



Mann Ki Baat



New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in the 135th episode of his monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, said that India is secure from the sea to the skies, highlighting the country's

India Secure from Sea to Sky, Says PM Modi

Over 40 C-295 Aircraft Being Built in India, Nation Wins 114 Medals in Yoga Championship

growing defence and technological capabilities. Referring to recent achievements, the Prime Minister said that DRDO successfully tested an indigenous long-range land attack cruise missile earlier this month. He also noted that India has made significant progress in the aviation sector, with the first successful flight of the

Made-in-India C-295 aircraft. More than 40 C-295 aircraft are currently being manufactured in the country under the "Make in India" initiative. Speaking about International Yoga Day celebrations, Modi said that yoga programmes were organised at over 2,500 locations worldwide. India delivered an outstanding performance at the World

Assam's 'Hargila Army' Changes Public Perception:

Highlighting a conservation success story from Assam, the Prime Minister spoke about the Greater Adjutant Stork (Hargila), a rare bird that plays an important role in maintaining ecological balance but was traditionally considered inauspicious in some parts of the state. He praised wildlife biologist Purnima Devi Barman, who launched a campaign to change people's perception of the bird through scientific awareness and community participation. Thousands of rural women joined the movement, now known as the Hargila Army, helping protect the bird and eliminate long-standing superstitions. The Prime Minister said the initiative proves that awareness and correct information can transform deeply rooted social beliefs.

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TMC Rebel Faction Holds Meeting with 47 Former Councillors

Mamata Camp Files Complaint, Alleges Misuse of Party Name and Election Symbol



Kolkata(GNS): The rebel faction of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) held a meeting on Sunday with 47 former councillors in Kolkata, further intensifying the internal rift within the party.

The meeting took place in the Topsia area of eastern Kolkata. It followed an earlier gathering held on June 22 in New Town. In both meetings, the rebel group reportedly used the TMC's name and election symbol, but did not display photographs of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee.

Following the meeting, senior TMC leader Dola Sen, representing the Mamata Banerjee camp, lodged complaints at the New Town and

Pragati Maidan police stations. The complaint alleged misuse of the party's name and symbol, circulation of forged documents and electronic messages, and organising the meeting without proper permission.

Rebel Leaders Claim They Represent the 'Real TMC': Rebel MLA Sandipan Saha asserted that his faction is the legitimate Trinamool Congress and claimed it has sufficient numerical strength to function as the principal opposition in the Assembly. He said the rebel camp has already constituted its National Executive Committee and will soon announce its political programmes.

Ketan Murder Scene Recreated Before Siya and Chetan

Police Take Both Accused to Lohagad Fort, Use Dummy to Reconstruct Crime



Pune(GNS): Police on Sunday recreated the scene of the alleged murder of Ketan at Lohagad Fort in the Pune murder case. According to reports, the police team took the two accused, Siya Goyal and Chetan Chaudhary, to the fort at around 6:30 a.m., where they remained for nearly two and a half hours. Deputy Superintendent of Police Gajanan Tonpe said the reconstruction was carried out based on Siya Goyal's account of the incident. A dummy matching Ketan's weight was used to simulate the alleged act of pushing him from the fort, enabling investigators to verify the sequence of events. Meanwhile, police made another significant revelation in the case. Investigators said Siya Goyal and her boyfriend Chetan Chaudhary had searched Google for "death points" at Lohagad Fort, routes leading to those locations, and information about nearby gorges before the crime. According to police, the duo also searched queries such as "how to kill someone using poison without raising police suspicion", "how to answer police questions after being caught", and which WhatsApp messages should be deleted. Investigators further stated that Chetan allegedly left his mobile phone at a shop on the day of the murder to conceal his identity and used another handset during the crime.

Anant Ambani Offers Hair at Tirumala Temple

Reliance Executive Director Performs Rituals at Lord Venkateswara Shrine

Hyderabad(GNS): Reliance Industries Executive Director Anant Ambani on Sunday visited the world-renowned Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple at Tirumala in Andhra Pradesh, where he offered prayers and performed the traditional tonsure ceremony as an expression of his devotion.

Upon arriving at the temple, Anant Ambani first underwent the customary head-shaving ritual and then offered his hair at the feet of Lord Venkateswara Swamy. He



later participated in special prayers and sought blessings for the peace, prosperity, and well-being of the nation and its people.

The Ambani family is

the Ambani family also visited the shrine both before and after Anant Ambani's wedding to seek the deity's blessings.

The Tirumala Temple is one of India's most revered pilgrimage centres, attracting millions of devotees every year. The ritual of hair offering (tonsure) is among the temple's most significant religious traditions and is observed by devotees as a symbol of faith, humility, and complete surrender to the deity.

Last year, members of

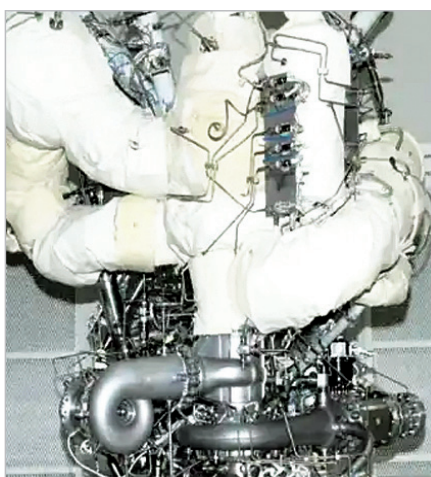
ISRO Achieves Major Milestone with Successful Test of Semi-Cryogenic Engine Power Head

India Targets Moon Landing by 2040; Full-Thrust Engine Test Planned Next

Bengaluru(GNS): The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has achieved a significant milestone by successfully conducting a hot test of its semi-cryogenic engine power head at 88 per cent of its target thrust capacity, marking another major step in the development of India's next-generation launch vehicle technology.

The test was carried out at the ISRO Propulsion Complex in Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu, where the engine demonstrated stable performance at a thrust level of 175 tonnes.

ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan described the achievement as a major breakthrough, saying



India has now mastered the cryogenic engine technology that was once denied to the country by foreign nations. Addressing the 17th Air Chief Marshal L.M. Katre

Memorial Lecture in Bengaluru, developed to replace the existing L110 core stage of India's heavy-lift LVM3 launch vehicle. Powered by the SE2000 engine, capable of generating 2,000 kilonewtons of thrust, the upgraded stage is expected to substantially enhance the rocket's payload-carrying capacity. The engine uses liquid oxygen and kerosene-based fuel, offering improved operational efficiency.



India Aims to Land Astronauts on the Moon by 2040:

Narayanan said the recent test was conducted without the thrust chamber and that scientists are now preparing for the complete engine test. Speaking about the Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme, he said three uncrewed missions will be carried out before astronauts are sent into space to validate the spacecraft's safety. The launch schedule for the first unmanned mission will be announced shortly. He also outlined ISRO's long-term roadmap, stating that work is progressing on Chandrayaan-4, aimed at bringing lunar samples back to Earth, and Chandrayaan-5, a joint mission with Japan featuring a heavy lunar rover.

5.6-Magnitude Earthquake Jolts Venezuela Again

Death Toll Rises to 1,430; Nearly 68,900 Still Missing 72 Hours After Disaster

Caracas, Venezuela(GNS): A 5.6-magnitude earthquake struck Venezuela on Sunday, adding to the devastation caused by a series of powerful earthquakes that have hit the South American nation in recent days. According to the Euro-Mediterranean Seismological Centre (EMSC), the earthquake's epicentre was located in the sea off the Aragua coast at a depth of 30 kilometres.

The latest tremor followed two powerful earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5 on June 24, as well as a 4.9-magnitude quake recorded

on Saturday.

Authorities said the disaster has so far claimed 1,430 lives, while more than 3,300 people have been injured.

Nearly 68,900 People Still Missing

Officials said that around 68,900 people remain missing more than 72 hours after the initial earthquakes, with rescue teams continuing to search for survivors trapped beneath collapsed buildings.

Experts said the first 48 to 72 hours after a major earthquake are considered the most critical



period for rescue operations, as the chances of finding survivors are highest during this time.

Residents Join Rescue Efforts

In several affected areas, a shortage of rescue personnel has forced local residents to begin search operations themselves.

Many families have been using hammers and other tools to remove debris from collapsed buildings in desperate attempts to locate their missing relatives.

Rescue and relief operations are continuing across the worst-hit regions as authorities race against time to find survivors.

New formula for Lok Sabha delimitation: Representation, balance and a new direction for democracy

(Kantilal Mandot)
The issue of delimitation of Lok Sabha seats in India has long been a subject of political and constitutional debate. Amid concerns about the country's steadily increasing population, the uneven pace of population growth across states, and the balance of representation between North and South India, a working paper by the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council (EAC-PM) has presented a new and

practical model. According to this proposal, the current 543 Lok Sabha seats could be increased to 824. Significantly, this process would retain most existing parliamentary constituencies, with only a limited number of seats reorganized. This proposal is seen as an effort to strengthen democratic representation and reduce political controversy. Delimitation of Lok Sabha seats is a crucial process in Indian democracy, aimed at

establishing a balance between the population represented by each MP. A moratorium on delimitation was imposed in 1976 to encourage population control, and was later extended until 2026. Now that this term is nearing its end, the need for a new delimitation is being felt. However, this process has raised concerns among many states, particularly those in South India, that despite achieving success in population control,

their share of Lok Sabha seats may decline, while states with higher population growth may gain additional political advantage. Addressing these concerns, a working paper prepared by EAC-PM member Dr. Shamika Ravi and Professor Mudit Kapoor of the Indian Statistical Institute suggests a balanced model. The proposal calls for an approximately 50 percent increase in the number of Lok Sabha seats. Of the current 543 seats, 373 would be retained unchanged, and only 170 would be divided into two or three parts, creating 281 new seats. This would increase the total number of seats to 824. While this would provide additional representation to larger states, the impact of delimitation would be limited to only about one-third of the country's seats. The most important feature of this model is that it does not rely solely on popu-

lation as a basis. The report examined data from Lok Sabha elections from 2009 to 2024 to understand the factors that influence voter participation. Based on this, it suggests incorporating factors such as the geographical size of the parliamentary constituency, the level of urbanization, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe populations, linguistic diversity, and the availability of polling stations into the delimitation process.

Editorial

On Wimbledon 2026

No tournament marries old world charm with new age freshness quite like Wimbledon. This will be on display yet again when the year's third Major gets underway on Monday. If the pristine grass courts and all-white attire are reminders of tennis's origins and traditions, the introduction of video review technology from 2026 is the latest example of the event marching with the times. Another throwback to the old days will be the return of Serena Williams, a seven-time singles champion at the All England Club. She is 44, and has not played competitively in nearly four years, but appears leaner and fitter, thanks in large measure to modern-day weight-reduction medication. The legendary American is a wildcard entrant in doubles as well, where she will partner her illustrious sister and five-time Wimbledon singles winner Venus, with the duo looking for their seventh doubles crown at SW19. But unranked as Serena is, the probability of meeting high-profile opponents from the get-go is high. Women's tennis is also a crowded market-place, with as many as five Slam champions and three others with runner-up finishes among the top-10 seeds. Chief among them are World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka, 2022 winner Elena Rybakina, defending champion Iga Swiatek and the teenaged Mirra Andreeva, who clinched her maiden Major at Roland-Garros recently.

The men's section will be equally intriguing. Carlos Alcaraz, a two-time Wimbledon titlist and a fan-favourite in south-west London, is absent because of a wrist injury. Reigning champion Jannik Sinner suffered a dispiriting second-round loss at the French Open and has had no competitive matches since then. The defeat in Paris came under extremely hot conditions, and with western Europe in the midst of a heatwave, it will be interesting to see how the Italian World No. 1 copes. Second seed Alexander Zverev will look to cash in, like he did at Roland-Garros, but grass is his weakest surface. This presents Novak Djokovic with his best chance to claim a record-extending 25th Slam. At 39, the lush green lawn is where the Serb is most comfortable. With four trophies, two finals and one semifinal appearance in his last seven visits to Wimbledon, he is also the most pedigreed.

The power of words, the maturity of thoughts and the eternal principle of success

(Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani Gondia) Speak such words that you lose your temper, cool others, and cool yourself. This couplet by Saint Kabir is not merely a literary expression, but the key to a successful life. Success in human life is not achieved solely through knowledge, wealth, position, or talent, but also through the way a person expresses their thoughts. History bears witness to the fact that many wars have begun not with swords, but with words, and many conflicts have ended through dialogue. Therefore, words are considered the basis of both creation and destruction. India, the world's largest democracy, is known for its outspoken expression, dialogue culture, and thoughtful tradition. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavanani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that any opinion expressed by India is not just the opinion of a single nation, but the expression of the collective consciousness of millions of citizens. This is why the world community listens to and analyzes India's views seriously. But in today's fast-paced digital age, reacting without thinking, forming opinions based on incomplete information, and using words under the influence of emotions is becoming increasingly common. As a result, many small matters escalate into major controversies. Therefore, it is essential that before forming an opinion on any subject, we carefully study the facts, evaluate the circumstances, and then express our views in a balanced manner.

Friends, every person has their own perspective. Diversity of opinion on social, political, economic, or family matters is the soul of democracy. But forming opinions is not just a reaction, but also an act of responsibility. It is often seen that people draw conclusions based on incomplete information, and these conclusions later become the cause of controversy. This problem has become even more serious in the age of social media, where a news story, a video, or a statement is accepted without verification and reacted to immediately. A prudent person views any issue from different perspectives, examines the facts, and then expresses their opinion. This maturity distinguishes one from the crowd.

Friends, successful people have a special quality: they don't speak more than necessary. They know that a concise statement made with fewer words has a greater impact. Speaking less is not a sign of weakness, but rather a sign of self-control and intelligence. A person who speaks without thinking about every topic gradually loses its importance, while a person who speaks thoughtfully is listened to seriously. A truly intelligent person understands the situation before reacting, while an immature person reacts before understanding the situation. This difference precisely determines the distance between success and failure.

Friends, a person's words are a mirror of their personality. Our language reflects our values, thoughts, and emotions. In life, we encounter a

variety of situations: family interactions, social relationships, business meetings, public forums, conversations with friends, and disagreements. In each situation, our choice of words shapes our image. The same thing can be said in two different ways. The first way can hurt the other person, while the second way can make the same thing acceptable with respect. Therefore, before speaking, one should ask oneself: is what I am about to say true? Is it necessary? Can it be said in a better way? And will it hurt someone's dignity? Only if the answers to these questions are positive, will it be appropriate to put words into speech.

Friends, an important truth of human life is that physical wounds heal with time, but the wounds of harsh words linger in the memory for years. Sometimes, words spoken in jest, sarcasm, anger, or passion deeply hurt a person's self-esteem. No matter how much clarification is given later, the impact of those words remains. Words spoken in anger, especially, often lead to lifelong regret. Therefore, Indian culture advises remaining silent and reflecting patiently during anger. When giving advice, special care must be taken to ensure that our words do not hurt the other person's self-esteem. Choosing the right words can transform an order into a request and get the task accomplished without hurting their ego.

Friends, the success of communication lies not only in speaking but also in listening. Today, most people listen not to under-

stand, but to respond. This is the root of many disputes. When we jump to conclusions without fully listening, misunderstandings arise. People with influential personalities first listen carefully, then reflect, and then express their views. Listening is not just about absorbing words, but about understanding the other person's feelings, circumstances, and perspective. This quality prevents communication from becoming contentious and strengthens relationships with precision.

Friends, everyone has ideas, but not everyone is able to express them effectively. This is why some people become part of the crowd, while others begin to lead them. People with influential opinions present their views with facts, logic, and balanced language. They don't try to belittle anyone, but rather seek to persuade. Their language is confident, not aggressive; humble, not arrogant; and clear, not noisy. These qualities earn them respect and acceptance.

Friends, both the words of Saint Kabir and the Indian epic Mahabharata teach us the importance of the power of words. History and literature bear witness to the fact that words can both strengthen and break relationships. There's a famous saying: "Words are like arrows; once fired, they never return." Therefore, it's wise to evaluate words before speaking, as they are impossible to take back. We often misinterpret someone's point without fully understanding it, because we listen not to understand, but to react.

This tendency prompts us to introspect and make our communication more mature and positive. Today is an era of global communication. A single word can reach the entire world in a matter of moments. In such times, the responsibility of words increases even more. Words spoken on social media, in public forums, and in private life can impact a person's reputation, an organization's image, and sometimes even the dignity of a nation. Therefore, restrained, factual, and positive communication has become the need of the hour. We must also accept responsibility for our words. If something we say hurts someone's feelings, we should accept responsibility instead of making excuses. This behavior worthy of respect and trust.

Therefore, if we summarize the entire analysis, it becomes clear that the most effective principle for success is to speak less, speak thoughtfully, and choose words that generate respect, trust, and a positive impact. Before forming an opinion on any subject, rational thinking, examining the facts, and properly assessing the circumstances are essential. A small carelessness can often lead to major disputes, while a few moments of patience and thoughtfulness can become the foundation of lifelong respect. Therefore, think before you speak, understand before you think, and listen before you understand. This is the eternal path to successful communication, an influential personality, and a great life.

Naked dance of terrorism and anarchy under the guise of Muharram procession

(Manoj Kumar Agarwal)
Muharram was recently celebrated across the country, but a video from Ujjain, the city of Mahakal in Madhya Pradesh, is going viral on social media. In this video, a car was lifted approximately 40 feet by a crane during a Muharram procession and then "blown up" with an explosion. This incident occurred on June 24th in the Badnagar area of ??Ujjain. A police case has now been registered against four people in this matter. Officials say this dangerous act was carried out as a competition between local akharas (fireworks) to gather crowds and gain social media attention. According to the police, the Muharram procession was being taken out in the Aadan area of ??Badnagar when the stunt was performed in front of a large crowd. The

car, which had "Le Phir Aa Gaye" written on it, was lifted by a crane. Two young men in the car were waving red flags, when the smoke, sparks, and broken glass created a scene reminiscent of a massive explosion. Posters of "Shere Aadan Akhara" were also seen at the scene. Muharram, the first month of the Islamic calendar, is primarily intended to mourn the martyrdom of Imam Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Muhammad, and his companions at Karbala. It is not a festival of terror or display of power, but rather a symbol of standing against oppression and injustice. However, during Muharram, processions (Akharas) in some places feature dangerous displays such as sword fighting, fire stunts, or sometimes unconventional stunts (such as

exploding vehicles). In commemoration of the Battle of Karbala (680 AD), young people demonstrate their bravery, the use of traditional weapons, and martial arts through Akharas. Sometimes, driven by religious fervor, young people perform dangerous stunts or perform fireworks to attract crowds, which outsiders often mistake for a show of terror or intimidation. Some anti-social elements or organizers deliberately stage such controversial protests to spread panic, incite tension between communities, or further political gains. The administration always cracks down on such provocative and violent protests, often filing police cases against the organizers. Most Muslim organizations and scholars also consider such dangerous protests to be against the

fundamental tenets of Islam. India is a democratic country, where the Constitution provides for minorities to celebrate religious and cultural festivals on equal footing with the majority. However, under the guise of an event like Muharram, openly detonating a van suspended forty feet above a crane in a public place is a naked display of the mentality of rioters, spreading anarchy, terror, and instilling fear in other communities. In the past, similar displays of anarchy, using spears, lances, and swords, have been observed during Muharram in many parts of the country, and dozens of incidents of communal tension and violence have been recorded during these demonstrations and processions every year. Consequently, state governments consistently issue strict

directives before the event, and local administrations convene peace committee meetings to maintain peace and tranquility. Despite this, many cities and towns across the country have experienced unrest and tension. An FIR has been filed against three Muslims and one Hindu after a van was detonated from a crane during the Muharram procession in Badnagar, Ujjain. Three of them have been arrested. The ATS and FSL have launched an investigation. The incident of a four-wheeler suspended in the air and detonated during a Muharram procession in Ujjain, Chief Minister Mohan Yadav's home district, has raised many questions. The incident has shocked both Ujjain and Bhopal (Police Headquarters).



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Four siblings held as cops bust drug syndicate in Jahangirpuri

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Police busted an alleged organised drug syndicate operating from Jahangirpuri and arrested four siblings accused of illegally storing and supplying psychotropic drugs from multiple premises in the area.

The Anti-Narcotics Squad, assisted by the Drugs Control Department, carried out an overnight operation at several locations, leading to the arrest of Paro (28), Usha (25), Kanta (35) and their brother Amit (30), all residents of Jahangirpuri.

The police said the raids resulted in the recovery of 1,300 Addnok-N tablets containing buprenorphine and naloxone, prohibited under the NDPS Act, with a total weight of 268 grams and an estimated international value of around Rs 7 lakh. A total of 735 Avil injections and 2,532 needles and syringes were also seized.

The operation also led to the seizure of Rs 22.02 lakh in cash, gold jewellery weighing 241 grams worth about Rs 35 lakh, silver jew-



ellery weighing 2.4 kg worth around Rs 6.2 lakh, documents related to 11 flats valued at Rs 12-15 lakh each and a scooter allegedly purchased from the proceeds of the illegal trade.

According to the police, the Anti-Narcotics Squad had been developing intelligence since the beginning of June following information about the illegal sale of psychotropic tablets and intoxicating injections in various parts of the district. After sustained surveillance, officers identified several premises in D-Block, Jahangirpuri, allegedly

being used for storing and distributing contraband.

The investigation involved four separate raids. The first raid at a house in Jahangirpuri led to the recovery of 1,300 psychotropic tablets, 310 Avil injections with 652 syringes and needles and Rs 1.25 lakh in cash, following which three sisters were arrested.

Subsequent searches at another property resulted in the recovery of additional Avil injections, while a locked first-floor premises allegedly used by an associate, Chanakya, alias Sachin,

yielded 400 more Avil injections, 1,880 syringes and needles and Rs 63,000 in cash. The police gained entry to the house by cutting open the lock.

The fourth raid at another house in Jahangirpuri led to the arrest of Amit and the recovery of over Rs 20 lakh in cash, gold and silver jewellery.

A case under Sections 22, 25 and 29 of the NDPS Act has been registered at the Jahangirpuri police station.

During interrogation, the accused allegedly disclosed that they had been procuring, storing and supplying psychotropic tablets and intoxicating injections across Delhi through an organised network operating from multiple premises.

The police said documents relating to 11 flats in the name of the alleged mastermind, Paro, were being verified, while efforts were underway to trace the financial trail, identify the source of the contraband and apprehend other alleged associates, including Chanakya, alias Sachin, alias Kalu.

GMDA steps up flood prep; AIT Chowk gets drainage upgrade

New Delhi, (GNS): Ahead of the monsoon, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has stepped up flood mitigation measures at AIT Chowk to address recurring waterlogging and ensure smoother traffic movement during heavy rain.

GMDA Chief Executive Officer P C Meena said the authority is strengthening the city's drainage infrastructure through targeted works at identified waterlogging-prone locations. He said the measures at AIT Chowk would significantly increase the carrying capacity of the drainage network, enable faster discharge of rainwater and provide long-term relief from waterlogging at this key junction.

As part of the project, GMDA has laid an additional 300-metre stormwater drain comprising double rows of 600-mm RCC pipes near the police post along the Sector 54/55 Master Road. The new drain connects AIT Chowk to Creek No. 4 through Smriti Vatika Park and will carry stormwater flowing from the Aravali Hills and the Suncity area into the creek, enabling quicker drainage during heavy rainfall.

GMDA has constructed six new surface water channels-three around the AIT Chowk rotary and three near the police post-to divert stormwater into Creek No. 4. In addition, new road gullies are being developed at strategic locations to ensure quicker collection and discharge of rainwater, reducing water accumulation on roads and improving traffic flow during heavy show-



ers, he added.

The latest works add to the drainage infrastructure already developed by GMDA at AIT Chowk. Earlier, the authority constructed a 1,100-metre surface drain on both sides of the carriageway and a 1,900-metre master stormwater drain from AIT Chowk to Ghata. The integrated drainage network ultimately discharges into Leg-3 (Badshahpur Drain) along the Southern Peripheral Road (SPR), ensuring the uninterrupted flow of stormwater and substantially reducing the risk of prolonged waterlogging.

Meena said the flood mitigation works at AIT Chowk form part of GMDA's city-wide monsoon preparedness programme. Under the initiative, the authority is carrying out desilting of drains, strengthening drainage connectivity, constructing additional road gullies and developing new stormwater infrastructure at key waterlogging-prone locations across Gurugram.

Proclaimed offender nabbed after 9 years in Rs18-cr fraud

New Delhi, (GNS): The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police has arrested a proclaimed offender who allegedly remained absconding for nine years in connection with a property fraud in which banks were allegedly cheated of more than Rs 18 crore through forged sale deeds, impersonation and shell companies, officials said on Saturday.

The accused, identified as 53-year-old Sanjeev Dixit, alias Sanjay Sharma, was arrested in connection with a 2013 FIR registered under charges of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

The police said he had been evading arrest since 2017 after escaping from the custody of the Uttar Pradesh Police. He was later declared a proclaimed offender by a Delhi court.

According to the EOW, the case was registered on the complaint of a woman who alleged that her property in Vivek Vihar was fraudulently transferred through a forged sale deed executed by an impersonator posing as her before the office of the Sub-Registrar. The police said the accused allegedly used the PAN details of another woman bearing the same name as the complainant to facilitate the impersonation.

Investigators alleged that the



forged sale deed was used to mortgage the property and obtain credit facilities worth more than Rs 18 crore from multiple banks. The alleged loans included Rs 10 crore sanctioned by Chinatrust Commercial Bank, of which Rs 4.75 crore was disbursed, besides a Rs 5-crore cash credit limit, a Rs 70-lakh car loan and another Rs 3-crore cash credit limit from other banks. According to the police, the loan accounts were later declared non-performing assets (NPAs).

The police said the accused, along with his associates, first gained access to the complainant's property by placing tenants there to obtain details of the title documents.

Delhi ACB arrests top ex-health official Dr Vatsala Aggarwal in Rs 600-crore health 'scam

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi government's Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) on Saturday arrested former Director General of Health Services (DGHS) Dr Vatsala Aggarwal in connection with the alleged Rs 600-crore health procurement scam, making her the second arrest in the case involving suspected large-scale irregularities in the purchase of medicines and medical equipment for Delhi government hospitals.

The arrest comes days after the ACB apprehended Dr Vijay Kumar Ranga, who was remanded to four days' police custody by a Delhi court. Investigators said the probe pertains to alleged financial irregularities in procurements worth several hundred crores undertaken by the Central Procurement Agency (CPA), which functions under the DGHS.

According to the ACB, the investigation was launched following a complaint by the Directorate of Vigilance, which flagged suspicious procurement practices and procedural violations. The agency has alleged that tenders for portable X-ray machines, bed sheets and linen, C-arm radiological equipment, anaesthesia workstations,



Oral Rehydration Solution (ORS), surgical consumables and medicines were manipulated by framing tailor-made specifications to favour selected suppliers while excluding genuine bidders.

The FIR, a copy of which has been accessed by The Tribune, alleges that government funds were siphoned off through inflated purchases, with bills inflated by around 230 per cent for portable X-ray machines, 200 per cent for C-arm radiological equipment and as much as 500 per cent for ORS. The complaint estimates the alleged scam to be worth nearly Rs 600 crore.

The FIR names former CPA Head of Office Dr Vinod Ranga and alleged supplier-cum-liaison Rajiv Rangila, besides DGHS officials. Investigators alleged that Rangila floated multiple shell firms using fake owners, including F Med

Devices, Technocrats, Raj Shree, Ashi Surgical and Pharmaceuticals, and M Sahib and Sons Pvt Ltd, which were subsequently declared authorised distributors by pre-selected manufacturers.

According to the FIR, restrictive tender specifications were drafted in connivance with manufacturers and supplied to procurement officials, while members of the tender committee were allegedly pressured into approving the documents. The probe further alleges that eligibility conditions were deliberately kept unusually stringent to eliminate genuine competitors, enabling Rangila-linked firms to secure contracts despite lacking the required turnover or experience.

Investigators have also alleged that work orders were issued manually on the same day the bids were opened, bypassing the prescribed Government e-Marketplace (GeM) process. Even after contracts were awarded and payments released, the tenders allegedly continued to be shown as "active" or "under process" on the procurement portal to conceal the awardees and contract values from public scrutiny. Meanwhile, earlier suppli-

ers reportedly remained unpaid for nearly two years, while firms linked to the accused allegedly received payments within a day.

The ACB has registered the case under relevant provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and criminal conspiracy sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Officials said procurement records, tender files and related documents are being examined as part of the ongoing investigation.

Dr Aggarwal was removed as DGHS chief on May 21 and placed under "awaiting posting" before being transferred to Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital. She was later suspended on the directions of Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu to facilitate disciplinary proceedings.

The Delhi Government has also suspended five pharmacists and two CPA officials after an internal inquiry reportedly found serious irregularities in the procurement, storage and management of medicines.

The ACB said further investigation is underway to ascertain the role of other government officials, manufacturers and private suppliers allegedly involved in the procurement network.

Coaching centres in Delhi asked to meet fire safety norms within a month

New Delhi, (GNS): Taking a firm stand on the safety of students, the Delhi Government has set a one-month deadline for all coaching institutes in the city to comply with mandatory fire safety norms.

"The number of coaching institutes in Delhi is not the issue. The safety and security of our children is," said Chief Minister Rekha Gupta.

The authorities warned that "any coaching institute without a fire audit, mandatory safety equipment or prescribed safety measures will face strict action, including sealing, if it fails to comply within one month."

CM Gupta said, "Students are urged to report any unsafe coaching institute by message, email or phone. Every complaint will be acted upon. There will be no compromise with the safety of



our children. The move comes as part of a broader effort to strengthen safety standards in educational institutions and prevent accidents by ensuring strict compliance with fire and emergency preparedness norms.

SUV driver flees without paying for petrol worth Rs 6,000 in Gurugram

New Delhi, (GNS): A driver of a black Scorpio allegedly duped petrol pump staff after getting fuel worth Rs 6,000 filled into his vehicle before fleeing without making the payment. The manager of the petrol pump, located on the Pataudi-Bilaspur Road, has lodged a complaint at the Bilaspur police station.

The entire incident was captured on the petrol pump's CCTV cameras. The footage shows the driver stepping out of the vehicle and behaving normally before suddenly speeding away without making any payment. As the vehicle accelerated, the delivery hose snapped, causing petrol to spray into the air and leaving the staff present shocked. The incident took place late on Thursday night at Yash Filling Station on the Pataudi-Bilaspur Road. Refuelling operations were underway as usual when a gleaming black Scorpio arrived at the petrol pump. The driver asked the attendant to fill the vehicle with petrol. As soon as the salesman inserted the nozzle into the fuel tank and began dispensing fuel, the driver stepped out of the vehicle and waited beside it.

