Mamata Didi's party has fallen apart due to her love for her nephew Abhishek!

Manoj Kumar Agarwal

It is said that excess is harmful, which means that a person's excessive pride in his knowledge and power becomes the reason for his downfall. The same has happened with Mamata Banerjee. Didi considered her party Trinamool Congress as a one-man show and considered her colleagues as followers. This became the reason for dissatisfaction against her. Didi could not even manage the clan of her party. As soon as she was out of power, her special commanders became vocal against her. Actually, her love for nephew Abhishek Banerjee and the desire to make him her political successor became the main reason behind this dissatisfaction.

Former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's political and legal troubles have been mounting since the Trinamool Congress's defeat in the May 2026 assembly elections. A major rebellion within the party and legal cases have further exacerbated her difficulties. In recent developments, a major political crisis has emerged within the Trinamool Congress. Twenty of the TMC's 28 Lok Sabha MPs have rebelled and expressed their desire to form an alliance with the NDA. According to information related to this split and defection, the rebel MPs have sent a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla demanding recognition and separate seating in Parliament. The names of TMC MPs Kakoli Ghosh, Suvendu Adhikari, and other leaders are emerging in this entire development.

You should know that Mamata Banerjee's party, the Trinamool Congress, is grappling with the biggest internal crisis in its 28-year history. Fifty-eight MLAs have rebelled and elected expelled leader Ritabrata Banerjee as the Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly, a position approved by the Speaker. The weakening of her grip on the party is evident 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 from the meeting, 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 her statements made during the elections 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.

It's worth noting that the loss of power has led to a stampede at the grassroots level 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 the BJP's Suvendu Adhikari by

15,105 votes. The 15-year-old TMC rule in the state has ended, and a new BJP government led by Suvendu Adhikari has been formed. Mamata Banerjee is waging a legal and political battle against these adversities, 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 conflicts 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 let-

ter 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.

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. This is the naked picture of the politics of the changing times, this has to be accepted.

Eye donation: The biggest bridge from darkness to light

Lalit Garg

(Special on World Eye Donation Day (June 10, 2026))

The importance of eyes in human life is not limited to mere sight; rather, they are the gateway to our consciousness, empathy, knowledge, and the beauty of life. It is through our eyes that we experience the diversity of nature, the affection of family, the activities of society, and the infinite possibilities of the world. Therefore, lack of vision is not merely a physical disability, but the pain of being deprived of many dimensions of life. In such a situation, eye donation is not merely a medical procedure, but a great humanitarian and spiritual endeavor that brings light into a dark life. World Eye Donation Day, celebrated every year on June

10, reminds us that even after death, our existence can live on, becoming a light in someone else's life. This day is not just an occasion for awareness, but a campaign to strengthen the culture of human compassion, social responsibility, and philanthropy.

According to the World Health Organization, millions of people worldwide are affected by visual impairment and blindness. In India, too, millions of people have lost their sight due to corneal diseases. Of particular concern is that many cases of blindness caused by corneal defects are treatable, but due to a lack of sufficient eye donations, millions of patients remain on waiting lists for years. According to experts, corneal transplantation is one of the most successful procedures in medical science, with a success rate of 95 to 98

percent. Despite this, the number of corneas available in the country remains far below the required number. Millions of people need corneas every year, but the number of donations remains relatively low. This situation suggests that the problem lies not with medical resources, but with awareness and social resolve.

In Indian culture, charity is considered the foundation of religion. Donating food satisfies hunger, donating clothes provides clothing, and donating money provides financial support, but eye donation provides a new experience of life. Therefore, it is considered a great donation, or a gift of life. When a person donates their eyes after death, they not only give an organ but also provide a blind person with the opportunity to see the world. They

provide a path to education to a child, employment opportunities to a youth, and the power of self-reliance to an elderly person. This donation is a gift that does not harm the donor, but transforms the recipient's entire life. In Indian tradition, the example of Maharishi Dadhichi is considered the ultimate example of sacrifice and body donation. He dedicated his body for the welfare of the people. Eye donation is a modern expression of that tradition. It provides an opportunity to serve humanity even after death. In fact, eye donation is a virtuous act in which the donor's body perishes, but their vision lives on, becoming a light in someone else's life.

Modern medical science has expanded the scope of eye donation. Previously, only two individuals ben-

efited from a single donor's two eyes, but new technologies have made it possible to use different parts of a cornea to help more people. Today, a single eye donor can bring light into the lives of many.

Importantly, there is no age requirement for eye donation. Even the eyes of an 80- or 90-year-old can be useful. People who wear glasses, suffer from diabetes, or suffer from high blood pressure can also donate eyes in most situations. The misconception that only completely healthy individuals can donate eyes is completely false. The corneas are safely removed within 4 to 6 hours after death, and the entire process is completed with utmost respect. This does not cause any deformity to the deceased's facial features or hinder the funeral rites.

IFFCO Chairman Dilip Sanghani Pays Courtesy Visit to Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan

IFFCO Chairman Dilip Sanghani today paid a courtesy visit to Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi

"The visionary leadership of Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the field of agriculture and rural development, and his commitment to the welfare of farmers, are truly commendable," said Shri Sanghani.

During the meeting, Shri Sanghani shared key insights and outcomes from the recently concluded visit to the United States, including various programs, high-level meetings, and significant experiences related to the agriculture and cooperative sectors. The Minister was briefed on major discussions held in the U.S. concerning agricultural innovation, cooperative models, agribusiness

development, technology transfer, and farmer-centric initiatives.

The meeting also featured meaningful discussions on potential areas of collaboration and partnership between India and the United States in agriculture, cooperatives, agribusiness, food security, agricultural technology, and farmer empowerment. Special emphasis was placed on strengthening the exchange of knowledge, technology, and best practices between the two countries.

Shri Sanghani appreciated Shri Chouhan's visionary leadership in agriculture and rural development, his unwavering commit-



ment to farmers' welfare, and his efforts to promote innovation and reforms in the agricultural sector. He expressed confidence that under Shri Chouhan's leadership, India's agriculture and cooperative sectors would achieve new milestones and make significant progress in enhancing farmers' income, productivity, and prosperity.

The meeting is being viewed as an important step toward connecting India's agriculture and cooperative sectors with global best practices and strengthening international cooperation for the benefit of farmers.

Delhi will choke, God save us

HC on gov't's plans for polo ground, Gymkhana

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi high court on Monday voiced concern over the Centre's proposed takeover of prominent properties in Lutyens' Delhi, including Delhi Gymkhana Club (DGC) and the polo ground, warning that the move could adversely affect the capital's urban landscape. Observing that further construction in the area could place additional strain on the city's infrastructure, the court remarked, "Delhi will choke. God save us all if this is how you want Delhi to live." The observations came while a vacation bench of Justice Neena Bansal Krishna was hearing a plea filed by Indian Polo Association seeking a stay on a govt notice directing it to vacate the 15.2-acre Jaipur Polo Ground in the Race Course area. Centre's standing counsel Ashish Dixit said the land occupied by the polo ground, along with nearby establishments such as DGC, was being taken over for public purpose as there was limited space in central Delhi and govt functions needed to be carried out from there.

MCD seals 42 establishments demolishes 26 in citywide enforcement drive

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi government on Monday carried out inspections at 86 commercial locations, including hotels, schools, restaurants, B&Bs, and banquet halls, issuing notices to more than 45 such establishments and sealing at least one restaurant, as the citywide crackdown on illegally operating commercial establishments continued. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) separately carried out sealing at 42 locations and demolition at 26 locations.

According to Delhi government figures, the revenue department has intensified its post-fire safety enforcement drive, inspecting 452 sites across the Capital between June 5 and June 8. The exercise has so far covered 366 hotels, guest houses, banquet halls, educational institutions, and other premises, leading to notices, show-cause proceedings, and actions in several cases.

Among violations found on Monday, a hotel in Karol Bagh was found without any emergency exit plan. Another property was found without a functional fire safety hose line and a fire NOC. Similar violations were found in other hotels in Karol Bagh and Patel Nagar, with notices issued to them. In Old Delhi, hotels were found functioning without proper building plans and MCD trade licenses, and were served show-cause notices. In Janakpuri, at least 14 pre-schools were found "creating public nuisance," functioning without fire NOCs and health trade licenses, posing a danger to children's lives.

According to official data, the highest number of inspections during the four-day period were carried out in West district (56), followed by South (45), North (37), and North-West districts (34). In one instance, a restaurant in Sadar Bazar was sealed for not having fire safety clearance, a DCB trade licence, or a sanctioned building plan. Inspection teams flagged common deficiencies across establishments, including the absence of emergency exit plans, failure to display emergency contact numbers, lack of disaster management plans, non-functional fire alarm systems, defective fire-fighting infrastructure, and use of lifts without valid licences.

Delhi's e-bus depots are progressing slowly

raising serious questions about the parking space for 3,300 new buses

New Delhi(GNS): The Transport Department is moving slowly to prepare depots for electric buses. Even 50 depots will not be ready by the end of this year. These are depots that are to be converted from CNG to electric. The government plans to introduce 3,300 new electric buses by the end of this year.

The big question is, if the depots aren't ready, where will the buses be parked and how will they be operated? Meanwhile, the government claims that all depots will be ready by the time the buses arrive.



The Delhi government is working on a plan to fully electrify approximately 50 bus depots by the end of this year to accommodate the growing fleet of electric buses. Work on the electrification, civil, and electrical infrastructure of

these depots is currently underway.

The objective of this project is to ensure depot readiness especially for the e-buses being procured under the 'PM e-Drive' scheme of the Central Government.

Delhi currently operates one of the largest electric bus networks in the country, comprising over 4,500 e-buses. According to the DTC, 2,800 buses and 500 seven-meter buses are scheduled to be added under the PM e-Drive scheme by the end of this financial year, i.e., March 31, 2027.

This means 3,300 buses are expected to arrive by March 31. Electrification of these depots involves setting up charging infrastructure, upgrading power supply systems, transformers, charging bays, and parking facilities to operate a large e-bus fleet.

According to the government's plan, a total of 1,400 buses are expected to arrive between June and December this year. These include 543 nine-meter Devi buses and 857 12-meter buses. Sources say even the depots for these buses are proving difficult to complete.

A Delhi government official said the government is working on a phased plan to ensure depots are ready before the arrival of e-buses in the upcoming procurement cycle. He said power companies are responsible for bringing electricity to the depots, laying power lines, and setting up transformers and other power-related infrastructure.

This work is technically extremely complex. He said it takes one to two years to provide electricity to each depot. He added that the electric depots will still be ready before the buses arrive.

Delhi Govt signs pact with CSIR to develop smart, dust-free roads

New Delhi(GNS): In a major step towards modernising Delhi's road infrastructure, the Delhi Government on Monday signed a tripartite Memorandum of Agreement with CSIR-Central Road Research Institute and the School of Planning and Architecture to develop a scientific, technology-driven framework for road construction, maintenance and dust pollution control across the Capital.

The agreement, signed under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, will introduce a standard framework for paving and greening of urban roads and pave the way for Delhi's first comprehensive Road Asset Management System, enabling digital monitoring and data-driven management



of road infrastructure.

"We are building an urban road ecosystem, not just roads," the Chief Minister said. She said the government aimed to create environmentally sustainable, safe and future-ready urban corridors capable of addressing challenges posed by rapid urbanisation, rising traffic load, air pollution and waterlogging.

A key feature of the initia-

tive is the Road Asset Management System, which will digitally assess road conditions, traffic load, structural strength, maintenance needs and service life. The system is expected to facilitate timely repairs, prioritised maintenance and more efficient use of public resources while improving the durability and quality of roads.

Two held at IGI for smuggling contraband worth over 5 crore hidden in geysers

New Delhi(GNS): New Delhi Custom officials at the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport arrested two passengers on Sunday for allegedly attempting to smuggle hydroponic weed worth over ₹5 crore from Kuala Lumpur. Officials said the accused had concealed 145 vacuum-sealed packets inside two geysers they were bringing as luggage.

The passengers landed at Delhi's Terminal-3 from Kuala Lumpur via flight D7-182 on Sunday and were intercepted soon after crossing the green channel. The surveillance and observation revealed they were carrying two brand-new geysers, in addition to their checked-in baggage.

"During interrogation and scrutiny, officers had suspicions regarding the contents



of the geysers. The appliances were therefore subjected to a second X-ray examination, which indicated the possibility of concealed material hidden within their internal structure," said a senior customs official. Dismantling of both the geysers led to the discovery of packets inside.

"A total of 145 packets were recovered. Examination of the packets revealed a green leafy substance suspected to be hydroponic weed (ganja)," said the official.

Man, 21, kills wife, 18, over suspicion of affair in Delhi; stages death as suicide

New Delhi(GNS): A 21-year-old man was arrested for allegedly murdering his 18-year-old wife by strangling and smothering her with a pillow at their home in south Delhi's Kalindi Kunj JJ Resettlement Colony, reportedly following an altercation over his suspicion that she was having an affair with another man, police said on Monday.

The couple had entered into an interfaith marriage 10 months ago against the wishes of their families, police said.

Police said that after allegedly murdering his wife in the early hours of Friday, the man slept next to her body for nearly 12 hours and woke up around 1.30pm. "He panicked on seeing her dead and tried to stage the scene to make it appear that she had died by suicide by hanging



from a bathroom window," said a senior police officer.

"After a few minutes, he brought the body down and rushed out of the house screaming that his wife had died by suicide. However, the woman's sister, who lives in the same neighbourhood, alleged that she had been murdered. The post-mortem revealed that she had been strangled and smothered to death," the officer

added.

Police said they were alerted to the incident on Friday afternoon. A police team found the woman's body on the first floor of the house. The man allegedly tried to mislead investigators by claiming that he found his wife hanging inside the bathroom.

Police learnt that a case had been registered in July 2024 in connection with the couple's elope-

ment when the woman was a minor. She was later traced and produced before the concerned magistrate. In her statement recorded under Section 164 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), she stated that she had left home voluntarily and had not been induced or coerced, the officer said.

"Last year, she again left her house and started living with the man.

A 1% increase in per capita security spending reduced crime by 0.36%

SBI study of 28 states, where more CCTVs are available, crime is lower

New Delhi(GNS): There is a strong relationship between a country's economy and crime. A mere 1% reduction in crime increases real GDP (growth rate) by 0.11% in the short term and 0.133% in the long term. SBI Research has reached this conclusion based on a study of 28 states across the country.

When a government increases its security spending per capita by 1%, the crime rate in that state decreases by approximately 0.36%. This means that the more money spent on security, the lower the crime rate.

Meanwhile, cities with a greater coverage area under CCTV cameras have lower crime rates. Women's participation in the workforce is lower in cities with higher



rates of crime against women. Crime decreased by 6.0% compared to the previous year.

A total of 5.886 million cognizable crimes (murder, rape, etc.) were registered in the country in 2024, a decrease of 6.0% compared to the previous year. The all-India crime rate per lakh population fell from 448.3 in 2023 to 418.9 in 2024.

Among states, Kerala recorded the highest number of cognizable crimes per lakh population at 1,389.

Nagaland recorded the lowest number of crimes per lakh population at 61.6. Crimes against women declined by 1.5%, from 4.48 lakh cases in 2023 to 4.41 lakh in 2024. This decline in crime has also supported the economy.

A youth was killed in a brawl during a drinking session in Delhi

the accused was arrested within 8 hours

New Delhi(GNS): Gandhi Nagar police station has solved the murder case of a young man and arrested a suspect. Following the suspect's information, police recovered blood-stained scissors used in the murder and blood-stained clothing worn at the time of the crime.

According to the police, on June 5th, Dr. Hedgewar Hospital reported that a man named Krishna Kumar had been admitted with injuries from a sharp weapon, such as a knife. Police arrived at the hospital, but the injured man could neither explain the incident nor identify the attacker. He later left the hospital without informing anyone and refused to pursue legal action.



On June 6th, GTB Hospital reported that Krishna Kumar had died during treatment. Following this, the police intensified the investigation, recognizing the seriousness of the case. The investigation revealed that the deceased worked at a garment factory in

Raghuvarpura-II, Gandhinagar. What is the whole matter? Interviews with the factory owner and employees revealed that on the night of June 4th, some employees were drinking alcohol at the factory. They had a dispute. It is alleged that during the alter-

cation, Arwaz first attacked an employee named Tiger and then stabbed Krishna Kumar multiple times with scissors. Krishna Kumar later died from his serious injuries.

Based on eyewitness accounts and other evidence, a case was registered under the murder section at the Gandhi Nagar police station on June 7. Police then began searching for the accused, using CCTV footage, technical surveillance, and local intelligence. Police arrested Arbaaz (27), a resident of Sangam Vihar, South Delhi, in the Uttam Nagar area.

The investigation also revealed that the accused had previously been involved in a case of attempted murder as a teenager.

From QRT, high-capacity pumps to vacuum drainage, Delhi airport is all set to tackle monsoon

New Delhi(GNS): DIAL, the operating agency of IGL, the country's largest and busiest airport, wants to leave no room for delays or laxity in its monsoon preparations this year. In recent years, leaks inside the terminal, waterlogging on the runway, and accidents on the Terminal 1 forecourt during the monsoon season have not only inconvenienced passengers but also tarnished the airport's reputation internationally.

Learning a lesson from these past failures, Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) has developed an advanced pre-monsoon plan. However, the real challenge will be translating these promises into action.

bitter experience of the past years

The apparent haste and urgency in the airport administration's preparations this time stems from bitter experiences over the past. Some serious incidents in the past have raised



serious questions about the airport's infrastructure management.

The most critical incident was the Terminal 1 accident at the beginning of the monsoon season two years ago, which exposed structural maintenance deficiencies. A few years ago, heavy rains flooded the runway and airside area, forcing flight diversions, causing significant inconvenience to passengers.

Driver of cluster bus held after 4 pedestrians injured near Multan Nagar signal

New Delhi(GNS): A 50-year-old woman, her two children and a relative were injured after they allegedly lost their balance and fell while crossing Rohtak Road near the Multan Nagar traffic signal in outer Delhi's Paschim Vihar on Sunday evening, when the driver of a speeding cluster bus applied sudden brakes in front of them, police said on Monday. The driver, identified as 28-year-old Irshad Ali, was apprehended and booked for rash and negligent driving and endangering the life or personal safety of others. A first information report (FIR) was registered under Sections 281 and 125 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at Paschim Vihar East police station. The bus has been impounded, said deputy commissioner of police (Outer) Vikram Singh.

"We registered a case and apprehended the driver because he was driving the bus in a rash and negligent manner, disregarding pedestrians' right of way while crossing the road," Singh said. According to police, Nirmala Devi, 50, along with three family members - Nisha, 23, and two children - was crossing Rohtak Road near the Multan Nagar traffic signal when a cluster bus travelling from Rajghat towards Sultanpuri approached at speed and stopped abruptly in front of them.



Amit Shah asks UP, Haryana, Delhi to work jointly on Yamuna eco-flow

New Delhi(GNS): Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday directed the governments of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, along with the ministries concerned, to work under an integrated action plan and in a spirit of teamwork to ensure the standard ecological flow of the Yamuna.

Chairing a review meeting in Delhi on Yamuna rejuvenation, Shah said an MoU

would be signed between the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the National Dairy Development Board to prevent waste from Delhi's dairies from flowing into the river.

Cow dung will be transported directly to gas and manure plants, while waste along the Yamuna banks will be managed scientifically, he said.

The meeting was informed that desilting of Yamuna drains was



proceeding at a rapid pace and 97 per cent of the targeted 28.57 lakh MT of silt had already been removed. The remaining work is to be completed by June 15.

Shah said the silt

should be used in manufacturing projects so that it did not wash back into the Yamuna during the rains.

The meeting was also informed that 129 sewage treatment plants had been completed so far in Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, while 59 new STPs would be built by the end of 2027.

The Home Minister directed officials to ensure continuous and accurate monitoring of

parameters such as Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Chemical Oxygen Demand and Total Suspended Solids in STPs, industrial waste and discharges from all drains. Merely satisfactory results were not enough and precise results were essential, he said.

Shah also directed officials to review the progress of the Yamuna Rejuvenation Project every 20 days.

Delhi: NDMC begins Rs 1.21-crore Khan Market lane revamp

New Delhi(GNS): The New Delhi Municipal Council is undertaking a Rs 1.21-crore redevelopment project in Khan Market to upgrade civic infrastructure, improve drainage and enhance pedestrian convenience, officials said on Monday.

During an inspection of the ongoing works, NDMC Vice-Chairperson Kuljeet Singh Chahal reviewed the progress of the project, which includes the construction of an integrated drainage system, installation of utility ducts, sewer and water supply infrastructure, granite stone flooring, interlocking pavers and stainless-steel dustbins in the market's middle lane.

Officials said the redevelopment had become necessary due to deteriorating interlocking pavers, heavy footfall and commercial activity in one of Delhi's busiest shopping destinations. Significant work, including the laying of drainage lines, construction of silt cham-



bers and installation of water pipelines and utility chambers, has already been completed.

Chahal said the project faced challenges due to the presence of several underground electrical cables and utility services beneath the narrow six-metre-wide lane. The NDMC is exploring measures such as temporary overhead power

arrangements and relocation of feeder pillars to speed up the work while ensuring uninterrupted services, he said.

The Vice-Chairperson also inspected Lok Nayak Bhawan and directed officials to undertake repair and maintenance works at the earliest.

He later visited the Enforcement Department store at Safdarjung Airport, where a fire had recently broken out, and instructed officials to expedite the disposal of stored material and strengthen safety measures to prevent similar incidents.

NDMC officials said all departments had been directed to closely monitor the projects and ensure timely completion without compromising quality.

India deploys 12 nuclear bombs for the first time

India's nuclear arsenal increases from 180 to 190 in two years; 20 more than Pakistan

New Delhi(GNS): India has deployed 12 nuclear weapons on the front lines for the first time. The country's nuclear arsenal has also increased from 180 to 190, according to a recent report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI).

The report also states that India did not deploy a single nuclear weapon in 2025, but will deploy 12 in 2026. Pakistan has not seen any increase in its nuclear arsenal. It currently has 170 nuclear weapons. It is unclear how many of its weapons are deployed.

Unlike Russia and the United States, India does not officially disclose the exact number, capability, and names of its nuclear weapons. SIPRI and other organizations only publish reports based on estimates.

According to the SIPRI Yearbook 2026, the world is entering a new era



of nuclear competition. Nuclear-armed countries, including the United States, Russia, China, India, and Pakistan, are rapidly upgrading their weapons and delivery systems.

At the beginning of 2026, nine countries - the United States, Russia, Britain, France, China, India, Pakistan, North Korea, and Israel - possess a total of 12,187 nuclear weapons. Of these, 9,745 are in military stockpiles, fully ready for use.

Hauz Rani fire: B&B accountant arrested after he surrenders in Saket courts

New Delhi(GNS): Jay Mishra, the 34-year-old accountant of the Hauz Rani bed-and-breakfast facility where a fire last week killed 22 people, was arrested on Monday after surrendering before a court at the Saket court complex, senior police officers said. A court remanded him to two days' police custody for interrogation and further investigation.

"Mishra's arrest was important because the registration certificate issued by the Delhi government's tourism department for operating the B&B shows him as the owner of the business, even though he worked there as an accountant. We will interrogate him to establish why the licence was obtained in his name and not in the name of the building's actual owner, Lavkesh Bajaj, who was arrested last week," an



officer aware of the matter said.

Mishra, who had been absconding since the fire, is the third person arrested in the case after Bajaj and head chef Keshav Negi, who allegedly failed to alert authorities about the blaze that police believe started in the kitchen. Police teams are conducting searches in Delhi, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to trace the facility's manager, identified

only as Rupesh.

According to the FIR registered at Malviya Nagar police station, the case has been filed under Sections 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder), 324 (mischief), 326 (mischief by fire or explosive substance), 125 (act endangering life or personal safety) and 287 (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter) of the Bharatiya

Nyaya Sanhita.

The FIR, filed on the complaint of inspector Subhash Chand Yadav, does not name any accused. It details the fire call, rescue operations and the evacuation of victims to multiple hospitals.

"During the inquiry, it was learnt that the building was operating as 'Flourish Stay' and was being managed by Lavkesh Bajaj and others.

LG chairs DDMA meeting: Preparations underway to retain retired firefighters in the fire department

Review of monsoon and heatwave preparedness

New Delhi(GNS): A meeting of the Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) was held on Monday under the chairmanship of Delhi Lieutenant Governor Sardar T.S. Sandhu. The meeting comprehensively reviewed fire safety, illegal construction, heat wave management, and pre-monsoon preparations in the capital. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, ministers Ashish Sood and Pravesh Verma, along with senior officials, were present at the meeting. The LG also discussed using former firefighters to fill vacant positions in the fire department and increasing the number of new fire stations in the capital. He also suggested allowing citizens to upload photos on the MCD's 311 portal to monitor illegal construction. Instructions to



stop illegal construction and unauthorized plotting

The meeting discussed the ongoing action against illegal and dilapidated buildings and the misuse of fire safety licenses. The LG clarified that safety regulations

should be followed at all costs, but that ordinary citizens should not be harassed in the name of action. He also directed an immediate halt to ongoing illegal construction and unauthorized plotting in the city.