



Under-construction warehouse collapses in Kolkata, 5 dead; 20 rescued

Worker buried under rubble says, "Cut off my leg, but save me"

Kolkata(GNS): A warehouse shed under construction near the Taratala Transport Depot in South Kolkata collapsed at 12:07 pm on Wednesday. Five people have died so far in the accident. Twenty people buried under the debris have been rescued, two of whom are in

the intensive care unit. The other 18 are out of danger. A young man present at the spot helped the rescue team reach the correct location of a laborer buried under the debris by holding his leg, after which the team pulled him out.

The youth told that the laborer trapped in the debris was groaning in pain and repeatedly saying - 'I have lost my leg, if necessary, cut the remaining part of the leg and take me out, just save my life.' Chief Minister Shubhendu Singh stated that 10 to 15 people are still feared trapped under the debris. The number of people present in the warehouse at the time of the accident is unknown. Three people have been arrested for negligence.



Heavy Rain Uproots Trees in Mumbai, Damages Vehicles

►Andheri Subway Closed, Local Train Services Affected

Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow/Patna(GNS): The arrival of the monsoon in Mumbai has already begun causing major disruptions. In the 24-hour period between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday, Malvani Fire Station recorded 334 mm of rainfall, while the F/South Ward received 328 mm. Additionally, 27 areas reported rainfall ranging between 200 mm and 300 mm. Waterlogging in



Mumbai's Andheri subway forced authorities to temporarily shut it down. In Vikhroli West, a retaining wall near a residential building collapsed. Trees were uprooted in several parts of the city, damaging a number of vehicles. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a Red Alert for Mumbai and Palghar, while

Thane, Raigad and Sindhudurg districts remain under an Orange Alert for heavy rainfall. Meanwhile, pre-monsoon showers continue across seven states — Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi. Seventeen districts of Madhya Pradesh received pre-monsoon rainfall on Tuesday. In

Bihar, 11 people lost their lives after being struck by lightning.

According to the weather department, the southwest monsoon has advanced into parts of Telangana, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Bihar. It is expected to reach Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Gujarat within the next two to three days.

Heat Persists in Seven States, Temperatures Cross 40°C: Despite rainfall activity in several regions, temperatures remained above 40 degrees Celsius in many cities across Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Haryana, Delhi, Bihar and Gujarat on Wednesday.

Pune Murder Case: Siya's Romantic Posts With Her Fiancé Surface

Lover Followed the Couple to Lohagad Fort

Pune(GNS): Siya Goyal, the 20-year-old woman accused of murdering her fiancé, had shared several romantic posts with 26-year-old Ketan Agrawal on her social media accounts. The posts included proposal photographs, moments of exchanging flowers, dance videos, and clips of the couple embracing each other. Preparations for their wedding, scheduled for November, were also featured prominently on social media. After their engagement in February this year, Siya shared a picture of a cake on Instagram and wrote, "One month since my heart found its home." She also tagged Ketan in the post.

According to police, on June 18, the day Ketan died, a young man arrived at Lohagad Fort wearing a hoodie despite the temperature being around 33 degrees Celsius. Investigators used this unusual detail as a key lead and



gradually pieced together the sequence of events. Eventually, Siya and her boyfriend, Chetan Chaudhary (22), were arrested on charges of murdering Ketan.

On social media, Siya and Ketan's relationship appeared to be a perfect love story. June 19 was Siya's birthday, and Ketan had begun a countdown celebration a month earlier, on May 19. Every day, he surprised his fiancée in a different way.

Siya frequently posted videos of these surprises online. The posts have now gone viral. In one post, Ketan was seen gifting Siya a car decorated with flowers. Sharing the video, Siya wrote, "He took the line 'I like you' very seriously."

The song "Pasand Hai Tumhein" was playing in the background of the video. In another story, she shared Ketan's photograph with the caption, "That Smile." A day after Ketan's death, Siya posted an emotional message on Instagram, writing: "Ketan, you left me alone on my birthday. Please come back."

CJI Surya Kant in Moscow: Maintaining Public Trust in Courts Is the Biggest Challenge

Knowledge, Integrity and Commitment to Justice Are the Only Solutions, Says Chief Justice

New Delhi(GNS):Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant has said that the biggest challenge facing the judiciary today is maintaining public confidence in the courts.

He emphasized that the only way to meet this challenge is through judges' knowledge, integrity, impartiality, and commitment to delivering speedy justice.

The Chief Justice made these remarks while inaugurating a dialogue between the Supreme

Court of India and the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation in Moscow. The event was also attended by Igor Krasnov, Chairman of the Supreme Court of Russia.

Technology Is Only a Tool, Says CJI

Speaking about the role of technology and artificial intelligence in the changing judicial landscape, CJI Surya Kant said that technology can expand the reach and accessibility of courts, but the



quality of justice ultimately depends on the wisdom, integrity and dedication of judges.

He stressed that while technology can assist in the administration of justice, it can never replace judicial values or the decision-making role of judges.

Technology Transforming Indian Courts

The Chief Justice noted that India is making extensive use of technology to make courts more accessible, transparent and

effective for citizens.

He highlighted several digital initiatives, including:

Online filing of cases and digital case management systems. Digitization and online availability of court records and documents. Virtual hearings through video conferencing facilities. According to the CJI, these technological advancements are helping modernize the judicial system while improving access to justice for ordinary citizens.



Flash Flood After Cloudburst in Himachal's Kinnaur

Shimla(GNS): A flash flood occurred in Kachrang Nallah in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district early Wednesday morning after a cloudburst triggered heavy rainfall in the area. According to Kinnaur Deputy Commissioner Amit Sharma, the cloudburst occurred around 4 a.m. in Nichar subdivision. Although no loss of life or property has been reported, the floodwaters washed away a pathway used by local villagers.

Meanwhile, weather conditions changed suddenly in Shimla, where rain began after a clear morning. The weather remained pleasant with light sunshine until around 10:30 a.m., but rainfall started shortly after 11 a.m. The India Meteorological

Department (IMD) has issued a fresh weather bulletin forecasting light rain in Shimla, Kinnaur and Lahaul-Spiti districts until 3 p.m. It has also warned of rain accompanied by strong winds and thunderstorms in Sirmour, Kangra, Solan, Kullu and Mandi districts.

According to the IMD, light rainfall is expected to continue across the state until June 28. Moderate to heavy rainfall is likely in the mid-hill regions of Himachal Pradesh on June 25 and June 28.

Mahapanchayat Held Against Bharat Tiwari Encounter

Crowd of 5,000 Demands Action Against Police

Ara/Bhojpur(GNS): A Mahapanchayat is being held in Bilauti village to protest against the police encounter of Bharat Bhushan Tiwari. Jan Suraj founder Prashant Kishor is also participating in the gathering. Earlier, Prashant Kishor met Bharat's family and assured them of justice. During the event, slogans against Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary were raised in Kishor's presence. Posters of Bharat Tiwari have been put up from Bilauti village to the highway, portraying him as a martyr and demanding justice for his death.

Government Says Video Claiming Ants in Ethanol Fuel Is Fake

New Delhi(GNS): The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has dismissed rumours circulating on social media regarding ethanol-blended fuel. During a press briefing on Tuesday, the ministry said that blending ethanol with petrol is a completely scientific process and is being continuously monitored. Recently, a video went viral on social media showing ants near a vehicle's fuel tank. Responding to the video, the ministry clarified that fuel-grade ethanol contains no sugar and therefore cannot attract ants. According to the ministry, some people are resharing old videos and photographs on social media to create confusion



among the public. The government stated that no reports of engine damage after the use of E20 petrol have been received so far. The Central Government also clarified that the use of E20 petrol (20 percent ethanol-blended fuel) has no impact on the validity of vehicle insurance. Concerns regarding insurance coverage are baseless and have been rejected after discussions with the concerned stakeholders. According to the government, ethanol-blended fuel is being successfully used in countries such as the United States, Brazil and Japan. In Brazil, E27 fuel has been in use for a long time.

Indian culture and philosophy have always considered contentment as the highest virtue

(Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani)

Globally, today's era is an era of unprecedented progress, technological advancement, and material comfort. Humans have more resources, opportunities, and conveniences than ever before, yet surprisingly, satisfaction, peace, and happiness are more prevalent than ever before. The main reason for this is that human desires have outstripped their means and needs. Instead of being content with what they already have, they lose themselves in the present, worrying about what they haven't. In fact, the greatest truth of life is that true happiness lies not in external objects, but in

living a life within one's means and finding contentment within limited desires. The only need is to recognize and embrace this truth. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the basic needs of human life are limited, but there is no end to desires. As one desire is fulfilled, another arises. This cycle continues throughout life. This is why, often, even the most affluent are plagued by mental stress, anxiety, and dissatisfaction, while even those with limited resources appear to live a life of contentment and happiness. This difference isn't about wealth or resources, but

about attitude. Those who understand the importance of contentment have attained life's greatest wealth. Friends, Indian culture and philosophy have always considered contentment the highest virtue. Our sages have said that contentment is the greatest wealth. If a person is content, they can be happy even with limited resources. However, if contentment is absent, even immense wealth cannot keep them happy. History offers numerous examples of kings and emperors who possessed unlimited wealth, yet wandered in search of mental peace. On the other hand, many saints and sages lived

simple lives, yet remained filled with joy and spiritual satisfaction. In today's times, consumerism and competition have further exacerbated desires. Advertising, social media, and the culture of ostentation have created the belief that more things, more money, and more prestige are the basis for happiness. People have begun comparing their lives with others. One person has a new car, while another wants a bigger one; one has a large house, while another wants an even grander one. In this endless race, a person forgets their true needs and the fundamental purpose of life. As a result, they find neither present joy nor any certain

happiness in the future. Friends, the uncontrolled expansion of desires not only increases mental stress but also gives rise to economic and social problems. Many people begin to spend beyond their means, become burdened with debt, and then fall prey to anxiety and depression. These unlimited desires are also a major cause of family discord, relationship estrangement, and social imbalance. When a person begins to live in the desire to acquire more than they can afford, their life begins to lose balance. In contrast, a person who lives within their means is more mentally calm and balanced. They enjoy their achieve-

ments and are grateful for what they have. Such a person is able to appreciate even the small joys of life. Time spent with family, the affection of friends, the beauty of nature, a healthy body, and a peaceful mind become invaluable assets. This is true happiness, which money cannot buy. Friends, contentment does not mean that one should not be ambitious or give up striving for progress. There is a difference between contentment and laziness. Individuals must strive for self-development, education, career, and social service, but those efforts should be driven by positive intentions, not blind greed.

Editorial

On the Starmer resignation, British politics

Keir Starmer entered Downing Street in July 2024 with a landslide victory. Ending 14 years of Conservative rule, marked by Brexit and the chaos that followed, he promised to build a government for all and bridge the widening trust deficit between the public and the political elite. Less than two years later, the former lawyer who took pride in taking Labour back to the political centre after the brief left-wing interlude of Jeremy Corbyn, has resigned amid mounting public discontent and growing revolt within the Labour party. Mr. Starmer rode an anti-Tory wave but soon found the public turning against him over his lapses in judgment and slow economic progress. His uncharismatic, technocratic centrism failed to withstand the rapid changes shaping British politics at a time when far-right parties were surging across continental Europe. The tide began to turn after revelations that Peter Mandelson, Mr. Starmer's choice as Britain's Ambassador to Washington, had links to the late convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein. Pressure mounted after Labour lost local elections in England and polls in Wales and Scotland. When Andy Burnham, Labour's 'King in the North', won the Makerfield byelection and returned to Westminster, Mr. Starmer's fate was sealed, and he resigned on June 22.

Under Mr. Starmer, the U.K. saw modest improvements in key economic indicators. Its economy began growing faster than those of its G-7 peers, while inflation remained broadly under control despite conflicts in Europe and Asia. New laws strengthened workers rights, and statutory minimum wage rates were raised. Yet, these incremental gains were insufficient to satisfy an electorate that had given Labour a commanding mandate. Mr. Starmer proved largely ineffective in addressing the economic anxieties of the working-class communities that delivered his majority, or the cultural grievances Reform UK had been amplifying. Labour MPs started turning against him, making it difficult for him to continue in office. Mr. Burnham, who belongs to the soft left camp of Labour, is expected to be elected as the party's new leader and the next Prime Minister — and at a moment when the old bipolar consensus of British politics is breaking down. Reform is no longer a fringe force.

Lives burning in the flames of negligence: When will the system wake up

(Lalit Garg)

The massive fire that broke out in a commercial building in the Aliganj area of Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, not only destroyed a building but also exposed the insensitivity of the government and administration, the inaction of regulatory bodies, and the system's lack of accountability. The untimely deaths of several coaching center students in this accident have shocked the entire nation. This is not just an accident, but the result of a rotten system that appears active for a few days after every tragedy and then falls into a deep slumber. The fire in Rajkot's gaming zone, the deaths of newborns in Delhi's Children's Hospital, the hotel fire in Delhi, the Muzaffarpur hospital accident, and now the Lucknow fire—these series of incidents demonstrate the ever-decreasing value of human life in India. Each time, the same statements are heard: "The culprits will not be spared," "An investigation has been ordered," and "Strict action will be taken." But the question is: is investigation and compensation the government's ultimate responsibility? Are governments only there to express condolences and distribute compensation after an accident? These toxic black fires have extinguished the light of many families' homes, robbed many of their eyes of their sight, and tarnished the image of those responsible for law and order. The Lucknow building where the fire broke out housed coaching centers and other commercial activities. It is a very serious question: did the

building receive a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the fire department? Were building standards followed? Were emergency exits available? If they were, why were they not used? And if not, why did the administration not notice it for so long? This is not merely the negligence of the building owner. If a commercial establishment continues to operate for years, ignoring regulations, it clearly indicates the tacit consent or corrupt collusion of the administrative machinery. What, after all, is the responsibility of the Municipal Corporation, Development Authority, Fire Department, and local administration? Is their role limited to issuing licenses and conducting formal inspections? Or is it to cover up shortcomings and line their pockets?

The reality is that public safety is left to God's mercy in most cities across the country. Tall buildings are being constructed, but the state of safety standards in them is extremely worrying. Multi-story buildings often have only one entry and exit. Firefighting equipment is either absent or lying idle for years. There are no regular disaster management mock drills. Buildings are overcrowded. Safety systems may exist in rulebooks, but their effectiveness on the ground is negligible. The most tragic aspect of this irony is that after every major accident, investigation committees are formed and reports are prepared, but these reports are not implemented. From the Uphaar Cinema fire to Rajkot and Lucknow, the country has

promised to learn lessons from numerous tragedies, but the system has learned nothing. The administration's memory is extremely short-lived. The drama of raids, inspections, and notices continues for a few days, and then everything returns to normal.

This situation is not only a sign of administrative incompetence but also of moral decay. Corruption has eroded the very heart of the security system. Inspecting officers turn a blind eye to facilitation fees. Building owners neglect safety measures to maximize profits. As a result, innocent citizens lose their lives. The question also arises: is the development of our cities human-centric? We talk about building smart cities, metro cities, and world-class cities, but if citizens are not safe, what is the meaning of such development? The primary hallmark of any civilized society is the safety of its citizens. If even a coaching institute, hospital, hotel, or mall is not safe, we must reconsider our development model. The need today is not merely to identify faults, but to carry out comprehensive structural reforms. First, independent safety audits should be conducted of all commercial buildings, coaching institutes, hospitals, malls, hotels, and public places across the country. Institutions that do not have fire safety certifications or do not comply with standards should be immediately closed.

Secondly, the fire department must be equipped with modern resources and adequate manpower. According to numerous reports, there is

a severe shortage of fire stations and trained fire personnel in the country. Expanding fire services is essential to keep pace with rapid urbanization. Third, mandatory mock drills should be conducted every six months in every public building. Disaster management training should be included in the curriculum of schools, colleges, and coaching institutes, so that people can protect themselves with restraint instead of panicking in an emergency. Fourth, there should be a clear system of accountability. Strict punitive action should be taken not only against building owners but also against officials of relevant departments who acted negligently or ignored regulations. Unless officials are held personally accountable, there is no hope for improvement. Most importantly, the priority of governance must shift from "post-accident response" to "pre-accident prevention." Good governance means not only planning but also ensuring the safety of citizens' lives. The success of an administration lies not in compensation but in its ability to prevent accidents.

The local administration should be aware of the mismanagement and negligence of coaching centers, hospitals, factories, hotels, etc., and what types of businesses are operating in their jurisdictions, ignoring legal procedures. The question is, what is the end of these brutal challenges posed by these increasing accidents? It is extremely difficult to steer the boat of life in the right direction and reach its destination in this raging river of accidents. This chal-

lenge is not only faced by the government, but the general public is also inescapable. Human beings, driven by selfish interests and money, become so dishonest and wicked that they risk the lives and safety of thousands.

They destroy many families for the happiness and prosperity of a few families. Such accidents occur due to the laziness and criminal negligence of the system, where corruption is rampant, when bureaucrats are negligent, when self-interest and greed dwarf values, and when rules and regulations are violated. What is the reason that where accidents are more likely, all systems appear to fail? All laws and regulations are blatantly violated there.

As life becomes faster, safety diminishes. As calls for administrative vigilance are heard, evidence of administrative negligence emerges. The death toll rises. But after every major accident, a few murmurs of commotion lead to another tragedy. If the government and government departments showed the same alacrity in safety measures as they do in providing compensation and forming investigation committees, the number of accidents could decrease. This Lucknow fire is a warning. If the government and administration fail to wake up now, such tragedies could become even more horrific in the future. This is a time for introspection, because if after every fire, only ashes remain and the system returns to its previous ways, it represents not mere negligence but a form of institutional crime.

The lights of fifteen houses fell prey to the corrupt system

(Manoj Kumar Agarwal)

Fifteen young children, full of immense potential, lost their lives in a fire in the capital, Lucknow. A three-story building in Aliganj, Lucknow, which housed a pet shop, animation, and gaming coaching center, housed approximately 25-30 teenage students who had enrolled in the coaching center to hone their skills and shape their future. The tragic tragedy claimed the lives of 15 young children. Parents who sent their beloved children to study there to build a future could never have imagined that this coaching center would one day become a lacquer house and that the brightest of their families would lose their lives in this horrific tragedy. In this horrific accident, 15

young people died of suffocation. The dreams and hopes of these 15 families were also shattered. These families will never recover from this tragic fire. The horror of this fire can be gauged from the fact that 15 students died on the spot from burns and smoke suffocation. While all the students tried their best to save themselves, they were unsuccessful. They couldn't escape the building. Half a dozen teenagers were injured and are being treated in the hospital. The fire brigade arrived half an hour later to extinguish the fire, which is deeply concerning. The Chief Minister, who was on a tour, interrupted his tour and rushed to the scene. He then reviewed the incident in a high-level meeting and ordered the for-

mation of a two-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a high-level investigation.

According to reports, one young man jumped down from the fire, holding onto burning electrical wires. Another young man broke a glass window to save his life, but fell onto an iron grill, resulting in serious injuries. He was rescued and taken to the hospital. Some young men went to the bathroom at the back of the building to save their lives, but there was no way out. As the fire spread, they were unable to escape because the fire was spreading from the front, and was extremely dangerous.

Fire incidents have now become a daily affair in the country. Sometimes in nursing homes and

neonatal care centres, sometimes in hospitals, coaching institutes, shopping complexes, factories, hotels, restaurants and slums, even in moving train coaches, fire accidents keep coming to light in which hundreds of lives are lost every year. At some places the reason is said to be short circuit, at some gas cylinders, at some faulty electrical equipment and at some places ignoring safety standards. Reports show that in Lucknow in the last month, a large number of fire incidents have been linked to defects in the power system and overloading.

The issue isn't just about fires. The question is: what is the condition of fire fighting equipment in buildings where hundreds of children and young people visit daily?

Have they received training on how to operate them? Are emergency exits available? Are buildings regularly audited for safety? Do local bodies and fire departments conduct periodic inspections? And if they do, how do such buildings obtain permission to operate? The Lucknow incident once again demonstrated that safety measures in most buildings are limited to paper. When a crisis strikes, people are forced to resort to stairs, windows, and pipes for safety.

Like every major incident, condolences poured in from the Prime Minister, Chief Minister, and politicians from various parties, and the government announced compensation. But can a life be compensated? Can life have any value.

Delhi Govt okays Rs 200-cr healthcare plan for workers

New Delhi, (GNS): In a welfare initiative aimed at strengthening healthcare access for construction workers, the Delhi Cabinet on Tuesday approved the 'Delhi Building and Construction Workers Health Scheme', which will provide comprehensive cashless medical treatment and health services to registered construction workers and their families.

The scheme is expected to benefit around 2.70 lakh registered building and construction workers and their families, covering nearly 10 lakh people across the capital. Under the initiative, workers will receive cashless treatment of up to Rs 2 lakh, while their families will be eligible for medical coverage of up to Rs 10 lakh through empanelled hospitals.

The Delhi Government estimates an annual expenditure of approximately Rs 200 crore for implementing the scheme. Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said, "The Delhi Government is working with full sensitivity and commitment for the welfare of every section of society, particularly the poor, workers and underprivileged families. Construction workers are the foundation of the capital's development and strengthening their health and social security remains a key priority of the government."

Highlighting the occupational hazards faced by construction workers, the CM pointed out that workers were regularly exposed to dust, chemicals, excessive noise, heavy machinery and physically demanding



conditions, making them vulnerable to silicosis, respiratory diseases, skin disorders and other serious health issues.

She said, "Construction workers are routinely exposed to stone-cutting dust, chemicals, excessive noise, heavy machinery, general dust and physically demanding working conditions. As a result, they remain vulnerable to silicosis (a lung disease), respiratory ailments, skin disorders and other serious health problems. A comprehensive health

protection scheme for this section had long been lacking and the present initiative has been designed to address that gap."

According to government, registered workers and their eligible family members, including spouses, children and parents, will receive free healthcare services through empanelled hospitals and mobile health units. The scheme will cover OPD and IPD treatment, diagnostic and laboratory services, emergency care and referral services. Annual health check-ups for workers and their spouses will also be conducted.

The CM said, "Under the scheme, registered construction workers and their eligible family members, including spouses, children and parents, will

receive free and quality healthcare services through empanelled hospitals and mobile health units. Each registered worker will be entitled to treatment of up to Rs 2 lakh at empanelled hospitals, while the limit for a family will be up to Rs 10 lakh. The entire treatment process will be cashless, eliminating any financial burden on workers and their families."

To improve accessibility, the government will deploy mobile medical units at construction sites and in areas with a high concentration of workers. Digital health records of beneficiaries will also be created, while a beneficiary tracking system will be developed to ensure transparency and effective monitoring of services.

Delhi: 12 rescued as fire breaks out at Takia Kale Khan

New Delhi, (GNS): A major fire broke out late Monday night at Takia Kale Khan, triggering a large-scale rescue operation by the Delhi Police, fire services and other emergency agencies.



Officials said 12 people, including entire families living in the area, were safely evacuated before the flames could spread further.

According to police, a PCR call regarding the fire was received at around 11.32 pm on June 22. Senior police officers and personnel rushed to the spot and found that old furniture, timber and other combustible material stored at the site had caught fire.

As flames engulfed the area, the police teams began evacuating residents from nearby dwellings. Officials said some locals were initially reluctant to leave their homes, but police personnel persuaded them to move to safety. A total of 12 people were rescued from the danger zone.

Twenty fire tenders and nine CATS ambulances were deployed to the spot. After nearly three hours of firefighting operations, the blaze was brought under control.

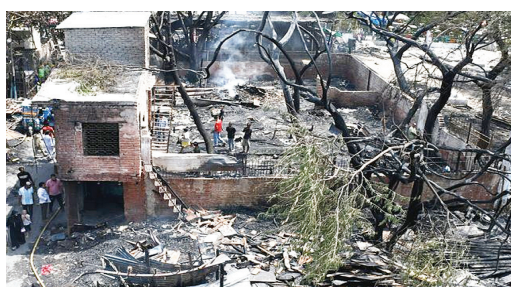
Malhotra visits Delhi Gate fire victims, assures assistance

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi BJP president and Union Minister Harsh Malhotra on Tuesday visited Valmiki Basti in Delhi Gate, where a major fire, allegedly caused by a short circuit, damaged several houses and shops late on Monday night.

Accompanied by Chandni Chowk MP Praveen Khandelwal and local BJP leaders, Malhotra met affected families and shopkeepers and reviewed the relief measures being carried out in the area.

Describing the incident as "extremely painful", Malhotra said around 15 families had lost their homes in the blaze and assured them of all possible assistance. He said BJP workers were coordinating relief efforts and arranging shelter, ration, clothing and other essential items for those affected.

"The destruction of homes of



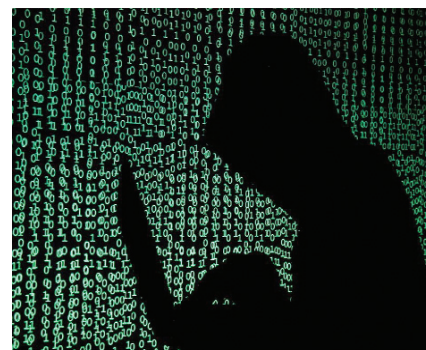
15 families in the massive fire caused by a short circuit is extremely painful. The BJP will take every possible step to help the affected people," Malhotra said.

According to party leaders, several houses and commercial establishments suffered extensive damage in the fire, though no casualty figures were immediately available. The visit came hours after the blaze, with BJP leaders interacting with residents and assessing the losses suffered by families and traders in the locality.

Matrimonial scam: Ivory Coast national Nagaland resident held for duping women

New Delhi, (GNS): The Anti-Narcotics Cell of Dwarka district has arrested an overstaying Ivory Coast national and his live-in partner from Nagaland for allegedly cheating women through matrimonial websites and running a cyber-fraud network, the police said on Tuesday.

The accused have been identified as Kouadio Victor Nda (36), a resident of Abidjan, Ivory Coast, and Anei Konyak (30), a resident of Tizit, Nagaland. The police said Victor had overstayed his visa in India and was living with Konyak in Uttam Nagar.



According to investigators, the duo allegedly targeted women through matrimonial portals, lured them into fraudulent relationships and cheated them of money. During surveillance of cyber fraud suspects, the police received information that some foreign nationals were using

mule bank accounts to route and withdraw money obtained through fraud.

Acting on the inputs, a team of the Anti-Narcotics Cell raided a house in Hastal Vihar, near Holy Chowk in Uttam Nagar, and apprehended the two accused.

During the search, the police recovered four debit cards linked to mule accounts, a laptop, five mobile phones and a passport. Verification of the seized cards and digital devices revealed links to cyber fraud complaints registered in Assam.

Investigators found that Konyak allegedly

played a key role in withdrawing money from ATMs. The police said she was tasked with withdrawing cash to avoid suspicion that could arise if a foreign national withdrew large sums of money. Further analysis of the seized mobile phones revealed details of multiple bank accounts and additional cyber fraud complaints linked to the accused, officials said.

The police suspect that the duo may be part of a larger cyber fraud network and are trying to identify and trace other members of the syndicate.

Discipline and consistency more important than studying for long hours: CUET topper Devina Gahlot

New Delhi, (GNS): When Devina Gahlot first saw her result for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG), she could not believe her eyes and double-checked her application number.

"I kept checking the application number because I could not believe that I had topped in the entire country," said Devina Gahlot, daughter of BJP MLA from Bijwasan Kailash Gahlot.

She said that while she was confident that she had done well in her exam, an all-India top rank was not something she had anticipated.

Devina Gahlot credited her family and teachers for her success, saying they never put any pressure on her.

Asked about her preparation strategy, Devina Gahlot said discipline and consistency were more important than studying for long hours.

"I studied every subject every day. I never focused only on one thing while leaving everything else.

I revised regularly and solved a lot of previous years' question papers," she said.

She recalled that the initial phase of preparation after her board examinations was challenging. "When I started preparing for CUET right after the board exams, I had no idea what to study or where to study from. At times, I felt I might not be able to do it because I was not used to this kind of pressure that could determine my future," she said. Devina Gahlot said the encouragement of her parents helped her navigate those moments of uncertainty.

Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority completes desilting of drains

New Delhi, (GNS): The Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has completed the desilting of the city's three major master storm water drains-Leg 1, Leg 2 and Leg 3 (Badshahpur Drain).

GMDA Chief Executive Officer (CEO) P C Meena said on Monday that, apart from cleaning the major master drains, a new RCC drain, Leg 4, has also been constructed to improve the flow of rainwater during heavy rainfall and cloudbursts. The new drain is expected to reduce waterlogging and provide relief to commuters during the ensuing



monsoon season.

He said the desilting drive involved the removal of accumulated silt, mud, debris and other obstructions from the drains. This has restored their carrying capacity and improved the efficiency of the city's storm water drainage network.

Anti-encroachment drive clears path for monsoon drainage

New Delhi, (GNS): In a major step towards strengthening the city's storm water drainage infrastructure, the Enforcement Wing of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), in coordination with its Infra-II Division, carried out an enforcement drive on Tuesday to remove encroachments obstructing the construction of a mas-

ter storm water drain along a 600-metre stretch between NH-48 and the Northern Peripheral Road (NPR).

GMDA is laying master storm water drains in Sectors 76 to 80 to address the long-standing problem of waterlogging along the NH-48 service roads and adjoining sector roads. A 150-metre encroached stretch had stalled work on nearly 600 metres of the drainage project for more than six months, delaying the execution of

this key storm water infrastructure project.

The land had earlier been acquired by the Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), and due compensation had already been paid to the concerned landowners. Before the enforcement action, notices were served on the occupants and adequate time was given to vacate the premises and remove their belongings. Following their compliance, and with the cooperation of local residents, the enforcement teams carried out the demolition and cleared the encroached area.

Delhi: Rs 1.5-cr armed robbery case cracked after 4,000-km manhunt across eight states

New Delhi, (GNS): An alleged betrayal by a trusted employee lay at the centre of a daring Rs 1.5-crore armed robbery near Inderlok, a case that Delhi Police cracked after an 11-day interstate manhunt spanning nearly 4,000 kilometres across eight states. The robbery took place on June 10 when Nitin and his colleague Karan were transporting around Rs 1.5 crore in cash on a scooter. Near Zakhira Flyover in the Sarai Rohilla area, two motorcycle-borne assailants allegedly intercepted them, pointed a pistol at them and fled with two bags containing the cash. What initially appeared to be a carefully planned street robbery soon revealed signs of insider involvement. Through the analysis of nearly 500 CCTV cameras, route mapping and technical surveillance, investigators found that the robbers had begun tailing the cash consignment from Paschim Vihar and appeared to have precise information about its movement.



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As Messi chased history, Delhi found its FIFA fan zone

New Delhi, (GNS): Late on Monday night, Austrian Ambassador Robert Zischg's residence turned into a screening hall for the FIFA match against Argentina, drawing a full house. With every chair occupied, fans lining the stairs, and the buttery aroma of popcorn filling the room, Austria supporters geared up to celebrate the country's qualification after 28 years, while Argentina fans waited to watch Lionel Messi chase history. And deliver he did. With two goals, he became the top scorer in World Cup history, leading Argentina to another victory. The win comes just days after he scored a hat-trick against Algeria in their opening match.



"The sport is bringing people together"

Attendees dressed in Austrian red, Argentinian blue and white, and even the occasional yellow for Brazil came together to witness an unforgettable game. Supporters cheered every attacking move near the goal and waved their flags, while fouls from either team sparked reac-

tions across the room. Thaisleem, an attendee, shared, "This is my first time attending a football screening in Delhi, and the energy is great. I'm from Kerala, where football screenings are very popular during the World Cup. It's lovely to see supporters of both teams, so it's bringing people together."

My heart beats for our

team, Austria: Austrian Ambassador

Speaking to us at half-time, Austrian Ambassador Robert Zischg said, "We really wanted to use this beautiful residence to stream the World Cup, especially since Austria has qualified after 28 years. I must admit I'm a little biased, as I have also served as ambassador to Argentina (laughs). But of course, tonight my heart beats for our team, Austria. It's a really difficult match because Argentina, and in particular Messi, is excellent."

In a world that is torn by conflict, sportsmanship is very important. Seeing the response today from fans of both teams, this sport is uniting people.

20L people to get permanent housing under Delhi slum rehabilitation push

New Delhi, (GNS): In what is being described as one of the biggest housing and rehabilitation decisions for Delhi's urban poor in recent years, the Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) on Tuesday approved a major revision in slum rehabilitation norms, extending rehabilitation benefits to all eligible families residing in JJ clusters established up to January 1, 2025.

The decision was taken at the 36th Board meeting of the DUSIB chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

With the revised eligibility cut off, the government estimates that around 4-5 lakh families, nearly 20 lakh people will now become eligible for permanent housing under the rehabilitation programme.

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Temple Priest Held in Jaipur After 12 Years in Rs 9 Crore 'Rice-Puller' Fraud Case

New Delhi, (GNS): Eight years after an antique dealer was allegedly cheated of nearly Rs 9 crore in an elaborate "rice puller" scam, the economic offences wing of Delhi Police has arrested a 53-year-old temple priest from Jaipur, who was part of the gang of cons and had evaded arrest for 12 years.

The rice-puller scam is a persistent fraud that has been reported from various parts of India. Cons have cheated people by claiming that certain rare metal vessels or coins can attract grains of rice. Public advisories have also been issued, warning people not to fall for such frauds.

In 2014, the antique dealer alleged that four men - Amit Gupta, Rakesh Goel, Ganesh Ingole and Satyanarayan Anoria - along with their associates, had posed as experts linked to reputed Indian and foreign scientific institutions to gain his

trust. "They falsely projected themselves as specialists capable of verifying the authenticity and genuineness of rare antique items," DCP (EOW) Subodh Kumar Goswami said. "They also claimed that only scientists from premier institutions such as BARC, DRDO and archaeological laboratories could conduct the specialised testing and certification required for such artefacts."

Investigators said the antique dealer was told that he would get astronomical returns, running into several crores, if he bought the devices. Convinced by the claims, he allegedly paid nearly Rs 9 crore through cheques, RTGS transfers and cash for the specialised testing, certification fees and other related expenses.

The promised scientific testing never happened and no antiques were ever supplied to the dealer.

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts showcases traditional utensils from Northeast India

New Delhi, (GNS): For many visitors walking through the galleries of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), the exhibition on traditional utensils from Northeast India is likely to evoke something more than admiration for craftsmanship, it may stir memories of kitchens, family gatherings and ways of life that are slowly fading away.

The exhibition, Living Heritage in Metal, Bamboo and Clay: Traditional Utensils of Northeast India, opened at IGNCA on Tuesday, bringing together an extraordinary collection of everyday objects once central to life across the eight northeastern states.



Crafted from bamboo, clay and metal, the utensils tell stories of communities that lived in close harmony with nature, relying on locally available materials long before stainless steel and plastic became commonplace.

Inaugurating the exhibition, Padma Shri awardee and social worker Techu Gubin recalled

his own childhood, when large clay vessels were a common sight in homes and metal utensils were considered symbols of prosperity. Today, many such objects have disappeared from daily use, replaced by mass-produced alternatives.

Yet the exhibition suggests that these are not merely relics of the past.

Each bamboo basket, clay pot and bell-metal vessel on display reflects generations of knowledge about food, health, sustainability and community life.

"We are moving away from our traditions," IGNCA Member Secretary Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi observed during the inauguration. He noted that traditional utensils, and even the names associated with them, are gradually vanishing from Indian households. According to him, earlier generations developed highly evolved systems of cooking and utensil-making that were rooted in practical wisdom and an understanding of nutrition and well-being.

Apply your own anti-sacrilege law to CM Mann,' BJP minister Sirsa tells Punjab Govt

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi minister and BJP leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa on Wednesday demanded that the Punjab Government should apply the same anti-sacrilege law that it had championed in the state on CM Bhagwant Mann over the ongoing video controversy.

Addressing the media, Sirsa said the issue was now a "litmus test" for the Punjab Police, alleging that the ruling AAP government was not adhering to the standards it had itself set on matters concerning Sikh religious sentiments.

He claimed that under the very law brought in by AAP to deal with alleged incidents of "beadbi", action should be taken uniformly, irrespective of a person's position.

Abhijeet Dipke to appear before ministry panel over withholding of CJP's X account

New Delhi, (GNS): Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Wednesday said he would appear before a committee of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) regarding the withholding of the group's X account.

According to reports, the MeitY had asked Dipke to appear in person at its headquarters on Wednesday for a hearing on the government's blocking of the CJP's account.

"Today at 3 PM, I will personally appear before



the Review Committee of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology regarding the withholding of our account, @CJP_2029," Dipke said in a post on X.

This is significant as Dipke has been leading a

CJP sit-in, which entered the fifth day on Wednesday, at Jantar Mantar to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged irregularities in exams and the NEET paper-leak controversy, and has refused to leave the protest site.

The CJP took social media by storm soon after its launch on May 16.

The original X handle of the digital satirical outfit was withheld in India on May 21, following which the group resurfaced with a new handle, 'Cockroach is Back'.

Constable injured in road accident in Delhi's Ashok Vihar; woman booked

New Delhi, (GNS): A Delhi Police constable was injured after a car allegedly hit his motorcycle in northwest Delhi's Ashok Vihar area, police said on Wednesday.

The incident took place around 8 pm on June 19 on KC Goyal Marg, they said.

Constable Jitender Kumar, posted at Ashok Vihar police station, was on duty when the accident occurred.

During the inquiry, police found that a car driven by a woman identified as Oshin Gupta had allegedly rammed into his motorcycle.



Preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle was allegedly being driven in a rash and negligent manner, leading to the accident.

The injured constable was taken to DCB Hospital.

ED conducts raids in Delhi in 2021 Mundra port drugs haul case

New Delhi, (GNS): The Enforcement Directorate on Wednesday conducted searches at multiple locations in Delhi as part of a money laundering investigation into the 2021 Mundra port drugs haul case, officials said.

Around five premises located in the national capital are being covered by the central agency, including those of Delhi-based businessman Harpreet Singh Talwar alias Kabir Talwar and some others, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), the ED officials said. Talwar, who ran popular



nightclubs in Delhi, was arrested by the National Investigation Agency in the drugs haul case in August 2022 and he recently came out of prison after he was granted bail by the Gujarat High Court.

Tribunal orders Rs 44.69 lakh compensation to man whose leg was amputated in 2020 accident

New Delhi, (GNS): A motor accident claims tribunal in Delhi has awarded Rs 44.69 lakh compensation to a 47-year-old man whose leg had to be amputated following a road accident in 2020.

Presiding officer Shirish Aggarwal was hearing a petition filed by Sanjay, who said he was waiting in his e-rickshaw in Delhi Cantt on February 12, 2020, when a car being driven rashly and negligently hit his vehicle.

In an order dated June 8, the tribunal noted that counsel for United India Insurance Company Ltd did not dispute the petitioner's entitlement to compensation and argued only on the quantum to be awarded.

The tribunal held that Sanjay was entitled to compensation for treatment, hospitalisation, medicines, transportation and other related expenses, as well as loss of income during treatment, future loss of earnings due to permanent disability and future medical costs.

IP work: Justice Singh honoured at US event

New Delhi, (GNS): In a first, a judge from India has been honoured by an influential international body on intellectual property.

Justice Prathiba M. Singh of Delhi High Court has been honoured for her exceptional contribution to intellectual property jurisprudence in India and inducted by IAM - a leading IP publication into its IP Hall of Fame.

Justice Singh was inducted at an event in San Diego, USA held 16 June 2026. She was honored for her impact on the development of intellectual property law in India and in shaping the modern IP landscape and her contribution beyond the courtroom.