



PM Modi Inaugurates Rajasthan Refinery, Says India Overcame the 21st Century's Biggest Energy Crisis

● **Domestic LPG Cylinder Could Have Cost 2,000; Government Ensured Uninterrupted Supply**

Balotra(GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Rajasthan on Saturday and inaugurated the country's most modern refinery at Pachpadra in Balotra. He

inspected the refinery's control room, interacted with experts, and also virtually laid the foundation stone for Jaipur Metro Phase-II. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said that because of the war, domestic LPG cylinder prices could have risen to 2,000, but the government's effective management ensured that consumers continue to receive cylinders at around 950.

India's Diplomacy Proved Its Strength During the War: PM Modi said oil companies suffered losses of nearly ₹75,000 crore from petrol and diesel



sales between April and refinery. He said the June—an amount large government absorbed enough to build a new these losses instead of

passing the burden on diplomacy played a crucial role during the added that India's global crisis. While

India earlier imported fuel from 25–26 countries, it now procures supplies from nearly 40 countries, ensuring uninterrupted energy security.

BJP Governments Complete Projects They Begin: The Prime Minister said the large public turnout despite the summer heat reflected the people's confidence in the BJP government. He expressed gratitude to the people of Rajasthan and said the inauguration marked a significant step towards making India a developed and self-reliant nation.

New India Never Backs Down from

Its Resolve: Referring to the accident that occurred at the refinery two months ago, PM Modi said completing the remaining work so quickly was the result of dedication and hard work. He said the incident demonstrated that New India neither retreats from its commitments nor slows down in the face of challenges. He further said the conflict in West Asia had created the biggest energy crisis of the 21st century, but India's resilience and prudent management helped the country overcome the challenge by making effective use of available resources.

Middle Class Is the Engine of India's Growth: Sitharaman

New Delhi(GNS): Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday described the middle class as the engine of India's economic growth, saying that nearly 500 cities are poised to emerge as the country's next centres of economic activity. Speaking during a panel discussion at the Rencontres Economiques d'Aix-en-Provence economic forum in France, Sitharaman said that the middle class currently accounts for 31 per cent of India's population. She noted that since India liberalised its economy, the middle class has recorded an annual growth rate of 6.3 per cent.



Millions Bid Farewell to Khamenei in Black; Chants of Revenge Echo Across Tehran

Tehran(GNS): Millions of mourners gathered at Tehran's Grand Mosalla on Saturday to pay their last respects to former Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Dressed in black in keeping with Shia mourning traditions, people beat their chests and raised slogans such as "Blood will be shed," "Death to America," and "Revenge, Revenge." Funeral ceremonies for Khamenei began on July 3 and are scheduled to continue until July 9. More than 100 countries were represented at Friday's ceremonies. However, top leaders from Russia, China, India, and Türkiye did not attend, sending lower-level representatives despite receiving invitations from Iran. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump claimed that the United States had given Iran a one-week "break" to complete Khamenei's funeral ceremonies. He said the decision was taken on humanitarian grounds but added that Iran would have to respond to US demands once the ceremonies concluded.

After Ram Temple, Theft Alleged in Offerings at Kedarnath and Badrinath Temples

Employees Served Notices, Asked to Reply Within Three Days; CCTV Footage Secured for Investigation

Dehradun(GNS): After allegations of theft of devotees' offerings at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, similar accusations have now surfaced regarding the Kedarnath and Badrinath temples. Sandeep Khatri, president of the religious organisation Bhairav Sena, has written to the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC), accusing the personal assistant to the committee chair-



man of misappropriating temple offerings. Following the complaint, BKTC Chief Executive Officer Sohan Singh Rangad issued notices to the personal assistant and all employees who were on duty, directing them to submit their explanations within three days. CCTV footage from the temples has also been preserved for investigation.

Government Declares 23 New Terrorists 17 Are Pakistani Nationals

New Delhi(GNS): The Central Government on Saturday designated 23 individuals as terrorists, stating that all of them are associated with banned terrorist organisations, including Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM), Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), The Resistance Front (TRF), and Jamaat-ul-Dawa (JuD). According to the government, these individuals have been involved in recruiting terrorists, facilitating infiltration into India, plotting terror attacks, raising funds for terrorism, supplying weapons, and providing logistical support to terrorist activities. Among the 23 newly designated terrorists, six are native residents of Jammu & Kashmir, while 17 are Pakistani nationals. Of the Pakistani nationals, seven are based in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) and 10 reside in mainland Pakistan. The government stated that some of the Jaish-e-Mohammed operatives included in the list were linked to the 2016 Nagrota Army Camp attack and the 2022 Sunjwan attack.



Amarnath Ice Shivaling Shrinks to Four Feet in 40 Days

● **First Image Released on May 23 Showed the Ice Lingam at Seven Feet**

Pahalgam/ Baltal(GNS): The sacred ice Shivaling at the Amarnath cave shrine has now shrunk to about four feet in height. In the first photograph released by security personnel on May 23, the naturally formed icelingham measured nearly seven feet. Even on June 29, the day of the ceremonial first worship (Pratham Pujan), the ice formation stood at over five feet. However, the latest images released on July 3 show that its height has reduced to around four feet, with its width also decreasing noticeably. Saturday



marked the second day of the annual Amarnath Yatra. On the opening day, around 12,000 pilgrims offered prayers at the holy cave shrine. While the second batch of pilgrims is scheduled to arrive on Saturday, the third batch has already departed from the Bhagwati Nagar Base Camp.

Its size varies every year depending on weather conditions, temperature, and water availability, making it a unique natural phenomenon. Experts say the ice formation is shrinking rapidly because increasing human activity and changing weather conditions have raised temperatures inside the cave, preventing water from freezing as effectively as in previous years.

Monsoon Covers Almost Entire Country Flood-Like Situation in Gujarat

Three Feet of Waterlogging in Maharashtra's Bhiwandi; Shops Shut

Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow/Patna(GNS): The southwest monsoon has now reached almost all states across the country. Only a few parts of Rajasthan and Gujarat are yet to receive full monsoon coverage. However, even before its complete arrival, heavy rainfall has triggered flood-like conditions in parts of Gujarat. Four vehicles were trapped in floodwaters near Samadhiyala village in the Mendaria area of Gujarat, from where 19 people were safely rescued. In Maharashtra's Bhiwandi, nearly three feet of water accumulated in the market area, forcing shops to close. People were seen wading through waist-deep water while crossing roads. Heavy rain in Jaipur flooded the minor operation theatre of Sawai Man Singh Hospital, forcing authorities to shift patients to safer locations. In Madhya Pradesh, more than 26 districts, including Bhopal and Indore, received heavy rainfall on Friday. In Ujjain, a young man was swept away along with his motorcycle while attempting to cross a culvert. Rainfall was also reported in 20 districts of Uttar Pradesh. Waterlogging inundated GSVM Medical College in Kanpur, leaving cars and motorcycles partially submerged. Meanwhile, a landslide on Saturday morning blocked the Ramnagar-Udhampur road in Jammu & Kashmir. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a Yellow Alert for Puri, Odisha, forecasting heavy rainfall over the next two days.



India Closely Monitoring China's Entry into Bangladesh's Teesta River Project

Says All Developments Will Be Taken into Account in India's Overall Strategy

New Delhi(GNS): India on Friday said that its development assistance for projects in Bangladesh is based on a mutually agreed roadmap and that New Delhi will take all relevant developments into account while formulating its overall strategy regarding the Teesta River project.

The remarks were made

by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal in response to a question on discussions between Dhaka and Beijing over the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project.

What Did the MEA Say? Responding to concerns over China's involvement in



the strategically significant Teesta River project, Jaiswal said India's development partnership with Bangladesh is guided by a mutually agreed roadmap

that is reviewed periodically. He added that India has already conveyed its views on the Teesta project to the Bangladeshi side and will consider all related developments while shaping its broader strategy on the issue.

Why Is the Teesta River Important?

The Teesta River originates in the eastern

Himalayas and flows through Sikkim and West Bengal before entering Bangladesh, where it serves as a crucial source of irrigation and livelihood for millions of people.

The Teesta basin lies close to India's strategically vital Siliguri Corridor, a narrow 22-kilometre-wide land strip connecting mainland India

with the northeastern states. When asked about Bangladesh's plans regarding the strategically important Mongla Port and its reported proposal to procure fighter aircraft from China, Jaiswal said:

"We closely monitor all such developments and take whatever steps are considered appropriate."

Save Citizenship Movement on the lines of the Salt March

(Sanat Jain)

Growing Political Conflict Over SIR: Is the Country Heading for a Civil Disobedience Movement?

National politics is heating up over the Special Intensive Review (SIR). Opposition parties have formed a united front against the SIR process, calling it an attack on democratic rights. The opposition states that if immediate relief is not granted by the Supreme Court, a nationwide mass movement modeled on Mahatma Gandhi's Civil Disobedience Movement could be launched. To this end, the opposition parties have jointly submitted a memo-

randum to the Chief Justice of India, demanding immediate intervention in the SIR process. If the Supreme Court does not issue a decision on this matter soon, the opposition is mobilizing to launch a nationwide mass movement starting in August. The opposition alleges that in states where SIR has been implemented, a large number of voters' names have been removed from the electoral rolls. Opposition leaders claim that millions of voters have been affected in several states, including West Bengal. They argue that the removal of names from the electoral rolls is depriving citizens of government serv-

ices and facilities. The Election Commission disagrees with these allegations. The Election Commission states that the sole purpose of the SIR is to purify and correct the voter list. The Election Commission is providing every eligible citizen with the opportunity to present their case and submit the necessary documents. The opposition alleges that a conspiracy is being hatched to ensure the BJP's victory by deleting voters' names. The opposition is planning to launch a movement based on Mahatma Gandhi's Salt Satyagraha movement, which began on March 12, 1930. At that time, the

British government established a monopoly on the production and sale of salt and imposed a tax on it. In protest, Gandhiji launched the Dandi March from Sabarmati Ashram with 78 volunteers, which later evolved into the Civil Disobedience Movement. The opposition believes that just as the Salt Satyagraha was a vital issue for every Indian at the time, the right to vote is a cornerstone of democracy today. Forcibly removing voters' names from the list directly impacts the democratic system and citizens' freedoms. Meanwhile, political activity has intensified in Karnataka over this issue. The state

government is considering measures to strengthen the system related to citizens' documentation and identification. The Karnataka government is seriously considering implementing a new system related to citizen identification or authentication on its own. This could further intensify the debate over the constitutional and administrative relations between the central and state governments. The SIR controversy is no longer limited to the electoral process. Rather, it has become a topic of broader debate on democratic rights, the federal structure, and the role of constitutional institutions. While the opposition is link-

ing it to voting rights and fundamental rights, the Election Commission and the central government are calling it a regular constitutional process to ensure the accuracy of the voter list. The governments of West Bengal and Bihar have even stopped issuing passports, citing the voter list as their basis. The opposition is now eyeing the Supreme Court. If the court issues significant guidance in this matter, this controversy could be averted. If justice is not delivered soon by the judiciary, the coming elections could lead to widespread public movements and political conflict across the country regarding the SIR.

Editorial

On making cancer a notifiable disease in India

What's good for the goose is surely good for the geese. What the States will benefit from, the country could too. In India, cancer is not a notifiable disease at the national level, keeping with the Health Ministry's position that such notification is only for communicable diseases. Population-based cancer registries and hospital-based cancer registries are currently the only national tool at the disposal of the Centre to count cancer cases. Unfortunately, these registries cover about 10%-16 % of the population, and have an urban, government health care set-up skew. However, several States have taken the lead on this front, making cancer a notifiable disease within their boundaries. Telangana is the latest to join the list of States that have made cancer a notifiable disease, bringing the total number of States doing so to 17.

With the Global Cancer Observatory (affiliated to the World Health Organization) projecting an estimated increase of 1.05 million cases between 2022 (1.41 million) and 2045 (2.46 million), the rise is expected to be staggering over 74%. Given these projections, thanks to an increasing life span and ageing demographics, changes in lifestyle and diet, it becomes all the more important to be armed with data and get ready for vanguard action from a public health point of view. While State action can, to an extent, solve the data question, any benefit thus derived from notifying health authorities of every single case of cancer, it cannot become a rubric by which the nation can contour its cancer control programme. Apart from existing registries covering mostly urban and semi-urban posts, care in India is also delivered in good measure through the private sector and that data set is not uniformly captured. The Indian government must pay heed to its own counsel — the Indian Council of Medical Research, National Centre for Disease Informatics and Research (now ICMR-NINE) had recommended that cancer be made a notifiable disease years ago. It is a fact that establishing cancer as a notifiable disease will mean a sudden increase in the number of cases being recorded, but it must not be considered a liability.

Kailash Vijayvargiya is being overshadowed by the 'M factor' in MP politics

(Harshvardhan Pandey)

The BJP government's strong hold under Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, his direct control over development projects, and his increasing organizational influence have posed challenges for many senior BJP leaders. The name of the state's Urban Administration and Development Minister, Kailash Vijayvargiya, has once again been linked to this trend, publicly embarrassing the party leadership on numerous public platforms. Recently, Kailash Vijayvargiya wrote a letter to Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, directly accusing him of neglecting his home district, Indore. In the letter, he claimed that he has received only non-cooperation and neglect for the past two and a half years under the Mohan Yadav government. The alleged letter raises several issues, including delays in the master plan, Indore's exclusion from the Metropolitan City Plan, the lack of land available for airport expansion, Indore's neglect in the division of the Rajiv Gandhi Technical University, the lack of facilities in the Pithampur industrial area, and Indore's exclusion from the Simhashta celebrations, which has sparked political turmoil across the state. Kailash Vijayvargiya reportedly wrote in the letter that he has received only non-cooperation, neglect, and opposition for the past two and a half years, and that he is hurt by this neglect. If these issues are not resolved, he will be forced to raise the voices of the people of Indore on a public platform. This letter bomb has created a stir within both the ruling party and the opposition.

Kailash Vijayvargiya is one of the senior BJP leaders who is unabashed in expressing his views on any public platform. Known for his outrage against his own government and sharp statements in the House, he has now become the most prominent face of the Mohan government in Madhya

Pradesh. Whenever he speaks, he speaks candidly. Responding to media questions about deaths due to contaminated water in Indore's Bhagirathpura area, Kailash lost his temper and asked a journalist to "bear his limits," sparking a political uproar in the state. He later apologized, but the opposition surrounded the Mohan government over the incident and demanded his resignation. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav was forced to apologize in the House. During a debate with Leader of the Opposition Umang Singh, he used unparliamentary language, forcing Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav to apologize in the House. Furthermore, Kailash Vijayvargiya is also known for skipping important cabinet meetings. Recently, at a inauguration ceremony in Indore attended by Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav was seated on the stage, while Kailash Vijayvargiya was seated on a chair at a distance. Seeing him sitting alone, Minister Tulsi Silavat took his hand and helped him up from his chair. Even then, Vijayvargiya's behavior attracted everyone's attention. Recently, while sharing a public platform with Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, he said that after the BJP government came to power, many officials have openly claimed to be affiliated with the RSS. He also mentioned the lack of good workers in the organization, which has created discomfort among RSS supporters and within the party's inner circle. All these incidents show that Vijayvargiya's outspokenness is causing problems for the government. On the one hand, it increases the ruling party's problems, while on the other, it gives the opposition an opportunity to attack the government.

For some time now, there has been a lot of discussion in Madhya Pradesh politics about a new "M factor," the "Mohan factor." Since becoming Chief Minister in

December 2023, Dr. Mohan Yadav has dominated Madhya Pradesh politics. He is establishing his image as a Chief Minister for the common people, one who fosters excellent coordination between the government and the organization, provides transparent administration, and makes quick decisions. He has played a pivotal role during election campaigns in various states across the country. Under his visionary leadership and the guidance of PM Modi, development projects are being implemented rapidly in Madhya Pradesh. The BJP's victory in all three seats in the recent Rajya Sabha elections has rapidly enhanced his stature across the country. With his increasingly strong hold in the Malwa-Nimar region, including Indore, the "Mohan Factor" in Madhya Pradesh is now not only synonymous with development but also a symbol of centralization in the distribution of power and decision-making processes, leading to the weakening of the hold of many veteran BJP leaders, both in the government and the organization. The letter bomb from Kailash Vijayvargiya, the state's Urban Administration and Development Minister, also testifies to this.

After Uma Bharti's ouster from power in the BJP, Kailash Vijayvargiya wanted to become the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, but Shivraj Singh Chouhan's coronation from Delhi spoiled his chances. He was once considered the number two in the Shivraj government, but he spared no effort to destabilize Chouhan's position. Seeing the rapid lobbying for MLAs in his favor, the party high command shifted him from state politics to central politics, after which he created a favorable atmosphere for the BJP in Haryana, forming the BJP government there for the first time. He was then sent to West Bengal, but failed to form a BJP government there. Following his failure to form a government

there, the party high command sent him back home and nominated him as the candidate from the Indore-1 constituency in the 2023 assembly elections.

After being nominated for the Indore-1 seat, Kailash Vijayvargiya made statements that generated considerable discussion. Addressing party workers, he claimed that if he won the election, he would no longer be just an MLA, but the party would entrust him with a major responsibility. When the BJP, after securing a landslide majority, did not appoint Shivraj Singh Chouhan as Chief Minister, Kailash Vijayvargiya began to see himself as a potential CM candidate. When the high command finalized Dr. Mohan Yadav's name, Kailash Vijayvargiya suffered the most emotional trauma, and his hopes of becoming Chief Minister were shattered.

Currently, as Madhya Pradesh's strongest face, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is gaining popularity among the people through his development work. Transparent government, prompt decisions, good governance, and corruption-free administration are rapidly increasing his stature not only in the state but also nationally. Under his visionary leadership, not only is Madhya Pradesh experiencing all-round development, but his government is also working for every section of the state. Dr. Mohan Yadav has become a powerful center in Madhya Pradesh politics, effectively coordinating with the government and the organization. Dr. Mohan Yadav's growing popularity is not resonating with the veteran leaders of Madhya Pradesh. Mohan's growing stature is not being tolerated by many older generation BJP leaders, such as Kailash Vijayvargiya, and attempts are being made to destabilize his position through "letter bombs."

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Alleged 'embezzlement of offerings' at Lord Shri Ram Temple

(Rajeev Khandelwal)

Finally, the SIT, the FIR, arrests, and resignations—how much impact How substantial? Ultimately, based on the written complaint of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, an FIR was registered regarding alleged irregularities in temple offerings. Eight small-time "minor figures" were arrested, the SIT was formed, and later, the Trust's General Secretary, Champat Rai, and Trustee, Dr. Anil Mishra, resigned on moral grounds. This development, albeit belatedly, has progressed. The biggest question now is whether this action is sufficient, or is the direction and scope of the investigation still incomplete?

Many questions remain about the specific investigation and actions taken.

Numerous written complaints (tahrirs) were already available at the local police station. So why the delay in filing the FIR? If the SIT was merely gathering facts, based on which an FIR was later filed for mere counting irregularities, the question naturally arises: was this process necessary or did it simply delay action? Whether it was better late than never or something fishy—the findings of the investigation will ultimately determine this.

The SIT's tenure was extended, but its interim report has not yet been made public. For the sake of transparency, it's natural to expect the public to be informed of the direction of the investigation and the proposed action points. On the other hand, no separate FIR has been filed yet on the alleged land

transaction allegations, nor has the SIT investigated the matter.

Comparison with other cases. The fairness of the law is often assessed comparatively.

In the Lucknow fire tragedy, an FIR was filed immediately after the incident, followed by the formation of an SIT for a detailed investigation. In the Kejriwal case, too, an FIR was filed based on the statement of an accused, without any preliminary investigation. Ultimately, the court discharged Kejriwal from the charges due to the lack of prima facie evidence of guilt. Similarly, in many high-profile cases, an FIR was filed based on preliminary available material, and the investigation proceeded later.

In contrast, in the Shri Ram Temple case, despite discussions of

alleged irregularities, complaints, investigations, and alleged seizures, the FIR took time to be filed. Even in the case of "unusual assets" of individuals associated with the trust and temple, the ED and Income Tax Department have not yet begun their investigation into whether embezzled funds have been misused. If this is the fact, then the natural question is why the process was different in this case? The law gains credibility only when justice is not only impartial but also appears to be impartial.

The allegations are not new.

Financial questions surrounding the Ram Temple construction aren't the first to arise. In 2015-2017, the Nirmohi Akhara and the All India Hindu Mahasabha accused the Vishwa Hindu Parishad of misap-

propriating 1,400 crore collected in the name of the Ram Temple's construction.

The current debate began when Akhilesh Yadav seized the issue following a complaint by former minister Pawan Pandey. Has India become a country of scams? From the Jeep scam (1948) to the Bofors scam (1987) to the current "offering scam"

The current controversy gained further traction when Akhilesh Yadav raised the issue politically, based on a complaint filed by former minister Pawan Pandey a day earlier, and only after that, administrative action was initiated. The issue is not just about a temple or a trust, but about the trust of millions of devotees who have donated out of their faith, devotion, and belief.

CM announces Rs 8,300-cr anti-pollution project with World Bank aid

New Delhi ,(GNS): The Delhi government on Friday announced an ambitious Rs 8,300-crore, seven-year programme, "Clean Air, Healthy Delhi", to strengthen air pollution control measures in the national capital, with the World Bank set to provide 65 per cent of the project's funding. Announcing the initiative, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said the project would be implemented from September 2026 to August 2033 across all districts of Delhi. The remaining 35 per cent of the project cost would be borne by the Delhi government.

A high-level workshop involving government

departments, key implementing agencies and senior World Bank officials will be held on July 10 to finalise the implementation roadmap and define the responsibilities of participating departments. According to the Chief Minister's Office, the project aims to accelerate Delhi's air pollution mitigation efforts, support the objectives of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The initiative will focus on major pollution sources, including transport, road dust, construction and demolition waste, solid waste man-



agement, industrial emissions, green spaces and water pollution. The project has been structured around two key pillars. The first seeks to strengthen air quality management by establishing a dedicated Project Management Unit (PMU), expanding air quality monitoring systems, enhancing data analytics and developing an Integrated Command and Control Centre

(ICCC)-based monitoring system. It also envisages improved inter-departmental coordination, collaboration with states in the Indo-Gangetic Plain, scientific planning, public awareness campaigns and adoption of new technologies. The second pillar aims to reduce emissions from major pollution sources through measures such as phasing out older, polluting vehicles, promoting electric vehicles, strengthening public transport and introducing an advanced Pollution Under Control (PUC) monitoring system for vehicular emissions. Several departments and agencies, including

the Environment Department, Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), Transport Department, Public Works Department (PWD), Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Delhi Jal Board (DJB), Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC), Delhi Development Authority (DDA), New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), Delhi Traffic Police and other government bodies, will be involved in implementing the project. The Department of Economic Affairs under the Union government and the World Bank will also be key partners.

British father evades Delhi HC order refuses to pay daughter's maintenance Red Corner Notice issued;

New Delhi,(GNS): The Delhi High Court has taken a tough stand against a British citizen who repeatedly violated a court order for the maintenance of his minor daughter. The court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to request Interpol to issue a Red Corner Notice against him so that he can be traced and arrested. The court also found him guilty of contempt and sentenced him to six months' simple imprisonment.

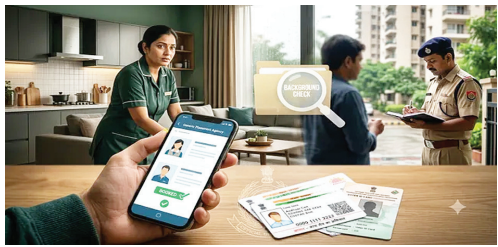
refused to accept the jurisdiction: Justice Sachin Datta stated that the accused's conduct clearly demonstrates his deliberate and calculated disregard of the court's order to pay 1.40 lakh per month for the maintenance of his minor daughter. The court stated that the accused not only disregarded judicial orders but also refused to accept the jurisdiction of Indian courts and consistently abstained from proceedings.

Immediately inform the police or CBI.

Getting a photocopy of your Aadhaar card isn't enough

why is police verification necessary Take these precautions before hiring a maid

West Delhi,(GNS): The number of online apps and placement agencies providing domestic help, cooks, babysitters and caretakers has increased rapidly in Delhi-NCR. While mobile apps claim to allow you to book a house helper within minutes, serious questions are being raised about the verification of domestic helpers, a crucial component of these services. With the exception of a few established and organized companies, the vast majority of placement agencies operating in Delhi limit verification of domestic helpers to a copy of their Aadhaar card, voter ID, or other identification card. In many cases, there is no verification to determine whether the



submitted documents are genuine, whether the address is correct, or whether the person has a criminal record. Many agencies do not even conduct police verification and simply send employees directly to the client's home. Following crimes involving domestic helpers in recent years, the police have been consistently appealing to citizens to get their domestic helpers police verified.

Delhi's highways claim a disproportionate toll

New Delhi ,(GNS):

On Friday morning, CCTV footage from the Delhi - Dehradun Expressway near Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh were played in news screens across the country showing a car illegally reversing on the access-controlled highway when it was rammed from behind by an SUV. The impact was so severe that the car ricocheted off the median and was flung across multiple lanes. Four people died. The SUV too overturned after the collision.

Then on Tuesday morning, four more people were killed and 27 injured after a bus



crashed into a container truck on the Yamuna Expressway near Mathura.

The incidents, though isolated, are united by circumstance. The crashes again underscored an uncomfortable truth about India's highways and expressways: when crashes happen on high-

speed roads, they are often far deadlier.

And this pattern plays out very clearly in Delhi as well. Nearly one in every five people killed in road crashes in the national capital last year died on one of the highways or expressways passing through the city, despite these roads

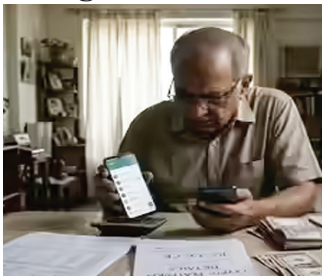
accounting for barely half a per cent of Delhi's total road network.

Delhi Traffic Police data shows that eight national highways and expressways recorded 288 deaths out of the city's total 1,617 road fatalities in 2025 - around 18% of all lives lost in traffic crashes.

The figures reveal the disproportionate burden carried by the city's fastest roads. Overall, Delhi reported 5,689 road crashes - fatal and non-fatal - in 2025. Of these, 708 crashes occurred on national highways and expressways. These figures are hardly an aberration.

Phantom family' ghosts elderly Delhi man after duping him of Rs 1.6 crore

NEW DELHI,(GNS): For five years, Anil Singhal (name changed) had settled into a quiet retired life in Vasant Kunj. One afternoon last Aug, he received a WhatsApp message from an unknown number.



The display picture was of a woman who introduced herself as Shreya Sharma. She claimed to be a successful entrepreneur running a company manufacturing leather bags in Jalandhar.

What began as a casual conversation between the two deepened. Over the next two months, Shreya forged a close bond with the former central govt officer through constant chats, craftily mixing emotional intimacy with stories of her extraordinary financial success.

She frequently spoke of making "huge profits" through cryptocurrency trading and introduced him to an investment platform, sharing screenshots and records of her "returns".

A tad wary at first, the 65-year-old man soon loosened up, his caution giving way to trust. Drawn in by her confidence and promises of high financial returns, he agreed to invest under her guidance.

To build credibility, Shreya first encouraged him to invest small amounts in rupees, which were converted into USDT. He pumped in more money, totalling Rs 34 lakh, and started making steady profits. Soon, he was able to withdraw Rs 3.3 lakh without breaking much sweat.

Convinced that it was indeed a genuine opportunity to earn some quick bucks, Singhal began liquidating his savings of a lifetime.

Over the next few weeks, he transferred large sums through his two bank accounts into multiple accounts shared by Shreya. On the trading dashboard, his investments soon appeared to balloon.

Then one day, when he tried to withdraw the money, he found his trading account was blocked.

SC stays CAG audit of pvt discoms in Delhi

New Delhi ,(GNS): In a setback to the Delhi Government, the Supreme Court on Friday stayed the CAG audit of three private power distribution companies (discoms) against the backdrop of a staggering Rs 38,500 crore accumulated over the years as regulatory assets (RAs) to be recovered from consumers in the national capital.

A Bench of Justice KV Viswanathan and Justice Shree Chandrashekhara ordered a status quo on the CAG audit, saying the legality of the power regulator Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission's (DERC) decision to appoint the CAG gave rise to questions that needed a judicial determination. "Till further orders, there shall be a stay of the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) direction on appointing any chartered accountant for audit. The CAG shall also not proceed with the audit in the meantime," it ordered.

Issuing notice to the discoms, the Bench posted the



matter for hearing on July 15, when the Commission's petition will be taken up for hearing.

The order came on a petition filed by the Commission challenging an order of the APTEL, which held in April that the CAG audit of discoms was contrary to the statutory framework. The APTEL had directed the Commission to appoint an independent chartered accountant for the audit.

This was the first time the Delhi Government ordered an audit of private discoms by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) since the privatisation of electricity distribution in the national capital in 2002.

National Health Mission doctors in city hold one-day strike for benefits



New Delhi,(GNS): Doctors working under Delhi National Health Mission (NHM) held a one-day token strike Friday, demanding implementation of 7th Pay Commission, salary revisions and employee welfare measures.

In a letter to Delhi State Health Mission, Health Mission Doctors' Welfare Association said repeated administrative delays had stalled the pay revision file despite it being for-

warded for the cabinet approval. Among the welfare demands were DGEHS health cards, stronger job security and retirement benefits for NHM staff. Over 200 doctors, MBBS and specialists have been working for 18 years all over Delhi with a consolidated salary, no perks, no insurance, no scope of regularisation and no retirement benefits," said a protester working in one of the leading Delhi govt hospitals.

I am an ordinary swayamsevak: V-P Radha-krishnan as RSS journal Organiser turns 80

New Delhi ,(GNS): Vice-President CP Radhakrishnan on Friday described himself as an ordinary swayamsevak performing his national duty. The V-P was delivering a valedictory address at a day-long celebration of the 80th anniversary of RSS magazine, the Organiser.

Speaking in presence of RSS second in command Dattatreya Hosabale, Radhakrishnan addressed the dais where other Sangh volunteers sat and said, "Like you,



we are ordinary swayamsevak performing our national duty."

The V-P recalled his

decades old association with the Organiser and said he subscribed to the magazine after reading

its select portions quoted in Tyag Bhoomi, the only RSS journal printed in Tamil language.

The V-P hailed Organiser for shaping national narratives on the Uniform Civil Code, Ram Mandir movement and a lot else and said the editor of Organiser, KR Malkani was the first editor to be jailed after the imposition of the Emergency by late Indira Gandhi in 1975.

Radhakrishnan said the Organiser promoted a dialogue, bringing to its

pages diverse viewpoints. "No democracy can survive without positive discussion," V-P said, adding that today the Organiser was read in 54 countries.

Speaking before the V-P, Hosabale said the Organiser "was a part of the nationalist movement and the most quoted journal in the Indian Parliament."

"Journalism in modern times has become a business which I can understand given the demands of time.

A panicky Singhal contacted Shreya, who assured him it was a temporary hurdle

claiming that those running the financial platform authorities had flagged his account for "verification"

New Delhi , (GNS): Desperate to recover his money, Singhal followed her instructions and transferred another Rs 70 lakh in three separate transactions through a cryptocurrency exchange platform after converting the amount into US dollars.

His trading account, however, remained frozen.

At this point, Shreya introduced Singhal to a person, supposedly a wealthy



businessman based in California, who she claimed was her "uncle". When Singhal spoke to him, the man sounded convincing and assured him that his investments were

safe. He claimed that an additional Rs 30 lakh was needed to clear the "suspicious transaction flag" before again demanding Rs 28 lakh. Under pressure, Singhal trans-

ferred Rs 58 lakh more.

Soon after, Shreya sent Singhal a message, her final one, saying she was suffering from a severe stomach ailment and was undergoing an endoscopy. On April 9, 2026, she switched off her phone. Singhal was distraught.

A few days later, her "uncle" informed Singhal that Shreya's mother had taken her to US for emergency treatment.

When Singhal contacted the woman who claimed to be the mother, she sought financial help from him, citing expensive medical bills. The next day, she told him that Shreya was dead.

Singhal, utterly confused and heartbroken, got no time to grieve. For, the woman's tone suddenly turned threatening when she called him up, accusing him of earlier harassing Shreya.

Delhi govt withdraws 2-day weekly work-from-home order as tensions ease in Middle East

NEW DELHI, (GNS): The Delhi government on Saturday withdrew its recently announced two-day weekly work-from-home arrangement for government employees, saying the decision was taken as the geopolitical situation has "practically normalised".

According to the chief minister's office (CMO), chief minister Rekha Gupta has approved the withdrawal of the work-from-home policy that had been introduced for Wednesdays and Saturdays. The formal order will be issued later in the day.

The government has, however, retained staggered office timings with a revision for its own departments. Offices under the Government of National Capital Territory (GNCTD) will now function from 10 am to 6.30 pm, while the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will continue to operate from 8.30 am to 5 pm.

The Delhi government had



announced the work-from-home arrangement in May inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to conserve fuel and reduce dependence on imported energy amid tensions in West Asia.

Under the earlier measures, all Delhi government departments, except essential services, were to implement work from home on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The government had also announced a 20% cut in fuel entitlement for official vehicles, restrictions on foreign visits by ministers and officials for one year, promotion of public transport, virtual meetings, and other fuel-saving initiatives.

DDA Forms 14 Flying Squads to Curb Encroachments, Reclaims Over 241 Acres Since April 2025

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has formed 14 flying squads under its land management department to protect govt land from encroachment, lieutenant governor TS Sandhu was informed during a high-level review meeting on sustainable urban development.

Chairing a meeting of the advisory council on the 'perspective for sustainable urban development' in the city Friday, LG directed DDA to adopt a zero-tolerance policy against encroachments by aggressively using technology for real-time monitoring to detect unauthorised occupation and construction and act against them.

According to DDA, the flying squads are supported by daily field inspections conducted by field survey teams and a robust performance-monitoring mechanism. Nearly 241.5 acres of govt land, mostly along the Yamuna, have been reclaimed since April 2025, and another 236 acres have been cleared of illegal construction.

LG was also informed that a drone survey of the entire city was underway under a tripartite agreement between DDA, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and Survey of India. Of the 1,370sq km identified for mapping, more than 1,122sq km has already been surveyed, including the entire O zone on the Yamuna floodplain.

DDA also highlighted its vacant land management system, through which over 3,700 land parcels, covering nearly 21,773 acres, are being geo-tagged and periodically monitored using photographs to detect encroachment. A special enforcement drive is also underway to identify deviations from sanctioned building plans, said officials. Inspection teams are conducting field surveys, while flying squads and quick response teams have been deployed to identify and remove illegal constructions in land pooling areas.

Sandhu directed strict action against major violations, including the de-empanelling and blacklisting of the architects found responsible for unauthorised constructions. He also instructed that unsafe or dilapidated buildings be promptly reported to MCD for necessary action.

New block, physiotherapy centre open at Lajpat Nagar Colony Hospital

New Delhi , (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday inaugurated a newly constructed front block and a modern physiotherapy centre at the Municipal Corporation-run Lajpat Nagar Colony Hospital, saying the Delhi Government was committed to ensuring quality, accessible and dignified healthcare for every citizen.

Built at a cost of over Rs 4.6 crore, the upgraded facility is expected to strengthen healthcare services for residents of South and Central Delhi. The new front block houses a six-bed day-care centre, 12 con-



sulting rooms, a conference room and a state-of-the-art physiotherapy centre developed with the CSR support.

Addressing the gathering, Gupta said the nearly 70-year-old hospital has witnessed a steady rise in patient load over the years and the expansion would improve access to treatment while reducing refer-

als to larger hospitals.

alling the new facility a "mini-hospital", she said it would provide timely treatment closer to people's homes and help ease the burden on major hospitals in the Capital. She also inaugurated the hospital's six-bed day-care facility.

The Chief Minister said the Delhi

Government is digitising healthcare services in line with the Centre's Digital India initiative. She said patients will be able to avail digital appointments and prescriptions through a unified digital platform linking government hospitals. The government is also working on a transparent system for organ donation and a digital blood donor directory to connect blood donors with patients.

Gupta said the government remains committed to upgrading healthcare infrastructure while ensuring transparency in public spending and improving the quality of medical services.

NMC asks medical colleges to patent healthcare innovations

NEW DELHI, (GNS): The National Medical Commission (NMC) has asked all medical colleges across the country to encourage faculty, doctors, researchers and students to patent healthcare innovations through a government-funded Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) initiative aimed at helping turn medical research into healthcare products and technologies.

In an advisory issued on July 1, the NMC directed all medical colleges and institutions to widely disseminate information about ICMR's Medical Innovations Patent Mitra initiative and encourage innovators to use the platform for patent filing and technology transfer. The initiative offers fully government-funded support to help researchers protect their intellectual property and translate research outcomes into healthcare products and technologies for public benefit.

The Commission said the initiative aligns with its objective of promoting research, innovation and excellence in medical education, adding that wider participation by medical colleges would strengthen India's healthcare innovation ecosystem.

Delhi Police bust food tampering racket in Okhla expired products worth Rs 20 lakh seized, 7 arrested

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Delhi Police has busted an alleged food tampering syndicate operating from an industrial unit in southeast Delhi's Okhla area. Officials have arrested seven people, including the company owner.

Police seized expired international branded food products worth over Rs 20 lakh that were allegedly repackaged and sold after altering their manufacturing and expiry dates, news agency PTI reported.

According to deputy



commissioner of police (southeast) Hemant Tiwari, the accused procured near-expiry and expired food products of reputed brands at throw-away prices, erased the

original manufacturing and expiry dates using chemicals, printed fresh dates on the packaging, and reintroduced the products into the market through retail outlets and

e-commerce platforms across the country.

#WATCH | Delhi | The team of PS Okhla Ind. Area, South East District, Delhi Police has busted a highly organised and systematic racket involved in the illegal sale of expired international branded food products, manipulation of manufacturing and expiry dates, and repackaging of... pic.twitter.com/D5vrON1QrA The arrested have been identified as company owner Darshan Singh Sachdeva, 70, manager Nitesh Bhardwaj, 38,

accountant Narender Kumar, 42, operator Kapil, 34, warehouse keeper Lucky Ojha, 45, and supervisors Prem Yadav, 33, and Pawan Kumar Yadav, 32.

"The racket was unearthed during a joint inspection of police, along with officials from the office of the sub-divisional magistrate (Badarpur), the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) and NGO Mission Mukti Foundation at a private company located in Okhla Phase-II," the DCP said.

Delhi Chief Minister launches EV subsidy portal

New Delhi , (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Friday launched the Delhi EV subsidy portal, enabling eligible electric vehicle buyers to apply online for purchase incentives and receive subsidies through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). She also unveiled the official booklet of the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy 2026.

Launching the portal at the Delhi Secretariat, Gupta said the new EV policy was aimed at promoting clean mobility, reducing air pollution and building a sustainable transport



system in the national capital. Transport Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh, Transport Commissioner Niharika Rai and senior officials were present on the occasion.

The Chief Minister said the eligible beneficiaries could apply for subsidies through the portal within 30 days of purchasing an

electric vehicle and receiving its registration certificate (RC). The subsidy will be transferred directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts through Aadhaar-authenticated DBT within a maximum of 60 days after document verification.

According to the government, the portal allows applicants to upload documents such as Aadhaar, RC

and voter ID online. People will be able to track the status of their applications in real time. It will also serve as a single platform for information on eligibility, approved EV models, incentives, required documents and the application process under the Delhi Electric Vehicle Policy 2026.

Gupta said the policy was prepared after nearly a year of consultations with stakeholders and covers the entire electric vehicle ecosystem. She said the Delhi Government would invest over Rs 7,000 crore over the next four years to implement the policy.

6-century-old monuments in Delhi's Lodhi Garden face 'growing' threat

New Delhi , (GNS): For nearly 600 years, the stone monuments of Delhi's Lodhi Garden have survived changing empires, wars and the ravages of weather. Today, they face a far quieter yet equally destructive threat - one emerging from within their own walls.

Fresh concerns have been raised over the condition of the protected 15th century monuments after former Indian Forest Service (IFS) officer Mohan Pargaen shared photographs showing peepal and other saplings emerging from cracks in the masonry of structures inside Lodhi Garden.

Vegetation can be seen sprouting from domes, parapets and stone walls, including those of the Tomb



of Muhammad Shah, one of Delhi's finest surviving examples of Sayyid-Lodi architecture.

"A historic monument can survive centuries, but not neglect," Pargaen said. "Saplings like peepal taking root in stone crevices gradually weaken these historic structures in Lodhi Garden. Please don't wait for visible collapse. Regular maintenance and timely removal require only proactive action," Pargaen said.

His remarks have drawn

attention to a problem that often goes unnoticed until permanent damage has already occurred. What appears to be harmless greenery is, in fact, taking root deep inside the ancient masonry. As the roots grow, they force apart stone blocks and weaken the mortar that has held these monuments together for centuries.

The concern is particularly significant because the monuments inside Lodhi Garden are protected heritage structures that represent Delhi's architectural transition during the Sayyid and Lodi periods. These are among the Capital's most-visited historical landmarks and form an important part of India's medieval architectural legacy.