



Modi Calls Takaichi His 'Younger Sister'

Welcomes Japan's First Woman Prime Minister to India

New Delhi(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday referred to Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi as his "younger sister" during a joint press statement, welcoming her on her first visit to India. He said it was a matter of great pleasure to receive Japan's first woman Prime Minister in India.

Modi said the relationship of trust between India and Japan has continued to grow stronger over the years. During the bilateral talks, the two leaders discussed a wide range of issues, including investment, defence, semi-

conductors, technology, supply chains, and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region. The Prime Minister said both countries had agreed on several new initiatives that would further strengthen their strategic partnership.

This is Takaichi's first visit to India since assuming office as Prime Minister. She is on a three-day official visit and will also participate in the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit.

Prime Minister Modi said India and Japan have launched a new initiative on energy security to address global challenges such as oil



supply disruptions. He said the two countries would strengthen cooperation in the fields of battery technology, green hydrogen and nuclear energy, promoting the transition to clean energy. He added that both nations view economic security as shared security and the energy transition as a shared opportunity. In line with this vision, the two countries have launched the

India-Japan Next-Generation Mobility Partnership Framework.

Joint Roadmap for Economic Security: Modi announced that India and Japan have prepared a joint roadmap to strengthen economic security. Under the plan, both countries will reinforce supply chains in strategic sectors such as semiconductors, quantum technology and advanced materials. He also highlighted several important decisions on energy cooperation. Under the India-Japan Biogas Initiative, 1,000 biogas and organic

fertilizer plants will be established across India. The initiative is expected to strengthen the opportunities in rural GOBARdhan Scheme areas.

India Expanding Trade in Rupees: The Prime Minister noted that India has been steadily promoting international trade in Indian Rupees. According to information previously shared by the government in Parliament, 156 Special Rupee Vostro Accounts have been opened by 26 Indian banks for 123 foreign banks across 30 countries. The Reserve Bank of India believes that this initiative will reduce dependence on major foreign currencies in international trade and encourage wider global use of the Indian Rupee. Japan is also promoting trade in local currencies with other Asian nations. In December 2025, it signed a similar agreement with Indonesia to facilitate bilateral transactions in their respective local currencies.

Special POC SO Court Rejects Anticipatory Bail Plea of Viral Girl's Husband

Maheshwar(GNS):The Special POC SO Court at Mandleshwar in Madhya Pradesh's Khargone district has rejected the anticipatory bail application of the husband of the "viral girl." Special Judge Ravi Jharola observed that the accused could abscond or tamper with evidence and, therefore, was not entitled to the relief of anticipatory bail.

The case is based on a complaint filed on March 25 by the girl's father, who alleged that the accused had lured his minor daughter to Kerala on the pretext of offering her opportunities in the film industry. According to the complaint, after keeping her with him for some time, the accused persuaded and induced her into marrying him. During Wednesday's hearing conducted through video conferencing, defence counsel Jerry Lopez and advocate Lakhan Bhavre, who appeared before the court, argued that the girl had voluntarily accompanied the accused and that the marriage had taken place with the consent of both parties.

PM Modi to Inaugurate Rajasthan Refinery on July 4; 15-Year-Long Dream to Become Reality

Barmer(GNS): After nearly 15 years of planning and construction, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the HPCL Rajasthan Refinery Limited (HRRL) at Pachpadra in Balotra district on July 4. The mega project, regarded as India's first high-tech BS-VI standard refinery, is expected to transform Rajasthan's economy and strengthen the country's petrochemical sector.

With a refining capacity of 9 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA), the refinery is expected to enhance India's self-reliance in petrochemical production and create significant employment and industrial opportunities in the region. The refinery project has witnessed a long and eventful journey marked by political controversies, land disputes and repeated delays. The foundation stone was laid twice, and the inauguration was also scheduled on two separate occasions. Prime Minister Modi was originally scheduled to inaugurate the refinery on April 21, but the visit was postponed following a leak in the CDU-VDU unit.

How the Refinery Was Shifted from Leelana to Pachpadra

Initially, the refinery was proposed to be established at Leelana village in Baytu, then part of Barmer district. Following the announcement, politically influential individuals and land speculators purchased thousands of bighas of land in the area at low prices.



Dehradun/Srinagar, (GNS):The first batch of pilgrims for the annual Amarnath Yatra departed from the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu at 4 a.m. on Thursday. Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the pil-



grims, who set out amid chants of "Bam Bam Bhole" to seek the blessings of Baba Barfani. The 57-day pilgrimage will officially begin on July 3 via both the Pahalgam and Baltal routes and will conclude on August 28, coinciding with the festival of

First Batch of Amarnath Pilgrims Leaves Jammu Only Registered Devotees Allowed Entry

Raksha Bandhan. Only devotees who had completed the mandatory registration process, obtained the required RFID cards, and fulfilled the e-KYC formalities were included in the first batch. Meanwhile, the Char Dham Yatra continues to witness a steady rise in pilgrim turnout. As of July 1, over 1.45 million devotees had visited Badrinath, while nearly 1.375 million pilgrims had offered prayers at Kedarnath.

Around Four Lakh Devotees Registered for Amarnath Yatra
So far, nearly four lakh pil-

grims have registered for this year's Amarnath Yatra.

The administration has completed all major arrangements, including security, medical facilities, transportation and other essential services, to ensure the pilgrimage is conducted safely and smoothly.

On Wednesday, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha visited the base camp to review preparations, including security measures, medical facilities, accommodation, electricity and water supply, help desks, and other logistical arrangements.

NDA's Mission 360: BJP Eyes DMK, NCP and SP to Secure Two-Thirds Majority

New Delhi(GNS): The BJP's top strategists have intensified efforts under "Mission 360" to reshape the political landscape. After facing a setback in the Lok Sabha over the Women's Reservation and Delimitation Bill on April 17, the party accelerated its strategy to secure a two-thirds majority in Parliament.

The BJP's objective extends beyond the passage of this bill. It is aiming to achieve the supermajority required for major constitutional reforms, including "One Nation, One Election" and judicial reforms.

To achieve this, the party is exploring options such as encouraging splits within opposition parties,



bringing in new allies, and capitalizing on opposition absenteeism during crucial voting. The target is to accomplish this before the upcoming Monsoon Session of Parliament.

Six Uddhav Sena MPs Join Shinde Faction
Recent political developments have strengthened speculation about the BJP's plans. Twenty MPs from the Trinamool Congress have reportedly extended support to the NDA, while six MPs from the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena have joined the Eknath Shinde faction.

Meghalaya Government Moves Supreme Court Against Sonam Raghuvanshi's Bail in Raja Raghuvanshi Murder Case

Shillong(GNS):The Meghalaya government has approached the Supreme Court challenging the bail granted to Sonam Raghuvanshi, the prime accused in the 2025 Raja Raghuvanshi murder case. The state has sought cancellation of her bail, arguing that she poses a serious flight risk.

The matter was mentioned before a Bench comprising Justice M.M. Sundresh and Justice Shail Nagu on Thursday by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who requested an urgent hearing. The court accepted the request and scheduled the matter for hearing on Friday.

Government Argues Accused May Flee the Country

Appearing for the Meghalaya government, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta submitted that the High Court had erred in granting bail to the principal accused. He argued that there was a strong possibility of the accused leaving the country if the bail order remained in force, making immediate judicial intervention necessary.



Heavy Rain Batters Mumbai: Residents Advised to Stay Away from Sea as Waves May Rise Up to 15 Feet

Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow/Patna(GNS):Heavy monsoon rains continue to lash four districts of Maharashtra, prompting authorities to issue a Red Alert for Mumbai, Thane, Palghar and Raigad. Mumbai recorded 172 mm of rainfall in the past 24 hours.

The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) on Thursday afternoon warned that sea waves could rise up to 15 feet, advising people to stay away from the coastline as a precautionary measure.

Meanwhile, the southwest monsoon entered Rajasthan on Thursday after a delay of seven days and reached Delhi five days behind schedule. Heavy rainfall has been reported across the national capital since morning. The Meteorological Department has issued a heavy rain alert for 25 districts of Rajasthan, including Jaipur and Dausa.

In Madhya Pradesh, heavy rainfall was recorded in seven districts on Wednesday. In Indore, a car was swept into a drain



due to strong water currents, while several motorcycles were washed away in Sehore.

Adverse weather conditions have also forced authorities to suspend the Kedarnath Yatra in Uttarakhand.

Lightning-related incidents claimed three lives each in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, while two people were killed in Jharkhand. In Lalitpur, Uttar Pradesh, rainwater entered the railway station's waiting hall as well as the Government Railway Police (GRP) station, disrupting normal operations.

Mother Accused of Throwing Three Children into Canal Prevented from Seeing Their Faces at Funeral

Mohali(GNS):Shakuntala, the woman accused of throwing her three children into a canal in Mohali, was prevented from seeing their faces during the last rites. Family members told her that a person accused of killing the children had no right to bid them a final farewell. She had arrived at the cremation ground in an auto-rickshaw along with her brother and sister-in-law. When stopped from seeing the children, Shakuntala reportedly said, "What mistake have I made? I also jumped into the canal with them. People present there saw me and pulled me out immediately. That is why I survived."



She alleged that ever since the death of her husband, Kamal, she had been subjected to harassment by her in-laws. According to her, her brother-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, sister-in-law and her sister-in-law's husband had all assaulted and harassed her, leaving her mentally distressed.

Shakuntala further claimed that she had approached several people, including the village head, seeking help, but no one came to her assistance. Feeling helpless and abandoned, she said, she ultimately took the extreme step.

Public Anger Over Police Action People attending the funeral expressed anger over the police's handling of the case. Raju, one of those present at the cremation, said that despite two days having passed since the incident, no strict action had been taken against the accused. He alleged that while the police had recovered the bodies of the three children from the canal, the accused woman had not been taken into custody and was staying at her parental home.

Sweetness of life, light of humanity

(Kantilal Mandot)

Lord Mahavira considered humanity to be the greatest message of human life. He clearly stated that humanity should first and foremost be imbibed in one's life, for humanity is the true sweetness of life. Just as a flower, without being invited, fills the entire atmosphere with its fragrance, and bumblebees are drawn to it on their own, similarly, the life of a person who develops the qualities of humanity automatically becomes an inspiration for society. He becomes a benefactor not only of his family but of the entire society and nation. Humanity does not merely mean having a human body,

but also of cultivating love, compassion, kindness, humility, and service in one's thoughts, behavior, words, and actions. These qualities sweeten life and make a person truly great.

God has bestowed upon man the invaluable powers of mind, speech, and senses. Their purpose is not merely to attain material happiness, but to utilize them for self-development and the benefit of society. If the mind is filled with good thoughts, speech is sweet, and the senses are controlled, life automatically becomes meaningful. Conversely, if the mind is filled with jealousy, hatred, anger, and ego, human life becomes a source

of unrest and conflict. Despite being physically human, if one's thoughts become violent, selfish, and cruel, one becomes alienated from humanity and becomes a victim of animalistic tendencies. This leads to the manifestation of the aggression of a wolf, the venomous nature of a snake, and the belligerent mentality of a dog. Lord Mahavira's message is that humans should periodically introspect and see if such tendencies are entering their lives.

The most important foundation of humanity is decency and simplicity. In today's times, a simple and honest person is often mistaken for a fool, whereas true great-

ness lies within them. Only a person who is free from deceit, fraud, and arrogance and possesses a heart as pure as a child is truly a noble person. But simplicity alone is not enough; the light of wisdom is also essential. Wisdom teaches a person the difference between right and wrong and inspires them to follow the right path. When wisdom is combined with simplicity, life becomes balanced and successful.

Humility holds special significance in human life. Lord Mahavira described humility as the very foundation of religion. Humility enables a person to attain knowledge. No matter how learned a person is, he or she

cannot attain true wisdom. Just as a diamond is set in gold because of its malleability, similarly, great virtues like non-violence, truth, kindness, love, and compassion find a place in the life of only a person who possesses humility. Therefore, a person should make his or her life as humble and valuable as gold. However, Lord Mahavira also advises against superficial humility, as wicked people often deceive others by bowing down. Therefore, it is essential to have wisdom along with humility.

Ego is the greatest cause of human downfall. Ravana is a prime example of this. He considered himself superior to all others, and this ego

led to his downfall. In contrast, a humble person constantly learns, progresses, and gains respect in society. The life of a person who understands his duty and puts the interests of others above his own is truly considered successful. Humanity means not only having good thoughts but also putting them into practice. The most beautiful expression of humanity is seen in purity of feeling. The story of a poor boy who came to an ascetic saint in Masakhman provides a wonderful example. The boy's mother was extremely poor, but she labored to collect milk, rice, and sugar and prepared kheer for her son.

Editorial

On the erosion of India's grassroots democracy

A new report, based on Rural Development Ministry surveys, opens a rare data-backed window into the erosion of India's grassroots democracy. But where the state has framed the issue as one of "vibrancy", the report highlights a paradox. It acknowledges that "participation fatigue" has kept citizens from engaging in gram sabhas whereas its solutions, such as more meetings and oversight, are a recipe to further alienate the rural working class. The 73rd Amendment empowers gram sabhas, but governments have reduced them to clearinghouses for central and State schemes. This fundamental aspect must change. However, in response to 18%-28% of respondents citing a lack of outcomes as the reason for low interest, the report pushes for greater use of the NIRNAY app and to upload meeting minutes in real-time. In the real world, panchayat secretaries thus have less time facilitating discussion even as lacklustre oversight has allowed officials to tell workers that their MGNREGA demands were 'not entered in the system' due to server errors. Similarly, that more than half of the barriers to participation are related to livelihoods could point as much to visibly systemic issues — such as the precarious nature of rural labour today — as to deliberate economic exclusion by the state, as scholars have highlighted. But the report does not acknowledge such divergent possibilities. Due to the state failing to institutionalise attendance as a paid component of social protection, gram sabhas have remained a playground for the leisured elite such as landlords and contractors.

According to the report, gram sabha spend 13% of the time identifying local issues but only 4% discussing revenue generation. But gram panchayats have been systematically constrained from raising their taxes, leaving them dependent on grants. The 14th and 15th Finance Commissions grants tied panchayat spending to central priorities such as drinking water and sanitation, limiting local priorities to 'flagship' programmes such as the Jal Jeevan Mission and Swachh Bharat. There is thus no incentive for citizens to attend a meeting if the funds are being earmarked by Delhi bureaucrats.

(Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani)

Globally, the entire world is experiencing economic weakness due to the scourge of corruption, as this black money is hidden by corrupt individuals in highly discreet locations, making it unusable for economic circulation. For example, large amounts of 2000 rupee notes were not in circulation, meaning they were locked in the hands of corrupt individuals. The result was demonetization. But it is very surprising that on one hand the government is hell bent on having zero tolerance towards corruption, on the other hand it is always seen that in politics there is a dispute between the powerful leaders of the ally party or within the party itself over the cream of the ministry departments, that is there are matters of percentage in government tenders, that is why in politics allegations of 40 or 50 percent keep on being made on each other, often from the people who won the elections to the ministers and from peons to high ranking officers are involved in this, then what is the meaning of zero tolerance policy of corruption? This is a matter to be highlighted, a perfect example of which is that a leader from Maharashtra was accused of taking Rs. 100 crore per month despite being the Home Minister, he even went to jail. Many such allegations are leveled against politicians and ministers, which is a matter worth highlighting, which makes it clear that corruption runs from top to bottom. Therefore, today, with the help of information available in the media, we will discuss through this article, the dispute over the cream of the departments, how will corruption be countered! and corrupt plus pickle at the rate of corruption, why are the Public Works Government Tenders Home Transport Ministries called cream departments?

Friends, if we try to understand the meaning of corruption, the

word corruption is formed by the combination of two words: corrupt and conduct, which have the following meanings: corrupt = contaminated, dirty, immoral, wrong, criminal, and conduct = conduct, behavior, activity. Simply put, corruption refers to any action that is wrong, unethical, criminal, or tainted. Thanks to our politicians, this word is used primarily in a political context these days, but generally, corruption encompasses any behavior that is unethical and malicious in pursuit of an ulterior motive. Corruption isn't just about scams in government work, but compromising one's ideals and causing harm to others for personal gain is also corruption. A milkman mixing water with milk is also corruption, as is a teacher not teaching in class. An official failing to perform his or her duties is also corruption, and so is demanding a bribe in exchange for work. Tax evasion is also corruption and not following traffic rules is also corruption. In limited words, corruption is not only about scams in government schemes but every wrong conduct done for personal gain is corruption.

Friends, if we consider the economic impact of corruption, corruption has a negative impact on economic development. For example, due to corruption, roads are built weakly, causing them to break down quickly. According to this formula, India and China should have lower growth rates because these countries are more corrupt. However, the reality is quite the opposite. India and China have higher growth rates. The negative impact of corruption depends on how the money obtained through corruption is used. Suppose, out of a contract worth Rs 1 crore for road construction, Rs 50 lakh was lost to corruption, resulting in a substandard road. The question arises as to how the Rs 50 lakh bribe was used. If this money was invested in the stock market, the negative

impact of corruption on economic development is somewhat reduced. This difference is clear between South American countries and India. South American leaders deposited the bribe money in Swiss banks, resulting in a decline in growth. However, Indian leaders, in addition to depositing the money in Swiss banks, also deposited it with domestic entrepreneurs. If bribe money is invested, unethical corruption can also have positive economic effects. Suppose, on average, 70% of government investment is utilized, while private investment is 90%. If ₹1 crore is withdrawn through corruption and invested in private companies, investment will increase by ₹20 lakh. In economics, there is a concept known as "propensity to save." The amount of savings a person saves from their additional income is called "propensity to save." If a poor person has an additional income of ₹100, they consume ₹90 and save ₹10. In contrast, if a rich person has an additional income of ₹100, they consume ₹10 and save ₹90. Suppose a rich engineer takes a bribe of ₹100 from a poor farmer. The poor person's income falls by ₹100, resulting in a reduction in savings of ₹10. But the rich engineer saved 90 rupees from a bribe of 100 rupees. Thus, the total savings from the bribery transaction increased by 80 rupees. While socially wrong, exploitation of the poor by the rich proved economically beneficial. Corruption has adverse effects on economic development. For example, due to corruption, roads are built poorly, causing them to break down quickly. According to this formula, India and China should have lower growth rates because these countries are more corrupt. However, the reality is quite the opposite. India and China have higher growth rates. The adverse effects of corruption depend on how the money obtained through corruption is used. Suppose, out

of a contract for building a road worth 1 crore rupees, 50 lakh rupees were lost to corruption. The road was built poorly. The question arises as to how the 50 lakh rupees bribe was used.

Friends, if we try to understand the causes of corruption, we've all accepted it as part of the system. We curse the corrupt, but we also encourage them to expedite our work. If the driver's license isn't being processed quickly, we'll give them a little treat. If the police verification for the passport will take time, we'll give the officer a little money. If you're not wearing a helmet, or don't have your vehicle documents, we'll get away with paying a hundred or fifty rupees to the traffic police.

To ensure we get government tenders, we send some sweets to the government clerk. And then, the money that would otherwise be spent on their entourage, we'll make up for it by reducing the quality of our work. Our casual attitude (everything is fine) is responsible for all this. Simply blaming the government won't achieve anything. The first change must begin within ourselves, by changing our own thinking.

Friends, if we try to understand the lucrative departments, the police department isn't as corrupt as some other departments. This department plays a major role in today's scams, and it doesn't spare anyone who comes into contact with it. The mining department is considered the most corrupt department. It's the only department where the issue of scams is constantly raised. It's the department where bureaucrats from peon to commissioner, and even the department's minister, have been imprisoned. When the amount of scams in this department is published in the newspaper, the average person counts the number of zeros at least three times. Many politicians and ministers have also been jailed for mining scams, and many have been accused.

Delhi: Challenge of ozone pollution along with air pollution

(Lalit Garg)

The capital, Delhi, has been grappling with the serious problem of air pollution for years. Every winter, a thick blanket of smog, toxic air, and a suffocating atmosphere become a matter of national concern. Until now, discussion of this crisis has largely been limited to PM 2.5, PM 10, stubble burning, and vehicle exhaust. However, a new and more dangerous threat has rapidly emerged: ground-level ozone pollution. A recent report by the Center for Science and Environment has made it clear that not only Delhi-NCR, but also cities like Jaipur, Chandigarh, and Ahmedabad are falling prey to ozone pollution. This pollution is invisible, but its ill effects are slowly harming human life, agriculture, and the environ-

ment. Ironically, even a serious issue like pollution is often reduced to political blame games. Sometimes farmers' stubble burning is blamed entirely, and sometimes vehicles alone. However, the reality is much more widespread. To get to the root of the problem, unplanned urbanization, indiscriminate industrialization, the current energy consumption system, and the current model of development must be seriously reconsidered.

Today, Delhi is not only the capital of the country, but also the country's largest pollution hotspot. Rising summer temperatures, intense sunlight, and chemical reactions between nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds emitted by vehicles and industries create ground-level ozone. This is not the

same ozone that protects the Earth from ultraviolet rays in the upper layers of the atmosphere. Ground-level ozone is a toxic gas that reduces lung function, worsens the condition of asthmatics, causes eye irritation, and increases the risk of heart disease. Today, a large number of people in Delhi-NCR are experiencing problems like breathing difficulties, allergies, and asthma, all of which are contributing to the increasing role of ozone pollution. The Delhi government has taken several important steps towards pollution control. Decisions such as the promotion of electric vehicles, the new electric vehicle policy, the promotion of public transportation, the development of charging stations, and the phase-out of old, polluting vehicles are certain-

ly positive. If these plans are effectively implemented, meaningful changes in pollution control could be seen in the coming years. However, vehicle policy alone is not the solution to the problem.

The real crisis is unplanned urbanization. Over the past two decades, the rapid transformation of farmlands, ponds, and green spaces into concrete jungles in Delhi and its surrounding areas has severely disrupted the natural balance. Where rainwater once seeped into the ground, there is now a surface of cement and asphalt. Traditional water sources have disappeared, trees have declined, and heat has increased. This is why temperatures in cities are several degrees higher than in surrounding rural areas. This excess heat further

accelerates ozone depletion. Today, the expansion of metropolitan cities is considered a symbol of development, but this development is coming at the expense of nature. Cities need roads, electricity, housing, and industry.

To achieve all this, farmland is being lost, forests are being cut, and water sources are being destroyed. As a result, pollution is not limited to air pollution, but is also affecting water, soil, and biodiversity. This direction of development ultimately appears to be inimical to human life. The number of private vehicles in Delhi is continuously increasing. The availability and quality of public transportation have not yet been effective enough to persuade people to abandon private vehicles.

PM Modi extends greetings on Telangana Formation Day

New Delhi, (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Telangana on its Formation Day this morning. He said the state has a great history and a splendid culture. The central government is committed to providing full support to Telangana's development.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote on Twitter, "Hearty congratulations to the people of Telangana on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day. The people of Telangana are known for their creativity and business acumen. This state has a great history and a wonderful culture that is a mark of courage, determination, and a fighting spirit." He wrote, "The central government is committed to providing full support to Telangana's development movement towards fulfilling our dream of a developed India. I pray that all the people of Telangana enjoy good health, happiness, and success."

Prime Minister Modi said, "The people of Telangana are known for their innovation and hard work. This state is known for its glorious culture and history... courage and determination."

Saket building collapse: 71-year-old owner arrested as death toll reaches 6

New Delhi, (GNS): The 71-year-old owner of the five-storey building that collapsed in Delhi's Mehrauli, killing six people, was arrested on Monday. While six people lost their lives in the incident, seven others sustained injuries. The accused has been identified as Karamveer, 71, son of Mangal Singh. Suneel Kumar Singh, commandant of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), said debris-clearing operations are currently underway. He added that no trace of any living person was found under the rubble, despite the use of sniffer dogs and advanced equipment during the search operation, Media reported. "The work of removing debris is underway.

The NDRF team is on the ground and is on standby. If needed, they will continue their work. Sniffer dogs are used to locate survivors trapped inside. They track scents and provide indicators that dog handlers can interpret. However, in our search using dogs, no survivor was indicated. Therefore, using all our equipment, whether mechanical or canine resources, we haven't found any trace of a live victim," he said.

CBSE's online portal for marks verification, answer sheet re-evaluation goes live

New Delhi, (GNS): The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)'s online portal for mark verification and answer sheet re-evaluation went live on Tuesday. The CBSE stated on its official X handle that the official online portal for class 10th and 12th students is now active. The official notification has been released on the CBSE's main website. The online portal, which was originally scheduled to go live on May 26th, was extended to June 1st due to technical glitches, but could not be launched on that date due to other reasons. It has now gone live today. The CBSE has shared the official portal link with students: postresult.cbseit.in/ pvr/. Students can complete the application process by watching the video instructions for mark verification and answer sheet re-evaluation. It is noteworthy that CBSE is offering students dissatisfied with their board exam scores the opportunity to have their answer sheets rechecked.

Students look for laptops, workers worry about office servers

New Delhi, (GNS): On Monday morning, a group of employees of a healthcare AI firm waited for updates on their damaged servers at the Saidulajab building collapse site. Some students were also at the spot. They peered under the rubble, hoping to recover laptops, phones and many months' worth of study material.

Some of the students of the coaching centres have exams in less than a month.

While they waited, excavators sifted through the concrete and twisted metal, two days after the building collapse that has claimed six lives so far.

"The collapse damaged a portion of our office where our servers were kept. All our systems have been down since then," said an employee. They were denied access to the site for safety reasons. "We are trying to shift operations to another location," he said. On Saturday, this employee narrowly escaped the collapse. "I got the office cleaned around 6.40 pm on Saturday and left with the cleaning staff just an hour before the collapse," he said. At least 100 Foreign Medical Graduate Examination (FMGE) aspirants have belongings buried under the rubble.



The students were hoping to recover their laptops, phones, important documents and months' worth of study material. Rescue personnel were also seen retrieving several laptops.

"We were all in the library when the collapse happened. We ran out without thinking about our belongings," said one FMGE aspirant.

Eyewitnesses spoke about a man who reportedly entered a narrow gap beside the building to take out his motorcycle moments before the collapse. He has not been seen since.

The locality is a major hub for students from across the country. The libraries and mess facilities service the local economy of coaching institutes .

Jaishankar meets South African Vice President Mashatile

New Delhi, (GNS): External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met South African Vice President Shipoksa Paulus Mashatile on Tuesday. A high-level meeting was held in Delhi between the South African delegation and the Indian side, during which detailed discussions were held on various areas of bilateral cooperation.

During the meeting, the two leaders discussed opportunities for further strengthening trade, investment, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), digital infrastructure, and strategic partnership. Referring to the long-standing friendly relations between India and South Africa, the External Affairs Minister commended



South Africa's strong commitment to further deepening the partnership. He stated that there are vast opportunities for both countries in the areas of trade, investment, digital, and infrastructure.

The meeting also agreed that India and South Africa

will further strengthen mutual coordination in global and multilateral forums. This meeting is considered important in giving a new direction to the strategic relationship between India and South Africa and further strengthening bilateral cooperation.

10 years later, man and mother convicted in dowry death case in Delhi

New Delhi, (GNS): A court has convicted a man and his mother in a dowry death case after a decade, finding that the woman was subjected to sustained dowry-related harassment, including physical abuse and demands for an additional Rs 50,000, until days before she had killed herself within seven years of her marriage.

Additional sessions judge Harvinder Singh convicted Jitender and his mother Rambati of



charges of dowry death and cruelty in connection with the demise of Pooja. The court noted that the prosecution had established that the harassment was continued throughout Pooja's married life. "The prosecution has also been able to establish that few

days prior to the date of death of deceased, the accused side has been subjecting the deceased to torture/ harassment/ cruelty for more dowry... and gave beatings to her to bend deceased and her family-members to their demands of dowry," the court observed in its May 30 order.

The judge held that the prosecution had established that the victim was subjected to torture "right from the

beginning of her marriage till a few days prior to date of her death". According to the prosecution, Pooja married Jitender in June 2011 and died by hanging at her matrimonial home in East Gokulpur on Aug 21, 2016. Her family alleged that dowry demands began before the marriage, with Jitender objecting to being gifted a Bajaj Discover motorcycle at the tilak ceremony and demanding a costlier model, leading to a pay-

ment of Rs 10,000. He later allegedly sought an Apache motorcycle, for which Pooja's father paid Rs 50,000, while Rambati demanded Rs 1 lakh for her daughter's marriage.

Pooja had complained to her family about the continued harassment when she visited her parental home on Raksha Bandhan, just days before her death, the court noted. On the defence argument that no injuries were found in the MLC report, the

judge said physical abuse in matrimonial homes didn't necessarily leave visible marks. "Even giving slaps at back side of head or some other small physical harm in similar fashion would imply beatings," the court said.

Rejecting another defence claim that Pooja was depressed because of her sister's failed marriage proposal, the court said the accused had failed to rebut the statutory presumption of dowry death.

US yoga team heads to India for 1st World Yogasana Championship

New Delhi, (GNS): A team of yoga athletes from the US is set to participate in the maiden World Yogasana Championship to be held in Ahmedabad from June 4 to 8.

On May 30, the Indian Consulate in New York welcomed members of the US Yogasana team ahead of their departure for India. Deputy Consul General Vishal J Harsh met the athletes and wished them good luck as they head to the first championship of its kind in Gujarat.

Teams from at least 75 countries are expected to take part in the competition, which is intended to take yoga to the next level as a sport.

Organised by the World Yogasana Federation and backed by the Ministry of Ayush, the teams will "test a 5,000-year-old tradition under standardised rules of precision, balance, flexibility, and degree of difficulty,"



Yogajala.com noted.

The event is part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's long-standing effort to make yoga an Olympic sport.

Competitors will be judged in four official categories - Traditional, Artistic, Rhythmic, and Athletic Yogasana. Teams will be marked on a scale similar to Olympic ballet performances, on parameters such as posture alignment, hold time, transitions and level of difficulty.

According to a press release

issued by Yoga Association USA, the United States Yogasana Sports Federation (USYSF), in collaboration with the United States Yoga Association and World Yogasana, has announced an 11-member Team USA for the championship.

The delegation will be led by Balwinder Singh, founder and president of Yoga Association USA and USYSF. The team, heading to India, was selected following quarterfinal trials held in Connecticut in April.

DK Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah in Delhi to brainstorm on new Karnataka cabinet

New Delhi, (GNS): DK Shivakumar and acting Chief Minister Siddaramaiah are in Delhi to form the new government in Karnataka and finalize the cabinet. The two leaders are scheduled to meet with Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Rahul Gandhi, and other senior leaders to discuss cabinet formation and key organizational appointments.

Siddaramaiah also met External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar while leaving the hotel in Delhi. When asked by reporters about the agenda of the meeting with Mallikarjun Kharge, he said he was unaware.

Sources said that DK Shivakumar has prepared a preliminary list of potential cabinet members for discussion in this meeting. This list will be finalized after consul-



tation with the Congress leadership. It is being reported that 10 to 20 ministers may be sworn in in the first phase.

It is being reported that consensus has been reached on most of the issues for the formation of the new government in Karnataka and the names will be announced after final approval. It is believed that the swearing in ceremony of the new government led by DK Shivakumar will be held in Bengaluru in the next one to two days, in which the members of the first phase of the Council of Ministers may also be sworn in.

Between Hope and Heartbreak: How Rescuers Hunt for Life Under Mounds of Concrete

New Delhi, (GNS):When disaster strikes, be it a building collapse or an earthquake, the enormous pile of concrete and steel is the first hurdle between life and death. For rescue teams, extricating victims from the mounds of debris is a race against time.

At a rescue site, operations shift systematically from initial scene stability assessments and surface rescues to deeper cavity searches. Rescuers use an array of high-tech gear, such as life detectors, boremeters, specialised cameras and magnetic microphones along with sledgehammers. The trained K-9 squads are indispensable, as always. Media spoke with officials of disaster response agencies such as National Disaster Response Force (NDRF). They explained the finer points of a high-stakes operation where nothing is left to chance.

There has been some criti-



cism regarding the pace of rescue at the Saidulajab building collapse site. An official who was present there said that every move is a calculated, strategic decision. "It may seem slow-paced at first glance but we follow a highly structured, multi-phase blueprint to locate the victims."

"The operation begins with reconnaissance to evaluate the stability of the scene, followed by the rescue of survivors who are easily visible or audible," a senior NDRF officer said.

After that, the responders focus on a complex "cavity

search" mission. They look for signs of life under collapsed beams or stairs. Cutting and drilling through these "sensitive spots" is challenging. The rescue does not focus on one job at any one moment. Different tasks proceed in sync. For example, while the cavity search is on, other rescuers remove the debris from pockets that are marked "clear" by a supervisory officer. Heavy machinery such as cranes are used to break down larger pieces of a structure and remove them. "Before lifting any concrete slab, we use spe-

cial cameras and equipment to inspect underneath and confirm that there are no survivors there," said an NDRF commandant.

Behind the scenes, police, fire officials, ambulance services and hospitals are kept in the loop about the missing persons. It is only after the last missing person is accounted for that the final phase of general debris clearance starts.

"Interestingly, basic manual implements like sledgehammers, pry bars and steel pipes are our primary tools for surface or small debris removal as the rescuer remains in control of the environment while using them," said a rescuer involved in the operation at Saidulajab. For breaching obstacles, the team deploys an angle cutter to slice through concrete and metal. A portable air plasma cutting machine with a lightweight, non-breakable air cutting torch is also used.

President, Vice President and Union Ministers among other leaders extended greetings on Telangana Formation Day

New Delhi, (GNS): On the occasion of Telangana Formation Day, the President, Vice President, Lok Sabha Speaker, Union Ministers, and Chief Ministers of various states extended greetings to the people of the state, wishing them a bright future, continued development, and prosperity. President Draupadi Murmu, in her X-post, congratulated the people of Telangana, noting that the state is blessed with a rich cultural heritage and hardworking citizens. She noted that Telangana has made remarkable progress in innovation and development and wished the state's people continued well-being and prosperity. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan stated that Telangana is known for its rich



cultural heritage and vibrant traditions. He added that the creativity, innovation, hard work, and perseverance of the state's people have significantly contributed to the nation's progress. He described the occasion as an inspiration for collective efforts to build a developed India. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, describing Telangana as a state with a unique cultural

identity, vibrant traditions, and natural beauty, said that its Foundation Day symbolizes the state's development journey and achievements. He wished progress, harmony, and prosperity for the people of the state. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah said that Telangana is uniquely known for its vibrant culture and entrepreneurial spirit. He wished the state continued progress and prosperity, saying that its achievements will further enhance India's pride. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal congratulated the people of the state on Telangana Foundation Day, saying that this state, rich in heritage and natural beauty, should contin-

ue to progress on the path of development and progress. He wished for increased happiness, prosperity, and well-being in the lives of all citizens. Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, citing Telangana's unique art and culture, rich heritage, and natural beauty, extended his best wishes to the people of the state. He said that the state should continue on the path of development and progress, and that happiness, prosperity, and well-being should spread in the lives of all people. Union Minister Giriraj Singh extended greetings on Telangana's Foundation Day, paying tribute to its rich cultural heritage, glorious history, folk traditions, and diversity.

India sends 43 tonnes of medical aid to the African Centre for Disease Control

New Delhi, (GNS): India has sent protective gear, diagnostic and monitoring equipment, medicines, and supplements to the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) as part of the second tranche of medical assistance. This aid, weighing a total of 43 tonnes, will further strengthen the public health preparedness of African countries and enhance their capacity to combat the Ebola epidemic. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar said in a post on X on Tuesday that India has sent the second tranche of medical aid to the Africa CDC. This 43-tonne consignment includes protective gear, diagnostic and monitoring equipment, medicines, and supplements. Jaishankar said, "We are confident that this consignment will strengthen public health preparedness and



enhance Ebola response capacity in African Union countries." It is noteworthy that the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) is the health institution of the African Union. It is headquartered in Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia. It works to monitor infectious diseases, control epidemics, expand laboratory capacity, and manage public health emergencies across the African continent.

Ground-level ozone becomes a worry point for city

New Delhi, (GNS): Ground-level ozone emerged as one of Delhi's most widespread air pollution challenges this May, with nearly half of the city's air quality monitoring stations recording violations of national standards and several locations experiencing sustained exposure throughout the month. According to an analysis by Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA), 24 of the city's 45 monitoring stations recorded at least one exceedance of standards for ozone. The analysis identified five major ozone hotspots across the city. The highest concentration was recorded at Pusa (IITM), where the maximum eight-hour ozone average touched 292ug/m3, nearly three times the national standard of 100ug/m3. This was followed by NSUT Jaffarpur (229ug/m3), Commonwealth Sports Complex (208ug/m3), Delhi University North Campus (207ug/m3) and Chandni Chowk (178ug/m3). Pusa recorded ozone exceedances on 25 days during May, the highest in Delhi. Several other locations also witnessed persistent ozone exposure. The findings are notable because the affected stations span institutional, residential and urban-background areas, suggesting that ozone pollution is not restricted to traffic-heavy corridors or industrial clusters. Unlike particulate matter, ozone is not emitted directly from any source. "Delhi's ozone hotspots reflect the science of how ozone forms: it is not directly emitted, but produced in the atmosphere when sunlight drives reactions between nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds, with transport and local chemistry shaping where it builds up most," said Manoj Kumar, India analyst at CREA. The findings add to growing evidence that ozone is becoming a year-round concern in Delhi. Earlier analysis of Central Pollution Control Board data showed ozone emerging as the lead pollutant in the daily air quality index on 16 of the 28 days this Feb, eight days in March and two days in Jan. In contrast, ozone was the lead pollutant on nine days in Feb 2025 and did not emerge as the dominant pollutant in Feb 2023.

Yashvi Jewellers shares surge after flat stock market entry, IPO investors in profit

New Delhi, (GNS): Shares of Yashvi Jewellers, a company operating in the gold jewellery sector under the brand name Yashvi, disappointed its IPO investors with a flat entry in the stock market today. However, a subsequent buying spree brought cheers to IPO investors. The company's shares were issued at a price of 83 under the IPO. Today, the shares listed on the BSE's SME platform without any fluctuations, at 83. Following the flat listing, buyers began buying, pushing the shares to 87. Amidst continuous buying and selling in the market, the shares were trading at 86.19 at 10:15 am.



Thus, after trading so far, the company's IPO investors were up 3.84 percent. Yashvi Jewellers' 43.88 crore IPO was open for subscription between May 25 and 27. The IPO received an average response from investors, resulting in an overall subscription of 5.64 times. The portion reserved for non-institutional investors (NIIs) was subscribed 3.40 times. Similarly, the portion reserved for retail investors was subscribed 1.76 times.

Under this IPO, 52,86,400 new shares with a face value of 10 each were issued. The proceeds raised through the IPO will be used to reduce its old debt burden, meet working capital needs, and for general corporate purposes. Yashvi Jewellers' financial position, as claimed in the Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed with capital markets regulator SEBI, has consistently strengthened its financial health. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, the company reported a net profit of 1.96 crore, which increased to 11.28 crore in the following fiscal year 2024-25 and further

increased to 18.28 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal year. During this period, the company's revenue also steadily increased. In the 2023-24 fiscal year, it generated total revenue of 200.93 crore, which increased to 297.76 crore in the 2024-25 fiscal year and further increased to 449.74 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal year. During this period, the company's debt burden also steadily increased. At the end of FY 2023-24, the company had a debt burden of 16.25 crore, which increased to 43.11 crore in FY 2024-25 and further jumped to 65.36 crore in FY 2025-26. The company's net worth also increased during this period. It was at 8.75 crore in FY 2023-24, which

increased to 24.15 crore in 2024-25. Similarly, the company's net worth reached 43.48 crore in 2025-26. Regarding the company's reserves and surplus, the company has also made progress on this front during this period. In the financial year 2023-24, it was at the level of 3.83 crore, which increased to 11.90 crore in 2024-25. Similarly, in 2025-26, the company's reserves and surplus reached 31.15 crore. Similarly, EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization) was at the level of 4.95 crore in 2023-24, which increased to 18.33 crore in 2024-25 and reached 29.88 crore in 2025-26.

LPG cylinder blast causes house collapse several injured, one feared trapped

New Delhi, (GNS): A house collapsed following an LPG cylinder blast in the Mukundpur area of north-west Delhi on Tuesday morning. The incident caused widespread panic and panic in the area. Teams from the fire department, Delhi Police, and other rescue agencies rushed to the scene and launched a rescue and relief operation. According to the fire department, a call was received at around 9:37 am about a house collapse in Gali No. 1, Ishu Vihar, Mukundpur-2, under the Jahangirpuri police station area. Five fire engines were rushed to the scene upon receiving the information. Initial investigations suggest the house collapse was caused by an LPG cylinder explosion,



although officials have not officially confirmed this. According to fire officials, at around 10:10 a.m. on Tuesday, a single-story house, measuring approximately 250 square yards, suddenly collapsed. A search and rescue operation was launched to locate those trapped under the debris. According to local residents, several people were inside the house at the time of the accident. Eyewitnesses reported that rescue teams safely pulled

three people from the debris. All the injured were immediately admitted to a nearby hospital, where they are receiving treatment. The fire department received information at 10:30 a.m. that four to five people were injured, who were taken to the hospital with the help of locals and PCR equipment before the fire brigade arrived. Local residents say that one person is still feared trapped under the debris. Therefore, rescue teams are working to remove the debris using JCBs and other equipment. Police have cordoned off the surrounding area and restricted public movement. An investigation has been launched to determine the exact cause of the accident.

Delhi govt renames Britannia Chowk after former Punjab Kesari editor Ashwini Chopra

New Delhi, (GNS): For generations of readers across north India, the name Ashwini Minna was synonymous with Punjab Kesari. Now, one of Delhi's most prominent intersections will bear his name. The Delhi government approved renaming Britannia Chowk in Shakurpur, North West Delhi, as Ashwini Chopra (Minna) Chowk, in honour of the late journalist, former MP and Punjab Kesari editor Ashwini Kumar Chopra, popularly known as Ashwini Minna. The decision was approved by the State Names Authority chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta as part of a broader exercise to rename public institutions and landmarks in the national capital. The move is significant for Delhi's Punjabi community

and for those familiar with the legacy of the Hind Samachar Group, which publishes Punjab Kesari. Ashwini Minna belonged to a family that became a symbol of resistance against terrorism during Punjab's turbulent years. His grandfather, Lala Jagat Narain, and father, Ramesh Chander, were both assassinated for their outspoken stand against extremism. Before entering journalism, Ashwini Minna represented Punjab in domestic cricket as a leg-spinner and played Ranji Trophy matches between 1975 and 1980. He was also part of the Rest of India squad in the Irani Cup and notably claimed the wicket of batting legend Sunil Gavaskar in first-class cricket.

Delhi Govt raises crop loss aid to Rs 75,000 per hectare

New Delhi, (GNS): In a major relief measure for farmers, the Delhi Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has approved enhanced ex gratia assistance of Rs 75,000 per hectare for crop losses caused by heavy rainfall and waterlogging during August-September 2025. The decision is expected to benefit around 10,000 farmers across the national capital and pave the way for the disbursement of Rs 33.32 crore in financial aid. According to government estimates, crops spread over 10,977.44 acres (around 4,442.41 hectares) were damaged due to continuous heavy rainfall and overflowing natural drains, which led to severe waterlogging in agricultural fields last year. The revised compensation represents a significant increase from the rate fixed in 2015, when farmers were entitled to Rs.



20,000 per acre, equivalent to about Rs 49,421 per hectare. Officials said the revision was necessary in view of rising agricultural costs over the past decade. "The Delhi Government has decided to significantly enhance the ex gratia assistance provided for crop loss, bringing major relief to farmers. Approval has been granted to provide assistance at the rate of Rs. 75,000 per hectare to farmers affected by heavy rainfall and waterlogging in agricultural fields during August-September 2025," Chief

Minister Rekha Gupta said. A detailed assessment by the Revenue Department found that crop damage in the affected areas was 100 per cent. Based on these findings, the Cabinet approved payment of ex gratia assistance at the full rate of Rs. 75,000 per hectare. Under the previous arrangement, compensation was linked to the extent of crop loss up to 70 per cent, with full assistance provided only when losses exceeded that threshold. The assistance will be available solely to recorded landowners. Land owned by companies, Gram Sabha land and farmhouse plots enclosed by permanent boundary walls will not qualify for compensation. CM Gupta emphasised, "The Delhi Government accords the highest priority to farmers' hard work,

livelihood and agricultural security. When crops are affected due to natural disasters, excessive rainfall or other adverse circumstances, it is the responsibility of the government to stand firmly with farmers and provide them timely financial assistance." She added, "The Central Government is working with the resolve to increase farmers' income, make agriculture more remunerative and provide a safety net to farmers during times of crisis. Carrying forward the same vision and commitment, the Delhi Government has taken this important decision to provide relief to farmers affected by crop loss." The CM further noted that the enhanced assistance would not only provide immediate financial support but also help affected farmers prepare for the next cropping season, ensuring continuity of agricultural activities.

Contractor agrees to register JNU guards without fee

New Delhi, (GNS): A protest by security guards, supported by the Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) and the All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICTU), concluded with the contractor allegedly agreeing to register all guards without demanding money. The dispute began after AE Securitas was awarded the new security contract for the university. According to JNUSU, guards complained that they were being asked to pay up to Rs 40,000 through unofficial channels to retain their jobs. The student union said it had raised the issue with the JNU administration and later submitted signatures from affected workers, but no action followed. The matter escalated on



May 30 when guards, students and union members staged a protest outside the Administrative Block, demanding registration of all existing security personnel. JNUSU alleged that while the company denied demanding money, a company official was later caught on camera seeking Rs. 30,000 from workers without issuing receipts. On Saturday, protesters claimed company officials were again found collecting money from guards at Lado

Sarai without receipts. Complaints were subsequently lodged with the police and the Labour Department. Later that evening, company representatives reportedly met JNUSU leaders and conveyed that no money would be required from any security guard. Protesters said the company agreed to register all existing guards within the JNU campus and ensure that no worker would lose employment during the transition. Calling it a victory of collective action, JNUSU said the outcome was the result of the united struggle of security guards, students and labour unions. Neither the university administration nor the contractor had publicly responded to the allegations.