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Monsoon Clouds Disappear from Satellite Images Across India

Rainfall deficit reaches 64 between June 4 and 15; 17 states including Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, await rains

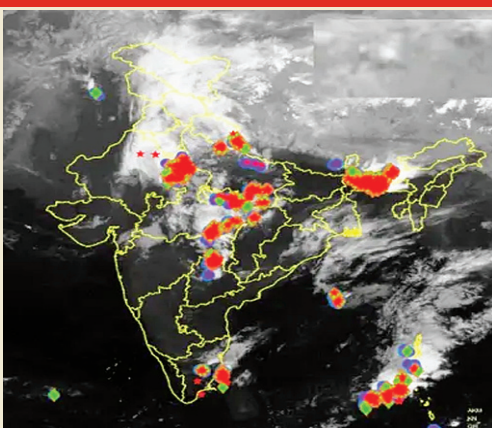
Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow/Patna(GNS): The progress of the southwest monsoon across India has slowed considerably. Satellite images captured on Monday, June 15, showed that monsoon clouds had disappeared from large parts of the country.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the country should have received 53.7 mm of rainfall between June 4 and June 15. However, only 19.2 mm was recorded, resulting in a rainfall deficit

of 64.

The weakening of monsoon activity has prolonged the wait for rain in 17 states, including Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh and Delhi.

After advancing through southern India, the monsoon has stalled around Maharashtra, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Similarly, after covering the northeastern states, it has halted over Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. Unusual Wind Pattern



Slows Monsoon

According to the IMD, the slowdown is not due to a lack of moisture over the seas but because of unusual upper atmospheric wind patterns. This year, the western jet stream has shifted farther south than normal, disrupting the winds that drive the monsoon forward.

As a result, cloud formation has been affected despite adequate moisture over the Arabian Sea and the Bay of Bengal. While the monsoon may remain stalled for a

short period, weather experts expect it to resume its advance in the coming days. Pre-monsoon showers are continuing in several states, including Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. Heatwave in Parts of Maharashtra Till June 17 Some parts of Maharashtra are likely to experience heatwave conditions until June 17. According to the IMD, Marathwada may face heatwave conditions until June 17, while Vidarbha could remain under similar conditions until June 16.

Eight-Kilometre Traffic Jam Paralyzes Shimla Ambulances Among Hundreds of Vehicles Stranded



Shimla(GNS): Traffic came to a crawl on the roads of Himachal Pradesh's capital, Shimla, as a massive traffic jam stretching nearly eight kilometres was reported between Sanjauli and Charabra.

The congestion caused severe inconvenience to both local residents and tourists visiting the hill station from across the country.

A journey that normally takes 10 minutes was taking between one-and-a-half and

two hours, leading to public anger over traffic management during the peak tourist season. Traffic congestion near the Dhalli vegetable market began around 5:30 am and by noon had extended from Charabra to Navbahar and Bhattakufar via Sanjauli.

Commuters Voice Frustration Suresh, a resident of Cheeg, said he left Fagu at 9 am but reached Dhalli only at 11 am, with the stretch from Charabra alone

taking more than 90 minutes.

Sahil Verma from Bhekhalti said it took him over an hour to travel from Charabra to Dhalli. He added that both the Dhalli-Sanjauli road and the Shimla bypass were completely jammed. Several ambulances were also caught in the traffic. Residents have urged the Shimla Superintendent of Police to deploy additional personnel for better traffic regulation.

Hope for a Durable and Lasting Agreement

PM Modi Welcomes US-Iran Peace Deal

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has welcomed the announcement of a peace agreement between the United States and Iran, which is expected to be formally signed in Switzerland later this week. I welcome the understanding reached between the United States and Iran to end the conflict in West Asia. The prolonged hostilities have caused significant economic disruption and loss of life and property across many countries.

'Hope for a Durable and Final Settlement'

The Prime Minister further said: "India hopes that the implementation of this understanding will help restore peace and stability in the region and ensure the free movement of people and trade."

રેડ ક્રોસની સેવાઓ અને કામગીરીને વંદન



"માનવતા એજ સાચો ધર્મ છે" એ મંત્ર પર નિષ્પક્ષ અને તટસ્થ રહી લોકોની સ્વૈચ્છિક સેવા દ્વારા સ્વતંત્ર રીતે સમગ્ર સમાજ માટે કાર્ય કરતી અને વૈશ્વિક ઓળખ ધરાવતી તથા સમગ્ર ભારતમાં સર્વ શ્રેષ્ઠ રાજ્ય શાખાનો એવોર્ડ જીતનાર ગુજરાત રેડ ક્રોસના ચેરમેન શ્રી અજયભાઈ પટેલ અને સર્વ શ્રેષ્ઠ બ્લડ સેન્ટરનો એવોર્ડ જીતનારી અમદાવાદ રેડ ક્રોસ સંસ્થાના ચેરમેન એમિરેટ્સ શ્રી મુકેશભાઈ પટેલ અને સમગ્ર રેડ ક્રોસ ટીમને વિશ્વ રક્તદાતા દિવસ નિમિત્તે તેમની ઉત્કૃષ્ટ કામગીરી બદલ અભિનંદન.



ભારતનું સૌથી વિશાળ અને અદ્યતન બ્લડ સેન્ટર

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- 3 ડબલ સેન્યુરીયન રક્તદાતા
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- 75 બ્લડ સ્ટોરેજ સેન્ટર
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- 12 કેન્ટલ ક્લિનિક
- 15 રાહત દરે પેથોલોજી લેબોરેટરી
- 34000 ડિઝાસ્ટર મેનેજમેન્ટ સ્વયંસેવકો
- 500000 થી વધુ ફર્સ્ટ એડ ટ્રેઈનિંગ
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- વાત્સલ્ય સિનિયર સીટીઝન હોમ
- આર્ટિફિસીયલ લિમ્બ સેન્ટર
- 5000 થી વધુ થેલેસેમિયા બાળકોની સારવાર

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Trump Celebrates Birthday with UFC Fights at the White House

Most expensive UFC event ever; 567 crore spent, winner meets the President

Washington, D.C., (GNS): US President Donald Trump celebrated his 80th birthday by hosting an Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) event on the South Lawn of the White House. The UFC reportedly spent around \$60 million (approximately ₹567 crore) on the event, making it the most expensive UFC show ever staged. The fight



card featured seven bouts, with the main event between former lightweight champion Ilia Topuria and Justin Gaethje. In a major upset, American fighter Gaethje defeated his Spanish opponent after a four-round contest to claim the lightweight title belt, handing Topuria the first defeat of his professional career.

West Bengal – You are every door, we are every leaf

(Sanat Jain)

The Constitution of India came into force in 1950. According to the Constitution, constitutional institutions were created, their responsibilities were defined, and laws were enacted for them. The Constitution of India empowered the legislature, the executive, and the judiciary, all three of which were constitutionally empowered.

India's Constitution and democracy, along with the eternal faith and belief in the three superpowers of Brahma, Vishnu, and Mahesh, are considered the basis for governing the universe. Similarly, by strengthening these three pil-

lars in India, the fourth pillar was established: the media and the public. The Constitution of India established the rule of the people. The public delegates its authority to its elected representatives through elections. Laws are made in the Legislative Assembly and Parliament based on the authority of the elected MLAs and MPs, based on the majority. MPs and MLAs were held accountable to the public and were given complete freedom to represent the public's views in Parliament and the Legislative Assembly. This system continued over time until 1990. After that, coal-

tion governments began to form, and manipulations to form governments began. Ideology and political party manifestos ceased to be important. Since then, democracy within the constitutional system has begun to weaken. It has now weakened so much that it would perhaps be more appropriate to call it thuggery rather than democracy.

Elections were recently held in West Bengal. Over 9 million voters were removed from the electoral rolls in the SIR. 2.7 million voters appealed to the tribunal. The West Bengal elections concluded without a decision. Over 200,000 paramilitary

forces were deployed in the West Bengal elections. The TMC complained about irregularities in voting and vote counting to the Election Commission, the High Court, and the Supreme Court. However, no timely decision was reached. Counting was done using EVMs other than the ones listed on Form 17C. Following objections, counting was halted, and the election results were declared. Now, 4,000 EVMs have been burned. The Election Commission is required to preserve all evidence for 45 days. This evidence has now begun to be burned. Meanwhile, TMC MPs and MLAs were beaten on the

streets. An atmosphere of terror prevails in West Bengal. Meanwhile, there are reports that over 20 MPs are leaving the TMC and forming a separate faction and joining a party that has neither a single MLA nor a single MP. It has certainly contested a few elections in Tripura. It didn't even garner one percent of the vote. MPs and MLAs from national parties are about to merge with this obscure party. The Speakers of the Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha are granting them permission. In the future, it will also receive recognition from the Election Commission. TMC MPs and MLAs are being targeted by

the ED, CBI, CID, and local police forces.

They are being beaten in their homes. They are being denied security. No action is being taken on their complaints. Over the past week, political events in West Bengal, the anti-defection law, and events in the Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, and Legislative Assembly have been the subject of heated discussions. The ongoing game of "you-know-you, we-know-what" between the TMC and the government is surprising everyone. In such a situation, even the general public is beginning to believe that their rights are being eroded.

Editorial

on India's inflation

India's May retail inflation at 3.93, the highest in the current CPI series and roughly a 15-month high if compared with the previous series, has begun to reflect the pass-through effects of surging food and fuel costs more clearly than in previous months. However, last month's wholesale inflation numbers, the first under the new WPI series and due later this month alongside India's first Producer Price Index (PPI), should reveal how much of the price shock producers and wholesalers continue to absorb. May's food inflation rose at a faster clip to 4.78 from 4.20 in April. While transport inflation rose by 1.75 after a marginal contraction in April, a subdivision within the sector – transport services for goods – surged by 7.63, signalling growing price pass-through. This was largely driven by the four tranches of petrol and diesel price increases beginning in mid-May. Significantly, the sharp rise in commercial LPG prices – by about 1,300 per 19-kg cylinder, representing an increase of over 75 since February – appears to be reflected in inflation in the restaurants and accommodation services category, which stood at 5.75, the second-highest division after personal care and miscellaneous goods and services. Inflation in the latter category reached 18.46, reflecting soaring precious metals prices. Domestic LPG's second price revision by 29 earlier this month will likely find a fuller expression in June's consumer food price inflation.

Although May's inflation remains below the RBI's 4 target and within its 2-6 tolerance band, the RBI retained its neutral stance at its latest monetary policy review, signalling concern over the possibility of further price pressures. Its intervention in the foreign exchange market through dollar sales has meanwhile helped shore up the rupee, Asia's worst-performing currency since the U.S.-Israelite the and fuel, remained relatively contained at around 3.8-3.9 in May, largely unchanged from recent months.

The growing shadow of inflation

(Dr. Priyanka Saurabh)

In a vast and developing country like India, inflation is not just an economic term, but a reality deeply embedded in the daily lives of millions of families, directly impacting their income, savings, food, education, and future plans. Recent reports and market trends indicate that prices of daily necessities have increased by 15 to 20 percent since March. Essential products like edible oil, soap, detergent, coffee, handwash, snacks, shampoo, and pulses are all steadily rising. Additionally, the increase in the prices of petrol, diesel, and gas cylinders has further exacerbated the hardships of the common consumer.

Inflation has the greatest impact on middle- and lower-income groups. These groups have limited incomes, and the bulk of their expenditures are devoted to essential needs such as food, housing, education, and health. When the prices of everyday goods rise, their savings opportunities diminish. As a result, families are forced to cut back on their needs or resort to debt.

According to the report, edible oil prices have seen the largest increase. While they increased by 3 to 5 percent in June, the

increase has reached 20 to 25 percent since March. India imports a large portion of its edible oil needs. Fluctuations in international crude oil and edible oil prices directly impact the Indian market. Geopolitical tensions in West Asia, supply chain disruptions, and increased transportation costs have made edible oils more expensive.

Another significant driver of inflation is rising energy prices. Domestic gas cylinder prices have risen by more than 10 percent, while commercial cylinders, petrol, and diesel have also become more expensive. Energy is the backbone of any economy. When fuel prices rise, transportation costs increase. This impact is felt at every level, from farms to markets, from factories to markets, and from warehouses to consumers. Consequently, the price of almost every commodity increases.

Today, companies are also under pressure from rising costs. Rising costs of raw materials, electricity, transportation, and packaging have increased production costs. In this situation, companies adopt two approaches: either raising product prices or reducing package sizes. Consumers often don't realize that a product available at the

same price is now available in smaller quantities. In economic terms, this is called "shrinkflation." This is also a hidden form of inflation.

The most obvious impact of inflation is seen in the kitchen. A middle-class family's monthly kitchen budget, which used to be 15,000 rupees, can now reach 17,000 to 18,000 rupees due to rising prices. This increase may seem small, but over a year, this additional expense adds up to thousands of rupees. This situation becomes even more difficult for families with stable incomes.

The situation in rural areas is no less challenging. Rising costs of diesel, fertilizers, seeds, and pesticides have made agricultural production more expensive. Farmers don't receive fair prices for their crops, while consumers have to purchase the same products at higher prices. Thus, the burden of inflation falls on both producers and consumers, while the intermediary supply chain and market structures reap greater profits.

Inflation also has profound social impacts. When essential commodities become more expensive, families first cut back on spending on entertainment, tourism, and luxuries. This then impacts

areas such as education, health, and nutrition. Many families are unable to afford nutritious food for their children. This can lead to malnutrition and health problems. On the other hand, reduced spending on education impacts future human capital.

Economically, controlled inflation is considered a sign of development, as it indicates increased demand and production. However, when inflation rises faster than income growth, it creates economic imbalances. This is the concern that is emerging in the current situation. Wage and employment growth rates are not as fast as the rising prices of essential commodities. This is reducing real purchasing power.

The Reserve Bank of India and the government take steps from time to time to control inflation. Measures such as changing interest rates, reducing import duties, monitoring stockpiles of essential commodities, and increasing market supply are taken. However, due to global conditions, international trade, and geopolitical tensions, these efforts are often limited in effectiveness.

The current situation requires the government to adopt a multi-pronged

strategy. Domestic production must be promoted to reduce dependence on imports of edible oils and essential commodities. Expanding modern technologies in the agricultural sector, developing storage facilities, and increasing supply chain efficiency are essential. Hoarding and artificial price increases must be closely monitored. A review of the tax structure on petroleum products could also provide relief to consumers.

Consumers also play an important role. Avoiding unnecessary purchases, budgeting, prioritizing local products, and developing a saving habit are essential. Comparing prices digitally to find the best options can also help reduce expenses.

Inflation isn't just a matter of economic statistics; it's a question of the living standards, nutrition, education, and future prospects of millions of Indian families. If the prices of essential commodities continue to rise at this rate, the impact will not only be limited to household budgets but will also impact the pace of social and economic development. Therefore, the government, industry, and consumers—all three—must work together to find balanced and long-term solutions.

Politics of defection: Hunger for power overrides ideology

(Dilip Kumar)

The disintegration of regional parties and the defection of their leaders has become a bitter reality in Indian politics, shaking the fundamental principles of democracy. Following the split of the Shiv Sena and NCP in Maharashtra, the infighting within the TMC in West Bengal has now captured national attention. The recent meeting of approximately 20 rebel TMC MPs with

BJP ministers in Delhi and an appeal to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla clearly demonstrates the political mess behind the scenes. The question isn't just about the TMC, but rather how the conscience of regional party leaders suddenly awakens after the elections. Why do these leaders remain invisible to the leadership's shortcomings and authoritarianism as long as the party remains in power or maintains its

strength? If we examine the legal truth of this entire episode, under the Constitution's Tenth Schedule, the anti-defection law, any MP's membership can be directly revoked. However, this law has a significant loophole. If two-thirds of a party's MPs simultaneously break away and merge with another party, their membership remains intact. In the TMC's case, the rebel MPs have found a way to merge with a regis-

tered party, the Nationalist Citizens Party of India. Technically, this is a clever attempt to legally save their seats, but the final decision rests solely on the discretion of the Lok Sabha Speaker. Nevertheless, this entire game appears to be a highly ethical understatement and a direct betrayal of the public. To understand this entire scenario, we must examine both sides of the coin.

The US-Iran Peace Agreement and Changing Global Politics

(Kantilal Mandot)

After months of tension and confrontation, news of a potential peace agreement between the United States and Iran has drawn global attention. For a long time, the two countries had deeply disputed issues such as nuclear programs, economic sanctions, oil trade, and regional security. The impact of this conflict was not limited to the United States and Iran, but also affected global politics, economy, and energy markets. If the proposed peace agreement is successful, it will not only open a new chapter in relations between the two countries but could also play a significant role in strengthening global stability and economic balance.

Relations between the United

States and Iran have been tense for decades. The United States has consistently expressed concern, particularly regarding Iran's nuclear program. The United States has alleged that Iran is moving toward developing nuclear weapons, while Iran has consistently claimed that its nuclear program is solely for peaceful purposes. This dispute led the United States to impose numerous economic and trade sanctions on Iran, which severely impacted Iran's economy. Declining oil exports, lack of foreign investment, and a financial crisis have all impacted Iran's development.

The most important feature of the newly revealed draft peace agreement is that Iran has pledged not to develop nuclear weapons or seek to acquire them through any

other means. Iran has also agreed to reduce its enrichment of highly enriched uranium, a key demand of the United States. If concrete steps are taken in this direction, it could help prevent a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. This would strengthen regional security and reduce the risk of potential military conflicts.

Another important aspect of this proposed agreement relates to the Strait of Hormuz. It is considered one of the world's most important maritime trade routes. A large portion of the world's oil trade passes through it. For the past several months, rising tensions and security concerns in the region have caused instability in the global oil market. Oil prices have fluctuated continuously, affecting the

economies of many countries. Under the proposed agreement, Iran has agreed to open the Strait of Hormuz to all commercial vessels. In return, the US will lift the naval restrictions imposed on Iranian ships and ports. If implemented, this arrangement could provide significant relief to the global energy market.

The economic aspect of the agreement is also crucial. Reports indicate that Iran is likely to gain access to approximately \$25 billion in frozen funds. This money has long been blocked due to various sanctions and international restrictions. The availability of this amount could revitalize Iran's economy. Investment in the country will increase, industrial activity will accelerate, and new employment

opportunities may be created. Furthermore, the easing of sanctions on Iranian oil will increase the supply of oil to the international market, which could help stabilize prices.

However, not all parties are equally enthusiastic about the agreement. Opposition to it is also growing rapidly within Iran. Radical organizations and some conservative leaders believe that reaching a deal with the US reflects Iran's helplessness and weakness. They argue that the political and strategic gains Iran has gained during the long conflict could be weakened by this agreement. Opposition groups have also prepared for protests against the government and the Foreign Ministry.

Delhi Tughlaqabad building fire

7-year-old roped in for arson bid that killed 3; cops probe monetary dispute

New Delhi, (GNS) : The fire that tore through a five-storey residential building in southeast Delhi's Tughlaqabad Extension early Friday, killing three members of a family and injuring five others, was not an accident or caused by a short circuit, but a deliberate act of arson, allegedly over a monetary dispute with one of the tenants of the building, police probe has revealed.

Three people - Sarita (27), and two brothers, Niranjana (33) and Rajkumar (27) - have been arrested while a minor girl, aged 17, has been apprehended.

The blaze broke out at 2.24am on June 12 in Street No. 1, Madhyam Marg. The victims included Pankaj Pandey (28), his sister Soni (20) and their maternal grandmother Sushila Devi (70). Deepak, the tenant whose scooter was the tar-

get of the arson plot, was away in Agra. However, his wife Mumtaz was admitted to the ICU at Safdarjung hospital while his two sisters-in-law, Seema (16) and Kareena (18), were admitted to AIIMS.

Initially, police registered a case under BNS sections related to negligent handling of fire and causing death by negligence. However, the direction of the probe changed after investigators examined CCTV footage and spotted a girl entering the premises shortly before the fire erupted. It led them to identify and apprehend a teenager from Govindpuri, who said she had been asked by Sarita to set fire to a scooter belonging to Deepak, a bike taxi driver who resided on the building's fifth floor.

Sarita allegedly provided the minor with petrol and a matchbox and asked her to



target the two-wheeler. Police suspect she conducted a reconnaissance of the area for around a week, identifying both the building and Deepak's scooter beforehand.

On the day of the incident, she allegedly took the minor on her scooter to a spot near the building, showed her the vehicle and handed over petrol and matches. After the scooter was set ablaze, the two fled.

Police sources said CCTV cameras captured the woman and the minor travelling on the scooter before and after the incident. The girl was also captured entering the building at 2.22am. Investigators traced the vehicle through its registration number, which led them to the suspects.

During questioning, Sarita claimed she had acted at the behest of Niranjana and Rajkumar, who are Deepak's cousins. She alleged Deepak had

borrowed Rs 40,000-Rs 50,000 from her but failed to return the money despite repeated demands over the past few months. Police sources said she was allegedly involved in a relationship with one of the brothers and had asked him to persuade Deepak to repay the amount. When the money was not returned, she allegedly conspired to have Deepak's scooter set ablaze.

Cops are verifying Sarita's claims about the loan and also probing if she threatened Deepak that she would set his scooter ablaze if he failed to return it.

Speaking to Media, Deepak's brother alleged the motive went beyond a monetary dispute. "Deepak had advised our cousin against getting involved with Sarita as he was married and had three

children, which is why she plotted to take revenge," he claimed, adding, "Now he is being questioned while his wife is battling for her life in the ICU."

On the day of the incident, Deepak told Media he had narrowly escaped as he was not in the city. He had recounted how he had guided his wife Mumtaz to safety over the phone as the blaze spread. Mumtaz, however, went back inside in an attempt to rescue her two sisters and later their pet cat.

Following the findings, police have added sections related to criminal conspiracy, culpable homicide, attempt to commit culpable homicide, mischief by fire and lurking house-trespass by night under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Sarita, Niranjana and Rajkumar have been remanded in two-day police custody.

Delhi wakes up to steady rain as IMD forecasts wet spell across northwest India till June 19

New Delhi, (GNS) : The city witnessed steady rainfall on Monday morning, following forecasts issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and weather experts who had predicted wet weather conditions across northwest India under the influence of an active western disturbance.

The rain, accompanied by cloudy skies and lower temperatures, brought relief from the heat. Authorities are continuing to monitor the situation as forecasts indicate further light to moderate rainfall across the region.

IMD scientist Naresh Kumar, on Saturday, said weather conditions across



northwest India are likely to ease gradually as the western disturbance currently located over North Haryana moves forward.

The region has received substantial rainfall along with strong winds over the past few days. However, meteorologists expect rainfall activity to ease slightly across north-

west India in the coming days.

Explaining the weather pattern, Naresh Kumar said, "Over the past few days, northwest India, including Delhi, has experienced moderate to heavy rainfall due to the influence of a western disturbance combined with moisture-laden winds

from the Bay of Bengal and the Arabian Sea...This confluence has led to significant rainfall in regions like Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, with wind speeds reaching up to 60-70 km/h."

Regarding the alert status, he noted, "Currently, the western disturbance is positioned over North Haryana, and while the rainfall intensity is expected to decrease, light to moderate rainfall is still anticipated across northwest India. We have issued a yellow alert for Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, and Haryana, with expected strong winds in Rajasthan."

Fire breaks out at private hospital in southwest Delhi, no casualties

New Delhi, (GNS) : Around 10-15 patients were evacuated after a fire broke out in the electric meter of a private hospital on Sunday night in southwest Delhi's Dabri.

According to the police, a PCR call was received around 10.27 pm at the Sagarpur police station about the fire at the kidney hospital. Simultaneously, a call was also received by the Delhi Fire Service (DFS). Four fire tenders with around 24 fire personnel and around 15 police officers rushed to the spot along with PCR vans and CATS ambulance teams.

Upon reaching the spot, officials discovered that the fire had already been extinguished by the hospital staff using fire extinguishers. The patients who were present in the hospital at the time of the incident were evacuated by the hospital administra-



tion along with assistance from security guards - some of whom were deployed on the rear side of the hospital and had rushed towards the front - and locals. Residents had also reportedly broken open a lock on the rear gate using a hammer to facilitate quick evacuation.

Preliminary inquiry revealed that the blaze had broken out due to a short circuit in the electricity meter and panel, police said. Fire officials added that the junction box was located on the ground floor of the five-storey building. Due to the electric source of the fire, BSES officials also reached the spot.

Delhi Police invokes anti-organised crime law against alleged Irani Gang kingpin

New Delhi, (GNS) : In a major crackdown on organised crime, Delhi Police's Central District has invoked the stringent provisions of the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA) against an alleged crime syndicate headed by Nasir Hafiz Khan, alias Irani and Sameer, who is accused of involvement in robbery, cheating and other serious offences across multiple states.

The action follows an investigation into a robbery case registered at DBG Road police station in 2025. During the probe, police allegedly uncovered an organised criminal network headed by Khan that was involved in a series of offences committed for pecuniary gain and unlawful advantage.

According to police, Khan, a native of Mumbai and an alleged key operative of the notorious Irani Gang, has a criminal history spanning around 38 cases across Delhi, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Investigators said he had previously been booked under MCOCA by Mumbai Police and remained in judicial custody until August 2024.

Police alleged that after his release, Khan resumed criminal activities and, along with his associates, carried out a robbery of Rs 18.84 lakh in the DBG Road area on October 23, 2025. During his subsequent abscondence, he



allegedly travelled to Maharashtra and Rajasthan, where he was booked in multiple cheating cases involving the theft of gold jewellery and ornaments.

Officials said that in Nagpur, he was allegedly involved in two cheating cases in November 2025 involving gold ornaments and jewellery. Another case was registered against him in Ajmer, Rajasthan, where he allegedly cheated a senior citizen woman of approximately 10 tolas of gold worth around Rs 40 lakh.

Wanted in several criminal cases, Khan was arrested by a team from DBG Road police station on January 3, 2026, following what police described as an extensive investigation involving the examination of thousands of CCTV footage clips, technical surveillance and field intelligence.

At his instance, police recovered five mobile phones, internet dongles, a car allegedly purchased using proceeds of crime, the bag used in the robbery and other incriminating documents linked to the offences.

Delhi gets relief from heat as IMD issues red alert for thunderstorms, lightning

New Delhi, (GNS) : Delhi woke up to light showers on Monday morning, bringing some respite from the prevailing heat even as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) warned of more intense weather through the day, issuing red and orange alerts for thunderstorms and lightning across large parts of the national capital.

Rain was recorded at several weather stations, though in modest amounts. Palam received 1.3 mm of rainfall, while



Ayanagar recorded 0.6 mm. Lodhi Road reported only a trace of rain.

Despite the showers, minimum temperatures remained above normal in

many parts of the city. According to the IMD, the Safdarjung observatory, Delhi's primary weather station, recorded a minimum temperature of

28.2°C, which was 0.7 degrees above normal for this time of year.

Other parts of the city reported comparatively lower temperatures. Palam recorded a minimum temperature of 25.4°C, while Lodhi Road and Ridge registered 26°C and 25.5°C respectively. Ayanagar recorded a minimum temperature of 26.6°C.

The weather office said light to moderate rain and thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are very likely in several parts of Delhi.

Delhi Traffic cop dies after being hit near Kashmere Gate

New Delhi, (GNS) : A Delhi Traffic Police head constable was killed while on duty after being struck by a scooter and subsequently run over by a goods carrier near ISBT Kashmere Gate in North Delhi on Saturday, the police said.

The deceased has been identified as Head Constable Anil, 39, who was deployed on traffic management duty on Ring Road near ISBT Kashmere Gate.

According to the police, the accident occurred on the carriageway from Shanti Van towards Chandgi Ram Akhara. Anil was regulating traffic when a scooter carrying



three persons allegedly hit him from the Hanuman Mandir side.

The impact threw the officer onto the road, where a goods carrier passing through the stretch ran over him, causing grievous injuries. He was rushed to Sushrut Trauma Centre in Civil Lines in critical con-

dition but succumbed to his injuries despite doctors' efforts.

The police said the scooter rider has been apprehended and further investigation into the incident is underway.

The death of the traffic officer has cast a shadow over the force, highlighting the risks faced by personnel while performing duties on some of the capital's busiest roads. Anil was residing in rented accommodation in Chhatarpur while serving in Delhi. His family lives in Jatganwara village in the Behror area of Rajasthan's Kotputli district.

Amid splits and more splits, calls to review the anti-defection law

New Delhi, (GNS): Recent days and months have witnessed a rising trend of political desertions prompting affected parties to seek the review of India's anti-defection law, popularly known as the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

The saga of defections began on April 24 with seven Aam Aadmi Party members in Rajya Sabha breaking away from the parent legislature party and merging with the BJP -- all in a day.

Then came a stream of defections in Tamil Nadu where several AIADMK MLAs quit the Dravidian outfit to align with the



newly formed Joseph Vijay led TVK which won assembly elections.

Almost simultaneously, the once formidable Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee was hit by a wave of betrayals, first by 58 of her 80 party MLAs in West Bengal and yesterday by 20 of the party's 28 Lok Sabha members in Delhi.

In both cases, the legisla-

ture parties split by two thirds of the original strength and claimed existence as a separate group under the anti-defection law's provisions that a two third split opens doors for recognition as an independent bloc. While the 58 rebel MLAs wrote to the Bengal speaker saying they were the real Trinamool, 20 rebel MPs wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla urging them to be treated as a separate group backing the BJP led NDA in the Lower House.

As these events unfold, there are signs surfacing of a potential split in the Uddhav Thackeray led Shiv Sena UBT too.

With the anti-defection law and its provisions under constant strain, opposition leaders and followers of the law now say the latest absurd developments warrant a review of the controversial legislation.

Two senior lawyers who are both also MPs -- Abhishek Manu Singhvi (of the Congress) and Kapil Sibal (independent MP) have described ongoing developments across parties as inexplicable and against the statutes.

Both say that elected rebels, MLAs or MPs, must resign their seats and seek re-election on the symbol of a party they wish to join.

TMC rebel MP Arup Chakraborty questions leadership after faction merges with NCPI, backs NDA;

New Delhi, (GNS): Amid the political churn triggered by 20 rebel MPs merging with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI) and extending support to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), TMC rebel MP Arup Chakraborty on Monday questioned the Trinamool Congress leadership, saying a political party should not be run by a single person or family.

Defending the decision of the rebel MPs, Chakraborty said, "Was it Didi standing for election, or was it us? Whom did the public vote for? Mamata Banerjee wasn't standing in the elections everywhere. There is no such thing as 'our party'... A party doesn't belong to just one person or household. It belongs to everyone. Why didn't everyone run the party together? Who else is answerable for this? Why are they afraid to call a party meeting?"

He also stressed the need for transparency in politics, saying, "The public is not under anyone's thumb, and politics must be conducted openly and directly; it cannot be done covertly..."

Chakraborty further alleged that West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee was unable to function independently due to pressure from within her family and claimed that the party's decline began after responsibility was handed over to Abhishek Banerjee.

"Mamata Banerjee was not allowed to work happily. She was under family pressure. She was attacked. She suffered injuries... These stories from her house used to spread in the villages..." he said.



Delhi Zoo begins Sunday bird walk initiative

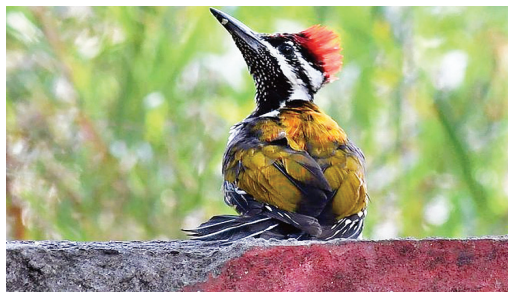
New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Zoo on Sunday launched a citizen science initiative to encourage public participation in bird monitoring and biodiversity conservation through weekly bird-watching sessions within its premises.

The inaugural edition of the 'Sunday Bird Walk - National Zoological Park' was held from 6.30 am to 9.30 am under the guidance of ornithologist Dr Paritosh Ahmad and a team of birding volunteers, according to a statement.

Of the 58 registered applicants, 23 people, including birdwatchers, students, nature enthusiasts and wildlife lovers, took part in the walk. The zoo's director and other officials also took part.

The participants documented 33 bird species and recorded sightings of more than 100 individual birds across different parts of the zoo, the National Zoological Park (NZP), also known as the Delhi Zoo, said in the statement.

It said the initiative has been designed as a citizen science platform to help document avian



diversity while familiarising participants with scientific methods of bird observation, identification and data recording.

Species recorded during the walk included Indian Peafowl, Yellow-footed Green Pigeon, Asian Koel, Painted Stork, Indian Cormorant, Black-crowned Night Heron, White-throated Kingfisher, Brown-headed Barbet, and Rose-ringed Parakeet, among others.

Addressing the participants, Ahmad spoke about bird identification, behaviour and ecological significance. He highlighted the role of birds in maintaining ecological balance through activities such as seed dispersal, pollination, pest control and ecosystem monitoring.

Fire breaks out at kidney hospital in Delhi's Dabri, brought under control

New Delhi, (GNS): According to the Delhi Fire Service, a call regarding the incident was received at around 10:25 PM. Following the alert, fire tenders were rushed to the spot, and firefighters immediately launched efforts to contain the blaze.

The fire department said that the fire originated in an electrical box located on the ground floor of the hospital premises. Fire personnel managed to bring the situation under control within a short span of time, preventing the fire from spreading further inside the building.

Officials said timely intervention by the fire-fighting teams helped avert a major incident. The exact cause of the fire is yet to be



ascertained, though preliminary information indicates that the blaze was confined to the electrical box.

There was also no immediate information regarding damage to hospital property or disruption of medical services.

Fire department officials continued to assess

the situation. Further details are awaited.

In an earlier Malviya Nagar fire incident case, Delhi's fire safety infrastructure has once again come under intense scrutiny following a devastating blaze at the Flourish Stays Bed and Breakfast, which claimed 21 lives and left 25

others injured.

Several foreign nationals were reportedly among the victims, making it one of the deadliest fire tragedies in the capital in recent years.

The incident has reignited concerns over fire safety compliance across hotels, guest houses, commercial establishments, and residential buildings in the national capital.

According to data from the Delhi Government and the Delhi Fire Service (DFS), more than 500 people lost their lives in fire-related incidents between 2019 and March 21, 2026. Thousands more sustained injuries during the same period.

MCD ward committee elections to be announced soon; delay in formation of standing committee impacts development work

New Delhi, (GNS): Elections for the 12 ward committees of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) could be announced any time this week. The MCD had previously changed the dates for these elections twice, and then postponed them indefinitely.

Citing the end of the Adhik Maas (adhimasa), corporation officials are calling for elections after June 15th. The MCD has a provision for annually electing chairmen and deputy chairmen of ward committees and the Standing Committee. These elections were scheduled for 2023 after the MCD's unification, but the AAP government did not form



these committees due to fears of losing power over the Standing Committee. The matter subsequently went to the Supreme Court.

In 2024, these elections were held with the approval of the LG, in defiance of the mayor's orders, and the deputy commissioners of the zones were appointed as presiding officers. This time, many councillors are hoping to

become chairman and deputy chairman of ward committees when their turn comes.

The committee elections were to be held first on May 23 and then on May 29.

The BJP holds a majority in eight of the 12 ward committees. The party is working to elect chairmen and deputy chairmen in two zones. It's worth noting that the MCD originally scheduled elections for the 12 ward committees for May 23rd. This was later postponed to May 29th. These elections were subsequently postponed indefinitely. It's now expected that the election results will be announced soon.

The term of the MCD's

ward committees and standing committee ends on March 31st of each year, but the chairman, deputy chairman, and members remain in office until new elections are held. Therefore, whenever these committees meet after April 1st, there is a provision for holding elections.

The committees' tenure is about to end two and a half months ago. Therefore, these committees are unable to meet. This is making it difficult for councilors to resolve local problems. Furthermore, due to the lack of a crucial committee like the Standing Committee, development projects are also being stalled.

Man stabbed to death in Delhi park over altercation; 3 juveniles arrested

New Delhi, (GNS): A man was allegedly stabbed to death following an altercation at a park in east Delhi's Kondli area on Sunday. Police have apprehended three juveniles in connection with the incident.

According to police, a PCR call was received at 12.03am reporting a person lying injured at DDA Park in Kondli, under the Mayur Vihar Phase-III area, news agency PTI reported.

The victim was rushed to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.

"During the investigation, it emerged that the deceased had visited the park on Saturday evening with two friends. Around 11.30pm, while they were leaving, a minor collision allegedly led to a heated argument between the victim and three youths," a police officer said.

The dispute soon escalated into violence, during which the youths allegedly attacked the victim with a sharp-edged weapon, stabbing him multiple times before fleeing the spot, PTI reported.

Crime and forensic teams inspected the scene, and an FIR was registered based on eyewitness accounts, police said. The three juveniles allegedly involved in the incident were later identified and apprehended.



Delhi Police unveil weekly 'Thana Divas' for public grievances

New Delhi, (GNS): In a bid to enhance police accessibility and improve grievance redressal, Delhi Police has announced the launch of a weekly 'Thana Divas-Jan Sunwai' programme at all police stations across the Capital. The initiative, introduced on the directions of Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu, will be held every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm. It aims to provide citizens with a dedicated platform to lodge complaints, seek assistance and



share suggestions relating to policing and public safety.

According to a circular issued by Police Commissioner Satish Golchha, the programme will

commence next week and will be conducted regularly at every police station in the city.

Under the new system, members of the public will be able to present grievances directly before police officials, regardless of whether their complaints have been registered on the Integrated Complaint Monitoring System (ICMS). Complaints received during the hearings will subsequently be uploaded to the system for follow-up action.

To ensure accountability and timely resolution, senior officers ranging from Special Commissioners of Police to Assistant Commissioners of Police will attend the hearings on a rotational basis. Their presence is expected to facilitate quicker decision-making and bolster public confidence in the grievance redressal mechanism.

The circular mandates police stations to maintain separate records of grievances received during the hearings and ensure time-

bound inquiries and disposal. Pending complaints will be periodically reviewed by ACPs and Deputy Commissioners of Police.

Station House Officers (SHOs) have been directed to create a citizen-friendly environment during the hearings by providing proper seating arrangements and dedicated assistance desks.

The Commissioner of Police has instructed district units to widely publicise the initiative through social media, Resident Welfare

Associations (RWAs), Market Welfare Associations (MWAs), police station notice boards and beat officers to encourage maximum participation.

Officials confirmed that district DCPs, ACPs and SHOs will be personally responsible for implementing the programme and ensuring effective grievance redressal. Any negligence, undue delay or casual handling of complaints will be taken seriously.