



Fire at Lucknow coaching centre, 15 dead

Most of them students suffocated after hiding in bathrooms; AC short circuit suspected

Lucknow(GNS): A fire broke out in a building in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, at 2:15 pm on Monday. So far, 15 people have died in the incident. These include three women and 12 men, most of whom are students. The building where the fire broke out is located in the Aliganj area. The basement, ground, and first floors house a pet shop and a clinic. The second floor houses a library called Learning Space (for coaching) and Head Hopper Studio, which handles 3D art production and game asset

outsourcing. According to reports, after the fire spread, students at the coaching center on the second floor locked themselves in the bathroom. A student named Jayant jumped from the first floor to save his life. However, he fell onto the grill below and was seriously injured. The cause of the fire has not yet been determined, but it is suspected to have been

caused by a short circuit in the AC system in the basement. Around 10 fire brigade vehicles brought the fire under control. The SDRF and NDRF also arrived. Firefighters broke down the rear wall of the building, allowing them to recover the bodies.

Rahul Gandhi said - our condolences are with the families of the victims(GNS): Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, expressed deep sorrow over the fire at a coaching center in Lucknow. He said the news of the deaths and injuries to many others in this incident is deeply painful.

Rahul Gandhi expressed his deepest condolences to the bereaved families and said that his thoughts are with the families of the victims during this difficult time. He also wished a speedy recovery to those injured in the accident.

Akhilesh Yadav expressed grief over the accident and said that everyone will have to make efforts to ensure that the accident does not happen again(GNS): Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav expressed deep sorrow over the fire at a coaching center in Lucknow. He paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the accident and expressed condolences to the bereaved families. Akhilesh Yadav said, "Our tributes go out to those who lost their lives. Our deepest condolences go out to the families who lost their loved ones." He urged the government to ensure the best possible medical care for the injured, saying, "This is a very tragic incident. The reasons behind it should be investigated honestly, as children from any family can be victims of such accidents." The SP chief said that everyone should make serious efforts together to ensure that such painful accidents do not recur in the future.

Cockroach Janata Party Continues Protest Against NEET Paper Leak for Third Day



New Delhi(GNS): The protest by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) against the NEET paper leak continued for the third consecutive day at Jantar Mantar on Monday. Demonstrators are demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The protest is being led by CJP founder Abhijeet Deepke and his supporters. The organization appealed to protesters to gather at Jantar Mantar with candles at 5:30 PM to pay tribute to students who allegedly died by suicide following the NEET paper leak controversy. In a video message, Deepke said thousands of people were joining the movement and that the protest was steadily gaining momentum. He also claimed that there was no need to fear the police, as they were supporting the protesters. Earlier, on Sunday, Deepke had appealed to farmers across the country to join the agitation, saying that students had supported farmers during their protests and now needed their support in return.

Delhi Police had granted permission for the demonstration only until 5 PM on Saturday. However, when protesters were asked to vacate the site, they refused and continued their sit-in throughout the night.

Deepke also accused the police of asking for Aadhaar details and addresses of people providing food, drinks, and other assistance to the protesters.

Tharoor Says Situation Improving in Jammu & Kashmir; Faces Criticism Within Congress

New Delhi, (GNS): Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has once again come under criticism from members of his own party over his remarks on Jammu and Kashmir. During his visit to Srinagar on June 21, Tharoor met Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha. Later, he posted on social media platform X that they discussed the improving situation and conditions in the region. He acknowledged that challenges remain but said he felt more positive after the visit. His remarks triggered criticism within the Congress. Jammu and Kashmir Congress chief spokesperson Ravinder Sharma said Tharoor should also have met local residents to better understand the ground realities. Congress has consistently opposed the Centre's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's special status and convert it into a Union Territory. Meanwhile, the BJP welcomed Tharoor's comments and criticized the Congress. Party spokesperson Abhijeet Jasrotia claimed that incidents of stone-pelting have nearly disappeared since the abrogation of Article 370 and that no Kashmiri youth has joined terrorist organizations in the last 18 months, according to government data. Tharoor, who attended the Nalanda Dialogue event in Srinagar on June 20, also highlighted Kashmir's vast tourism potential and said it was time to revive tourism in the Valley after the Pahalgam tragedy.



Netanyahu Says He Does Not Act on Trump's Instructions

Tel Aviv/Tehran/Washington DC(GNS): Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that the perception that he acts on the instructions of U.S. President Donald Trump is incorrect.

Speaking at a summit in Jerusalem, Netanyahu remarked, "In America, people say that President Trump does whatever I tell him to do. In Israel, some people think that I do whatever Trump wants. Both assumptions are wrong."

He emphasized that while Israel and the United States are close allies, both nations have their own interests and do not necessarily agree on every issue.

Netanyahu reiterated that Israel would not allow Iran to acquire nuclear weapons and stated that his government would not compromise on the matter.

Five Labourers Killed as Pickup Vehicle Collides with Truck in Chhindwara



Chhindwara(GNS):

Five labourers were killed and more than 20 injured after a pickup vehicle collided head-on with a truck on the Chhindwara-Betul National Highway on Monday morning. The accident occurred near Temni Khurd at around 10 a.m. The impact was so severe that the pickup vehicle was completely mangled and several labourers were thrown onto the road. Among the deceased are three women and two men. Only one victim has been identified so far, while four bodies remain unidentified. A total of 20 injured persons have been admitted to the district hospital. One critically injured patient is likely to be referred to a medical college in Nagpur for advanced treatment. Police and administrative officials reached the hospital soon after the accident. Around 20 to 25 doctors were deployed for emergency treatment. Three patients have been admitted to the Surgical ICU, four to the Orthopaedics Department, while three others are undergoing treatment in the operation theatre.

BJP Government Presents First Budget in Bengal; Madrasa Funding Cut by Half



Kolkata(GNS): West Bengal Finance Minister Swapan Dasgupta presented the first budget of the BJP government on Monday, announcing plans to fill more than one lakh government vacancies, with 33 percent reservation for women. Funding for the Minority Welfare and Madrasa Department has been reduced from 5,713 crore to 2,165.42 crore. The Finance Minister said that despite the reduction, all major welfare schemes launched during former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's tenure, including the Annapurna Scheme and free bus travel for women, would

continue.

The state budget totals 4.30 lakh crore. The government also announced an increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for state employees and pensioners to 38 percent, effective from October 1.

A new airport in Kolkata was also announced as part of the budget proposals.

Dasgupta said that one lakh vacancies in government departments would be filled in phases and that one-third of these positions would be reserved for women. An allocation of 36,000 crore has been made for the Annapurna Scheme.

NEET Re-Exam: Solver Gang Busted in Bihar's Lakhisarai, 24 Arrested

Lakhisarai(GNS): A major solver gang was exposed during the NEET-UG 2026 re-examination conducted on Sunday following the paper leak controversy. Police investigations in Bihar's Lakhisarai district revealed that medical students had allegedly agreed to appear in place of actual candidates for payments ranging between 30 lakh and 40 lakh. Police arrested 24 people, including the gang's kingpin, medical students from AIIMS, Gaya Medical College, IMS Raebareilly, and PMCH, along with 14 employees of a company responsible for biometric verification. The accused were apprehended during raids at examination centres, including Government High School Hasanpur, Plus Two Higher Secondary School and Kendriya Vidyalaya. Mobile phones and other important documents were recovered from their possession.

According to police, the mastermind, Arpit Raj, had previously been questioned by the CBI in connection with the 2024 NEET paper leak case. His name had surfaced during earlier



investigations as well.

Authorities also arrested nine suspected impersonators, commonly referred to as "Munna Bhai," from various examination centres in Lakhisarai. Sources said one suspect was caught at Plus Two School, seven at Kendriya Vidyalaya, and one at Hasanpur School. Investigators found that Mayank, a resident of Hajipur and a medical student at AIIMS, allegedly colluded with biometric verification staff and entered the Hasanpur examination centre posing as an employee. His arrest led to the exposure of the wider racket and the detention of several other biometric company employees.

Six of Uddhav Thackeray's MPs join Shinde's Shiv Sena

Second split in four years, Shinde says he hit a six; Aditya calls those who switched sides "sellouts"



Mumbai(GNS): Six of the nine Shiv Sena MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maharashtra Shiv Sena joined Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena on Monday. The rebel MPs held a meeting with Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at his Nandanvan bungalow. Following this, the rebel MPs held a press conference with Shinde and announced their party change. During this, Shinde said, "When we rebelled in 2022 to save the party and the Shiv Sena, we had 40 MLAs, but now we have six. Our fight is

to save Balasaheb's ideas, which is why these six MPs joined Balasaheb's real Shiv Sena. Uddhav Thackeray's son, Aditya Thackeray, wrote on X: "The MPs who left the party have proven that their loyalty is for sale. At least admit that greed drove you to abandon all this overnight without any shame. With the addition of six MPs, the Shinde faction's number in the Lok Sabha has increased from seven to 13. Meanwhile, the Uddhav faction has only three MPs left out of nine."

Why are MPs leaving their parties

(Suresh Hindustani)

Seeking opportunity in politics is becoming a favorite pursuit of today's politicians. Simply put, politics is no longer a path of service, but rather a veneer of opportunism. The departure of MPs from opposition parties, especially the Trinamool Congress and now Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena, indicates that these MPs had no ties to their party's principles, and thus, they formed their own political faction. The primary reason behind this is believed to be the dimming prospects of the opposition. The only issue left in opposition politics is the politics of

accusation. "You keep making accusations, we'll keep working." A similar game is playing out between the ruling party and the opposition. It's true that power cannot be attained solely through the politics of accusations. To achieve this, political parties must shift toward national interest and public welfare. Considering today's political situation, it's fair to say that the BJP's promotion is being driven more by the opposition than by the ruling party. Today, opposition leaders' statements are incomplete without mentioning the BJP.

No one can predict the future of politics. One reason for this could be that today's

politicians engage in politics for one purpose or another. They have neither ideological affinity with any party nor loyalty to any political leadership. Such politicians seek opportunities to fulfill their own selfish interests. Currently, MPs from opposition parties who are leaving their parties or contemplating leaving are perhaps realizing that their future is not secure with their own party. This is because the Indian public has come to appreciate the politics of India's development. Another major reason could be that the BJP's power is continuously growing. Despite their best efforts, opposition political

parties are facing defeat. There is currently no hope of their future success.

Currently, many Trinamool Congress MLAs and MPs have abandoned Mamata Banerjee and gone their separate ways. This has also weakened Mamata Banerjee's political power. And this is why her party today appears to be embodying the concept of a sinking ship. It is said that when someone is powerful, many people rally behind them, and when they are powerless, even those who once held important positions distance themselves. The most worrying aspect for opposition politics is that Mamata

Banerjee, who once strove to lead the opposition alliance, will no longer have the same status as before, nor will her views receive any attention in the opposition. Furthermore, Mamata Banerjee, who once spoke out against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, is now forced to play politics under the leadership of the Congress, a position she neither accepted before nor will she accept now.

As for the Trinamool Congress and Uddhav Thackeray's party, MPs rebelling against their own parties, it's fair to say that in today's political landscape, the future prospects of the

opposition appear to be severely curtailed.

Under whose leadership will the opposition parties unite? This is a major question, one that no one has an answer to. In such a situation, leaders of regional parties who used to engage in politics as a yes-man have become increasingly relevant. Their very relevance poses a significant threat to opposition unity. When power is concentrated in one place, its voice carries weight, but when this power is fragmented, it becomes powerless. Today, opposition political parties are unwilling to come under the leadership of any single party.

Editorial

On DNA evidence and rights

To protect children from the stigma of illegitimacy, the erstwhile Indian Evidence Act 1872 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 place the burden of proof on the party denying paternity rather than the party seeking confirmation. The Supreme Court of India first considered the challenges posed by DNA evidence in this regard, in Goutam Kundu (1993), where it held that DNA tests could not be ordered as a matter of routine and that courts must first assess whether a strong prima facie case had been made out. It reiterated this position in Shri Banarsi Dass (2005); both cases also reinforced the protection of legitimacy over any interest in forensic curiosity. Then, in the litigation mooted by Rohit Shekhar alleging that veteran politician N.D. Tiwari was his father, the Delhi High Court and the top court called for the test despite Mr. Tiwari insisting that his right to privacy was being violated. In Nandal Wasudeo Badwaik (2014), the Court said that when reliable scientific proof confronts legal fiction, the former may prevail in the interest of justice; in Dipanwita Roy (2014), it acknowledged that refusing testing can lead to adverse inference. Both orders also confirmed the legitimacy of DNA tests based on need.

Then, in K.S. Puttaswamy (2017), as it encoded the right to privacy — including of genetic data — as a fundamental right under Article 21, the Court introduced a constraint that prior paternity jurisprudence did not have to reckon with. The threefold test it set up, of legality, legitimate aims, and proportionality, was brought to bear in Aparna Ajinkya Firodia (2023), which concluded that DNA tests should be ordered only where they are necessary and proportionate, and not if a dispute could be resolved based on other evidence. In Ivan Rathinam (2025), the Court said neither privacy nor knowledge were absolute and that the judiciary also has to negotiate stigma and necessity. Its order in CP vs AP (2026) tied all these contentions together as it upheld a trial court's direction for a DNA test on the grounds that the disputed question of paternity could not be resolved by the existing material record and required a scientific determination, by applying necessity considerations.

Lust, anger, greed, attachment and ego five vices versus opportunity in disaster

(Advocate Kishan)

Lust, Anger, Greed, Attachment, and Ego: Human Nature - From a Spiritual Perspective, Meaning of Opportunity in Disaster Channeling these negative energies into a positive direction. If the emotions of lust, anger, greed, attachment, and ego are employed in social welfare, public welfare, religious support, cultural preservation, and public good, these five vices can become instruments of human upliftment and social change. - Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra.

The history of human civilization's development globally is not merely a history of material progress, but also a history of the constant struggle, balance, and refinement of human emotions, tendencies, and mental states. In Indian philosophy, lust, anger, greed, attachment, and ego are commonly referred to as the five vices. Religious texts, saintly literature, and spiritual traditions mention them as elements that can lead a person to downfall. However, a deeper study reveals that these emotions are neither wholly good nor wholly bad. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the concept of harnessing these five vices and turning them into opportunities can be understood as follows: Kama (desire/enthusiasm): Transform it into a passion for achieving something greater or pursuing a noble goal (such as creative work or social service) rather than lust. Krodha (rage): Transform

it into a strong will to fight injustice and one's own shortcomings, rather than destroying others or oneself. Lobha (greed): Transform the greed for material things into a yearning for knowledge, good deeds, and spiritual advancement. Moh (attachment): Transform worldly attachments into a genuine love for one's work, family, and humanity. Ahamkara (pride): Transform it from the false ego of "I am the best" to the self-confidence of "I can learn everything."

Friends, these are innate powers of the human personality, whose outcome depends on the purpose and direction in which they are used. If these emotions are channeled into social welfare, public welfare, religious support, cultural preservation, and public good, these same five vices can become instruments of human upliftment and social change. Indian thought has always maintained that a person should be evaluated not only by the emotions that arise within them, but also by the application and results of those emotions. For example, lust is not merely a physical desire, but also an inspiration for creation. Anger is not merely a means of destruction, but can also be a courage to stand up against injustice. Greed, if confined to personal self-interest, is harmful, but if it is transformed into the desire to accumulate more resources for society, it can become a vehicle for development. If attachment, instead of being limited to individuals, takes the form of dedication to culture, society, and the nation, it becomes

the basis of social unity. Similarly, if ego, instead of becoming self-obsession, transforms into self-confidence and leadership ability, it serves to guide society. Therefore, to assume that a person has gone astray upon the emergence of these emotions would be an incomplete and superficial understanding.

Friends, if we compare any of these five violations with the decisions of a committee of the Maharashtra government, the recommendation to withdraw 44 cases by a cabinet subcommittee headed by Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar on June 17, 2026, is part of this process. Previously, on September 29, 2025, a recommendation to withdraw 77 cases was made. These figures clearly demonstrate that the government is not taking one-time action, but is striving to develop an institutional mechanism through which such cases can be regularly reviewed. This approach can be considered a reflection of administrative sensitivity and democratic maturity. It is also important to note the nature of these cases. The cases recommended for withdrawal by the committee are primarily related to Ganeshotsav, Navratri, Dahi Handi, labor movements, social events, and various ideological or public interest movements. Such events involve large participation of people, and sometimes cases are filed due to administrative procedures or local circumstances.

Friends, if these cases lack any serious criminal intent and merely relate to circumstances arising during public activities, their

review can be considered consistent with the spirit of democratic justice. However, the most important feature of this entire process is that it sets clear limits and exceptions. Heinous crimes such as crimes against women, murder, serious violence, and assault, as well as cases involving personal or civil disputes, are not granted any relief. This system ensures that serious crimes are not protected under the guise of social or political activities. Similarly, cases involving public representatives are finally resolved in accordance with court directives. This sends the message that the principles of the rule of law and democratic accountability will not be compromised.

Friends, the Cabinet Subcommittee formed by the Maharashtra Government can be seen as an important initiative in this direction. The purpose of this committee is to identify cases that have primarily arisen during social, religious, or political activities and do not have serious criminal elements. Each application before the committee is thoroughly examined. Cases deemed withdrawable are then referred to regional committees headed by Deputy Commissioners of Police, where further processing is carried out. This system attempts to ensure that only genuine cases receive relief and maintain the credibility of the justice system.

Friends, world history bears witness to the fact that human emotions have played a powerful role in most social movements, freedom struggles, and public awareness cam-

paigns. Anger against injustice, a sense of belonging to society, a desire for change, and the confidence of leadership are what give rise to major movements. If Mahatma Gandhi hadn't felt moral outrage at the unjust policies of British rule, if Nelson Mandela hadn't felt a strong sense of struggle against apartheid, and if Martin Luther King Jr. hadn't had a deep commitment to social equality, the course of history might have been different. This means that it's not right to dismiss human emotions as mere disorders; it's more important to channel them positively.

Friends, it's not fair to treat people who truly work for social welfare and the public good as criminals simply because a case was filed against them during a movement or event. If their actions were aimed at social well-being, cultural preservation, religious events, or public interest, and they haven't committed any serious crimes, they should be given the opportunity to reform and reconsider. This approach strengthens the concept of restorative justice over punitive justice. Today, society needs to understand the positive aspects of the five vices, rather than viewing them only negatively. When lust becomes a desire for service, anger becomes a struggle against injustice, greed becomes an inspiration to mobilize resources for society, attachment becomes a dedication to culture and society, and ego is transformed into self-confidence and leadership, these emotions become tools for human development.

The danger of half-baked knowledge and quick decisions: Understanding the power of patience, thought, and experience is crucial

(Advocate Kishan)

In practical life, situations often arise where decisions need to be made suddenly, in specific, unplanned circumstances. This is precisely when, with our intellect and skill, we urgently need to draw on the proverbs, sayings, and thoughts shared by our elders. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, from Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this facilitates high-quality, positive decisions, which have far-reaching positive consequences. We can avoid the adverse consequences and negative consequences that can arise in such situations, resulting in long-

term positive outcomes, and we can attribute this to the blessings of our elders.

Friends, when it comes to decision-making in practical life, these can be of two types: planned and unplanned decisions. Decisions that are made suddenly, in response to a specific situation, and without prior planning, are called unplanned decisions. In contrast, decisions that are based on a pre-planned plan are called planned decisions. Planned decisions are based on concrete facts because they are based on a pre-determined plan.

Friends, if we talk about the

proverbs of our elders, a proverb is a short sentence or line that conveys significant meaning. In villages and homes, we often hear many proverbs from elders. These proverbs are not taught in school; they are mostly used by people in rural areas. Many such proverbs are used by women in the household. Sometimes, even educated villagers are unable to decipher the meaning of the elders' proverbs, and they shyly nod and move on.

Friends, if we talk about situations that require quick decisions, human life often faces situations where a person is unable to understand how to deal with them. The

situation created by circumstances is so complex that without prudence and foresight, there is a high probability that the decision will be wrong. Many times, small things can deeply impact us negatively. When such a situation arises, it is better that we analyze the situation calmly and patiently and think about both the pros and cons of that situation because every situation has two aspects, if one is positive then the other will definitely be negative. We should take decisions based on the pros and cons of the situation and not take any step in haste or panic, due to which even the thing that would be in our favor

may have an adverse effect. Most importantly, we should develop the habit of taking decisions with patience, tolerance and peace in any adverse situation, if this happens then we will definitely be successful in our life.

Friends, if we are talking about making informed decisions based on what we hear and see with our eyes, it's not necessary that everything we see or hear is true. We only see and hear one side of what we see or hear. Lack of knowledge about the other side leads us to form a particular opinion. When we face reality, we are forced to repent.

The Madari's rope has fallen: Watching your art disappear hurts the most

New Delhi, (GNS): In a cramped one-room EWS flat in Bawana, surrounded by cracked walls and fading light, Ishamuddin Khan sits among ropes, wooden flutes, baskets and worn-out magic props that once travelled the world with him.

Three decades ago, the Delhi street magician stunned audiences after performing the legendary Great Indian Rope Trick, earning international recognition and attention from global media organisations and broadcasters. Today, at 54, Khan survives on occasional birthday parties, corporate shows and financial help from friends, struggling to keep both his art and livelihood alive.

"I can still gather thousands if I perform on the streets of Chandni Chowk or India Gate," he says quietly. "People clap, smile and record videos on their phones. But very few ask how the artist survives."

Khan belongs to a traditional madari family of street performers. For generations, his family practised magic in village squares, markets and streets across the country. Magic, he says, was never a choice for him; it was inheritance: "In our tribe, everybody does magic. I learnt it from my father and uncle. The street became my first classroom."

When he was a child, his parents tried to push him towards school, hoping



he would escape the difficult life of a street performer. But school never felt like home. Khan studied till Class VII before eventually returning to the streets, where he learnt crowd-building, storytelling and performance.

Years later, while per-

forming outside a circus in Delhi's Raja Garden, Khan met mentors who encouraged him to explore the centuries old illusion mentioned in the writings of Ibn Battuta, Fa Hien, and Mughal records. After months of research and

preparation, he publicly performed his version of the rope trick on July 24, 1995. "Overnight, everything changed," he recalls. "Media from around the world came."

The son of a street magician from Kathputli Colony soon found himself travelling across the globe, performing at festivals in Sweden, France, Ireland and Japan. Recently, he documented his journey in Jaadu Meri Zindagi, a 450-page autobiography tracing his life from Delhi's crowded streets to international stages across Europe.

But while foreign audiences treated him with dignity, survival back home became increasingly diffi-

cult. The fame he gained was short-lived, and didn't promise financial security. The lack of public spaces, he says, was a major factor. And slowly, the crowds stopping to watch him perform on the streets began thinning.

Today, the rope that once brought him global recognition lies discarded on the terrace of his Bawana flat, damaged by time and weather. "Many folk artists are living between applause and hunger," he says. "A magician can create wonder, but he cannot create school fees or medicine through illusion."

Khan believes the country has forgotten the communities that once kept its folk traditions alive.

2 Nigerian nationals evading court trial held in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police arrested two Nigerian nationals who had allegedly been evading court proceedings in separate criminal cases, including one accused who had been declared a proclaimed offender in a commercial quantity heroin case, officials said on Monday.

According to police, the arrests were made during a verification drive launched to trace habitual narcotics offenders released on bail but failing to appear before the courts.

One of the arrested accused, Somadina Hilary Augustin (36), a resident of Anambra State, Nigeria, is an accused in a case registered at Vikaspuri police station under provisions of the NDPS Act, IPC and the Foreigners Act. Police said the case involved the recovery of a commercial quantity of heroin. He had been declared a proclaimed offender by a Delhi



court on April 6, after allegedly failing to appear during trial.

The second accused, Stainly Anekwe (36), a resident of Delta State, Nigeria, is wanted in a case registered at Nihal Vihar police station under the Foreigners Act. Police said proceedings under Section 84 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) had already been initiated against him for remaining absent from court.

The two were apprehended from the Uttam Nagar area during a verification drive conducted by a team of the Anti-Narcotics Cell.

Probe Finds Doctor Used Souvenir Khukri to Kill Long-Time Domestic Help

New Delhi, (GNS): Police have found a curved khukri-like knife that Dr Manish Gupta allegedly used to slit the throat of his domestic help, Meena, at his south Delhi residence on June 19.

The weapon was part of a collection of similar knives that the dermatologist had accumulated at his Mount Kailash home over the years from various states, police said.

Police had earlier said Meena arrived at the Guptas' home for



work and went to the terrace to hang laundry. Investigators alleged that Gupta attacked her there, first repeatedly striking her with his son's cricket bat, then slitting her throat with the khukri. "A slit

mark found on Meena's neck was similar to a medical incision," a senior police officer had said.

A khukri is a traditional curved knife with a broad inward-bending blade and

often used as both a utility tool and weapon.

Police said that Gupta had three or four such khukris as souvenirs.

The recovery of the knife could play a crucial role in the forensic examination.

Gupta, a 50-year-old dermatologist, was arrested for killing the 45-year-old house help, who had worked for the family for more than 15 years. A court has remanded him to 14 days of judicial custody.

The murder came to light after a resident of a nearby building spotted Meena lying motionless on the terrace and alerted police.

Officers who reached the spot found Gupta inside the house. According to investigators, he allegedly told them, "Mujhe faansi de do (hang me)."

The probe has also revealed that Gupta was under psychiatric treatment for depression and obsessive-compulsive disorder for nearly a decade.

Mentally Challenged Man Killed in Delhi's Shalimar Bagh, Five in net

New Delhi, (GNS): A 50-year-old mentally challenged man died after being assaulted and stabbed allegedly by some residents near his jhuggi in Shalimar Bagh, north-west Delhi, on the intervening night of June 19 and 20.

Police has arrested four people and apprehended a juvenile in the case. The juvenile was found involved in another murder.

After getting the PCR call, a police team that went to jhuggi No. T-40 in the Indira Colony ST-Hut area, took the injured man, Bijender, to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial Hospital. He died during



treatment. Crime and forensic teams have been sent to the spot.

The investigation team found that Bijender was mentally challenged. He had a history of aggressive behaviour, a senior police officer said. "He had threatened and assaulted residents several times in the past," the officer said. On the day of the attack,

Bijender had allegedly tried to attack the sister of a resident. Following the confrontation, the resident and his associates allegedly assaulted Bijender. He was also stabbed during the attack.

Bijender's sister-in-law, Preeti, alleged that the family had a running dispute with the family of the alleged attackers for years. "Since 2011, they have been troubling us. Just three months ago, they stabbed my younger brother-in-law with a knife, and before matters could cool down, this happened. They sell drugs and do not let us live in peace. Every time we approach the police, we end up get-

ting entangled in a cross-case... Once, they fired at another brother-in-law, who narrowly escaped," she said.

Bijender's mother, Shakuntala, echoed the allegations and claimed that several members of her family had been targeted in the past. "My sons have been attacked by the same family. No action is ever taken against them.... If they keep attacking our family members, how are we supposed to survive?" she asked.

Police said they are verifying the family's claims, including the accusation that Bijender's attackers had earlier filed counter-FIRs against his family.

E-Tempo Overturns, Car Damaged While Avoiding Truck on Shalimar Bagh Flyover

New Delhi, (GNS): Multiple vehicles got disbalanced, including an e-tempo overturned, while trying to avoid a truck in northwest Delhi's Shalimar Bagh flyover late Saturday night. One man suffered injuries in the incident, police said.

A PCR call was received about the road accident around 11.18 pm. Upon reaching the spot, cops discovered that the e-tempo, driven and owned by one Yadram, had overturned while they attempted to save themselves from colliding with an unidentified truck.

The vehicle was carrying vegetables to New Sabzi Mandi along with two travellers - Dalchand and Murari. Dalchand sustained minor



injuries.

Further inquiry revealed that simultaneously, another car, driven by one Himank, a 23-year-old resident of north Delhi's Timarpur, also lost balance while trying to avoid the same truck.

The incident also led to significant traffic on the busy flyover.

PWD undertakes city-wide pothole repair drive ahead of monsoon

New Delhi, (GNS): With monsoon approaching, Delhi govt Sunday undertook a special drive to repair over 2,000 identified potholes across the city.

Engineers, field staff and maintenance teams were deployed to repair identified potholes on priority before the onset of heavy rains.

PWD minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma inspected repair works at multiple locations.

According to the depart-



mental records, 14,757 potholes were identified on PWD roads between Jan 1 and June 4, out of which 12,762 potholes had already been repaired. The special drive aimed to fix the remaining potholes at the

identified locations before the monsoon, said a PWD statement.

"We have strengthened quality control measures and introduced greater accountability," the PWD minister said, adding that new roads being constructed by the department are covered under a five-year maintenance provision. Contractors are responsible for rectifying any defects that arise during the warranty period under the provision.

Abhijeet Dipke touches feet of volunteer, thanks him for food support candlelight vigil today as protest enters day 3

New Delhi, (GNS): The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) continued its protest at Jantar Mantar on Monday for the third consecutive day, alleging irregularities in examinations and a paper leak in the NEET exam held on May 3. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke thanked volunteer Mohd Junaid for assisting participants by distributing juice and snack packets to students who have been staying overnight at the

protest venue.

In a video, Abhijeet can be seen hugging and thanking volunteer Mohd Junaid and touching his feet, as Junaid distributes juice and snack packets to students.

Abhijeet also requested the authorities to immediately restore water supply to restrooms at Jantar Mantar.

Cockroachisback (@Cockroachisback) CJP said, "Today we are lighting candles in memory of every student who lost

their life due to the government's incompetence, which led to the NEET paper leak," at 5:30 pm.

The sit-in, which began on Saturday afternoon, has continued uninterrupted, with several protesters spending nights at the site under police deployment.

During the agitation, several individuals were also seen distributing food and drinking water to protesters throughout the night.

Know the better halves of Delhi CM Rekha Gupta, Cabinet Minister

New Delhi, (GNS): While Delhi's Cabinet ministers are familiar faces in government and politics, their spouses largely remain away from public attention. From business professionals and doctors to former councillors and social workers, the better halves of Delhi's ministers have carved out their own identities while supporting their partners' political journeys.

A look at the spouses of the seven Delhi Cabinet ministers reveals a mix of political engagement, professional careers and community service.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta's husband, Manish Gupta, briefly found himself in the spotlight last

year when the Aam Aadmi Party raised objections over his presence at an official meeting alongside the Chief Minister. A Delhi-based businessman and social worker, Manish Gupta is associated with Nikunj Enterprises, a firm mentioned in the Chief Minister's 2025 election affidavit. He is also an agency associate with Kotak Life Insurance. According to the affidavit, his income comes from business activities, salary, share trading, commissions and interest earnings. His declared income for the financial year 2023-24 was over Rs 97 lakh.

Swati Singh: Political Legacy and Grassroots Mobilisation
Cabinet Minister Parvesh



Verma's wife, Swati Singh, comes from a prominent political family. She is the daughter of former Union Minister Vikram Verma and former Madhya Pradesh MLA Neena Vikram Verma. Though her profession is listed as private service and social work in election disclosures, Swati Singh has played an active role in political campaigns over the years. She has managed election campaigns for her parents, her late father-in-law and her husband. During Parvesh Verma's campaign for the New Delhi Assembly constituency, she actively mobilised women voters and families through community outreach programmes and public meetings. Following her hus-

band's appointment to the Delhi Cabinet, she has also represented the family in media interactions.

Satvinder Kaur Sirsa: From councillor to community leader

The wife of Cabinet Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa, Satvinder Kaur Sirsa is no stranger to politics herself. A former Municipal Corporation of Delhi councillor from Punjabi Bagh (South), she entered active politics in 2012 when the ward was reserved for women candidates. The seat had previously been represented by her husband. While Manjinder Singh Sirsa's election affidavit lists her profession as business, Satvinder Kaur remains actively involved in social and religious

Seva Bharati launches 301 service projects

New Delhi, (GNS): Marking the International Day of Yoga with a major social outreach initiative, Seva Bharati Delhi virtually inaugurated 301 new service projects across the national capital on Sunday. The projects, launched under the service work expansion campaign, are expected to directly benefit more than 5,000 people, with a special focus on women empowerment, self-reliance, child development and community welfare. The virtual inauguration was conducted at 4.30 pm through electronic and social media platforms, connecting workers, teachers, supervisors, volunteers and local residents from across Delhi. The newly launched projects include 'Sanskar Kendras', self-help groups (SHGs), tailoring centres and self-reliance centres aimed at strengthening educational, social and economic opportunities for underprivileged communities. Describing the initiative as an effort to translate the true spirit of yoga into social life, Seva Bharati said the campaign sought to promote holistic development of individuals, society and the nation through service-oriented activities. Addressing the gathering, chief guest Ajay Singh, chairman and MD, SpiceJet, praised the organisation's work and said, "the organisation's resolve to bring the stream of development and assistance to the absolute last person in society is a crucial step in nation-building".

Cyber fraud victims can reclaim losses below Rs 50K

New Delhi, (GNS): Victims of cyber fraud who have lost up to Rs 50,000 can now seek recovery of their money by registering on the Money Restoration Module (MRM) or by visiting the nearest Cyber Police Station.

Highlighting the effectiveness of the initiative, the Delhi Police have facilitated the restoration of Rs 3.59 lakh to 34 victims who had lost money to cyber fraudsters through the victim-centric system developed by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C).

According to the police, the amount was restored in 34 cyber fraud cases after the completion of all verification and documentation formalities. A total of 70 requests were received from the I4C for processing under the module, which has been designed to help victims recover funds that were temporarily frozen or secured following cyber fraud complaints.

The Money Restoration Module enables the return of lien amounts of up to Rs 50,000 in eligible cases where banking intervention has blocked suspicious transactions. Once a case is flagged under the system, the com-



plainant is contacted and guided through the recovery procedure.

The police officials said victims must visit the concerned police station in person with supporting documents, including PAN card details and an indemnity bond executed on stamp paper, for verification before the funds can be released.

However, 22 cases could not be processed as the complainants did not respond to repeated communication from the authorities.

The I4C Recovery Portal, officially known as the Money Restoration Module (MRM) on the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal, is an initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It enables victims of financial cyber fraud to apply online for the refund of money frozen in a fraudster's bank account, thereby simplifying and expediting the recovery process.

Delhi Govt rolls out major pothole repair drive before monsoon

New Delhi, (GNS): In a major pre-monsoon preparedness initiative, the Delhi Public Works Department (PWD) on Sunday carried out a special city-wide pothole repair drive, targeting more than 2,000 identified potholes across the capital to ensure safer and smoother roads for commuters during the rainy season.

PWD Minister Parvesh Sahib Singh Verma personally inspected repair work at several locations and reviewed the progress of the drive. Despite it being a Sunday, engineers, field staff and maintenance teams remained deployed across Delhi to complete priority repairs before the onset of heavy rainfall. According to PWD records, a total of 14,757 potholes were identified on PWD-maintained roads between January 1 and June 4, 2026. Of these, 12,762 potholes had already been repaired. To address the remaining locations ahead of the monsoon, the department launched the special drive on



Sunday. Speaking during the inspection, Verma said, "PWD remains vigilant throughout the year in addressing complaints related to potholes and road maintenance. With the monsoon approaching, our focus is to ensure that roads are in the best possible condition before the rains begin. Today's special drive reflects that commitment. More than 2,000 identified potholes are being repaired across Delhi so that commuters can travel safely and comfortably during the rainy season." The minister said the government was committed to improving the quality and durability of road infra-

structure while ensuring greater accountability in construction and maintenance work.

He further stated, "Road infrastructure must be built on the foundations of quality, accountability and long-term durability. Many of the potholes being repaired today are on roads constructed several years ago, where quality standards were not adequately maintained.

We have strengthened quality-control measures and introduced greater accountability. New roads being constructed by PWD are covered under a five-year maintenance provision, under which contractors are responsible for rectifying any defects that arise during the warranty period." The Delhi Government said the special repair drive is part of its broader pre-monsoon preparedness strategy aimed at improving road conditions, enhancing commuter safety and ensuring durable, citizen-centric infrastructure across the national capital.

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Progress through
School Enrollment

Date: 23 to 25 June, 2026

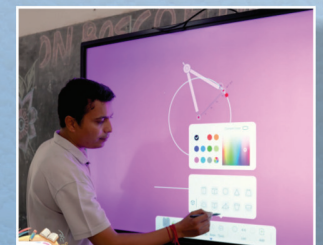
NIPUN Gujarat Mission
Foundational Literacy and Numeracy
for building proficient learners

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State Curriculum Framework (SCF)

School Quality Assessment
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And Assurance Framework (SQAAF)

GUJARAT'S PROGRESS IN EDUCATION

- Under the Mission Schools of Excellence, more than 22,000 new classrooms, over 1 lakh smart classrooms, 21,000 computer labs, and 2,900 STEM labs have been established in government schools across the state.
- Through Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyayas, more than 37,000 girls have benefited from residential education facilities.
- More than 11 lakh girls have benefited from the Namo Lakshmi Yojana, and over 1.50 lakh students from the Namo Saraswati Vigyan Sadhana Yojana.
- Meritorious students are benefiting from quality education through the Gyan Setu, Gyan Sadhana and Gyan Shakti Scholarship Schemes.
- The State Examination Board successfully conducted 27 examinations for 23.5 lakh candidates during the year 2025-26.
- Modern and transparent examination systems have been implemented, including QR code-enabled mark sheets and online verification facilities.
- Under the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 25% of seats in Class 1 are reserved for free admission, ensuring access to education for lakhs of children.
- Students are provided nutritious meals through the Mukhyamantri Paushtik Alpahar Yojana.
- Vocational education is being offered in 16 different sectors across 1,762 government and grant-in-aid secondary and higher secondary schools in the state.
- PM SHRI Schools are providing high-quality and modern education for future nation-builders.
- Outstanding teachers are being honored and encouraged through Gujarat Shreshtha Shikshak Puraskar.
- Students of Class 10 and 12 are given a unique opportunity to improve their results through the 'Best of Two Exam' system.
- Efforts are being made to bring illiterate citizens into the mainstream of education through literacy and continuing education programmes.
- Quality education is being promoted through the NIPUN Gujarat Mission and the new direction of the State Curriculum Framework.
- Holistic development of students is emphasized through the 360° Holistic Progress Card (HPC).
- The option of Standard and Basic Mathematics in Class 10 helps reduce examination-related stress among students.



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– Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister, Gujarat

Education Department, Government of Gujarat