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# Monsoon Stalled Over Telangana for Six Days

Chhattisgarh May Receive Rain in 3-4 Days; Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh May Wait a Week

**Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow/Patna(GNS):**The southwest monsoon has remained stalled over Bhadrachalam in Telangana for the past six days, delaying rainfall in Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Madhya Pradesh. Several regions have experienced a return of hot weather.

Dr. Pankaj Kumar, a member of the Hydrometry Team of the World Meteorological Organization, said Chhattisgarh



could receive the monsoon within three to four days, while Madhya Pradesh may have to wait about a week.

He added that rainfall activity is likely to improve by the end of the week. According to him, the delay is not due to a shortage of moisture over the seas but because of an unusual pattern in the upper atmospheric winds, known as the jet stream. This year, the jet stream has shifted farther south than normal,

affecting the monsoon's progress.

**Arabian Sea Monsoon Also Stuck**

Monsoon winds advancing from the Arabian Sea have also remained stalled since June 8. As a result, they have been unable to push the monsoon further inland from Telangana towards Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, owing to insufficient atmospheric pressure.



## U.S. and Iran Digitally Sign Peace Deal

Formal Agreement on June 19  
U.S. May Pay Iran Compensation Worth 28 Lakh Crore

**Tel Aviv/Tehran/Washington D.C.(GNS):** U.S. President Donald Trump has claimed that an agreement between the United States and Iran has been finalized and that a formal signing ceremony will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, on Friday. Trump said the American delegation would be led by Vice President J.D. Vance.

According to The New York Times, a U.S. official said that Trump, J.D. Vance, and Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf have already digitally signed the agreement. However, the full draft of the accord has not yet been made public. Trump said the document would be released after the formal signing ceremony.

Media reports claim that the two countries have prepared a 14-point preliminary framework, which will undergo further technical-level discussions. Some reports also suggest that Iran could receive an economic assistance package worth nearly ₹28 lakh crore, although there has been no official confirmation.

**Iran: Future Talks to Be Held in Two Phases**  
Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said that post-agreement negotiations between the two countries would take place in two stages.

The first phase will focus on the Strait of Hormuz, the U.S. naval blockade, and reconstruction-related issues.

The second phase, expected to last 60 days, will address key matters such as Iran's nuclear programme and sanctions relief.

### High Court Orders Fresh Probe Team in RG Kar Case; Victim's Father Welcomes Decision

**Kolkata(GNS):**The High Court has ordered the formation of a new Special Investigation Team (SIT) within the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital case. The victim's father, Shekhar Ranjan Debnath, welcomed the decision and criticised the functioning of the earlier investigation team.

Speaking to the media on Monday, Debnath said the judiciary was not satisfied with the previous investigation. He noted that the High Court had now constituted a fresh SIT because the earlier CBI team had failed to conduct the investigation effectively.

According to him, the Sealdah Court had previously observed that the investigation team had made little substantial progress, and the High Court had reached a similar conclusion before directing the formation of a new team.

Meanwhile, a seven-member CBI team visited RG Kar Medical College on Monday and held a high-level meeting with hospital officials. As part of the ongoing investigation, a CBI officer also inspected the principal's office and examined documents and evidence related to the case.

## Report: AI Could Affect 22% of Jobs by 2030

40% of Companies Prefer Candidates with Degrees Plus AI Skills; China Drops 12,000 Courses and Launches AI Programmes

**New Delhi(GNS):** A major transformation is underway in India in fields such as information technology, law, commerce, translation, design, and library science. Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools have either eliminated or significantly reduced the need for many jobs for which millions of students earn degrees every year.

Human resources firm TeamLease says that 40% of companies now consider "hybrid skills"—a combination of academic qualifications and proficiency in AI tools—as essential. According to NASSCOM's 2024 report, 82% of BCA and MCA graduates in India have not received formal training in AI technologies.



## Modi met Trump after 16 months

The two spoke for five minutes at the G-7 summit; Meloni told Modi, "We're the most famous on Instagram"

**New Delhi/Avian, (GNS):** PM Modi and US President Trump met during the G-7 summit in Evian, France. The two spoke for about five minutes. They were seen sitting together during the meeting.

This meeting took place after 16 months. The Prime Minister and the US President were also seen sitting together at the G7 outreach session. The two last met in February 2025 at the White House.



Upon his arrival in Evian for the G-7 summit on Tuesday afternoon, Modi was welcomed by French President Emmanuel Macron. The heads of state of the G-7 countries also posed for a group photo.

Meanwhile, Modi and Italian PM Giorgia Meloni also spoke. Meloni told Modi, "It's nice to meet again. We're the most famous on Instagram."

## Jaipur to Display Numbers of Vehicles with Pending Traffic Challans on LED Screens

AI Cameras Detect Offenders in 12 Seconds; Mercedes Found with Eight Pending Challans

**Jaipur(GNS):**Jaipur has introduced a new traffic enforcement initiative under which registration numbers of vehicles with pending challans will be displayed on large LED screens installed at major intersections. The pilot project began four days ago at Rambagh Circle.

Artificial Intelligence (AI)-powered cameras monitor vehicles passing through the

intersection and identify those with unpaid challans. Within 12 seconds, the vehicle number is displayed on the LED screen.

Traffic police personnel then stop the vehicle, inform the owner about the pending fines, and advise immediate payment. If the dues remain unpaid, the vehicle may be seized during subsequent checks.

The AI-based Smart Vehicle Challan Detection System was

introduced on a trial basis and has already identified a large number of vehicles with outstanding penalties. Drivers are encouraged to clear their dues, while those without pending challans receive a message of appreciation.

A dedicated control room for the project has been established at Yadgar near Ajmeri Gate.

Joint Initiative The system has been



launched by Rajasthan Police in collaboration with Eva Bharat, Crashfree Media, and Cars24. Officials say the project represents an important step toward creating a smart and digitally connected urban infrastructure.

The LED screens at Rambagh Circle display the registration numbers of vehicles with pending challans in real time.

# Trump's yes, Netanyahu's no, Iran's applause

(Sanat Jain)

Peace talks between Iran and the United States have been successful, and the agreement is now expected to be signed on Friday. This agreement has received a positive response from countries around the world. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has expressed his disapproval, engulfing the Iran-US agreement in controversy even before it's signed. It seems that Saturn, Rahu, and Ketu are currently casting their wrath on US President Donald Trump, causing the opposite of what he envisions to happen. The influence of time and space per-

vades the entire universe, which is why the President of the world's most powerful nation, the United States, is facing this fate. He has made numerous attempts to get out of the war with Iran, lying more than 40 times. Yet, he remains unable to escape the horrors of this war. Even at the recent G7 summit, he didn't receive the support he had hoped for from his allies. Just like in Nikah, the girl is asked whether she is ready for the marriage or not, on this occasion a Qazi is present, if the girl says yes, then Qazi sahib performs the Nikah ceremony. Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has not

been able to say yes to the agreement of US President Donald Trump. This is the reason that all the efforts made by President Donald Trump for the peace agreement seem to be futile. Israeli Prime Minister said that Israel is an independent nation and this agreement cannot be implemented on it. Israel is not a slave of America. By saying this, he has publicly expressed his intense process.

US President Donald Trump is currently experiencing a very bad planetary situation. He is being betrayed by his own trusted people. In such a situation, Donald Trump is at a loss as

to what he should do. A country like Iran, which has been subjected to various sanctions by the US and European countries for the past 47 years, has been enduring every sanction. It has never attacked anyone. Neither US President Donald Trump nor any other country in the world imagined that it would fight against the US like this. Neither the US nor Israel imagined that the war that began in February would end in this form. Iran has struck a deal in this entire dispute. US President Donald Trump wants to shift the responsibility of returning all of Iran's seized assets and confiscated funds to the

Gulf countries. Having failed to protect the Arab countries, the US is now trying to protect itself by collaborating with Iran. It is even being said that the UAE has reached an agreement with Iran. In such a situation, Iran's fortunes have turned. The suffering endured by the Iranian people for the past four decades is now on the verge of ending. Iran's good days have now begun. Israel's bad days are just beginning. The devastation caused in Israel by this war is no secret. Donald Trump and Netanyahu are seeing the exact opposite results of what they envisioned. Both America and Israel have lost

their minds; when they should have made a joint decision, they have turned against each other. This is sure to harm both.

The massacre perpetrated by Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu in Palestine and Gaza, where women and children were also brutally killed, seems to be falling upon Donald Trump and Netanyahu. Even their gods are no longer helping them. It seems both are now reaping the rewards of their actions. However, while Iran seems to be seeing better days, this conflict is also sending a message to the entire world: excess is forbidden everywhere.

## Editorial

### Peace with peace: On preventive detentions

In Chander Pal Singh, a matter involving preventive proceedings, the Allahabad High Court has simultaneously addressed a part of the criminal justice system that often receives less attention than ordinary criminal proceedings and the more overbearing reality of mechanisms designed to avert disturbances having gradually become instruments to deprive people of liberty. The state has the power to intervene before a crime occurs if it is reasonably apprehensive that a person is a threat to public order. However, it has acquired a habit of exercising that power routinely, resulting in detentions without any substantive criminal charge. The High Court's order was based, the Bench said, on a "highly irresponsible" deprivation of personal liberties in Uttar Pradesh, where police officers and executive magistrates were using preventive powers to incarcerate individuals on the basis of arguably minor apprehensions. In Chander Pal Singh as well, the petitioner, a physically challenged Dalit advocate, had been arrested over a petty dispute with a neighbour. The Bench said that between May 2025 and April 2026, around 2,500 people were reportedly subjected to preventive detention proceedings in Ghaziabad, despite a 2021 State policy to guide the exercise of such powers.

The guidelines in response are commendable; if implemented appropriately, they could reduce the use of preventive incarceration in neighbourhood and property disputes; require executive magistrates to justify their decisions; encourage constitutional challenges to unlawful preventive detention; and generate appellate scrutiny of the compensation framework. They may also snap at the heels of magistrates who cite unspecified "communal tensions" to jail protesters and who impose prohibitively unaffordable bonds for release. Further, even if the ruling does not directly impinge on the detention of activist Sonam Waghchuk under the NSA, it critiques the idea of using the excuse of maintaining peace to silence dissent and reminds the state that it still has a responsibility to maintain peace with peace.

(Sanjay Goswami)

The Ram Temple was built in Ayodhya after 500 years, and Samajwadi Party leader Mr. Akhilesh Yadav has alleged embezzlement of crores of rupees from donated property. The matter is now generating a tense atmosphere. Two accused have been arrested so far, and lakhs of rupees have been recovered from them. As the matter escalated, the investigation was intensified. Senior BJP leader and veteran Ram Janmabhoomi movement leader Vinay Katiyar has now joined the ranks of leaders expressing concern. Speaking to reporters at his home on Sunday, Katiyar said that if the trustees themselves are found to be involved in the irregularities, then the purpose of the temple project is defeated. Katiyar said that after the Prime Minister's intervention, an SIT has been formed in this matter and now the truth will be revealed. Temple trustee Champat is being put in the dock. Among those being accused are Trust General Secretary Champat Rai, Trustee Dr. Anil Mishra, and campus administrator Gopal Rao, who are said to be responsible for the temple's management. According to the information, on June 7, during the counting of offerings, an employee was seen hiding a bundle of notes in the CCTV. All this attention is not on Lord Ram but on the money that someone might have donated. Now if you fight amongst yourselves on this issue, then others will make fun of your religion, this will break the faith in the name of Ram. Ram is God, if someone donates crores then he will be happy, it is not like that at all, he gives

himself the strength to stay within the limits towards service, after all, why did he give it? Lord Ram, who is running the world, must be in need of money, it would have been meaningful if he had distributed this money among the poor. Well, as far as stealing money is concerned, where will he go with the money in the end, it is all going to remain here, hence one should avoid disputes on this. Be wise, help others in their sorrow and try to be a human being. The true devotee of Lord Ram would not be here but somewhere in solitude meditating on him. When Lord Ram came to Ayodhya after defeating Ravana, Shri Ram defeated the King of Lanka, Ravana, with the help of Hanumanji. And after winning the war, he returned to Ayodhya with Sita, Lakshmana, Hanuman, and his other companions. When he became the king of Ayodhya, Sita requested him to give something as a token of thanks to all those who had helped him win the war. Sita offered everyone something precious. Now it was Hanuman's turn. Shri Ram smiled and said, "What gift will you give Hanuman? His selfless service and devotion are invaluable." Sita nevertheless offered Hanuman one of her pearl necklaces. Hanuman broke each pearl with his teeth, examined it, and threw it to the ground. Sita asked Hanuman, "Why did you do this, Hanuman? Did you not like this necklace?" "That's not true, Mother, but this gift is of no use to me. Because I don't see my Lord Rama in it. If there is no Rama in the pearls, then their value to me is like dust." "So, do

you have Rama in you?" Sita Mata asked. As soon as Sita Mata said this, Hanumanji ripped open his chest and showed everyone the image of Ram and Sita residing in his heart. Just as Hanumanji did not perform the work of Shri Ram for the sake of a gift, but because he found joy in serving Shri Ram. Similarly, no one should be tempted by anything. A true devotee of Lord Ram is a celibate because his love is for Ram. Many incidents are before you, from Ram Rahim to Asaram Bapu, who used to preach the lesson of celibacy, today broke that rule and fell under the influence of lust and are now in jail by court order. So, who knows how many such babas will be there who, under the guise of religion, will tell you lies and tell you something. Are they also in the same trap? The biggest lesson to learn from Lord Ram is that it is important to speak the truth and not resort to lies. Otherwise, to avoid one lie, you will have to tell a thousand lies, and your sleep will be disturbed and your health will be adversely affected. We believe in serving Ram, truth, and love. On one hand, you will have the trap of material things, and then you get trapped because You do not have the capability to live for him and die for him and until you are not free from the bondage of lust, you even do wrong things for him. You do not realize that you leave your parents who brought you up alone in their old age because you love your wife and want to be engrossed in lust with her so that you can enjoy with her. That is why even after worshipping Lord Ram a million

times, you do not see his light. When you see it, then you will wish to merge in it because it is so bright that Bali got salvation and when Goswami Tulsidas ji gave up his attachment to women, then he wrote Ram Charitra Manas and told the world the teachings of Lord Ram in Hindi because it saves you from trouble, you know the difference between right and wrong. If you see it, then you will want to merge into it because it is so bright that Bali attained salvation and when Goswami Tulsidas ji gave up his attachment to women, he wrote Ram Charitra Manas and told the world the teachings of Lord Ram in Hindi because it saves you from trouble and you know the difference between right and wrong. If you see it, then you will want to merge into it because it is so bright that Bali attained salvation and when Goswami Tulsidas ji gave up his attachment to women, he wrote Ram Charitra Manas and told the world the teachings of Lord Ram in Hindi because it saves you from trouble and you know the difference between right and wrong.

Once my father broke his hand due to slipping. I immediately reached Patna from Mumbai. When I saw my father there, he was groaning in pain. Someone said with great confidence that this doctor is very good. My father believed him and when we went to the doctor, my mother was also there. One of my mother's sons had come for the treatment of his mother's broken hand. She was groaning a lot. Later, her son told me that my brother, influenced by the

woman, had beaten my mother and broken her hand. I felt very sad that what did my mother do that she is so bent on taking my life. She must have a worthless child. There are not just one but many such cases nowadays which you must have seen during the Corona period. Look, the first God is the one above and if there is any other God then it is your parents. Do not get angry at whatever they say, otherwise after leaving this world, you will suffer a lot. Who is right and who is wrong, this can be known only by meditating on Lord Ram and for meditating on Lord Ram, you will have to follow the rule of Brahmanarchas. The literal meaning of Brahmanarchas is the brilliance or divine aura of Brahma. One who has banished lust from his mind can follow the law of Brahmanarchas, which in spirituality, is the supreme self-strength, sattvic energy, and wisdom that a seeker attains through rigorous austerity and a pure lifestyle. Lord Rama Now, a Brahmachari is one who practices purity and restraint at the physical, mental, and spiritual levels. Brahmacharya is not merely about not marrying or abstaining from lust, but it is a complete lifestyle, which Lord Rama adopted. A true Brahmachari does not have lustful or sensual thoughts in his mind. He controls lust and controls all the senses (eyes, ears, nose, tongue, skin). A Brahmachari protects his semen or life-energy, which keeps his body and mind extremely energetic. Sattvic diet: He avoids excessively spicy, fried, and stimulating foods. His diet is sattvic and controlled.

# Balasaheb Deoras: A life dedicated to the service of society and the nation

(Hemendra Kshirsagar)

Balasaheb Deoras's name, Balasaheb, was a nickname given to him affectionately by his family and close associates, a combination of his real name, Madhukar Dattatreya Deoras. Balasaheb is a popular Marathi term used for young boys or loved ones. It reflects his friendly and affectionate nature. Born on December 11, 1915, in Nagpur, Balasaheb Deoras was the eighth child of Parvatibai and Krishnarao Deoras. In 1925, Balasaheb began attending the branch. His family permanently settled in Karanja, a village near Amgaon in Balaghat district, Madhya Pradesh. The Bal-Bhau Deoras Trust operates in this sacred land, dedicated to the memory, service, and dedication of

Balasaheb. The Trust organizes public welfare programs in the areas of economic development, agricultural promotion and training, women's savings group training centers, horticulture training programs, dairy business training programs, and health care camps in the education and health sectors.

Anupam Saraswati Shishu Mandir

During his childhood, he received his entire education in Nagpur. He received his early education at the New English School. He received his BA from Morris College in 1935, majoring in Sanskrit and Philosophy. Two years later, he passed his law exams. After graduating, he taught at the Orphan Student Colony for two years. He was then entrusted with the respon-

sibility of City Secretary in Nagpur. In 1965, he was appointed Sarkaryavah, a position he held until June 6, 1973. After the demise of Shri Guruji, he assumed the responsibility of the third Sarsanghchalak of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). During his tenure, the RSS's work took a new direction. He emphasized service, resulting in the launch of thousands of service programs in the tribal areas of the country, including North Eastern Uttar Pradesh. Balasaheb Deoras dedicated his life to serving society and the nation. The Saraswati Shishu Mandir scheme, a pioneer in the field of education, is a unique contribution of Balasaheb Deoras.

The attitude of distance from fame

Dedicated, Balasaheb was recalled from Calcutta in 1940 due to Doctorji's deteriorating health. The Nagpur branch was primarily responsible for sending pracharaks to various locations across the country. Balasaheb handled this responsibility adeptly, preparing volunteers for the task and assigning whom to whom. Under Doctorji's guidance, Guruji immersed himself completely in RSS work between 1937 and 1940. He initiated the national anthem, question-answer sessions, and other activities held at the branch. Pictures of Mother India, Dr. Hedgewar, and Shri Guruji are displayed at RSS events. After Balasaheb became the third Sarsanghchalak of the RSS in 1973, some people began displaying his

picture as well, but he stopped them. This is a vivid example of his tendency to avoid publicity.

New dimensions in Sangh work

He bravely faced the ban imposed on the RSS in 1975. He remained in jail in Pune for the entire duration of the Emergency; but through Satyagraha and then elections, the RSS succeeded in this challenge of freeing the country from Indira Gandhi's dictatorship. Despite suffering from diabetes, he continued this responsibility until 1994. During this period, he added many new dimensions to RSS work. The most important of these was the service work carried out in poor settlements. This halted the ongoing religious conversion process there.

# After Vikas Marg, traffic police plans another signal-free corridor in east Delhi

**New Delhi, (GNS):** After easing congestion on Vikas Marg, Delhi Traffic Police is working on creating another signal-free corridor in east Delhi by shutting down three major traffic lights on Swami Dayanand Marg.

The stretch is among east Delhi's key arterial roads, carrying heavy traffic in Shahdara, Krishna Nagar, Gandhi Nagar, Anand Vihar and Karkardooma. The corridor also acts as a major feeder route to Vikas Marg through Karkari Mor and other connecting junctions, providing a major link for commuters travelling towards ITO, central Delhi, Akshardham and Noida.

The traffic police plans to make an around four-km stretch between Keshav Chowk and Jagatpuri signal-free by removing signals at Bihari Colony, East Azad Nagar,



Krishna Nagar and near Swarn Cinema.

"A trial has started at Bihari Colony. At East Azad Nagar and Krishna Nagar, Delhi Jal Board is laying underground sewer lines and the work is expected to be completed by June 30. The Krishna Nagar junction is also being studied because of uneven road levels before the final traffic arrangement is put in place," a traffic cop said. The plan is

likely to be implemented over a month, he added.

Keshav Chowk, one of the major choke points, handles traffic from three busy directions. Vehicles arrive here from the Shahdara-GT Road side towards Mandi, from the Bhajanpura side through a U-turn and from Jafrabad. During peak hours, these streams often pile up at the signal, resulting in long queues and delays.

The problem continues

further along Swami Dayanand Marg. "There are nearly 39 openings and merging points between Karkari Mor and Bihari Colony. Every time vehicles need to turn at signals, through traffic has to be stopped, slowing movement across the entire stretch," said the officer.

To support the plan, Public Works Department, on the recommendation of the traffic police, is working to create U-turns.

## Delhi University postgraduate admission 2026 1st merit list out; 11,548 seats offered across 74 courses

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The University of Delhi (DU) has released the first round of seat allocations for its postgraduate programmes, offering seats to 11,548 candidates across various categories.

The Round 1 allocations were made live on Monday for 74 postgraduate programmes. Seats have been allocated under the Unreserved (UR), Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), Other Backward Classes-Non Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL), Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), Kashmiri Migrants (KM), Single Girl Child (SGC) and Orphan categories.

According to the university, candidates allotted seats in the first round can accept their allocations until June 17. The deadline for payment of admission fees is June 19.

DU said admissions to performance-based programmes, including MA Music, Master of Physical Education (MPed),



Bachelor of Physical Education (BPed) and Master of Fine Arts (MFA), as well as admissions under the CW and Sports categories, will be conducted along with the third round of admissions.

Candidates who have applied to these programmes have been advised to visit the websites of the respective departments for details regarding auditions, performance tests and other admission-related schedules.

The postgraduate admission process is being conducted through the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS-PG) based on candidates' CUET-PG scores and programme-specific eligibility criteria.

## Cultural exchange and diplomacy converge at Russia Day celebrations

**New Delhi, (GNS):** With friends and colleagues from the diplomatic circle in attendance, the Embassy of Russia celebrated Russia Day with an evening of speeches, music, and dancing. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri attended the event as the chief guest for the second consecutive year. While the formal event highlighted the enduring ties between India and Russia, the mood turned festive as the Moscow-based Stilyagi band got guests onto the dance floor. The reception concluded with a display of fireworks.

AAP KA HAARDIK SWAGAT HAI: RUSSIAN



AMBASSADOR WELCOMES GUESTS IN FLUENT HINDI

Starting his speech in Hindi, Russian Ambassador Denis Alipov impressed the audience with his crisp pronunciation and effortless delivery, navigating even diffi-

cult words with ease. He said, "Roos ke rasthriya divas ke avsar pe aap sabhi ka main haardik swagat aur abhinandan karta hoon ... Russia Day symbolises the more than a thousand-year continuity of the Russian state, the unity and cohesion of our

multinational nation, and its heroic heritage, unique identity and enduring cultural and traditional values, which form the foundation of our sovereignty and progress."

Reflecting on current global developments, he added, "The world is undergoing what may be the most significant structural transformation in modern history. We are witnessing a shift from a hierarchical system that benefited only a limited number of states to a multipolar world order that is more complex but also more just and balanced. This transformation is irreversible, though not without challenges.

## Rain lashes parts of Delhi-NCR more thunderstorms likely:

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Light rain was recorded in parts of Delhi on Tuesday morning, with the minimum temperature settling at 25.7 degrees celsius, 1.8 notches below normal.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said moderate to severe thunderstorm activity accompanied by lightning and squally winds exceeding 60 kmph is likely over Punjab, Haryana, Delhi and adjoining western Uttar Pradesh during the next two to three hours.

According to weather experts, the rainfall was triggered by a cyclonic circulation over central Pakistan and adjoining areas, creating favourable conditions for precipitation across north-west India, including the Delhi-NCR region.

The weather office said minimum temperatures remained



below normal across the capital.

Palam recorded a minimum temperature of 24 degrees celsius, 3.8 degrees below normal, while Lodhi Road registered 23.6 degrees celsius, 4.4 degrees below normal.

Ridge recorded 23 degrees Celsius, 3.8 degrees below normal, and Ayanagar logged 23.6 degrees celsius, 2.3 degrees below normal.

According to the IMD, the maximum temperature is expected to settle around 38 degrees celsius during the day.

## LG wants floodplain work to be fast-tracked

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Lieutenant governor TS Sandhu reviewed the progress of DDA's Yamuna rejuvenation programme, 23% of which has been completed, according to official estimates.

The LG asked officials to fast-track projects related to the floodplain after being told during a review last week that restoration and riverfront development was over on nearly 1,700 hectares of the floodplain, which spans 9,700 hectares. DDA's current task is to restore and rejuvenate 7,362 of the 9,700 hectares. The latest official estimate of work completion shows that about 23% of the floodplain has been restored.

Around 88,574 metric tonnes of construction and demolition waste and 4,998 metric tonnes of municipal solid waste have been removed to check flooding in the monsoon. Nearly 1,425 acres have been reclaimed, restored and secured from encroachment.

Officials said 35 wetlands with a cumulative water holding capacity of nearly 1,420 million litres have been developed along the river corridor. "These wetlands are expected to strengthen groundwater recharge, enhance biodiversity and improve the floodplain's natural capacity to absorb and moderate flood impacts," an



official said.

The restoration included the planting of over 7 lakh native trees and more than 10 million riverine grasses and wetland species.

The LG also reviewed progress at several ecological destinations developed along the river corridor, including Asita, Baansera, Amrut Biodiversity Park, Yamuna Vanasthali, Kalindi Aviral and Yamuna Vatika.

In the meeting, the LG emphasised the revival of 32 historic ghats along the Yamuna Bazar stretch.

Officials told the LG that the Yamuna Bazar revitalisation project is being taken forward in coordination with multiple agencies. He directed departments to expedite approvals and complete preparatory activities to enable phased commencement of restoration and redevelopment within the next six months.

## Delhi HC gives interim relief to Race Course slum dwellers; no demolition till July 1

**New Delhi, (GNS):** Delhi High Court Monday offered interim relief to slum dwellers facing eviction from the Race Course clusters, directing authorities not to demolish the homes of residents who have not accepted alternative accommodation until July 1.

"If they have not voluntarily relocated, you cannot touch them till July 1," a vacation bench of Justices Tejas Karia and Madhu Jain orally observed, while hearing



an urgent appeal by residents of Bhai Ram Camp, DID Camp and Masjid Camp.

The petition challenged a single-judge order refusing to halt the eviction from the area, which

also houses the Prime Minister's official residence. Counsel for the residents said demolition was carried out Sunday despite an earlier assurance that no coercive steps would be taken while the issue of rehabilitation remained under consideration.

The Centre's counsel argued the drive was in line with the high court's latest order and noted that a plea for a stay on coercive action had earlier been rejected. He

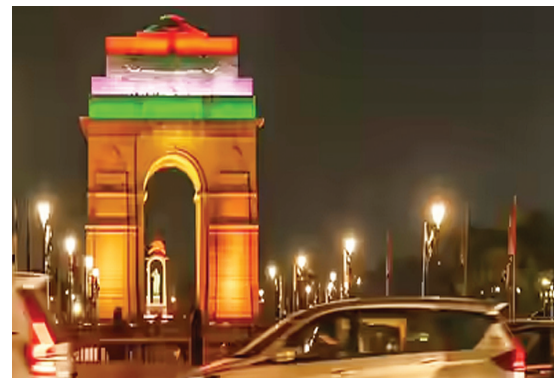
added that those who have accepted alternative accommodation cannot continue to claim possession of their houses in the JJ clusters and that the authorities have complied with HC's directions on providing facilities in the alternative accommodation.

The court said rehabilitation was only for those willing to relocate voluntarily and that "one cannot claim two accommodations", reserving its order.

## 2.3 crore and counting: Census reveals Delhi's biggest population zones and changing family story

**New Delhi, (GNS):** The first phase of Census in Delhi, which concluded Sunday, has revealed that 2.3 crore people live in the capital, 37.5% more than the number (1.7 crore) in the last count conducted in 2011. North East Delhi, with 28.7 lakh residents, is the city's most populated district while New Delhi has the fewest people at 2.4 lakh.

The total number of households in the city has risen by nearly 60% to 55 lakh, from 34 lakh in 2011, showing a much higher rate of growth



than the population. This points to a steady decline in the average family

size, with nuclear families and single-person households becoming more common across the city, an official said.

South West Delhi, with 25 lakh residents, is the second most populous district, followed by West Delhi at 24.4 lakh. The three districts together account for around 34% of Delhi's population. East Delhi has a population of 21.6 lakh, followed by South East Delhi (22.7 lakh), North West Delhi (19.1 lakh) and South Delhi (20.5 lakh).

# Rates to come down as NDMC soon shifts to single property tax system

**New Delhi, (GNS):** New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) is planning to roll out a comprehensive property tax assessment system based on the unit area method (UAM) within the next three months.

The council has sent the bylaws outlining the implementation process to the Union home ministry for notification. The bylaws were framed following amendments to NDMC Act 1994, notified in May 2026 under Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2026.

Around 7% of the properties in the NDMC areas continue to be assessed under the older rateable value



method, while the remaining properties are already covered under UAM, resulting in two parallel taxation systems.

Officials said the reform was likely to reduce the upper property tax slab from 30% to 20% while enabling broader

rationalisation of the taxation structure. Tax rates are expected to range between 10% and 20% of the annual value of properties.

"Once the bylaws are notified, a municipal valuation committee (MVC) will be constituted to recommend the parameters on the basis of which property tax will be calculated. Since most NDMC areas enjoy upscale civic infrastructure, various factors may be considered while determining tax liabilities," an official said.

After the valuation formula is finalised, objections and suggestions will be invited from the public. A hardship and anomaly committee will

also be formed to address grievances related to property tax assessments and the new methodology.

"Property owners who have not paid taxes can take advantage of the new system once it is implemented, likely by the end of the year," an official said.

However, residents and traders remain sceptical about the timeline. "MVC itself takes months to finalise the formula, and thereafter, public objections and grievances will have to be addressed," said a trader.

Officials said earlier attempts to fully introduce UAM couldn't be successful as NDMC Act mandated

assessment based on annual rental value, calling for amendments to the parent legislation.

"The reform will reduce disputes, improve transparency and bring greater predictability to tax liabilities. It will also eliminate what is described as the pre-Independence-era 'property tax inspector raj'," said an official.

NDMC collected Rs 1,396.8 crore in property tax during 2025-26, registering a growth of 34.2% over the previous financial year. For 2026-27, the council has set a target of Rs 1,290 crore as it plans to switch fully to the standardised UAM system.

## Patients evacuated after fire breaks out at Dabri hospital

**New Delhi, (GNS):** About 10-15 patients were safely evacuated after a fire broke out in the electricity meter and panel of a five-storey private kidney hospital in southwest Delhi's Dabri on Sunday night.

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

By the time emergency responders arrived, the blaze had been brought under control by hospital staff using fire extin-

guishers. Patients were evacuated by the hospital administration with assistance from security guards and residents.

Police said security personnel deployed at the rear side of the hospital rushed to assist in the evacuation efforts. Residents also broke open a locked rear gate with a hammer to create an additional exit route and facilitate the evacuation of patients and staff.

The fire was completely doused by 10.40pm. No injuries or casualties were reported in the incident. According to a local resident, "People were panicking and running around. The back gate was locked from inside. I rushed upstairs to get a hammer and handed it to other locals.

## Woman killed in domestic dispute; husband arrested in Gurugram

**New Delhi, (GNS):** A domestic dispute over cooking food turned fatal in Gurugram after a man allegedly beat his wife to death with a rolling pin when she refused to prepare a meal, police said on Monday.

The accused, identified as Saheb Shahni, was arrested within hours of the incident from Sector 92, Gurugram. The victim, Meena Devi, was a native of Chainpur village in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district. The couple had been living in a 'jhuggi' near Kidzee School in Sector 92.

According to police, the incident came to light on Sunday when the Sector 93



police post received information via the control room that a woman had been murdered in a slum cluster near Kidzee School. A police team immediately rushed to the scene and

found the woman lying dead with multiple head injuries. The area was cordoned off and a Scene of Crime team was called in to collect evidence. The body was later taken to a

mortuary in Gurugram for a post-mortem examination. During the investigation, police identified the deceased as Meena Devi and launched a search for her husband. Acting swiftly, officers arrested Shahni from Sector 92 later the same day. During preliminary questioning, the accused allegedly confessed that an argument broke out between the couple on the night of June 14-15 over cooking food. Police said Shahni told investigators that the dispute escalated after his wife refused to cook, following which he repeatedly struck her on the head with a rolling pin.

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