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Tharoor Calls Government's Passport Decision Absurd

Says It Creates Public Confusion; Passport and Aadhaar Should Be Accepted as Proof of Citizenship



New Delhi(GNS): Congress MP Shashi Tharoor on Friday termed the Central Government's stand that a passport is not proof of citizenship as an "absurd legal contradiction," saying the decision has created widespread public confusion and sparked a political debate. In a post on social media, Tharoor said that a passport has always been regarded as the most reliable government-issued identity document. "If a passport cannot establish citizenship within the country, then which document can?" he asked. The controversy follows an order issued by the Ministry of External Affairs on June 24, stating that a passport is only a travel document and not proof of citizenship. Earlier, during hearings related to the National Register of Citizens (NRC), the Supreme Court had also observed that an Aadhaar card serves as proof of identity, not proof of citizenship.

Pune Murder Case: Rescuer Claims Ketan's Skull Was Crushed

Rescue Team Member Says Others Were Crying While Siya Remained Calm; Police Continue Questioning Her Family

Pune(GNS): A fresh claim has emerged in the Ketan Agrawal murder case in Pune, with a member of the rescue team alleging that the victim had suffered severe head injuries and that his skull was crushed. Sunil Gaikwad, who helped recover Ketan's body, said, "Ketan had serious injuries to his head, his skull was crushed, and there were multiple injuries on his hands and legs."

PM Modi feeds leaves to turtles in Seychelles

5 Indians arrived to live there 256 years ago; now every 8th citizen is of Indian origin



Victoria(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Seychelles on Saturday on a three-day visit. He was welcomed by President Patrick Herminie in the capital, Victoria. The two leaders fed leaves to Aldabra giant tortoises at the National Botanical Gardens. Modi will also be the chief guest at Seychelles' 50th National Day celebrations on June 29. This small island nation in the Indian Ocean shares a strategic relationship with India that dates back 256 years. When the first permanent settlement was established in 1770, five Indians were among the 27 people who arrived. Later, a large number of Indians from Bihar, Tamil Nadu, and Gujarat also settled here. Today, nearly one in eight of Seychelles' approximately 120,000 people are of Indian origin. The ancestors of the country's President, Wavel Ramkalawan, also hailed from Gopalganj district in Bihar. Modi's visit is considered a significant boost to the historical, cultural, and strategic ties between the two countries.

Supreme Court Rules Homebuyers Can Seek Compensation Even After Taking Possession

Consumer Complaints Against Builders Maintainable Despite Arbitration Clause, Says Court

New Delhi(GNS): In a significant ruling strengthening the rights of homebuyers, the Supreme Court has held that purchasers of residential properties can seek compensation from builders for delayed possession and deficiency in service even after taking possession of their flats. The Court observed that accepting possession does not deprive a homebuyer of the right to pursue compensation for delays or other deficiencies in service.

The judgment set aside an order of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC), which had ruled that a buyer ceases to be a consumer after taking possession of the property and, therefore, cannot claim compensation for delay.

Consumer Forum Remedy Cannot Be Barred: The Supreme Court further held that the presence of an arbitration clause in the agreement between a homebuyer and a real estate developer does not prevent the buyer from approaching a consumer forum for redressal of grievances.

Case Revived After 22 Years...



The ruling came in connection with a housing project in Dwarka, NCR, where a homebuyer sought compensation for the delay in handing over possession of a flat. A Bench comprising Justice Vikram Nath and Justice V.

Mahadevan revived the complaint originally filed before the District Consumer Forum in 2005, directing the forum to decide within one year whether there had been an unjustified delay in delivering possession.

What the Bench Said
The Bench observed: "The appellant's grievance was not merely about receiving possession of the flat. The complaint related to the delay in handing over possession, for which the appellant is entitled to seek compensation. The subsequent delivery of possession does not extinguish the allottee's right to claim damages for the earlier delay."

Dhirendra Shastri Gets Emotional Over Ram Temple Donation Theft

Says 'These Too Are Ravanans in a Different Form'

Ayodhya, Agency: Spiritual leader Pandit Dhirendra Shastri became emotional while reacting to the alleged theft from the donation boxes at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, saying that those involved were no different from Ravana, except that they had taken a different form. Speaking in Jakarta, Indonesia, on Friday, Shastri said, "These too are Ravanans, only their appearance has changed. Ravana abducted only Mata Janaki, but those who stole from the Ram Temple's donation boxes have stolen the faith and devotion of millions of devotees." He added that reports of the theft had emerged and called for a thorough investigation, expressing confidence that all those responsible would eventually be caught.

'God Will Deliver the Greatest Punishment': Shastri said, "Truth remains truth, whether people like it or not. Ravana abducted Mata Janaki, and the result was the destruction of his entire family. Those who have stolen devotees' offerings will certainly face legal punishment, but they will also receive the severest punishment from God." According to jail sources, Ramshankar Yadav alias Tinnu and the seven other accused spent a restless first night in Faizabad Jail.

West Bengal CM Suwendu Adhikari Promises UCC, Laws Against 'Land Jihad' and Forced Conversions

Says Illegal Infiltrators Will Be Identified and Deported; Emergency Protesters to Be Honoured

Kolkata(GNS): West Bengal Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari has announced that his government will implement the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state and introduce stringent laws against "land jihad," "love jihad," and forced religious conversions.

Addressing a function at Rabindra Sadan in Kolkata to mark the 150th anniversary of 'Vande Mataram', Adhikari said people who had entered India illegally or were involved in activities against the country's culture or national security would not be allowed to stay in the state. He said illegal

infiltrators would be identified and deported to their respective countries.

Emergency Protesters to Be Honoured

Adhikari also announced that individuals who opposed the Emergency (1975-77) would be felicitated on August 9. A 'Loktantra Senani' Coordination



Committee will be constituted for the purpose, and eligible individuals will receive government recognition certificates.

He said seminars on social, constitutional and national issues would be organized regularly, while relief and social service programmes would also be conducted during natural disasters. Following the event, Adhikari inaugurated the BJP's new office in Bhowanipore and announced that he would spend two days every month at the office to meet people and hear their grievances.

ICAI launches AI Innovation Summit 2026, signs MoU with Sarvam AI, unveils advanced AI Course

New Delhi, (GNS): The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) inaugurated its flagship AI Innovation Summit (AIS) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, bringing together over 4,000 delegates from India and abroad to discuss the growing role of artificial intelligence in finance, accounting, audit, taxation and governance.

The two-day summit, themed "Transforming Accounting, Audit, Tax, and Governance," aims to promote innovation, equip professionals with AI-driven skills and prepare Chartered Accountants for the evolving digital economy.

The summit was inaugurated by Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat in the presence of ICAI President CA. Prasanna Kumar D, Vice President CA. Mangesh P. Kinare, and other senior ICAI officials.



Addressing the gathering, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat said, "The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India has built a profession founded on financial trust, with Chartered Accountants playing a pivotal role in the nation's transformation. ICAI is leading the global transformation and has the potential to emerge as the world's 'Institute of Global Trust' by spearheading the development of AI assurance standards. Trust is the soul of the economic system and Chartered Accountants are the custodians of that

trust. You do not just certify a company's balance sheet; you validate and safeguard investor confidence and uphold the economic trust of the nation."

During the event, ICAI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sarvam AI to collaborate on AI training, capacity building, research, workshops and the development of AI-centric learning resources. The Institute also launched AICA Level 3, an advanced AI certification programme for members who have completed Level 2, along with the publication "AI

Essentials for Chartered Accountants."

ICAI President CA. Prasanna Kumar D said, "Innovation is redefining every facet of the accounting profession, and Chartered Accountants must lead this transformation with confidence, competence and integrity. Through AIS 2026, ICAI is creating a collaborative ecosystem where technology, governance, and professional excellence converge to empower our members to become architects of India's digital economy and trusted partners in the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Leading from the front, ICAI has trained over 50,000 members in Artificial Intelligence and developed more than 150 GPT-based tools to empower members and streamline professional practice.

Raise daily waste mining at Ghazipur by 70 pc, Delhi minister Ashish Sood tells officials



New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Urban Development Minister Ashish Sood on Friday inspected the Ghazipur landfill site and ordered officials to significantly speed up the remediation of legacy waste.

He directed officials to increase the daily biomining capacity from 7,000 metric tonnes (MT) to 12,000 metric tonnes by July 31. He also introduced a weekly monitoring mechanism to ensure strict compliance with timelines.

During the inspection, the Minister, along with senior officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi and the executing agency, reviewed the progress of the ongoing remediation work.

Spread across nearly 70 acres, the Ghazipur landfill has been operational since 1984 and has grown into a nearly 65-metre garbage mountain despite National Green Tribunal directions issued in 2019.

According to the government, the first phase of the biomining project, carried out between November 2022 and November 2024, was meant to process 30 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste. However, the firm could

process only 13.90 lakh metric tonnes.

The second phase of the project, awarded on March 7, 2025, aims to process another 30 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste by September 2026. So far, nearly 24 lakh metric tonnes of waste had been processed under Phase II, while around 20 acres of land had been reclaimed for future waste management infrastructure.

As per the drone survey conducted in April 2026, the landfill contained 67.81 lakh metric tonnes of waste. Between April 30 and June 25 this year, about 3.39 lakh metric tonnes of waste had been processed through biomining, bringing the total waste to 66.68 lakh metric tonnes, including both legacy and fresh waste. The Delhi Government has set a target to completely clear the remaining waste by December 2027.

During the inspection, Sood identified two major bottlenecks affecting the remediation process. The first relates to continuous dumping of fresh municipal waste, with nearly 2,400-2,500 metric tonnes arriving daily from Shahdara North and Shahdara South zones.

Pollution remains high in Yamuna, shows DPCC report

New Delhi, (GNS): Water quality in the Yamuna showed marginal improvement at some locations in May when compared with April, but the pollution still was alarmingly high across the heavily contaminated stretch flowing through Delhi, according to the latest monitoring report of the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

The report, shared on Thursday, is based on water samples collected on May 5. DPCC analyses the samples collected from eight locations of the Yamuna every month.

Fecal coliform, an indicator of the presence of sewage in the river, dipped from 1,70,000 MPN/100 ml at ISBT Bridge in April to

1,30,000 MPN/100 ml in May. It was still far above the safe standard of 2500 MPN/100ml (most probable number per 100 ml). Other locations, including Wazirabad, ITO Bridge and Nizamuddin Bridge, also saw a marginal reduction in fecal coliform levels.

However, Asgarpur, the most polluted stretch of the river, recorded a rise in fecal coliform from 3,10,000 MPN/100 ml in April to 3,30,000 MPN/100 ml in May. Asgarpur, where the Yamuna exits Delhi, recorded the highest fecal coliform levels, indicating the accumulation of sewage and other pollutants along the river's course through the city.

Despite the reduction in bacterial contamination at some locations, dissolved oxygen remained nil at ISBT Bridge, ITO Bridge, Nizamuddin Bridge, Okhla Barrage and Asgarpur, indicating the river's inability to support aquatic life in these stretches.

Similarly, the biological oxygen demand (BOD) level, a sign of the amount of oxygen that organisms need to survive in the water, was met only at Palla from where Yamuna enters Delhi. At 60 mg/l, BOD levels were the highest at Asgarpur, exceeding the safe limit by 20 times. However, it was 50 mg/l in April here. The standard for BOD is 3 mg/l or less for Yamuna.

Delhi: MCD to empanel agencies for on-site waste processing

New Delhi, (GNS): Days after Lieutenant Governor (L-G) Taranjit Singh Sandhu directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to actively promote zero-waste colonies by encouraging resident welfare associations (RWAs) and other residential clusters to adopt decentralised waste management, the civic body has initiated the process of empanelling agencies to process waste generated by bulk waste generators (BWGs). The MCD has issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) inviting agencies for the collection, transportation and processing of waste generated by BWGs in compliance with the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules, 2026. According to the notice, a pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for July 3 at the MCD headquarters, while the last date for submission of bids is July 17. The empanelled agencies will provide authorised waste management services to bulk waste generators that are unable to process biodegradable waste within their own premises, as mandated under the SWM rules. Hostels, institutions and other bulk waste generators will have to process their own waste. If they do not have the required processing facility or expertise, they can hand over their segregated waste to an MCD-authorized agency.

32 licensed weapons go missing from Faridabad police station armoury; ASI suspended

New Delhi, (GNS): Thirty-two licensed weapons kept under police custody at the malkhana (armoury) of the Sector 8 police station in Faridabad have gone missing. The missing weapons include foreign-made firearms.

Following an investigation, the police have registered a theft case against the malkhana in-charge, Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Bijendra Singh. Police Commissioner Satender Kumar Gupta has suspended the ASI and ordered a departmental inquiry.

The weapons had been deposited by local residents with the police for safekeeping and were to be returned to their licensed owners when needed.

According to police sources, the missing weapons include several foreign-made firearms, with



values estimated to range from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 10 lakh. It is suspected that these weapons have been sold in Rajasthan, Noida and other parts of the Delhi-NCR region. However, the police have not yet issued an official statement.

The discrepancy came to light during a routine inspection of the malkhana. An initial check revealed that only 13 weapons were missing,

but a thorough investigation later showed that 32 firearms were unaccounted for. Subsequently, senior police officials ordered an inquiry, which confirmed the shortage.

Police are now investigating the entire matter with extreme confidentiality. Currently, the biggest challenge facing the police is recovering the missing weapons.

New judge to hear MP MLA appeals

New Delhi, (GNS): The annual change in roster before Delhi High Court reopens next week will see a new judge handling the sensitive MP/MLA cases docket.

Justice Manoj Jain has been assigned to hear criminal matters relating to serving and former members of Parliament and assemblies from July 1.

The roster was earlier with a bench presided over by Justice Swarna Kanta Sharma, who has been assigned the civil side roster involving petitions dealing with DTC, Delhi Urban Arts Commission, RTI, sexual harassment at workplace, etc.

The chief justice of the high court routinely makes the reshuffle after the summer vacation every year.

During her time at the roster, Justice Sharma heard several cases against politicians, including an appeal in



the excise policy case. In Feb, while issuing notice to all 23 accused, including former chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and his deputy Manish Sisodia on CBI's plea against their discharge, she had said the findings of the trial court at the stage of framing of charges prima facie appeared erroneous and needed consideration.

She later dismissed their applications for her recusal, and in May, initiated criminal contempt proceedings against them for their "vilifying" social media posts and said the matter would be sent to another bench.

Delhi police arrest two in dowry death case

New Delhi, (GNS): A 30-year-old man and his father were arrested in connection with the alleged suicide case of his wife in west Delhi's Khyala.

Police said they received a PCR call on June 24 regarding the incident. Police found the woman, identified as Kajal (24), lying dead inside her rented accommodation. She was taken to hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead.

Police found that Kajal had been married for around three years and the couple had no children. Considering the circumstances, the matter was referred to the SDM, Rajouri Garden, and statements of the deceased's parents and family members were recorded.