



PM Modi Visits President Murmu's Native Village on Her Birthday

Bhubaneswar(GNS):Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his one-day visit to Odisha on Saturday, announced a major development package for the state, inaugurating and laying the foundation stones for projects worth over Rs 47,000 crore. He also addressed a public gathering organised to mark the completion of two years of the Odisha government.

Earlier in the day, Prime Minister Modi, Odisha Chief

Unveils Rs 47,000 Crore Development Package for Odisha



Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati extended birthday greetings to President Droupadi Murmu. According to official sources, the President accompanied the Prime Minister during the visit. As per the official schedule, the President and the Prime Minister reached Pahadpur village in Mayurbhanj district at around 11:15 a.m.

They offered prayers at the sacred groves of Santhali Jahera and Ho Jahera. The two leaders also visited a skill development centre and Pahadpur School. The visit highlighted the government's efforts to promote education, skill development and socio-economic empowerment in tribal and rural areas.

Major Projects... The Prime Minister and the President inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for projects related to energy, industrial infrastructure, road connectivity, drinking water, healthcare, education, tourism and irrigation. These initiatives are expected to strengthen infrastructure, improve connectivity, enhance energy security and create new employment opportunities in the state.

There Is No Faction Left, Only One Shiv Sena Exists: Amit Shah

Kolhapur, (GNS): Political developments in Maharashtra gathered fresh momentum on Saturday as Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared that there was no longer any faction within the Shiv Sena and that the party led by Eknath Shinde was the sole and legitimate Shiv Sena. Addressing a thanksgiving rally in Kolhapur, Shah's remarks came amid reports of growing rebellion within the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena under the so-called "Operation Tiger."



'Earlier We Had to Call It the Shinde Faction': Speaking at the rally, Shah said, "Earlier, we had to refer to it as the Shiv Sena (Shinde faction). But now no faction remains. There is only one Shiv Sena." During his visit, the Union Home Minister also offered prayers at the famous Ambabai Temple in Kolhapur and laid the foundation stone for the restoration and beautification of the temple complex and corridor.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi" (Development as well as Heritage), Shah said Maharashtra was witnessing a cultural renaissance and that the redevelopment of all Jyotirlingas and Shakti Peeths in the state was a matter of pride.

Operation Tiger Creates Turmoil in Uddhav Camp: Shah's statement assumes significance against the backdrop of reports that several MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray faction are preparing to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena.

NEET Re-Exam: Nagpur Student Assigned Abu Dhabi Centre

New Delhi(GNS): Ahead of the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination, the National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted a nationwide mock drill on Saturday. To ensure a secure and transparent examination process, a multi-layered security system has been put in place in coordination with the police, district administrations and central agencies.

Meanwhile, complaints have surfaced from several locations regarding changes in examination centres. Abdullah Mohammad Talib, a student from Nagpur,



received an admit card assigning him an examination centre in Abu Dhabi instead of Nagpur.

Similarly, Sanjana Sanjivani from Bhubaneswar was allotted a centre in Dehradun. However, the errors were later rectified.

Shashi Tharoor Backs PM Modi

BJP Says Rahul Gandhi Has Been Exposed

New Delhi(GNS): A fresh political controversy erupted after Congress MP Shashi Tharoor backed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of the issue of Indian sailors' safety during his meeting with US President Donald Trump.

While the Congress had criticised Prime Minister Modi during the G7 Summit for allegedly remaining silent on the sensitive issue, Tharoor stated that the Prime Minister had strongly articulated India's concerns



both in public and private discussions.

PM Raised India's Concerns with Trump: Speaking on Friday, Tharoor said that Prime Minister Modi had conveyed India's concerns to US President Donald Trump regarding the safety of civilian sailors amid ongoing conflicts and stressed that commercial seafarers should not become targets during wartime.

Delimitation Bill Likely to Sail Through Lok Sabha as BJP Nears Two-Thirds Majority: Sources



New Delhi(GNS): The continuing wave of defections in opposition parties has significantly boosted the confidence of the ruling National Democratic Alliance

(NDA) government at the Centre. According to sources, the government is increasingly optimistic that by the time Parliament's Monsoon Session begins next month, it will secure the crucial two-thirds majority required to pass key Constitutional Amendment Bills.

According to a report by The Telegraph, a Union minister said, "We are fully confident that by the Monsoon Session we will have the numbers needed to pass the Constitutional Amendment Bill linking women's reservation with the fresh delimitation of Lok Sabha and Assembly

constituencies."

Two Major Historic Reforms on the Agenda:

The Centre is preparing to push through two significant Constitutional Amendment Bills that require a two-thirds majority in both Houses of Parliament — Women's Reservation and Delimitation. Under the proposed legislation, the implementation of women's reservation will be linked to an increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats and the redrawing of constituency boundaries through the delimitation process.

The Numbers Game: In the current Lok Sabha, with an

effective strength of 540 members, a two-thirds majority requires 360 votes. The NDA presently commands the support of 293 MPs.

BJP Also Eyeing 'One Nation, One Election':

The BJP is also keen to enact legislation for simultaneous Lok Sabha and Assembly elections well before the 2029 general elections. Party strategists believe that holding elections together across the country would enable the BJP to leverage national issues such as security, sovereignty and national pride in state elections as well.

When ISRO Had to Transport a 673-kg Satellite on a Bullock Cart, the World Was Amazed by India's Rocket Science

New Delhi(GNS): Today, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) stands as a global benchmark in space technology. Alongside countries such as the United States, Russia, Japan and China, India has earned worldwide recognition for its achievements in space exploration. However, the journey began under far humbler circumstances. India's first satellite was built under a tin shed because there was no dedicated facility, and a now-iconic image of a satellite being transported on a bullock cart became a symbol of the nation's ingenuity.

India's first experimental communication satellite, APPLE (Ariane Passenger Payload Experiment), was scheduled to be launched from the Guiana Space Centre in French Guiana. An unusual set of circumstances led to the satellite being transported on a bullock cart. At the time, even sending a message



via telephone or telex required booking a call in advance, and ISRO did not possess mainframe computers. The APPLE satellite was assembled at the mission control centre in Sriharikota and was considered a milestone for India's space programme.

Before launch, engineers detected an issue with the crucial telemetry, tracking

and control (TT&C) link, making thorough testing essential. The required tests could only be carried out at an antenna range facility, but ISRO lacked a specialised vehicle to transport the satellite.

Bullock Cart Chosen to Avoid Magnetic Interference:

Former ISRO scientist R.M. Vasagam recalled in a paper that the satellite had to undergo complete testing before being shipped to France. According to him, the satellite needed to be moved to an antenna range for final checks. A bullock cart was hired for Rs 150 to carry the 673-kg satellite. The testing had to be conducted in an area where no magnetic field would be used for such purposes, but India did not have access to those technologies at the time. As a result, the satellite was transported on the bullock cart to the testing facility.

Republican Party Divided Over Iran Peace Deal

Even Trump Supporters Turn Critical

Washington(GNS): Facing mounting criticism over the peace agreement with Iran, which opponents have described as weak and tantamount to surrender, President Donald Trump on Friday firmly rejected the allegations. He denied claims that he had capitulated to Tehran or was preparing to grant the country substantial financial relief. Adopting an aggressive stance, Trump said, "We did not come to the table out of desperation; Iran was desperate. They are completely finished. We will see how these 60 days unfold. They are not getting any money—not even 10 cents."

The preliminary agreement, remotely signed by Trump from Versailles after attending the G7 Summit, aims to initiate a fast-track 60-day process toward a



broader peace arrangement. However, the move has triggered a major political storm within the United States.

While much of the mockery is politically motivated, the White House's greater concern is that criticism is no longer confined to Democrats.

Trump has further fuelled the controversy by making statements that surprised pro-Israel groups in

the United States. He has expressed support for Iran retaining some ballistic missile capabilities and downplayed the significance of its stockpile of enriched uranium.

Republican Camp Divided:

Republican Senator Bill Cassidy is among those who have openly criticised the agreement, calling it one of the worst foreign policy mistakes in decades. The deal has also become a subject of ridicule among late-night comedians and social media commentators, many comparing it to "winning a war and losing the receipt."

Freedom of expression, social media and the judiciary

(Sanat Jain)

Over the past year, debates have intensified in India regarding the removal of content, account blocking, and control of online content on social media platforms. The government argues that strict regulations are necessary to combat fake news, deepfakes, communal tensions, cybercrime, and national security threats. On the other hand, digital rights activists, opposition parties, and various social media platforms, including many international organizations, link this to freedom of expression and transparency. Recently, the government

banned Telegram in connection with the NEET exam. Telegram filed a petition in the Delhi High Court, which upheld the ban, even though Telegram had nothing to do with the exam. Previously, several social media companies had appealed to the High Court and the Supreme Court on numerous issues, but there has been growing unease about the legal justice these international organizations have received from the High Court and the Supreme Court. In recent months, there has been a significant increase in the number of content blocking orders issued by the central govern-

ment. According to a report, government orders to remove online content have nearly doubled in a year, reaching 24,000. Of these, the highest number of actions have been taken against content related to Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

The most notable example of conflict between social media companies and the government is the dispute between X and the central government. X approached the court over the government's new content removal policy, calling it an issue related to freedom of expression. The Karnataka High

Court, ruling in favor of the government, stated that digital platforms operating in India must comply with Indian laws. International companies argue that these laws are a threat to freedom of expression and increase the difficulties faced by social media companies. Similarly, the recent temporary ban on Telegram has sparked international outrage. The Indian government has described it as a necessary step to prevent alleged exam paper leaks and cheating. Telegram, however, challenged it in the Delhi High Court, calling it an attack on the right to expres-

sion and access to information. This government ban disrupted services for approximately 150 million people, but Telegram received no justice from the judiciary in this matter. This is where the other side of the debate begins. Critics argue that when large-scale content removal orders are issued, courts in many cases legitimize the government's authority. And in many cases, the courts give contrary verdicts. This creates an international perception that the judiciary's balance is weakening. Government supporters, on the other hand, argue that courts inde-

pendently interpret the law. A mere verdict in the government's favor cannot question the judiciary's impartiality. International legal and digital rights organizations have also expressed concern over the increasing trend of removing online content in India. They argue that transparency, accountability, and a clear reasoning system for citizens should be strengthened. They should provide an opportunity for a hearing before removing or banning content. The real challenge lies in how to strike a balance between freedom of expression and public order in a democracy.

Editorial

On the right to walk on demarcated footpaths

As part of the Supreme Court's expansion of Article 21 since the 1970s, it has declared the right to walk on demarcated footpaths a fundamental right. The Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Atul S. Chandurkar reaffirmed the right in a case seeking higher compensation for a five-year-old boy's death after being struck and killed by a tanker lorry in Karnataka. As motorised transport has become more widespread, the Bench noted with regret that walking has become an inconvenience, with motorists often treating pedestrians as a 'nuisance' to be tolerated or cleared. In the absence of a national law governing pedestrian rights, responsibility for pedestrian safety is split across municipal laws, town-planning statutes, and street design guidelines. As such, pedestrians are considered to be safe if they face no immediate physical harm. Most cities also lack continuous unobstructed footpaths; where footpaths do exist, they are often encroached on by parking, vendors, utilities, and construction debris, and competing pressures such as road widening work.

While a right to walk is desirable, the ideas that pavements belong to pedestrians and that they have right of way should be cultural in order to endure. Rights-based legislation in India that has sought to change public culture has had mixed success. The Street Vendors Act 2014 sought to protect vendors from harassment as under Article 19(1)(g). But in most cities, municipalities still conduct "eviction drives" while implementation has lagged because the Act requires surveys, town vending committees, and the demarcation of vending zones — processes that many urban local bodies have delayed or simply abandoned.

Weak implementation has allowed informal rent-seeking by officials to persist in some cases. The new judgment is also likely to set up disputes with the 2014 Act.

Second, the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act 2003 curtailed public smoking over 20 years, but not by "restitutionary remedies", as the Court has suggested for walking, but with consistent social messaging and small, immediate fines.

Pakistan's shameful conspiracies against India continue

(Manoj Kumar)

Pakistan's nefarious plots against India continue unabated, including promoting cross-border terrorism, spreading propaganda against India on international platforms, and carrying out military activities. Among the major plots being orchestrated by Pakistan is the Pakistani intelligence agency, the ISI, which is using new terrorist modules and organizations to foment unrest in India. For example, a recent plot by Pakistani handlers (such as Lahore resident Shahzad Bhatti) to target Indian police personnel through Tehreek-e-Taliban Hindustan (TTPH) has been exposed, leading to arrests in several locations in India.

Pakistan, in collaboration with China, is expanding its naval power. By deploying dangerous Hangor-class submarines, Pakistan plans to encircle India in other maritime areas, including the Bay of Bengal.

Pakistan is attempting to tarnish India's image by making baseless and malicious allegations on the Kashmir issue at international forums, such as the United Nations. India has categorically rejected this, stating that it is a deliberate conspiracy by Pakistan to conceal its domestic failures and support for terrorists.

Pakistan continues to attempt infiltration amid border tensions. According to security agencies, Pakistan has deployed its artillery and air defense guns in plainclothes in densely populat-

ed and residential areas (such as around schools and colleges) to shield innocent civilians in the event of Indian retaliation.

Recently, in two consecutive days, the Delhi Police Special Cell busted an alleged module linked to Pakistan's intelligence agency, the ISI, and arrested five suspects. These accused, acting on the instructions of their handlers in Pakistan, were conspiring against India and recruiting young people into their network.

According to Delhi Police, attempts were being made to influence and recruit Indian youth through an alleged ISI call center operating in Islamabad. The arrested accused were tasked with targeting police forces in various states across the country. During the investigation, several suspicious videos were recovered, which recorded information related to the recce of police forces and their activities. Police claim that these videos were sent to Pakistan. The exposure of these alleged modules is a serious warning to the country's internal security.

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It should be noted that the arrest of five accused on Wednesday, along with the earlier arrest of seven suspects, indicates that the conspiracy being perpetrated from across the border against India is no longer limited to conventional terrorism. This network is now attempting to spread instability within the country through local criminals, unemployed youth, gangsters, and digital media. According to the police, several individuals from the network, linked to Shahzad Bhatti, a handler based in Pakistan, and his associates, have been arrested. It is alleged that these modules were tasked with tasks such as attacks on police personnel, poster, graffiti, and reconnaissance of sensitive locations in Delhi-NCR and surrounding states. This case is not limited to a few arrests; it shows that the method of plotting against India is changing. For a long time, the threat of terrorism was primarily seen as a cross-border infiltration, arms supply, and the activities of trained terrorists. However, the ISI and the terrorist criminal network operating under its patronage have now made their tactics more cunning, more covert, and more dangerous. The goal now

is to trap young people with no prior terrorist record. Such individuals are easily evaded by security agencies and can be used for reconnaissance, weapon procurement, planting propaganda material, or small-scale attacks. Most worryingly, these networks are using internet media, encrypted chat apps, fake social media accounts, and temporary mobile numbers. Unemployed, economically disadvantaged, or criminal-minded youth are being lured by promises of easy money, weapons, foreign settlements, or the influence of gangsters. This is a new form of terrorism, one that uses greed, crime, and digital deception more than ideology. It is a hybrid and proxy form of warfare, in which the enemy attempts to attack not directly but by exploiting weak links within society. The Delhi Police's action is significant because it reportedly claimed to have uncovered such networks at an early stage. Had these modules remained active, they could have orchestrated attacks on police personnel, destabilizing activities, and social media-based propaganda. The morale of the police and security forces is crucial to any country's security. In such a scenario, targeting police personnel is not only an attack on law and order, but also an attempt to undermine the power of the state and the trust of society. The ISI's longstanding strategy has been to use separatism, terrorism, and cross-border networks to foment unrest in

India. However, it has now expanded to include gangsterism, hawala, drug trafficking, and digital recruitment. A nexus of criminal elements and terrorists based in Pakistan poses a serious threat to India. If these groups, from old underworld networks like Dawood Ibrahim's to new gangster groups, engage in anti-India activities under the patronage of the ISI, this poses a challenge not just to the police but to national security.

Arrests alone are not enough to address this challenge. Security agencies need technical surveillance, financial intelligence systems and local information networks must be strengthened. The use of modern tools like artificial intelligence and predictive intelligence must be increased to identify suspicious activities on social media and encrypted platforms. Strict monitoring of cryptocurrency, hawala, and suspicious bank transactions is essential, as such networks cannot operate for long without money. The role of society is also crucial. Sudden changes in a youth's behavior, contact with suspicious individuals, sudden displays of wealth, or involvement with radical and criminal content online are signs that families and society must take seriously. Trust between the police and the public must be strengthened at the local level by strengthening community policing. If society remains vigilant, such networks will not be able to easily trap young people.

Music is the voice of peace, compassion and humanity

(Lalit Garg)

Today's world is going through a period of unprecedented crisis. On one hand, there is the horror of war, and on the other, there is the growing fear of terrorism, social violence, mental stress, depression, loneliness, and intolerance. Science and technology have made human life more comfortable, but the peace, balance, and joy within humans are being lost. In such times, if there is any force that can reconnect humans with themselves, society, and humanity, it is music. Music is not merely entertainment; it awakens hidden emotions within humans. It is the language of the soul, reaching the heart even without words. This is why World Music Day on June 21st

has become not just a cultural event but a global celebration that conveys the message of peace, compassion, and harmony to humanity.

World Music Day originated in France in 1982. Its original objective was to ensure that music was not confined to auditoriums and stages, but rather to the streets, parks, public squares, and public life. Gradually, this celebration reached more than 120 countries. Today, this day reminds us that music is not the property of any country, religion, caste, or language, but is the shared heritage of all humanity. The greatest crisis facing the world today is not just war, but the growing harshness and insensitivity within humanity. Thoughts are violent before

weapons, and music has the power to humanize them. Music awakens compassion, love, and coexistence within humanity. Where communication ceases, music opens new avenues for dialogue.

History bears witness that wars have never brought lasting peace, but music has always healed broken hearts. Songs have inspired courage on military fronts, and music has served as the voice of humanity in peace movements. Today, when many parts of the world are grappling with conflict, music can transcend boundaries and build an invisible bridge between people. The greatest miracle of music is that it heals people from within. Modern medical science has also recognized

that music not only soothes the ears but also has a profound positive impact on the body and mind. Many studies have proved that melodious music reduces stress hormones, controls blood pressure, provides relief from insomnia and helps in reducing mental problems like depression and anxiety.

Today, millions of people around the world are struggling with mental stress and depression. Competition, hectic lifestyles, loneliness, and digital lifestyles have exhausted people from within. In such times, music acts as a medicine. This is why music therapy is being practiced in many hospitals around the world. This therapy calms the mind and instills hope

and positivity. Music is not only related to health but also to creativity and innovation. Where there is music, there is rhythm in life. A rhythmless life creates stress, while music provides balance. A person who listens to music becomes more sensitive, more imaginative, and more creative. This is why the presence of music is considered essential in literature, art, painting, dance, and other creative fields. If we look deeply, all of nature itself is a vast music. The chirping of birds, the cooing of cuckoos, the murmur of waterfalls, the music of ocean waves, the drizzle of rain, the rustling of wind, and the rustling of leaves—all are expressions of music.

JMI celebrates National Public Health Dentistry Day 2026

The Faculty of Dentistry at Jamia Millia Islamia

New Delhi, (GNS) : The NDC is the newly formed regulatory body of the Government of India, replacing the Dental Council of India to regulate the dental profession in India.

The event was organised under the theme "Healthy Mouth, Healthy Communities, Healthy Nation," emphasising the vital role of oral health in improving overall health and well-being and promoting healthier communities across the country. It was attended by Dr. Sanjay Tiwari, Chairperson of NDC and Dr. Chandrashekhar Janakiram, President of the Under-Graduate and Post-Graduate Dental Education Board. Addressing the gathering, the dignitaries highlighted the importance of Public Health Dentistry in improving population oral health, reducing oral health disparities, and strength-



ening preventive oral healthcare services across the country.

They appreciated the efforts of the Faculty of Dentistry, JMI, in promoting community oral health through academic and outreach activities. In a message shared on the occasion, Prof. Nadeem Yunus, Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, JMI, reaffirmed the Faculty's commitment

towards improving community oral health through education, research, service delivery, and community engagement. He emphasised that oral health is an integral component of overall health and highlighted the Faculty's continued efforts to conduct community outreach programmes that promote oral health awareness, disease pre-

vention, and equitable access to oral healthcare services.

An interactive oral health education session was delivered by Prof. Abhishek Mehta, who highlighted the importance of maintaining good oral hygiene practices, adopting healthy dietary habits, preventing common oral diseases, and seeking regular dental check-ups. As part of the observance, an Oral Health Screening Camp was organised for the officials and staff members of the National Dental Commission.

Around a hundred people were screened and underwent oral health examinations. They also received personalised counselling on maintaining good oral hygiene, preventing oral diseases, and seeking timely dental care. Individuals requiring further treatment were advised to receive appropriate follow-up care.

Heat index rises humidity sustains

New Delhi, (GNS) : The city saw another hot and humid day, with the heat index, or "feels-like" temperature, touching 42.5 degrees Celsius on Friday at 2.30 pm. The air temperature is likely to remain between 37 and 39 degrees Celsius over the next few days, according to India Meteorological Department (IMD).

On Friday, city's base station Safdarjung recorded a maximum temperature of 39.1 degree Celsius, normal of the season, against 39.5 degree Celsius a day earlier. At 40 degree Celsius, Ridge was the hottest area of the capital.

Minimum temperature was recorded at 27 degree Celsius, a notch below normal against 27.9 degree Celsius a day earlier.

"No large change in maximum temperature during next 24 hours, fall by 2-3 degrees Celsius subsequent three days, there after rise by about 1 degree Celsius. Fall in minimum temperature by about 1 degree Celsius during next 24 hours, rise by about 2 degree Celsius during subsequent 24 hours and no large change thereafter," stated IMD.

The Met issued a yellow alert for rain and thunderstorms in the city on



Friday. However, no major weather activity was noticed until late evening. IMD however expects rain till June 21.

On Saturday and Sunday, the maximum temperature is expected to hover around 37-39 degree Celsius respectively.

Meanwhile, the air quality index (AQI), on a scale of 0 to 500 was 142 against 157 a day earlier.

AAP MLA Gopal Italia attended the District Grievance Committee meeting

Ahmedabad/Junagadh/Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party MLA from Visavadar, Gopal Italia, stated that a District Grievance Redressal Meeting was held today under the chairmanship of the newly appointed Collector of Junagadh district. During the meeting, he presented various issues concerning farmers of the Junagadh and Visavadar regions. In particular, he raised the issue of rebates provided to farmers under the zero percent interest loan scheme. In many villages, farmers have still not received rebates for the years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25. Representations were made before officials of

different banks regarding this matter. Bank officials assured that all pending files from villages where farmers have not received rebates would be forwarded for approval. In addition, textbooks for various subjects have still not reached schools in several talukas of Junagadh district. Especially, secondary school textbooks have not yet been supplied. Books for Balvatika and Standards 1 and 2 are also unavailable in many schools and talukas. On this issue, I questioned the Collector and education department officials in the meeting, asking how the government can speak of "education without burden" when

"education without books" is taking place. Nearly a month has passed since schools reopened, so what are students studying and how are they studying? This serious issue of education without textbooks was also discussed during the meeting. Furthermore, in 14 villages of Visavadar taluka, including Piyava, Mudiyaaravani, Javaladi, Jambhudi, Rajpara and several others, lands allotted to farmers by the government under Shathani and Bhoodan schemes have retrospectively been marked as "Reserved Forest Land." Because of this entry, farmers are unable to avail themselves of various government schemes, including loans on

their land. Therefore, a representation was also made before the Collector today to remove the "Reserved Forest Land" entry from these lands.

Gopal Italia further stated that Hasanapur village has remained under settlement status even after Independence. Hasanapur, Jambuthala, Shirvaniya, Sadiyavav and several other villages are still categorized as settlement villages. I have raised this issue with the government, in the Legislative Assembly, and again in today's meeting so that Gram Panchayats may be established in all these villages and residents may receive their rightful benefits.

Mahindra Group companies join govt's Delhi-NCR old truck, bus replacement scheme

New Delhi, (GNS) : After Ashok Leyland, Switch Mobility and Tata Motors, now Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd and SML Mahindra have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) under the Centre's scheme to replace old trucks and buses in the Delhi-NCR region.

Under the agreement, participating original equipment manufacturers (OEM) will provide an eight per cent discount on the ex-showroom price of eligible trucks and buses purchased as replacements.

For electric vehicles, the discount will be capped at the level applicable to an Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) vehicle of the equivalent Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) category.

In addition to the OEM discount, the Central Government will provide a five per cent interest subvention and fixed monthly fuel vouchers for five years.

1,500 factories polluting air, water in Ghaziabad: Board

New Delhi, (GNS) : Delhi's battle against river pollution has now turned its gaze to one of the National Capital Region's most persistent industrial hotspots.

In Loni, on the eastern edge of Ghaziabad adjoining Delhi, the authorities have identified around 1,500 factories that, the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB) says, are contributing to air and water pollution, with more than 500 of them allegedly discharging untreated effluents that eventually reach the Yamuna.

The identification of these units marks the beginning of a fresh enforcement drive linked to efforts to reduce pollution in the Yamuna. According to UPPCB officials, most of the units operate illegally and are engaged in activities such as cloth dyeing, electroplating and metal finishing. The board has decided to first target factories that allegedly release untreated wastewater into drains.

UPPCB regional officer Ankit Singh said: "Chemical-laden wastewater from these units is discharged into local drains without treatment. The wastewater then flows through the drainage network before reaching the Yamuna. Around 1,500 polluting factories have been identified in Loni. Of these, over 500 units are contributing to water pollution".

To act against these units, the pollution board has launched a joint campaign with the power utility and the district administration.

Teams have been deployed to inspect and take action against identified units. Officials said coordination is also underway with the Electricity Department to ensure that factories found violating norms do not obtain

conditions. Since March, the UPPCB and the district administration have intensified action in the region. Officials said nearly 300 factories had been shut during this period and their electricity connections disconnected.

However, residents say the problem often returns. According to local people, some units resume operations after a brief shutdown, preventing a lasting solution to the pollution crisis.

The pollution board is now preparing to widen its focus beyond Loni. Officials plan to identify industrial units polluting the Hindon river, which ultimately joins the Yamuna. The move is based on the view that cleaning the Yamuna will remain difficult unless pollution entering through the Hindon is also addressed.

As part of this exercise, the UPPCB has sought details of electricity connections of industrial units operating in Ghaziabad city and the Trans-Hindon zone. Besides Loni, the authorities have flagged concerns over illegal industrial activity in areas, including Hindon Vihar, New Hindon Vihar, Kanawani Doob area, Arthala, Nandgram, Sihani, Meerut Road, Mainapur and Duhai.

Delhi Police bust cyber fraud network, 916 held

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi Police said 916 people were arrested in connection with various online frauds and cybercrimes under Operation CyHawk 5.0. Addressing the media, Joint Commissioner of Police (Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations) Rajneesh Gupta said the two-day nationwide operation began on June 16. During the drive, 715 teams carried out coordinated operations across 21 states and Union Territories, including Delhi. He said the police seized 105 laptops, 757 mobile phones, a car and cash worth nearly Rs 21 lakh during the operation. Two Nigerian nationals were also apprehended, and deportation proceedings have been initiated against them. The police said most communication and financial transactions linked to these cases were conducted through online platforms, particularly Telegram and WhatsApp channels. The operation targeted organised cybercrime networks involved in financial fraud, phishing attacks, digital scams and other forms of online deception.

Statement by AAP State Spokesperson Himanshu Thakkar on the Loot of Donations at Ayodhya's Ram Temple

Ahmedabad/Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party State Spokesperson Himanshu Thakkar, through a video statement, said that today even financial accounts are not safe, students' exam papers are not safe, and even donations made to temples are not safe. The reports emerging over the last week through social media, news channels, and some devotees, religious leaders, and saints of Lord Ram are truly heartbreaking. Around 1,200 gold and silver bricks went missing, and discussions are ongoing about loot worth crores of rupees. When the lock of Somnath was broken, the Mughals were responsible, and when many universities,

temples, and pilgrimage sites were damaged, the British were responsible. But today, when allegations of irregularities and corruption are being made in Ayodhya, the names coming forward are not of Mughals or the British, but of people associated with the ruling party. This is not a small incident. The hearts of crores of devotees of Lord Ram are truly saddened. People who travel thousands of kilometers with faith, devotion, and reverence for Lord Ram and donate according to their capacity find such news extremely painful. Various reports and figures involving crores of rupees are emerging in the media. Allegations are being made

that some people associated with the trust and their relatives have committed irregularities. People who once did not even have money to buy a bicycle today own multiple vehicles. People who did not even own a shop have become owners of large buildings. Those who had nothing have become owners of land worth crores. We need to understand how this entire system works. Every devotee of Lord Ram must think about why such incidents keep happening repeatedly. These people neither fear Lord Ram nor the rulers in power because they believe they have blessings from the highest levels and that no one can harm them.

Some small employee may get suspended, some inquiry committee or SIT may be formed, but unless accountability is fixed from top to bottom, such incidents will continue to occur. What is even more astonishing is that reports have emerged stating that CCTV footage of the last eight months has been deleted or disturbed.

AAP Spokesperson Himanshu Thakkar further stated that in such a major incident, if complete CCTV recordings disappear, is that possible without someone's cooperation. This issue will remain in discussion for some time and then gradually everything will quiet down.

BJP's priority is not schools and hospitals, but building five-star Kamalams: Manoj Sorathiya, State Organization General Secretary, AAP

Ahmedabad/Surat/Gujarat Aam Aadmi Party State Organization General Secretary Manoj Sorathiya, through a video statement, said that today, after 30 years of BJP rule, the people of Gujarat are asking a question: Have the people of Gujarat really developed in these 30 years? Has the education system for the people of Gujarat become five-star quality? Do the people of Gujarat receive good government hospitals and quality healthcare facilities? Has the farmer of Gujarat become prosperous? Are Gujarat's farmers getting proper prices for their crops? Are they getting sufficient fertilizer? What has

the government done in these 30 years for their livelihood? Is Gujarat's small trader in a position today to run his business and occupation properly? Have the people of Gujarat benefited during these 30 years? Today every person in Gujarat is under pressure of loans and EMIs. All houses, all vehicles, and all small and large businesses are running on loans. In such times, look at the priorities of the Bharatiya Janata Party.

AAP leader Manoj Sorathiya further stated that BJP's priority is building its own five-star Kamalams. These Kamalams are not taking Gujarat toward pride but toward slavery. Over

the last 30 years, the Bharatiya Janata Party has looted Gujarat and established its own empire.

It is as if they are ruling by decree and telling people that they have been turned into slaves. This is the condition of Gujarat today. In the last five years, BJP has spent more than ?100 crore to build large five-star offices. BJP spends crores of rupees to strengthen its organization and deepen its roots, but it has done nothing for the welfare of the people, for the well-being of the people, and for their basic needs. Today, I appeal to the people of Gujarat that it is time to recognize this BJP.

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Delhi house help murder case: Black magic accusations lead dermatologist to brutal murder

New Delhi, (GNS) : A Delhi court on Friday sent a 50-year-old dermatologist, accused of killing his domestic help at his upscale south Delhi residence, to two days' police custody.

The doctor has admitted his guilt during interrogation, according to officials.

Judicial Magistrate Anurag Chhabra heard the Delhi Police plea seeking two-day custody of the accused and allowed it.

According to police, Dr Manish Gupta allegedly killed



his domestic help, Meena, at his residence on Thursday morning by bludgeoning her with a cricket bat and stabbing her multiple times. He allegedly suspected her of practising black magic and held her responsible for persistent discord in his family. Delhi Police sought Dr Gupta's custody,

contending that they need to investigate if other people were also involved and to find new facts in the case. Opposing the plea, defence counsel submitted before the court that the accused has been in police custody for the past 24 hours. "Everything has been seized by the police; he has been in police custody for the last 24 hours.

He is already suffering from depression, and he is a well-reputed doctor," he argued.

According to police, the accused is

on antidepressants and allegedly attacked his 45-year-old domestic help on his terrace.

He was found standing near the blood-soaked body when police arrived and allegedly confessed to the killing.

Police said the exact motive behind the murder at the doctor's Mount Kailash house is yet to be conclusively established, and all angles, including disputes within his family and his mental state, are being examined.

Delhi: Non-funded PhD scholars struggle to make ends meet

New Delhi, (GNS) : For many researchers, pursuing a PhD is not only an academic challenge but also a financial one. Contrary to popular belief, not every doctoral scholar receives a stipend or fellowship during the course of their research.

While students who qualify for fellowships such as UGC-NET JRF, CSIR-JRF, INSPIRE and other government-funded schemes receive financial assistance, thousands of scholars admitted under non-funded categories continue their research without any regular source of income. A PhD stipend is generally awarded to scholars who secure competitive fellowships or are selected for institute-funded research positions. However, admission to a doctoral programme does not automatically guarantee financial support.



Students who do not receive fellowships are still allowed to pursue research but must meet their living, accommodation and academic expenses on their own. Many scholars take up part-time work alongside their academic responsibilities. One research scholar said private tutoring had become essential for survival. "I teach three batches of school students in the evening after spending the day in the laboratory. The income helps me pay rent and basic living expenses, but there are days when I have to choose between research work and

taking extra classes," said Amit, a PhD student. Others continue their research with financial support from their families. "My parents still send me money every month even though I'm in my late twenties. They never complain, but it does make me wonder how much easier research would be if there was some financial support from the university," said Kajal, a PhD scholar at DU.

Several students also turn to freelance work to bridge the financial gap. One researcher said they regularly took up writing and editing assignments outside university hours. "Some months I earn enough to manage comfortably, while in others I have to dip into my savings. The uncertainty can be stressful, especially when unexpected research expenses arise," said Danish, a student at JNU.

20 arrested, illegal arms seized during Rohini crime crackdown

New Delhi, (GNS) : The Delhi Police arrested 20 people, including three history-sheeters and an alleged associate of the Gogi gang, and seized illegal firearms and knives during a two-day special drive in Rohini district aimed at curbing organised crime and street offences, officials said on Friday. Telegram and WhatsApp channels. The operation targeted organised cybercrime networks involved in financial fraud, phishing attacks, digital scams and other forms of online deception. The police said the complaints linked to the cases involved a cumulative fraud amount of nearly Rs 700 crore, highlighting the massive scale of cybercrime affecting victims across the country.

The drive, titled 'Operation Shastra', was conducted on June 17 and 18 across Rohini dis-



trict as part of a coordinated crackdown on criminal activities and the illegal possession of arms. The police said 20 cases under the Arms Act were registered during the operation. The seizures included one pistol, 10 country-made pistols, 12 live cartridges and nine knives, a senior police officer said.

As part of the operation, police teams intensified patrolling, set up special pickets at vulnerable locations, carried out extensive vehicle checks, and conducted house searches of histo-

ry-sheeters, proclaimed offenders and criminals out on bail.

A total of 15 police teams were deployed across the district for continuous monitoring and verification. During the drive, around 40 to 50 history-sheeters and known bad characters were checked, while their suspected hideouts were also searched, police said. An analysis of the criminal records of those arrested revealed that 13 accused were collectively involved in 88 previous criminal cases, while six had no prior criminal record. Among those arrested, Kali Charan, alias Kalu (28), a resident of Mangolpuri, was held with a country-made pistol and two live cartridges. The police said he is a listed bad character of the Mangolpuri police station and has 32 previous criminal cases, mostly related to robbery and vehicle theft.

Cockroach Janta Party's second protest in Delhi

270 body cameras, supporters asked to bring plates and spoons

New Delhi, (GNS) : The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), an internet-born protest group that has gained traction over issues related to exam irregularities and student suicides, is set to hold its second major demonstration in the national capital on Saturday, with founder Abhijeet Dipke urging supporters to bring plates and spoons to the gathering. The protest is scheduled

to begin at 1 pm at Jantar Mantar and is expected to draw students and young people from Delhi and neighbouring states.

Ahead of the event, Delhi Police has put in place elaborate security arrangements, deploying around 270 body-worn cameras and installing CCTV cameras in and around Jantar Mantar for real-time monitoring.



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