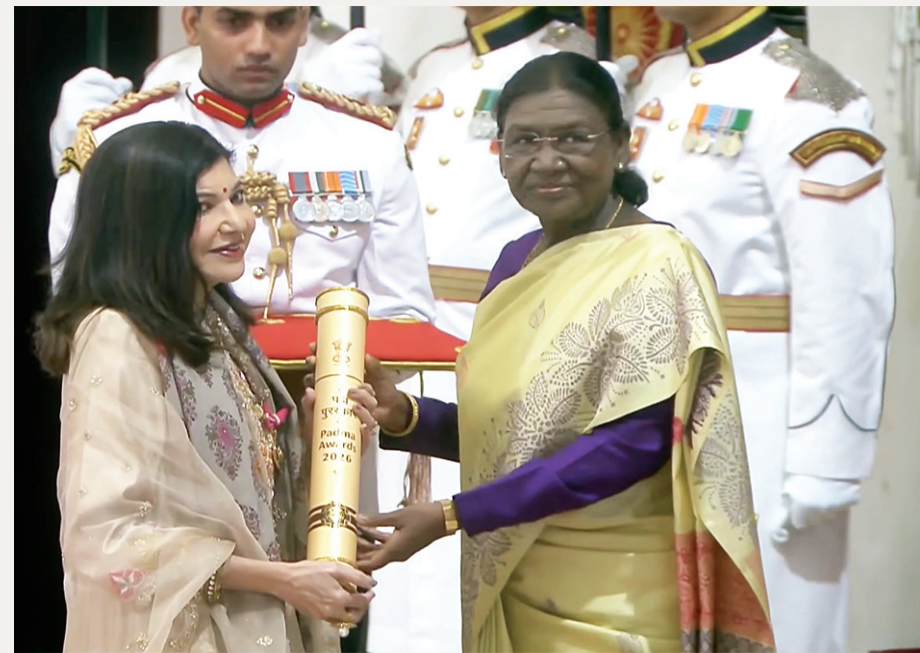




New Delhi(GNS): President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday conferred Padma Awards to 64 personalities including actor Mammootty, playback singer Alka Yagnik, cricketer Rohit Sharma, actor R. Madhavan and former Chief Minister Shibu Soren at the second phase of the Civil Investiture Ceremony held at the Republic Pavilion of Rashtrapati Bhavan. Two Padma Vibhushan, seven Padma Bhushan and 55 Padma Shri

awards were presented on this occasion. Eminent Malayalam journalist from Kerala P. Narayanan was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for his contribution in the field of literature and education and former Supreme Court judge K. T. Thomas was awarded the Padma Vibhushan for his contribution in the field of public service.

The President conferred the Padma Bhushan on legendary Malayalam cinema actor Mammootty for his long and

Mammootty, Alka Yagnik, Rohit Sharma and R. Madhavan among 64 others awarded Padma Shri

distinguished contribution to film-dom. His son and actor Dulquer Salmaan was present in the audience gallery to witness his father receive one of the country's highest civilian honors. Renowned Indian music singer Alka Yagnik was also awarded the Padma Bhushan for her invaluable contributions. Former Jharkhand Chief Minister and tribal leader Shibu Soren was also posthumously awarded the Padma Bhushan. The award was received by his wife, Rupi Soren. Former tennis player Vijay Amritraj, social activist Dr. S.K.M. Mayilananadan, social leader Vellappally Natesan, and renowned oncologist Dr. Dattatreya Nori were also honored with the Padma Bhushan.

The President conferred the Padma award on actor R. Madhavan for his achievements in Indian cinema and the arts. The Padma Shri awardees include former Indian cricket captain

Rohit Sharma, former Indian women's hockey captain Savita Punia, Telugu actor Rajendra Prasad, actor Dr. Anil Kumar Rastogi, technocrat Shashi Shekhar Vempati, Santhali academician Charan Hembram, bronze engraver Chiranji Lal Yadav, modern Assamese theatre artist Nuruddin Ahmed, mridangam player Thiruvurur Bhaktavatsalam, material physicist Dr. Krishnamurthy Balasubramanian, social worker Brijlal Bhatt, santoor player Tarun Bhattacharya, jamdani and muslin weaver Jotish Debnath, silk expert Dr. Jogesh Deuri, tarpa player Bhikya Ladkya Dhinda, human milk bank pioneer Dr. Armida Fernandez, scientists Dr. Chandramouli Gaddamanugu, Dr. Premal Gautam, bronze sculptor Dr. Rajasthapat Kaliappa Gounder, Dr. Padma Gurmed, Ashok Kumar Haldar, Dr. Suresh Hangwadi, Aerospace Scientist Dr. Shubha Venkatesh Iyengar, Sant Niranjana Das

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Thangaraj, and tribal litterateur Naresh Chandra Dev Varma were among the prominent recipients.

The President also conferred the Padma Shri posthumously on former Union Minister and three-time Member of Parliament Kabirendra Purkayastha, actor Satish Shah, industrialist T.T. Jagannathan, cooperative pioneer Rama Reddy Mamidi, wrestling coach Vladimir Meristavrisvili, Bundeli folk art patron Bhagwan Das Raikwar, agricultural expert Raghupat Singh, and Santhali litterateur Rabir Lal Tudu. Their families received the awards. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, members of the Union Council of Ministers, prominent figures from various fields, and family members of the awardees were present at the solemn ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Prime Minister Pays Tribute to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on His Martyrdom Day

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday paid tribute to Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee on his martyrdom day, saying that his dedication to national interest, courage and ideals continue to inspire the country.

In a post on social media platform X, the Prime Minister described Dr Mookerjee as a great patriot, scholar and visionary statesman who devoted his entire life to India's development and national unity. He said Dr Mookerjee's unwavering commitment to public life, courage and devotion to national interests would continue to inspire future generations.

The Prime Minister stated that Dr Mookerjee's sacrifice would remain permanently etched in the nation's collective memory and that the country must renew its resolve to follow his ideals in building a developed and strong India. In another post, Modi shared a Sanskrit verse and said that Dr Mookerjee's ideas and ideals, rooted in selfless service to the nation and society, would continue to inspire every generation. Quoting the Sanskrit verse, the Prime Minister emphasized that immortality and the highest honour are achieved not through wealth, descendants or deeds alone, but through sacrifice and selfless dedication.

New Aadhaar App Downloaded Over 31 Million Times in Five Months

New Delhi(GNS): The new Aadhaar mobile application has been downloaded more than 31 million times within five months of its launch.

Around four million users have updated their mobile numbers through the app, while nearly 850,000 people have used it to update their addresses. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), which manages Aadhaar, said the growing usage reflects increasing public trust in the application due to the convenience and range of services it offers. The app allows users to update mobile numbers and addresses directly from their smartphones.

SIT Submits Report on Ram Temple Donation Theft Case

Recommends FIR and reconstitution of trust; seeks more time for detailed probe

Ayodhya(GNS): The Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Tuesday submitted its report to the Uttar Pradesh government in connection with the alleged theft of donations from the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. According to sources, the report recommends registration of an FIR and reconstitution of the temple trust. It has also suggested appointing a senior officer as administrator of the temple.

The SIT has sought additional time for a detailed investigation. The report was submitted to Additional Chief Secretary (Home) Sanjay Prasad. Officials said the preliminary report runs into 20 pages and includes details of questioning



conducted with around 150 people. Sources said the SIT has also recommended an audit of temple donations received over the past five years and proposed measures to prevent irregularities in handling offerings.

The report reportedly raises questions about the role of certain trust officials. The state government is expected to forward the report to the Union Home

Ministry, which will decide whether any trust members should be retained or removed.

So far, recovery worth 2 crore has been made based on information provided by five accused — Lav Kush, Avnish, Anukalp, Karune and Ramshankar alias Tinnu. Gold was also recovered from the residence of Tinnu, considered close to trust official Champat Rai.

Union Minister George Kurian Resigns

Rajya Sabha term ended on June 21; BJP did not renominate him

New Delhi(GNS): Union Minister of State George Kurian has resigned from the Council of Ministers. Rashtrapati Bhavan informed on Tuesday that President Droupadi Murmu accepted his resignation on the advice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. However, the reason for the resignation has not been disclosed. The 65-year-old Kurian served as Minister of State in the Ministry of Minority Affairs and the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying during the third term of the Modi government. He had been a Rajya Sabha member from Madhya Pradesh since August 2024.

His Rajya Sabha tenure ended on June 21. The BJP did not nominate him again. Kurian is among the senior BJP leaders in Kerala. It is believed that the party's performance in the recent Kerala Assembly elections, which fell short of expectations, may have contributed to the decision not to renominate him.

HC Orders Preservation of EVM-VVPATs in Seat Lost by Mamata

Court says they may be examined during hearing; Suvendu won by over 15,000 votes

Kolkata(GNS): The Calcutta High Court on Tuesday heard a petition alleging irregularities in the election results of the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency in West Bengal. The court directed that all crucial evidence related to the counting process be preserved.

The court ordered that EVMs, VVPATs, CCTV footage, and all other relevant records be kept

secure. It observed that these materials may be examined if required during the course of the hearing. Justice Gaurang Kanth also directed that footage from all CCTV cameras installed inside and outside the Shekhawati Memorial School, which served as the counting centre, be preserved.

The court further instructed that all concerned parties be

impleaded in the case. Accordingly, Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari, his adviser Subrata Gupta, and Sunil Agrawal have been directed to be made parties to the proceedings.

In the Bhabanipur Assembly constituency, Suvendu Adhikari had defeated former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee by a margin of 15,105 votes.

Seventh MP from Uddhav Camp Also Wanted to Join Shinde Faction: Claim

Wanted a Cabinet berth; deal failed, says Shiv Sena leader

Mumbai(GNS): Shiv Sena leader Ramdas Kadam has claimed that apart from six MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray faction, another MP was also willing to join Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's camp.

Speaking to the media in Mumbai on Monday, Kadam said the seventh MP had even signed the necessary documents but demanded a Cabinet ministerial post. Shinde reportedly refused, following which the MP backed out. Refusing to reveal the MP's identity, Kadam said, "I will not name him, but he sits next to Uddhav Thackeray." On Monday, six of the nine Lok Sabha MPs belonging to Shiv Sena (UBT) joined Shinde's Shiv Sena. With their induction, the number of Shiv Sena MPs loyal to Shinde in the Lok Sabha has increased from seven to thirteen.



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We are still lagging behind in car safety standards

(Mukesh Tiwari)

In terms of car sales, this year saw 15% more cars sold than last year. The startup boom has increased demand for luxury cars in smaller cities, but their numbers have declined in major cities worldwide. This is largely due to customer concerns about parking space and safety standards. Today's customers want technology in their cars that makes their lives convenient and also enhances safety, such as hybrid technology. While cars from some renowned car manufacturers have passed the NCAP test, many Indian car manufacturers' cars have failed the NCAP

test. It's worth noting that for the past few years, international agencies have been testing the safety standards of Indian cars.

In fact, NCAP, an independent UK-based organization, is responsible for assessing car safety standards. Based on a customer-centric vehicle safety initiative, NCAP conducts four tests, each with a rating from 1 to 5. The more stars, the better the rating, and the fewer stars, the worse the rating. However, safety testing has revealed that most cars are more likely to cause fatal injuries in a frontal collision. Furthermore, these cars

scored zero on a scale of 1 to 5.

Max Moseley, Chairman of Global NCAP, believes that India has now become a major global market for small car sales and production, making this level of safety a significant concern.

The most serious issue is that it lags behind the standard 5-star standards of North America and Europe by nearly two decades. He clearly believes that the shortcomings of car structures and the lack of airbags pose a risk to the lives of Indian customers.

Amid growing demand for vehicles in smaller towns and cities and the wide-

spread popularity of utility vehicles, passenger vehicle sales in India reached record levels last fiscal year.

In our country, low-cost cars are particularly prized. To produce low-cost cars, car manufacturers often neglect safety standards. Because cars with more safety features cost more, they sell less because they are expensive. This is why our country has a large market for affordable cars. It's believed that this is why many foreign companies have launched affordable cars in our country.

In our country, customers pay the most attention to mileage when pur-

chasing a car. Cars with higher mileage tend to sell the most. To achieve a high mileage, cars need to be lightweight. Naturally, to maintain weight, more fiber materials are being used in cars these days. However, the truth is that our country lacks a clear policy regarding car safety standards. This is why car manufacturers ignore safety standards. Only the required standards are implemented in vehicles. Air bags and anti-lock braking systems are being used only in expensive cars. Global NCAP is a UK-based organization that promotes the worldwide availability of independent consumer

information on motor vehicle safety. Global NCAP was established to help meet the goals of the UN Decade of Action for Road Safety, which aims to reduce road deaths by 50 percent by 2020. Euro NCAP was launched in 1997, and its results are now recognized across Europe. The program was jointly launched in 1996 by Swedish and international testing organizations. The first results were released in 1997. Initially, many car companies strongly criticized NCAP's frontal offset, side impact, pedestrian, and pole tests, but now the rating is considered authoritative worldwide.

Editorial

The fire of negligence

Not long ago, a fire broke out in an illegally constructed and operated hotel in the nation's capital, killing over 20 people. It was assumed that lessons would be learned from this horrific incident, and that fire safety measures would be reviewed in all commercial buildings, at least in major cities. However, a fire in a commercial building in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, reveals that this was not the case. More than 15 students from a coaching center operating in the building lost their lives in the incident.

The state government is stating that the cause of the fire will be thoroughly investigated and the culprits will not be spared, but this is what happens every time. Whenever a large number of people are killed in a fire, the government and administration display compassion, alertness, and activism for a few days, but then everything returns to normal. In most such incidents, it is generally revealed that the building in question either lacked adequate fire safety measures or they were not working.

Many fire incidents reveal that all activities in large buildings begin without obtaining a no-objection certificate from the fire department. It's also no secret that even when investigation reports on fire incidents arrive in a timely manner, no concrete action is taken. In many cases, building owners are arrested for failing to ensure adequate fire safety measures, but those officials and employees of government agencies responsible for ensuring that every building has effective fire safety measures rarely face any strict action.

The tragic incident in Lucknow remains to be determined as to why the fire escalated so violently and why the rescue of those trapped was unsuccessful, but there is no doubt that negligence was committed somewhere. Accidents can happen anywhere, but they cause significant loss of life when disregard for safety measures turns into a form of lawlessness.

This fire of negligence is not only claiming lives but also bringing disrepute to the country. Incidents like those in Delhi and Lucknow demonstrate that public safety, even in our major cities, is left to God's mercy. We aspire to become developed nations, but are not ready to adopt similar practices.

Beyond the ceasefire: Will the world move towards non-violence

(Lalit Garg)

The recent ceasefire between the US, Israel, and Iran comes at a time when West Asia has become engulfed in the flames of war, posing the greatest threat to global stability. The weeks-long conflict had transformed the region into a volcano, with each explosive event shaking the global economy. Oil markets were in dire turmoil, investors were growing nervous, and fears of a global recession were deepening. While the ceasefire has brought immediate relief to the world, the pressing question remains: will this agreement lay the foundation for lasting peace or merely prove a temporary pause before another war? History shows that ceasefires and peace agreements are only sustainable when they are backed not only by strategic compulsion but also by political will, mutual trust, and a commitment to humanity. Otherwise, they simply become interludes between conflicts. The history of West Asia bears witness to countless agreements that were signed on paper but failed to materialize.

Analyzing the consequences of this war, Iran appears to be the biggest beneficiary. Despite US and Israeli military pressure, economic sanctions, and international isolation, Tehran not only succeeded in preserving its political structure but also forced its opponents to the negoti-

ating table. Iran can now boast to its citizens that it has not surrendered to the world's most powerful military forces. The Iranian leadership will present this as a victory of resistance. On the other hand, this conflict has also challenged America's image of invincibility. After Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, this is another occasion that makes it clear that military power alone cannot ensure political results. Washington exerted pressure and demonstrated its military might, but ultimately had to resort to negotiations and compromise. This sends the message that the twenty-first century world will no longer be governed solely by the balance of power, but by dialogue, diplomacy, and multilateral cooperation.

This situation is politically uncomfortable for Israel. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has long described Iran's nuclear and missile capabilities as an existential threat to his country. Israel hoped that war would decisively weaken Iran's strategic capabilities. But after the ceasefire, Iran is presenting itself as the victor. This could intensify the debate within Israel about whether the superpowers prioritized their strategic interests over regional security concerns. This agreement holds special significance for India. India is heavily dependent on West Asia for its energy needs. In the event of war, the fear

of disruption of oil supplies, disruption of maritime trade routes, and price increases had increased India's concerns. A ceasefire will ease pressure on oil prices, control inflation, and reduce security concerns for millions of Indians working in Gulf countries. But India's importance is not just as a consumer nation; it is also emerging as a moral advocate for global peace.

In fact, this war raises a major question: can human civilization build its future through war? Today, superpowers have acquired such devastating military capabilities that even a small mistake by any country can push all of humanity towards destruction. In an age of nuclear weapons, biological weapons, and artificial intelligence-based warfare systems, war is no longer just a question of borders; it has become a question of the very existence of human civilization. This is why the world today needs a politics of peace, not power. Violence, war, terrorism, and the competition for armaments have plunged humanity into fear, distrust, and insecurity. If the world is to be saved, it must move forward towards disarmament, non-violence, co-existence, and dialogue.

In this context, India's role becomes extremely important. India has always given the world the message of peace, compassion, and non-violence. Mahatma

Gandhi said, "An eye for an eye will make the whole world blind." Today, this statement is more relevant than ever. India's cultural consciousness is based on the principle of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," which considers the entire world as one family. This is why India has always supported dialogue over war and consensus over conflict. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also clearly stated on various global platforms that "this is not the era of war." At the United Nations, G-20, BRICS, and other international forums, India has repeatedly emphasized that the solution to any problem lies not in war, but in dialogue. If countries ultimately have to return to the negotiating table, then what is the need to pay the terrible price of war?

India's foreign policy is emerging in a new form today. Be it the Russia-Ukraine war, the Israel-Palestine conflict, or the current crisis in West Asia, India has adopted a policy of balance, dialogue, and peaceful resolution rather than blindly supporting any particular party. This balanced approach can lead India to play the role of a global mediator in the future. But governments alone cannot establish peace. The foundation of peace is built within societies, cultures, and individuals. As long as nationalism continues to manifest as

aggression, as long as the arms industry exploits war for profit, and as long as political leadership uses war as a tool to gain popularity, the dream of lasting peace will remain unfulfilled.

Today, the need is for the world community to take concrete steps: control the nuclear and strategic arms race, strengthen the United Nations' role, develop permanent dialogue mechanisms for resolving international disputes, and incorporate the values of peace and non-violence into education systems. Furthermore, a development model based on human welfare should be prioritized over a war economy.

The ceasefire between the United States, Israel, and Iran is certainly a moment of relief, but its transformation into lasting peace remains to be seen. If it remains merely a phase of strategic realignment, it could pave the way for even more destructive conflicts in the future. However, if the world community seizes this opportunity for introspection and cultivates a new global culture of non-violence, dialogue, and coexistence, this ceasefire could also mark the beginning of a new chapter in human history. The world today needs the light of peace, not the darkness of war. This is humanity's greatest challenge and its greatest opportunity.

The Bharat Tiwari Encounter: A Brazen Killing

(Shrigopal Narsan)

Police personnel convicted in the fake encounter case of Ranveer—which took place in Uttarakhnad several years ago—are currently serving life imprisonment. Yet, the police failed to learn from that incident; recently, they shot and killed 28-year-old Bharat Tiwari from Bihar, even though he had surrendered by discarding his weapon. Faced with public outcry over the encounter—which went viral on social media—Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary announced the suspension of the police personnel found prima facie guilty and ordered an inquiry into the matter by a retired High Court judge. Bharat Bhushan Tiwari, a res-

ident of Belauti village under the Shahpur police station area in Bihar's Bhojpur district, was killed by the police in an encounter on June 17. He was known in his village and the surrounding areas as someone who consistently raised his voice against local issues and corruption; however, his aggressive nature had put him on the police's radar.

Bharat was actively working on the rehabilitation of people displaced by Ganga riverbank erosion in the Joainiya area. He also held considerable sway among the youth. Describing himself as a revolutionary, Bharat used to carry a weapon.

On June 15, Bharat Tiwari posted on Facebook stating that the country

needed a revolutionary war; during this time, he allegedly threatened to kill the Jagdishpur SDM. Consequently, the police visited his home, but he was not found there.

Sharp remarks from BJP leaders following the Bharat Tiwari encounter have left the Bihar government in an uncomfortable position. Union Minister Satish Chandra Dubey, former Union Minister Ashwini Choubey, National Secretary Rituraj Sinha, Education Minister Mithilesh Tiwari, and Minister Vijay Sinha have all condemned the encounter.

Along with the opposition, members of the ruling coalition are also questioning the police action.

On June 16, a photograph of

Bharat holding a weapon had gone viral on social media. When the police arrived at his home regarding the matter, he started a Facebook Live stream during his interaction with the officers, accusing the police and administration of attempting to kill him in an encounter; however, the police later defended their actions by describing Bharat as mentally unstable. A confrontation ensued when the police team reached the village. The police claim that Bharat attacked their team; although attempts were made to de-escalate the situation through dialogue, he refused to yield and continued firing. However, no video footage of Bharat Tiwari actually firing a weapon has surfaced, making

the police's claim that they had to open fire in self-defense difficult for anyone to accept. The live stream clearly indicates that the police shot Bharat after he had already laid down his weapon. After being struck by police gunfire and sustaining critical injuries, he was initially admitted to Ara Sadar Hospital and subsequently referred to PMCH, where he passed away. Shortly after the encounter, Bihar's Education Minister Mithilesh Tiwari issued a stern statement; while acknowledging that the young man's behavior and brandishing of a weapon were wrong, he asserted that the police should have first investigated his criminal history and the full context of the situation.

Protest to continue until Dharmendra Pradhan resigns: CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke

New Delhi, (GNS): The protest, organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), entered its third consecutive day on Monday, drawing students, job aspirants and activists despite being a working day. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said the agitation would continue through the night and would not end until accountability was fixed.

Candles were lit in memory of students who allegedly died by suicide following the paper-leak row, while NEET aspirants who appeared for the re-test on Sunday spoke about the stress of preparing for an exami-



nation twice.

One participant from Bihar said the cancellation of the examination after allegations of irregularities had left students mentally exhausted. Dipke questioned why students who

reached examination centres minutes late were denied opportunities while those allegedly responsible for paper leaks had not faced similar consequences. He described Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation as

the "bare minimum" and appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to meet students at the protest site.

Earlier in the day, Dipke was also found accusing security forces and the Delhi Police people of allegedly checking Aadhaar Card of the supporters and protesters at the gates.

The demonstration also drew support from Left student groups and youth organisations, including SFI, AISA, AISF and KYS. As part of its "Fight for Education with Education" initiative, the AISF set up a free library at the venue using nearly 100 books donated by students, parents and supporters.

Every protester has a story

Away from the stage, individual stories reflected the mood of the gathering. Three friends travelled from Uttarakhand without informing their families, while a volunteer from Uttar Pradesh returned for a second phase of the agitation. Among the protesters was Babita Anjali, a liver cancer patient from Odisha, who attended with her 13-year-old son, saying she had come for the future of every student in the country.

The protest continued under police security arrangements, with barricades placed around the site.

Time-bound delivery for factory approvals, food business licences, 21 other services;

New Delhi(GNS): As part of its ease of doing business initiatives, Delhi govt has brought 23 additional services under the Delhi Right of Citizen to Time Bound Delivery of Services Act, 2011. The move aims to ensure faster approvals, licences, registrations and no-objection certificates (NOCs) for citizens and business establishments while strengthening transparency and accountability.

Chief minister Rekha Gupta said the decision would benefit not only citizens but also sectors such as industry, trade, hospitality, tourism, construction and services.

"The govt's objective is to ensure that citizens and businesses receive govt services within a defined timeframe. Important approvals, licences, registrations and NOCs issued by various departments will now be delivered within stipulated timelines. This will reduce unnecessary delays and the need for repeated visits to govt offices.

Delhi: Two Nigerians arrested for evading court proceedings

New Delhi(GNS): The Delhi Police have arrested two Nigerian nationals for allegedly evading court proceedings in criminal cases.

One of the accused 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.

Somadina Hilary Augustin of Anambra State in Nigeria, one of the accused, had been booked under the provisions of the NDPS Act, IPC and the Foreigners Act at the Vikaspuri police station.

The police said the case involved the seizure of a commercial quantity of heroin. He had been declared a proclaimed offender by a Delhi court on April



6, after he allegedly failed to appear during trial.

The second accused, Stainly Anekwe, a resident of Delta State, Nigeria, was wanted in a case registered at the Nihal Vihar police station under the Foreigners Act. The police said proceedings under Section 84 of the BNSS had already been initiated against him for not appearing before the court.

The two were apprehended from the Uttam Nagar area during a verification drive conducted by a team of the Anti-Narcotics Cell. No recovery was made during the operation.

Man, two daughters fall off Geeta Colony flyover in Delhi; one critical

New Delhi(GNS):A 35-year-old man and his two minor daughters fell off the Geeta Colony flyover in Delhi's Shahdara district after their motorcycle lost control on Monday afternoon, leaving the younger girl critically injured.

The injured have been identified as Ashish (35), his elder daughter Ruby (12), and his younger daughter Mansi (11). While Mansi is on ventilator support at GTB Hospital after sustaining a severe head injury, Ashish and Ruby also suffered injuries in the accident.

According to police,



passersby immediately rushed the victims to Chacha Nehru Hospital following the accident. After receiving initial treatment, they were referred to GTB Hospital for advanced medical care.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (Shahdara) RP Meena said they received information around 1.46 pm on Monday. By the

time officers reached the spot, the injured had already been shifted to the hospital.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Ashish, a resident of Fifth Pushta in Sonia Vihar, was heading with his two daughters to Daryaganj. He had taken the Geeta Colony flyover loop towards Rajghat via Gandhi Nagar when the accident occurred on a sharp curve.

The police said initial findings do not indicate that the motorcycle was hit by another vehicle. Senior police officers, along with the Crime Team and Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL)

experts, inspected the scene.

Investigators noted that the accident took place on a sharp bend of the flyover where a speed breaker has been installed to regulate vehicle speed.

The police suspect that the motorcycle may have bounced over the speed breaker, causing the rider to lose control before the vehicle plunged off the flyover.

A case of rash and negligent driving has been registered and further investigation is underway. Police are examining CCTV footage and recording statements of eyewitnesses.

Bike seized over 107 unpaid challans worth Rs 2.36 lakh

New Delhi(GNS):The Gurugram traffic police impounded a motorcycle carrying 107 pending traffic challans with unpaid fines amounting to Rs 2.36 lakh. The vehicle was seized during a special enforcement drive on NH-48 on Monday.

A senior traffic police officer said the Gurugram traffic police has been continuously conducting special drives against motorists violating traffic rules. Under the campaign, strict action is being taken under the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, against vehicle owners who have failed to clear



traffic challans pending for more than 90 days. At the same time, motorists are being informed about their pending challans and encouraged to pay them within the stipulated period.

On Monday, Traffic Inspector Mahabir Singh and his team were carrying out a special checking

drive on NH-48 to enforce lane discipline. During the operation, a motorcycle bearing registration number HR-36 AR-8308 was stopped for inspection as it was being driven without a High Security Registration Plate (HSRP) and the rider was not wearing a helmet.

Upon verification, it was found that the motorcycle had 107 pending challans issued under various provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The total outstanding penalty amount was approximately Rs 2.36 lakh. The rider was asked to produce the vehicle-related documents

but failed to do so. Consequently, the Gurugram traffic police took immediate action and impounded the motorcycle, which was later shifted to the designated impound parking facility," the officer said. A spokesperson for the Gurugram traffic police appealed to motorists to strictly follow traffic rules, keep vehicle documents updated and ensure timely payment of pending challans. Compliance with traffic regulations is essential not only for personal safety but also for the safety of all road users, the spokesperson added.

Nangal Thakran road named after wrestling icon Chhattar Singh

New Delhi(GNS): In a tribute to one of Delhi's most celebrated wrestlers, Mayor Pravesh Wahi on Monday named the road linking Kanjhawala Road and Nangal Thakran village after Chaudhary Chhattar Singh Pehalwan and inaugurated a memorial gate in his honour in the Narela Zone.

The event was attended by North West Delhi MP Yogendra Chandolia, Delhi Social Welfare Minister Ravinder Indraj Singh, Leader of the House Jai Bhagwan Yadav and other civic representatives. It also drew a large number of local residents and wrestling enthusiasts.

Describing Chhattar Singh as a symbol of dedication and sporting excellence, Wahi said the wrestler's legacy would con-



tinue to inspire future generations. "The memorial gate and the road named after him will serve as a lasting reminder of his contribution to the sport and the values he upheld," the Mayor said.

The programme also provided a platform for highlighting the BJP-led administration's development agenda in Delhi.

11-year-old Delhi girl Kidnapped, raped and murdered near Mehrauli-Gurgaon border; 1 held

New Delhi(GNS): In a harrowing incident that has shocked the national capital region, an 11-year-old girl was allegedly kidnapped, brutally raped, and murdered after being abducted from a footpath in South Delhi's Mehrauli area.

The local police have arrested one suspect in connection with the heinous crime following a swift investigation.

According to police offi-



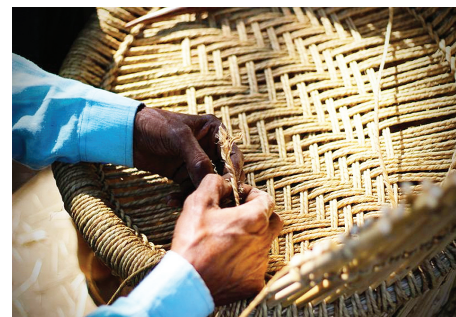
cials, the harrowing ordeal began early on yesterday morning. The young victim, who lived with her family on

a footpath in Mehrauli, was allegedly abducted by the perpetrator at around 5 am while she was asleep.

Indira Gandhi arts centre brings Northeast India's living heritage to Delhi through traditional utensils

New Delhi(GNS):In an age dominated by machine-made products and mass production, the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) is set to open a unique exhibition on Tuesday that celebrates the artistry, traditions and everyday lives of communities in Northeast India through objects often taken for granted-household utensils.

Titled 'Living Heritage in Metal, Bamboo and Clay: Traditional Utensils of Northeast India', the exhibi-



tion will showcase a diverse collection of handcrafted utensils made from natural materials that have remained an integral part of life in the region for generations.

Organised by the National Mission on Cultural Mapping

(NMCM) in collaboration with the North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC), the exhibition seeks to tell the stories behind these objects and the communities that continue to preserve traditional ways of living.

From intricately crafted bamboo containers and baskets to clay vessels and bell-metal utensils, the exhibit highlights generations of inherited craftsmanship, ecological knowledge and cultural practices.

Two Labourers Missing After They Went To Bawana Canal To Swim, Search On

New Delhi(GNS): Two 20-year-old labourers were reported to be missing after they entered the Bawana canal for a swim on Sunday afternoon, prompting a large-scale search by police and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

Police said three friends went to the canal for a swim. After some time, only one returned to the bank and was unable to locate the other two. He alerted the police around 1.15 pm.

The missing men have been identified as Prashant Pandey and Satyam Kumar. Both are 20 years old and residents of Janki Vihar in Prem Nagar-II, northwest Delhi.

Local police launched the search which NDRF personnel and other emergency response teams joined later.

Officials said the search focused on the canal and areas around it throughout Sunday, but the men could not be traced. The effort to locate them is still on.

Last month, a 21-year-old man drowned in the same canal after being swept away by strong currents while bathing.

Sleepless over supply: Across Delhi water is dictating family routines

New Delhi(GNS): Water has become a struggle in the capital, deciding people's sleep, work and daily routine. In several parts of the city, households are setting alarms with one person assigned to stay up at night and monitor taps in hope of catching the water supply.

In some areas, a family member stays at home or even skips work to wait for tankers so that water can be collected whenever it arrives.

From upscale neighbourhoods in the south to densely populated areas in east and north Delhi, residents say the crisis is no longer limited to shortage.



While some areas are struggling with low pressure and reduced supply hours, others are getting contaminated, foul-smelling or muddy water, forcing families to depend on private tankers, bottled water and other costly alternatives.

Some pour Dettol into buckets before using the

water while others rely on different purification methods.

Up At 3am For Water, Worried What's In It

Several residents claim they have even found bugs and other impurities in the water.

Tapping the elusive water supply has become a major family chore.

People are keeping buckets ready and carefully measuring every mug of water. Many residents say they feel embarrassed inviting guests to their homes because they have to explain how carefully water should be used - from not using tap water for gargling to avoiding bathing without purifying the water.

Residents of Greater Kailash (GK-1) said the water situation remains difficult, with unpredictable supply timings and extremely low pressure.

"The water situation is very grim this summer. Even where supply is available, the pressure is extremely low. People

often have to rely on tankers. We also use borewell water but its quality is poor and needs purification before use," said RWA member Rajiv Kakria, adding that the biggest challenge is the uncertainty over supply timings.

He said water is available for only two to three hours, forcing residents to monitor taps at 3am or 4am. "In many households, one family member stays awake to check when water starts flowing. In our WhatsApp colony group, someone takes responsibility every day to check the supply as the timing is uncertain and pressure is very low," he said.

Who is George Kurian? Kerala BJP leader resigns from Union Cabinet

New Delhi (GNS): Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs George Kurian has resigned from the Union Council of Ministers following the completion of his Rajya Sabha term. His resignation was accepted by President Droupadi Murmu on the advice of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, according to a communique issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan on Tuesday. Who Is George Kurian



State in the Union government and is regarded as probably the only member of the Christian community in the Council of Ministers. His Rajya Sabha term ended on June 21. However, Kurian said he was

able to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi only on June 22, when he personally thanked him for the opportunity to serve in the Union government and submitted his resignation. Following the acceptance of his

resignation, Kurian said that it was only because Narendra Modi became Prime Minister that he was able to find a place in the Union Council of Ministers.

In a deeply personal Facebook post on Tuesday, Kurian described his tenure in the ministry as an opportunity he had "never imagined, not even in my dreams".

Using his farewell message to highlight the Prime Minister's role in his elevation to the ministry, Kurian

said he had been informed that President Droupadi Murmu had accepted his resignation.

Sharing a photograph of himself and the Prime Minister enjoying a light-hearted moment, Kurian reiterated that he had personally thanked Modi for the opportunity when they met on June 22 and formally submitted his resignation.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had decided not to renominate Kurian in the recent Rajya Sabha elections.

Fake call centre busted in Nirman Vihar, owner absconding

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police has busted an illegal call centre in east Delhi's Nirman Vihar, where operators were allegedly impersonating bank officials and duping customers under the pretext of issuing credit cards.

Police said the raid was conducted June 17 after receiving information about a fake call centre being run on the first floor of a building in the area.

During the raid, officers found 10 women and eight men working inside the office. Investigators said 14 of them were actively making calls to potential victims using an illegal calling application while posing as bank officials.

According to the cops, the callers used fake names and identities to lure people into

applying for credit cards and collected their personal and financial details, which were allegedly shared with other associates for fraudulent activities.



During questioning, one of the accused identified himself as the manager of the company, while another claimed to be its HR executive. Two women were found to be working as team leaders. However, when police asked for legal documents or any valid agreement authorising the company to operate on behalf of the bank, the accused failed to produce any. The owner of the call centre was not present during the raid and is currently absconding. Police seized 17 mobile phones from the premises and 18 people were questioned.

Delhi University PG admissions gain momentum as round 2 allocations released, integrated law Moves to round 3

New Delhi(GNS): Admissions for postgraduate programmes and the Five Year Integrated Law Programme have advanced further, with fresh allocation rounds now live and thousands of candidates confirming their seats.

In the second round of admissions for two-year postgraduate programmes, a total of 2,964 new allocations have been made.

According to the University of Delhi, "with this, 8,150 candidates who secured seats in Round 1 have confirmed their admissions, reflecting strong participation in the admission process."

Among the candidates who received allocations, 3,399 chose to freeze their allotted seats, indicating satisfaction



with their current allocation, while 2,448 opted for an upgrade in the hope of securing a higher-preference programme. Another 2,303 candidates neither selected the freeze nor upgrade option.

"A total of 2,964 new allocations have been made in Round 2, while 8,150 candidates from Round 1 have already confirmed their admissions," the university said.

Shell firms, fake rent deals used to fuel cyber frauds; 4 held

New Delhi(GNS): An interstate syndicate that created shell companies using forged rent agreements and opened commercial bank accounts for cyber fraudsters in exchange for commissions has been busted, leading to the arrest of four mule-account operatives from Paharganj.

The accused provided financial infrastructure to cybercriminal networks involved in investment scams, fake job frauds and digital arrest scams. Police said the syndicate recruited individuals to open



bank accounts or establish shell firms and then used these accounts as mule accounts to receive, route and layer proceeds generated through cyber fraud.

The arrests were made following a raid at a hotel in Paharganj based on specific intelligence inputs. Investigators alleged that the network operated

through a structured chain comprising interstate suppliers, local coordinators and end users.

The four arrested accused have been identified as Sanjay (30), Kuldeep Goley (32), Nirdosh Bidlan (24) and Deepak Bishnoi (20).

During interrogation, police found that the accused had allegedly floated shell partnership firms using fabricated rent agreements to obtain commercial current accounts. Banking kits, cheque books and other documents were then brought to Delhi and

deployed for cybercrime operations.

DCP (central) Rohit Rajbir said, "Local coordinators managed account handling, logistics and deployment of POS terminals, while fraud proceeds were routed through shell accounts and converted into seemingly legitimate business transactions using POS machines and merchant UPI QR infrastructure. Account holders received around 8 per cent commission on the money routed through their accounts, while agents earned an additional 2-4 per cent.

Theatre Review: A haunting tale of power desire, betrayal and the cost of obedience

New Delhi(GNS): Nearly 90 years after Federico García Lorca wrote The House of Bernarda Alba, the play continues to feel unsettlingly relevant. Directed by Shomik Ray and staged by Shapno Ekhon, this all-women production is a powerful reminder that control and surveillance are not always imposed from outside, they often take root within the home itself.

The play unfolds after



the death of Bernarda Alba's husband, when she imposes eight years of mourning on her five daughters. What follows is tragedy about authority, desire, betrayal and the cost of obedience. Watching it today, one is

reminded of philosopher Paulo Freire's observation that the oppressed become oppressors and go on to reproduce them. Bernarda is not merely an authoritarian figure; she is also a custodian of a system that has shaped her.

One dialogue, in particular, lingers long after the curtain falls. "The only right you have is the right of obedience," says Bernarda to her daughters - it captures the essence of the play. It is a statement

that transcends the household and speaks to every structure that values conformity over freedom. The strength of the production lies in its portrayal of the sisters. The jealousy and animosity between them are conveyed with conviction. Rather than uniting against Bernarda's rule, the daughters become trapped in rivalries fuelled by confinement and frustration, reflecting how repressive systems fracture social relations.

'Abdomen slit open': Delhi man attacks elder brother with razor over Rs 300 dispute

New Delhi(GNS): A 29-year-old man was arrested for allegedly attacking his elder brother with a razor over a dispute involving Rs 300 in East Delhi's New Ashok Nagar area, police said on Tuesday.

The incident occurred in Old Kondli, where the accused allegedly slit open his brother's abdomen, leaving his intestines exposed, and also inflicted multiple injuries on his hands, shoulders, and other parts of the body, they said.

According to news agency PTI, the victim, identified as Manish (31), was first taken to Lal Bahadur Shastri (LBS)



Hospital and later referred to GTB Hospital due to the severity of his injuries.

Police said his condition is critical.

Police said Manish and the accused, Sachin, were both engaged in odd jobs and had been involved in a dispute over Rs 300 that Sachin had allegedly borrowed and failed to return.