



Accidental Carbine Fire at Kashi Vishwanath Temple Gate Injures Three

Varanasi(GNS): Three people were injured after two accidental shots were fired from a Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC) jawan's carbine at the Kashi Vishwanath Temple on Saturday morning.

The incident occurred at 6:44 am near VIP Gate No. 4 of the temple. Fortunately, both bullets struck the road instead of the crowd. However, flying stone chips from the impact injured three people.

The sudden gunfire created panic among devotees and shopkeepers, triggering a brief stampede-like situation. Security personnel immedi-

ately rushed to the spot, brought the situation under control and informed people that the firing had occurred accidentally. A 57-second CCTV footage of the incident has surfaced. It shows the PAC jawan initially holding the carbine in his left hand before shifting it to his right hand. As the weapon pointed towards the road, it accidentally discharged two rounds. The startled jawan examined the weapon before leaving the spot. Police personnel shifted the injured—Nikki Gupta, Rambabu and Vikas Yadav—to hospital. All three sell garlands and flowers outside the temple. Doctors said all the injured are out of danger. Two sustained injuries to their hands, while the third suffered minor injuries to the waist due to flying stone fragments.

Pandavani singer Teejan Bai passes away:cremated with state honours

inspired by maternal grandfather, sang for the first time at age 13

Raipur(GNS):Padma Vibhushan Teejan Bai, who brought global recognition to Chhattisgarh's folk art and Pandavani singing, has passed away. She was 70 years old. She breathed her last at 3:15 am on Saturday night at Raipur AIIMS. She had been ill for some time.

She was awarded the Padma Shri, the Padma Bhushan, and the Padma Vibhushan, the country's second highest civilian honour, for her outstanding contributions to Indian folk art. Teejan Bai's body was brought to her native village,



Ganiyari, at 11 a.m. on Sunday, where she was cremated with full state honours. With her powerful voice, impressive act-

ing, and unique presentation style, Teejan Bai gave Pandavani a new identity not only in India but also abroad.

She was inspired to narrate the stories of the Mahabharata by her maternal grandfather. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his condolences on Teejan Bai's death. He wrote on Twitter, "She brought recognition to Chhattisgarh's folk art worldwide with her magnificent performances. Her passing is an irreparable loss to the world of art and culture." Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Dev Sai said that through Pandavani, she brought fame to the state both domestically and internationally.

Two Lashkar Terrorists Killed in Shopian Encounter

Shopian, Agency: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorists were reportedly killed during an encounter that began on Saturday evening in the Saidpora area of Shopian district in Jammu and Kashmir. Although security forces had not officially confirmed the deaths, media reports identified both as top LeT operatives.

One of the terrorists, Zakir Ahmad Ganie, was among the 14 most-wanted terrorists identified by intelligence agencies following the Pahalgam terror attack. The second militant was identified as his associate, Lateef Bhat.

Security forces had received intelligence inputs that terrorists were hiding near Chhanpora in Saidpora Payeen. As troops approached



the suspected hideout during a cordon-and-search operation, the terrorists opened fire, triggering an encounter.

The gunfight began at around 7:45 pm on July 4. Due to darkness, the encounter and search operation were suspended overnight and resumed later. The Army's specialised anti-terror unit, Victor Force, deployed additional personnel to block all

possible escape routes through the dense orchard and illuminated the area to prevent the terrorists from fleeing. As security personnel advanced towards the hideout, the terrorists opened fire, prompting an effective retaliation and leading to a prolonged gunbattle.

Zakir Linked to Several Terror Cases

According to intelligence sources, Zakir Ahmad Ganie, a resident of Muthama village in Kulgam district, had been under surveillance for his involvement in several Pakistan-backed terror activities. A court had issued notices against him in October 2025, and his name also surfaced during the investigation into the April 2026 Pahalgam terror attack.

Monsoon: 100 Tourists Rescued from Waterfall in Maharashtra After Sudden Rise in Water Level

Mumbai/Bhopal/Lucknow/Patna/Jaipur, (GNS): The southwest monsoon has intensified across several parts of the country, bringing heavy rainfall and causing flood-like situations in many states. Nearly 100 tourists were stranded at Zenith Waterfall in Maharashtra's Raigad district after the water level rose suddenly.

Rescue teams safely evacuated all of them with the help of ropes. In Gujarat's Junagadh district, rainwater accumulated up to four feet in several areas, forcing people to use boats on flooded roads. In



Bhavnagar, a car was swept away by strong currents.

Meanwhile, roads in Nalasopara, Vasai, turned into rivers after heavy rain, submerging nearly 20 cars. In Mumbai, 64 trees were uprooted and the walls of

eight houses collapsed. In Raipur, Chhattisgarh, nearly 30 mm of rainfall was recorded within just half an hour on Saturday night, leading to waterlogging in several houses in the Tatibandh area.

Amarnath Yatra Registration Slots Full Till July 9, Pilgrims Asked to Postpone Journey

Pahalgam/Baltal, Agency: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has advised pilgrims without registration to postpone their Amarnath Yatra, stating that all registration slots are fully booked till July 9.

Officials said pilgrims attempting to proceed through the Baltal or Pahalgam routes without registration would be stopped at designated checkpoints and allowed to continue only after July 9. From Sunday onwards, only registered pilgrims will be permitted to travel towards



Kashmir. Unregistered devotees will have to wait until fresh registration slots become available.

Jammu Divisional Commissioner Ramesh Kumar said more than 13,000 registered pilgrims had already left the Baltal and Pahalgam



Four Batches Leave in Three Days... Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of 4,822 pilgrims on July 2. The second batch comprised 3,865 pilgrims, while the third batch on Saturday.

Report Claims PM Modi Receives Death Threat Ahead of Australia Visit

Canberra, (GNS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi has reportedly received a death threat ahead of his visit to Australia, with the Australian Federal Police launching an investigation.

According to The Australia Today, the threat appeared in the comments section of a Facebook post promoting the "Melbourne Meets Modi" programme.



The report said a Facebook user identified as Abu Mustafa commented that "the stadium roof should remain closed during the programme, oth-

erwise he will come to Australia to meet his death."

The threat was immediately reported to the Australian Federal Police, which has begun an investigation.

Prime Minister Modi is scheduled to visit Australia from July 8 to 10. He is expected to attend the "Melbourne Meets Modi" programme at Melbourne's Marvel Stadium on July 9.

Grandfather Dies 17 Days After Grandson Ketan's Death



Pune(GNS): In a tragic development, the 71-year-old grandfather of Ketan Agrawal, who died after falling from Lohagad Fort, passed away on Saturday night. According to family members, Devichand Agrawal had been deeply distressed since his grandson's death on June 18, and his health had steadily deteriorated. The family said he suffered a cardiac arrest at around 9:45 pm and could not recover from the emotional shock of losing his grandson. Meanwhile, police have intensified their investigation into Ketan's alleged murder and are collecting evidence against the main accused, Siya Goyal, and co-accused Chetan Choudhary.

Two Shooters of Lawrence Bishnoi Gang Killed in Bahadurgarh Encounter

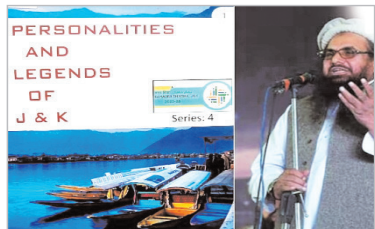
New Delhi/ Bahadurgarh (GNS): Two wanted shooters associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi-Hariram alias Harry Boxer-Anil Pandit gang were killed in a police encounter in Bahadurgarh on Sunday morning. The deceased were identified as Pravesh and Himanshu, both accused in the murder of Hansi gym owner Kapil Haryana. Police had announced a reward of ₹1 lakh each on the two accused. A constable of the Delhi Police Special Cell was also injured during the exchange of fire and is undergoing treatment. The encounter was carried out jointly by the Delhi Police Special Cell and the Haryana Special Task Force (STF). According to Haryana STF Superintendent of Police Vikrant Bhushan, police teams surrounded the area after receiving intelligence inputs regarding the presence of the two accused.

Books in Jammu and Kashmir Schools Describe Hafiz Saeed as a Great Personality

Srinagar, Agency: An FIR has been registered over two books purchased for government school libraries in Jammu and Kashmir after they allegedly portrayed Mumbai terror attack mastermind Hafiz Saeed and separatist leader Maqbool Bhat as great personalities. The Counter Intelligence Wing of the police has launched raids after registering the case.

One of the controversial books, Personalities and

Legends of J&K, authored by Hilal Ahmad and Santosh Meena, was published by Oberoi Book Service, Jammu. The second book, Great Personality of Jammu and Kashmir by Sushant Giri, was published by Anurag Prakashan, Delhi. Officials said 123 copies of one book had been distributed in Jammu, Ramban and Udhampur districts, while 128 copies of the other book were supplied to schools in Jammu and



Baramulla districts.

The BJP termed the issue as "academic jihad" and demanded an immediate ban on the books along with strict action against those responsible. The party also urged Chief Minister Omar

Abdullah to take action against the Education Minister. "If they are projected as great leaders, the younger generation will receive the wrong message that becoming like them is an ideal," he said. He also objected to the book describing Mirwaiz Umar Farooq as Kashmir's "last hope," saying such narratives strengthen Pakistan's propaganda.

Books Withdrawn; Eight Officials Suspended Under the Samagra

Shiksha Library Grant, books suitable for different age groups were procured for 1,832 government schools and 394 PM SHRI schools. Four expert committees comprising academicians from both the Jammu and Kashmir divisions had selected 463 books from 364 publishers. Following the controversy, the School Education Department ordered the immediate withdrawal of the books, stating

that they contained highly objectionable material. The department held the members of the concerned subcommittee and supervisory officers responsible for serious negligence. The authors and publishers have been banned and blacklisted in the Union Territory, and all copies of the books have been ordered to be withdrawn. Two officers have been appointed to investigate the matter and submit a report within 30 days.

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee gave life and sacrifice to the country

(Hemendra Kshirsagar)

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was a great patriot who sacrificed his life for the nation's progress, unity, and integrity. He was simultaneously an academic, writer, parliamentarian, politician, and humanitarian, a staunch patriot. He made remarkable progress in the field of education and quickly established himself as a renowned academic and administrator. This achievement was recognized when, in 1934, he became the youngest Vice-Chancellor of Calcutta University. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee was one of the architects of independent India. A

strong advocate of national unity and integrity, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

was born on July 6, 1901. He was one of those leaders who took the risk personally. For him, India came first, and India's integrity and glory were his primary goals. He gave his life, but did not let Kashmir go. He rejected the cabinet, but did not compromise on his principles. Yes, I am a Hindu, and the nationhood of this country is Hindu. This is an undeniable truth, but it does not mean that Hindus are against any other religion or method of worship. Had that been the case, history would have been different. Kashmir belongs to every Indian. Every heart should feel the pain for Kashmir, as it did in the hearts of Hanifuddin and Ajay Ahuja.

Dr. Mukherjee gave his life

and sacrifice to this country. For him, being Indian did not mean getting caught in the deceitful web of politics, but rather breaking that web. Very few people know that Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee's fighting spirit and movements were the main reasons behind the parts of Punjab and Bengal that are visible in India today. Dr. Mukherjee's words are famous in history when he said, "Congress divided India, and I divided Pakistan." It was the misfortune of this country that the reins of independent, yet fragmented India were handed over to a man who loathed Indianness, or Hinduism, and took pride in being the country's last British ruler.

Shyama Prasad Mukherjee

saw that Pandit Nehru was adopting a highly neglectful and, to a large extent, ruthless policy toward the Hindus who were escaping India after suffering the horrific tragedy of Partition, and toward those who remained in Pakistan. Serious differences arose between Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru on this point. Sardar Patel even wanted to seize some land from East Pakistan, even if it required armed police action. Pandit Nehru, by compromising with Liaquat Ali, left the future of Hindus completely in the hands of Pakistani barbarians. Seeing this, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee became furious and resigned as Minister of Industry and Supply. While submitting his

resignation, he mentioned the reasons behind it in detail, which is still considered as a historical and inspiring document.

Determined, after resigning from the cabinet, Dr. Mukherjee decided to play the role of the opposition in Parliament. However, he soon realized that an effective opposition role required the formation of an organized party. To this end, he began exploring the possibility of forming an opposition political platform. The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) also felt the need to launch a political party under the leadership of a strong personality. Both Dr. Mukherjee and the RSS felt a similar need, and from this emerged the

Bharatiya Jana Sangh in October 1951, with Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee as its founding president.

Dr. Mukherjee faced the greatest challenge of his life two years later, in 1953. By 1952, separatist tendencies, sparked by Sheikh Abdullah's separatist political activities in Jammu and Kashmir, had begun to gain strength, disturbing the national psyche. Dr. Mukherjee supported the Praja Parishad's Satyagraha, whose objective was to make Jammu and Kashmir a full and integral part of India. At that time, Jammu and Kashmir had a separate flag and a separate constitution, and its Chief Minister was called the Prime Minister.

Editorial

On the top court, AI use observations

But for its serious implications, a judge relying on Artificial Intelligence (AI) hallucinations to arrive at a judicial determination would have been comical. Given the serious miscarriage of justice that such hallucinations can lead to, if used in the judicial processes, the Supreme Court of India has likened it to methyl isocyanate, the poisonous gas that led to the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984 — “invisible, insidious, and catastrophic by the time anyone notices”. The Court made these observations while setting aside the orders of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) in an insolvency case after finding that the NCLT had relied on fictitious AI-generated legal citations, a lapse overlooked by the appellate tribunal. This is the latest in a series of interventions by the Court this year, cautioning against the use of AI-generated fictitious judicial precedents in court proceedings. Through its rulings and oral observations, the Court has consistently adopted a strict and cautionary approach to the deployment of AI in the justice delivery system. On February 27, the same Bench of Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe took cognisance of a trial court relying on AI-generated fictitious case laws and underlined that it was not merely “an error in decision-making” but amounted to judicial “misconduct”.

The Court has made clear that AI may serve as an assistive tool to improve efficiency, but it can never replace independent human reasoning, judicial discretion or professional accountability. In AI, humanity is encountering what many experts fear might well be an existential question. AI disruption is a known unknown — everyone knows that it is happening but nobody quite knows its extent or implications. There is, however, enough evidence of a combination of human stupidity and deliberate design leading to dangerous social outcomes being derived from AI. Human oversight is the essential counter to these dangers. The Court has said that presenting fabricated, machine-generated judgments to a court constitutes professional misconduct for advocates and a serious lapse of duty for judges; and any judgment influenced by an iota of fake or hallucinated AI material is “no decision in the eyes of law”.

13% increase in government procurement price of onion

(Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani)

Farmer's smile or the sound of inflation? - A comprehensive in-depth analysis of the government's historic decision on onion.

From the farm to the global market: Is the new government price of onion a decisive step towards making India an agricultural superpower?

Farmers being forced to sell onions at prices lower than the cost versus onions being out of reach of the common consumer and making them cry, a step towards tackling the biggest challenge of this imbalance in years.

Globally, onion in India is not just a vegetable, but a very sensitive subject related to economy, politics, agriculture and the kitchen of the common citizen. Onion prices have often influenced government policies in the country and even played a significant role in electoral politics. Therefore, when the central government decided to increase the government procurement price of onion for buffer stock by approximately 13.3 percent, from ₹1,875 per quintal to ₹2,125 per quintal, effective July 4, 2026, it was seen not simply as a price increase but as an important economic decision that establishes a balance between farmers, consumers, and the agricultural market. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that this decision clearly indicates that the government is taking proactive steps to increase production, ensure minimum remunerative prices for farmers, and ensure price stability in the future. India is among the world's largest onion producers. States like Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Rajasthan contribute the majority of the country's onion production. The Nashik region of Maharashtra is considered one of Asia's largest onion producing areas. Ironically,

despite abundant production, farmers are often forced to sell onions at prices lower than the cost of production. On the other hand, when production is low or supply is disrupted, these same onions become unaffordable for the average consumer, leading to the phrase “onions make us cry.” This imbalance has been the biggest challenge facing the Indian agricultural market for years.

Friends, the biggest benefit of the government's ₹250 per quintal increase in procurement prices will accrue to farmers who sell their produce under the government's buffer stock scheme. If a farmer sells 500 quintals of onions, he or she will receive an additional income of approximately ₹1.25 lakh compared to the previous level. For small and medium-sized farmers, this additional income can play a crucial role in covering farming costs, preparing for the next crop, and strengthening their families' financial security. This will also increase farmers' confidence in the government procurement system. However, simply increasing the procurement price is not the solution to all farmers' problems. The biggest challenge for Indian farmers is the continuous increase in production costs. The cost of seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, irrigation, electricity, diesel, labor, and transportation is constantly rising. If production costs continue to rise at the same rate and the marketing system remains weak, a mere 13 percent price increase will provide only limited relief. Therefore, it is essential that the government give equal priority to cost-reducing technologies, modern agricultural machinery, and scientific farming.

Friends, another important aspect of this decision is the government buffer stock. When the government purchases onions from farmers at a good price, it

stores them safely. In the future, if there is a shortage of onions in the market or prices suddenly rise, this buffer stock can be released into the market to control prices. In this way, the government provides fair prices to farmers and protects consumers from excessive inflation. This is the key feature of any successful agricultural price policy.

Friends, from the consumer's perspective, this decision does not mean that onions will become 13 percent more expensive in the market from July 4th. Government procurement prices and retail market prices depend on different factors. If production remains adequate and the government continues to release buffer stocks in a timely manner, the likelihood of unnecessary increases in retail prices will be reduced. This decision reflects an attempt to simultaneously achieve both objectives: relief for farmers in the short term and stable prices for consumers in the long term. We see that the biggest problem with onions in India is not production, but storage and the supply chain. It is estimated that a large quantity of onions gets spoiled every year due to lack of proper scientific storage. If modern cold storage, ventilated warehouses, and scientific storage systems are widely developed, farmers will not be forced to sell at low prices, and consumers will also be able to access onions at a balanced price throughout the year. Therefore, investment in storage infrastructure is essential, along with price increases.

Friends, agricultural economists believe that the most effective way to double or sustainably increase farmers' income is not just support prices, but value addition and modernization of the supply chain. Farmers can benefit significantly by producing dehydrated onions, onion powder, onion paste, and exportable

processed products from onions. If India invests more in agricultural processing, a significant increase in farmers' income is possible.

Friends, the international market is also crucial to this decision. India is among the world's leading onion exporters. The food security of many countries depends on Indian onions. However, when domestic prices rise, India often imposes export bans or tariffs, impacting the global market. If the country maintains adequate buffer stocks and balanced production, future export policies can be more stable. This will increase foreign exchange earnings and allow Indian farmers to better benefit from the international market.

Friends, climate change has also become a serious challenge for onion production. Events like irregular rainfall, hailstorms, extreme temperatures, and drought impact production. In such times, if farmers are guaranteed a minimum remunerative price, their risk is reduced. Therefore, this decision can be considered not only an economic but also a positive step towards climate risk management. The social impact of this policy is also significant. When farmers receive fair prices, the rural economy is strengthened. Their purchasing power increases, trade in local markets grows, employment opportunities expand, and rural development is accelerated. On the other hand, if farmers continue to incur losses, the tendency to leave agriculture will increase, which will impact the country's food security. Therefore, providing farmers with remunerative prices is not just a matter of agriculture but also of national economic stability.

Friends, experts also say that the government must ensure a transparent procurement system along with price increases.

The sinking roads of development and the deep foundations of corruption

(Lalit Garg)

The Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor, touted as a symbol of modern India's fast, safe, and world-class infrastructure, caved in during the first rains, just two and a half months after its inauguration. The road caved in so badly that several vehicles were crushed. Fortunately, there were no casualties, but this incident once again exposed the harsh reality hidden behind the rosy picture of development. The question is: why did the road, built at a cost of crores of rupees, fail to withstand the first rain? Was quality compromised in construction? Was there a lack of proper drainage? Or is it the result of corruption, negligence, and a lack of accountability? This is not an isolated incident. In the past few years, incidents of collapse of new roads, bridges, flyovers, and pub-

lic buildings have been reported in various states across the country. The collapse of nearly a dozen small and large bridges in Bihar within a fortnight shocked the entire nation. The collapse of five bridges in a single day was not just a technical failure but a living testimony to the corruption prevalent in governance and administration. The Morbi bridge accident in Gujarat claimed the lives of 135 people. The collapse of the Vivekananda flyover in Kolkata devastated many families. The collapse of the roof of Terminal 1 at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport and the deaths caused by the collapse of a massive hoarding in Ghatkopar, Mumbai, also made it clear that the quality of public construction is facing a serious crisis.

Responsibility cannot be absolved by simply attributing these incidents

to natural disasters or heavy rainfall. If roads cave in, bridges are washed away, or roofs of buildings collapse in the first rain, it is not a story of nature, but of man-made failure and deep-rooted corruption. In this age of modern engineering and technology, such incidents are unacceptable. This is not development, but a betrayal of the public in the name of development. Roads and bridges are the arteries of any nation's economic progress. Through them, commerce is conducted, villages are connected to cities, farmers transport their produce to market, and ordinary citizens travel safely. When these infrastructures begin to collapse prematurely, it is not just the concrete and iron structures that crumble, but also the public's trust in governance and administration.

In the case of the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor road collapse, the National Highways Authority of India suspended the project manager and team leader and issued a show-cause notice to the construction company. But the question is, will suspension alone solve the problem? Experience shows that in most cases, suspended officials are reinstated or transferred after some time. Companies that are blacklisted often begin receiving government contracts under new names. As a result, the cycle of corruption continues. The real problem is a lack of accountability. Individual responsibility for every construction process—design, materials, technical testing, and quality control—is not fixed. When the guilty are not severely punished, corruption is implicitly protected. This is why, every year, with the

monsoons, roads erode, bridges crack, and projects worth crores of rupees collapse prematurely.

A large portion of public construction projects in the country fall prey to commission and bribery. Corruption is rampant at many levels, from contract acquisition to bill payment. When a significant portion of a project's cost is spent on illegal transactions, it's natural for construction quality to be directly impacted. The use of substandard materials, disregard for technical standards, and deadline pressures combine to create structures that fail the first test. Ironically, after every accident, investigation committees are formed, reports are prepared, and compensations are announced, but no fundamental changes are made to the system.

500 kW solar power plant commissioned in Palam

CM Rekha Gupta inaugurated; 375 homes will get clean electricity

New Delhi (GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated a 500-kilowatt solar power plant at the Air Force and Naval Officers Enclave in Dwarka Sector 7, Palam Assembly constituency. This plant, one of the capital's largest residential solar projects, will meet the electricity needs of approximately 375 homes with clean and renewable energy.

On this occasion,



South Delhi MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Palam MLA Kuldeep Solanki, former MLA Dharmdev Solanki, along with several public representatives and officials were present.

The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, solar energy has gained new momentum in the country and the Delhi government is also

continuously working to promote clean energy, energy self-sufficiency and environmental protection. He said that under the joint schemes of the Central and Delhi governments, domestic consumers are being given a subsidy of more than Rs 1 lakh for installing rooftop solar. Rekha Gupta stated that the plant, built at a cost of approximately 2 crore, received a subsidy of 9 million from the central gov-

ernment and 1 million from the Delhi government. With the project's launch, the enclave's monthly electricity bill will drop from approximately ₹1.2 million to 6 million, resulting in annual savings of approximately ₹7.2 million. He said that this project is not only a means of saving electricity, but also an excellent example of environmental protection and community participation.

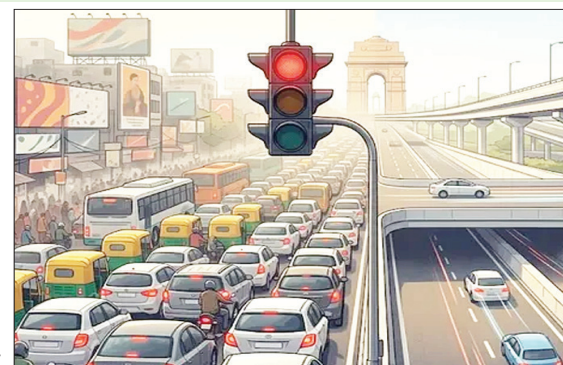
Delhiites will get major relief from traffic jams

NHAI has taken the responsibility of making 3 major roads signal-free

New Delhi (GNS): Following a request from the Delhi government nearly a year ago, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has taken on the responsibility of making three congested corridors free of traffic jams. The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has initiated the process of preparing feasibility studies and detailed project reports (DPRs) for these busy routes.

These include Mathura Road from India Gate to Badarpur, Tikri Border Road from Punjabi Bagh via Peeragarhi to Haryana Border and Mehrauli Gurugram (MG Road) Road from Andheria Mor to Gurugram Border.

These projects will not only



provide relief from traffic jams in Delhi, but will also benefit the people of neighboring states Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. Work will be done to alleviate traffic congestion on these routes.

Once completed, these projects will significantly ease travel between Delhi and neighboring Gurugram, Faridabad, and Bahadurgarh.

Qualitatively different footing Why Delhi court denied bail to Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam; cites SC order

NEW DELHI (GNS): A Delhi court Saturday dismissed the bail pleas of 2020 Delhi riots larger conspiracy case accused Umar Khalid and Sharjeel Imam, holding that the sessions court "has no option but to follow the judgment dated Jan 5, 2026, as passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, whereby the petitions of both the applicants were dismissed".

SC had denied bail to Khalid and Imam noting they stood on a "qualitatively different footing" regarding culpability in the alleged larger conspiracy, while granting bail to the other five accused subject to conditions.

Additional sessions judge Sameer Bajpai observed that "the issue i.e. the diversions of opinion between the judgments i.e. the judgment of Gulfisha Fatima and Syed Iftikhar Andrabi has already been referred to a larger bench and as such... the court cannot consider the present applications on any ground".

Fresh bail pleas filed after SC's May 18 order: The fresh bail pleas were filed after Supreme Court's May 18 order in the Andrabi case. While granting bail in that case, a two-judge bench criticised the Jan 5 verdict and stressed that anti-terror laws should not become a tool for indefinite detention.

Relying on those observations, counsel for Khalid and Imam argued that the subsequent judicial developments constituted a "change in circumstances", making their fresh bail pleas maintainable.

The defence further submitted that although SC in its Jan order had directed that the applicants would not seek bail for one year or until the prosecution's protected witnesses were examined, "after the said order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, about five months have passed and even if the charge is framed in near future, in any condition the protected witnesses cannot be examined by the time as granted by the apex court".



LG outlines four-pillar roadmap for Viksit Dilli

New Delhi (GNS): Lieutenant governor TS Sandhu has outlined a four-pillar vision - environmental sustainability, quality of life, economic and cultural vibrancy, and inclusive urban growth - for building a Viksit Dilli.

A meeting of Delhi Development Authority's (DDA) advisory council, chaired by LG Friday, reviewed the city's long-term urban development strategy. It discussed major challenges confronting Delhi's urban landscape, including the shortage of affordable housing, proliferation of slums and unauthorised colonies, traffic congestion, pollution, water security, urban flooding, redevelopment of existing areas and conservation of heritage structures.

It also took into account planned development across more than 1,400sq km under various planning zones, including transit-oriented development (TOD), land pooling areas, developed residential areas and the Yamuna riverfront.

"Under the environmental sustainability pillar, the focus will be on increasing per-capita green cover, developing a vibrant riverfront and creating an interconnected green-and-blue infrastructure network," LG said. To improve quality of life, he added, priority will be given to disaster resilience, water security and safer roads.

The roadmap also proposes strengthening the city's economic and cultural identity by redeveloping

commercial markets and business centres, creating logistics hubs and leveraging heritage as an economic asset. For inclusive growth, the emphasis will be on creating a congestion-free city through comprehensive mobility, multimodal integration and improved last-mile connectivity from metro stations.

The members of the council, including MPs Ramvir Singh Bidhuri and Sudhanshu Trivedi, as well as senior officials of DDA, DMRC, NCRTC, Delhi Jal Board, Delhi govt and other agencies, identified several priority areas requiring intervention. They include bridging the gap in affordable housing, rehabilitation of slum clusters, regularisation and redevelopment of unauthorised colonies.



A major initiative to reduce pollution in Delhi, MCD will make cremations free from this month

New Delhi (GNS): To reduce air pollution and promote environmentally friendly cremations in Delhi, electric and CNG-based cremations will be made free from June. The MCD has already passed a resolution to this effect.

According to the corporation, the process of handing over the responsibility of operating 33 crematoriums and crematoriums to voluntary organizations is underway. This process will begin in June. Along with this, electric and CNG based cremation facilities will start free of cost.

A corporation official said that this decision has been taken in view of the increasing problem of air pollution in Delhi. Therefore, this service will be provided initially for two years. However, the MCD will provide Rs 500 per cremation to NGOs to cover the repair expenses of electric and CNG cremation machines.

Electric Vehicle Policy: How To Apply For EV Subsidy In Delhi

New Delhi (GNS): Delhi CM Rekha Gupta said, "Eligible beneficiaries will be able to apply through the EV Subsidy Portal within 30 days of purchasing their vehicle and receiving the Registration Certificate (RC). The government aims to transfer the subsidy directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) within 60 days." Here's how to apply for EV subsidy.

For personal vehicles: Enter Aadhaar number,



date of birth, and gender.

Upload Documents: Upload scanned PDF copies of registration certificate (RC), Aadhaar card, voter ID, bank

account's passbook or cancelled cheque. (

Following, OTP will be sent through SMS to a mobile number linked with RC. Subsidy will be transferred directly to

Aadhaar-linked bank accounts. For getting scrapping incentives: Upload certificate of deposit.

For commercial vehicle subsidy: Upload PDF copies of RC, PAN Card and GST document. Submit bank details, including account numbers, IFSC code.

After applying for subsidy, buyers can check the "Application status" section where they can enter registration number, and last five digits of Chassis

Number, a unique number assigned to vehicles.

A notification is received if authorities require additional documents. After checking the status, vehicle owners need to upload the correct documents to resume the approval process.

The portal has posted a list of 123 approved EV models, including two wheelers, three wheelers and trucks. Some of the top brands are TVS, Ather energy, Bajaj and Mahindra.

Attention Delhi Metro passengers s will be played between station announcements

DMRC's new plan to generate revenue

New Delhi (GNS): Passengers will soon be able to hear s while travelling on the metro, including station arrival information and instructions for safe travel. The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has decided to introduce audio s on the Red Line, Blue Line, Yellow Line and Magenta Line.

It is expected to be launched soon. The DMRC claims that the audio advertising will provide passen-



gers with seamless travel information. A DMRC official says the initiative aims to increase non-ticketing revenue.

DMRC's new move to increase revenue

In the first phase,

in-train audio advertising slots will be provided on six trains each on the Red Line, Yellow Line, Blue Line, and Magenta Line. A tender has been issued inviting agencies. He clarified that the s

will only be broadcast during the silent intervals between regular operational announcements, with passenger information and safety messages given full priority.

This also requires adequate gaps between s to ensure passenger convenience. DMRC first introduced in-train audio advertising in December 2023 on six trains running on the Violet Line between Kashmere Gate and Badarpur.

Where is Delhi losing revenue The government will conduct a special study to identify the shortcomings

New Delhi (GNS): New Delhi. The Delhi government will increase tax revenue by commissioning a study to identify deficiencies. To this end, the government has commissioned the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP) to conduct a comprehensive assessment of tax collections by its major revenue departments. The study aims to evaluate the efficiency of tax administration and identify the causes of revenue loss and develop practical suggestions to increase tax collections.

The study, being conducted by the government's Planning Department, will review major tax areas such as excise, transport, trade and taxation, revenue



departments, and property registration. It will also examine the effectiveness of the current tax administration and enforcement system and the areas where improvements are needed.

The government has taken this initiative in light of Delhi's relatively low tax-to-GDP ratio. Delhi's tax-to-gross domestic product (GDP) ratio was 4.9 percent in 2024-25. According to budget estimates for 2025-26, it is expected to increase

to 5.16 percent. This ratio reflects the tax collection capacity of an economy relative to its size and is considered an important indicator of the government's ability to finance development projects and public welfare schemes.

How much does the Delhi government earn from where

According to the Economic Survey, 68.7 percent of the Delhi government's total expenditure is met by revenue from GST, VAT, excise, stamp duty, and motor vehicle tax. In 2025-26, GST is projected to contribute 71.3 percent of total tax revenue, stamp duty 13.1 percent, excise 10.2 percent, and motor vehicle tax 5.4 percent.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurates projects reviews infra works in Shalimar Bagh & Pitampura

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Saturday inaugurated a series of development projects and inspected key public infrastructure works in the Shalimar Bagh Assembly constituency and Pitampura, besides reviewing ongoing initiatives related to park beautification, drainage, sewerage, healthcare, irrigation and technical education.

During the visit, she directed officials to ensure all projects are completed within the stipulated timeline while maintaining high quality standards. The Chief Minister began her visit

by inaugurating the development and beautification works at BD-FD Park in Pitampura. She also inaugurated 93 newly installed electric poles and the park's modern lighting system.

"The Delhi Government is undertaking large-scale efforts to make public parks across the Capital safer, attractive and more convenient for citizens. Well-developed green spaces not only play an important role in environmental conservation but also improve people's health and quality of life," the CM said.

Later, Rekha Gupta inaugurated multiple Public



Department (PWD) and Delhi Jal Board (DJB) projects aimed at strengthening the rain-water drainage and sewerage network in the Shalimar Bagh area. The projects include the construction of precast drainage systems along key stretches, a modern drainage network and an additional sewage pumping station with its delivery line to address long-pending sewerage

issues in Shalimar Village, Sahipur village and adjoining areas.

Speaking on the infrastructure projects, the Chief Minister said, "The Delhi Government is developing modern, long-term infrastructure to provide citizens with permanent relief from waterlogging and sewerage-related problems." She also directed officials to ensure effective operation and regular monitoring of all projects so that residents do not face inconvenience during the monsoon. During her visit, the CM inspected the NP Block Dispensary and reviewed healthcare services, the availability

of medicines, medical equipment and other public facilities. She instructed health officials to ensure quality and timely healthcare services for every citizen.

Rekha Gupta also visited the Munak Canal at Singhalpur, where she reviewed water flow, canal maintenance, cleaning arrangements and overall water management with officials of the Irrigation and Flood Control Department. She directed officials to ensure regular cleaning and conservation of canals and other water bodies to strengthen water supply and maintain environmental balance.

GMDA launches digital portal for construction waste management

New Delhi(GNS): In a first-of-its-kind initiative in Gurugram, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has launched an online Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Portal to promote the management and reuse of construction waste collected by the authority from various locations and stored at its collection centre in Bahrapur. Through the portal, contractors, institutions and other interested users can obtain reusable C&D waste free of cost after securing online permission.

The portal is available at <https://gmda.gov.in/gmdawaste/>. It enables applicants to obtain permission for the collection and transportation of reusable C&D waste from GMDA's designated collection centre near the Behrapur Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) in Sector 72. The initiative aims to encourage the reuse of construction waste, reduce unnecessary disposal and promote sustainable construction practices. GMDA Chief Executive Officer P C Meena said the initiative was launched to maximise the use of reusable construction waste, conserve natural resources and promote environmentally sustainable urban development.

3 kg of mango pulp in 3 minutes! A unique competition at Delhi Hot's Mango Festival

New Delhi(GNS): The main attraction of the 35th Mango Festival held at Delhi Haat in Janakpuri on Saturday was a mango-eating competition for men. Participants were challenged to eat three kilograms of mango pulp in three minutes. A large crowd gathered to watch the competition and cheer the participants. The festival showcases various varieties of mangoes from across the country. Litchi and papaya-shaped mangoes, along with several rare varieties, have attracted visitors. Swings, cultural programs, and other recreational activities are available for everyone from children to the elderly.

While people are savoring various delicacies at food stalls, they are also shopping for handlooms, handicrafts, and mango products. A mango slogan competition and quiz are also attracting crowds.

Radhika, an AI-based visual agent, is also a special attraction at the festival. She interacts with visitors through voice, answering their questions, and providing them with information related to the festival.



Delhi Mayor Wahi orders crackdown on spa centres, hotels violating civic rules

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Mayor Pravesh Wahi on Friday directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to take strict action against spa centres violating civic rules and ordered close monitoring of hotels, motels and other commercial establishments under its jurisdiction.

Chairing a meeting of the MCD's Public Health Department, Wahi asked Deputy Health Officers in all 12 civic zones to hold weekly review meetings, strengthen surveillance and step up enforcement. He said incidents similar



to those reported in Lucknow and Malviya Nagar must not recur and directed officials to remain vigilant.

The mayor said violations of MCD rules by spa centres would not be tolerated and called for stringent action against offend-

ers. He also sought Delhi Police's support in monitoring such establishments and taking action wherever required. Wahi further directed officials to closely monitor hotels and motels under the MCD's jurisdiction and act against those violating municipal norms. He also ordered joint drives by station inspectors against bulk waste generators, including restaurants, hotels and banquet halls, to ensure cleanliness within their premises and surrounding areas. The mayor also directed officials to finalise and notify the e-cart policy

at the earliest. Officials presented their suggestions on the proposed policy.

Reiterating the MCD's commitment to improving civic services under the guidance of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Wahi said the corporation was also working to promote ease of doing business while ensuring compliance with municipal regulations. Deputy Mayor Monika Pant, Municipal Health Officers Ashok Rawat and Lallan Ram Verma and Deputy Health Officers from all 12 zones attended the meeting.

Police probe sophisticated fake govt ID racket

New Delhi(GNS): Delhi Police has launched an investigation into an alleged online racket that was allegedly generating forged govt documents, including Aadhaar cards, through a website. The gang allegedly prepared fake Aadhaar cards for Rs 20 each and voter ID-like documents for Rs 15.



Sources said the operation came to light during routine cyber patrolling and social media monitoring. Preliminary inquiry pointed to an organised network producing fake ID cards and facilitating their use to obtain and update genuine identity and other official documents such as PAN cards.

The website allegedly offered forged residence certificates, caste certificates, voter identity cards, birth and death certificates, Aadhaar-related documents and other supporting records by allowing users to enter any personal detail after making online payments.

Police said the fake Aadhaar and voter ID cards closely resembled genuine documents in their format, design and appearance. They also featured QR codes and barcodes that appeared authentic.

"The modus operandi aimed at facilitating identity fraud, impersonation and cheating of govt authorities, banks and financial institutions by creating false documentary records," a source said.

An officer created an account on the website using a fictitious identity and recharged its digital wallet with Rs 100 through the payment gateway provided on the platform. He selected the Aadhaar option and, after entering fictitious details along with a photograph, the portal allegedly generated an Aadhaar-like card.

Police said the forged card contained a barcode that, when scanned, displayed only the user-entered information instead of any data from the official Aadhaar database.

SRCC student bags Rs 36.25 LPA as college clocks Rs 61.6 cr in placements

New Delhi(GNS): The Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), one of the country's most-sought-after commerce institutions, has wrapped up its 2025-26 placement season on a high, with a student securing the highest domestic package of Rs 36.25 lakh per annum (LPA). The college also recorded more than 550 placement offers from over 90 recruiters, with the total value of offers crossing Rs 61.6 crore, reflecting strong demand for the SRCC graduates across consulting, finance, technology and other key sectors. According to the official placement report released by the college, the average annual package stood at Rs 11.18 LPA, while the median salary was Rs 8.1 LPA. The report further highlighted that the top 10 per cent of placed students received an average CTC of Rs 27.39 LPA, followed by Rs 21.98 LPA for the top 20 per cent and Rs 20.24 LPA for the top 30 per cent. The placement season also marked a significant improvement over the previous year. SRCC



reported an 18.3 per cent year on year increase in the gross placement value and a 12.5 per cent rise in the average salary package, indicating sustained confidence among recruiters in the college's talent pool. Students received offers from several leading national and global companies across consulting, investment banking, financial services, audit, insurance, technology and e-commerce. The internship season was equally encouraging. The placement cell facilitated over 160 internship offers from 32+ recruiters, with internships collectively valued at Rs 60 lakh.

Big relief for pregnant women Normal delivery will be possible without pain, facility started in Delhi hospital

New Delhi(GNS): The pain of childbirth is considered one of the most challenging experiences for women. However, advances in medical science have now made available options that can significantly reduce the pain of vaginal delivery.

Epidural analgesia is considered the most effective and widely accepted method of labor

pain relief. This facility is also offered at Lady Hardinge Medical College and Sucheta Kriplani Hospital in Delhi, allowing women to experience normal childbirth with relatively less pain.

What is epidural analgesia technique

According to experts, epidural analgesia involves administering painkillers through a thin catheter (tube) inserted



into the lower spine. This significantly reduces the intensity of labor pain, while allowing the woman to remain fully conscious and actively participate in

the labor process. This is why it is considered the "gold standard" of labor pain management.

According to Dr. Ranjana Biswas, head of the Department of Anesthesia at Lady Hardinge Medical College, every woman should have the right to pain relief during childbirth. She says that epidural analgesia is recognized worldwide as the

most effective method for reducing labor pain and its use can make a woman's childbirth experience more comfortable and positive.

Many women are getting the facility every day. According to the hospital, approximately five to ten women are receiving epidural analgesia every day. This facility is provided at no additional cost.



Judges inspect Gurugram's Tower of Justice ahead of inauguration

New Delhi(GNS): The inauguration of Gurugram's new District and Sessions Court complex, the Tower of Justice, will be held on July 12. Chief Justice of India Surya Kant Sharma will inaugurate the new judicial complex. Ahead of the ceremony, Justice Harsimran Singh of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, along with Justice Rohit Kapoor, Chairman of the High Court's Building Committee and Inspecting Judge for the Gurugram Division, and committee member Justice Aradhana Sawhney, carried out a detailed inspection of the Tower of Justice on Saturday. During the inspection, the three judges directed officials to complete all remaining work within the stipulated time-frame before the inauguration. They said the ceremony would be attended by distinguished guests from the Supreme Court of India, the Punjab and Haryana High Court, the district judiciary and several other sectors. They

instructed officials to ensure proper arrangements for security, traffic management, parking, guest reception, seating, cleanliness and all other logistical requirements in accordance with established protocols. The judges also directed officials to give top priority to the convenience of visitors and ensure that every arrangement within the premises is well organised, secure and properly managed. They asked all concerned departments to work in close coordination and complete the preparations on schedule, ensuring that the inauguration ceremony is dignified, well organised and memorable.