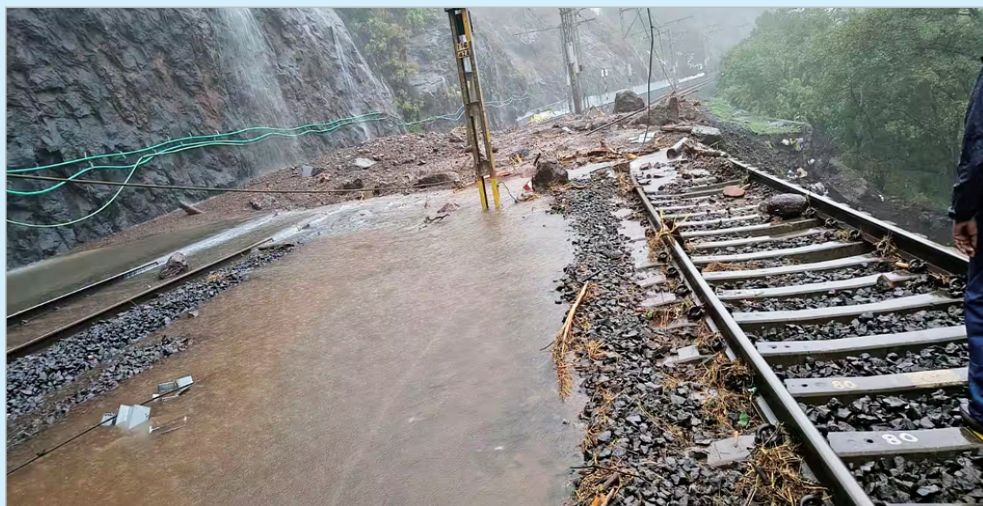




Heavy Rain Disrupts Maharashtra for Third Consecutive Day

Bhopal/Jaipur/Lucknow(GNS): The monsoon has intensified across several states, with Maharashtra witnessing continuous heavy rainfall for the past three days. Two landslides occurred in the Bhore Ghat section between Karjat and Lonavala on the Mumbai-Pune railway line, disrupting all three railway lines and forcing the cancellation of 20 trains. A landslide also blocked the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, severely affecting traffic movement. Strong winds reaching speeds of up to 75 kmph have lashed Mumbai since Sunday, uprooting 142 trees. Authorities have declared a holiday for all government, private and municipal schools and colleges in the city.



Seventeen flights were also cancelled at Mumbai Airport. Residents have been advised to remain indoors wherever possible. Private offices in Mumbai have been asked to allow employees to work from home. Meanwhile, heavy rainfall triggered a landslide in Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir, burying six to seven vehicles under

debris. Rescue and clearance operations are currently underway. **17 Flights Cancelled, 217 Delayed at Mumbai Airport:** The adverse weather also disrupted flight operations at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport. Between midnight on Sunday and 11:30 a.m. on Monday, 17 flights were cancelled, while 217 arriving and departing flights were delayed, causing inconvenience to passengers.

One Killed in Pune Landslide A landslide struck Patan village in Maval tehsil of Pune district on Monday morning after continuous rainfall. Debris from a hill collapsed onto a house, trapping the family inside.

Protest Erupts Over Appointment of Two Hindu Members to Waqf Board

Bhopal(GNS): For the first time in the country, a state Waqf Board has been reconstituted with the appointment of two non-Muslim (Hindu) members. The Madhya Pradesh government has inducted Manoj Malpani of Indore and Animesh Bhargava of Raghogarh in Guna district as members of the Waqf Board, while Sanwar Patel has been reappointed as its chairman.



•'Non-Muslim Members Should Not Be Appointed to Waqf Board': Shamshul Hasan, patron of the All India Muslim Tyohar Committee, said the Waqf is a religious and social institution of the Muslim community, where people dedicate their property in the name of Allah.

Opposing the inclusion of two non-Muslim members, office-bearers and members of the All India Muslim Tyohar Committee staged a protest at Budhwarra Square in Bhopal on Monday. The protesters

demanding that the government revoke its decision, claiming it had hurt the sentiments of the Muslim community.

He argued that appointing non-Muslim members to the management of the Waqf Board was inappropriate.

The Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board was reconstituted only two days ago, and for the first time includes two Hindu members. The committee said its protest was specifically against these appointments.

Newlywed Woman Dies After Falling From Third Floor in Delhi; Family Alleges Murder, Not Suicide

New Delhi, Agency. Fresh details have emerged in the case of a newlywed woman's death in Delhi's Lodhi Colony. According to police, 28-year-old Aakriti Sutar fell from the third floor of her apartment building on Saturday. She was rushed to a hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries. However, her family has rejected the suicide theory and alleged that she was murdered.



The family said Aakriti had attended office on Saturday and had even hosted a small party for her colleagues, which, they argued, showed no signs of depression.

They further revealed

that Aakriti had spoken to her mother around 6 p.m. and sounded completely normal.

During the conversation, she discussed the office party and informed her

mother that she was on her way home.

The family questioned how someone who appeared perfectly normal could allegedly commit suicide just three hours later.



Puri King Urges ISKCON Not to Hold Rath Yatra on Incorrect Dates

Bhubaneswar(GNS): Puri Gajapati Maharaja and Chairman of the Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee, Dibyasingha Deb, has appealed to ISKCON not to organise Rath Yatra celebrations on dates that do not conform to Hindu scriptures. He said conducting the festival on incorrect dates hurts the religious sentiments of devotees. In a letter addressed to Madhusevita Das Prabhu, Chairman of ISKCON's Governing Body Commission in Mayapur, Deb urged the organisation to reconsider its October 2025 decision to hold Rath Yatras on different dates in various countries. Just a day earlier, ISKCON conducted a Rath Yatra in Nairobi, the capital of Kenya. Similar processions were held in London on June 21, New York City on June 14, and Sydney on July 5.

Ram Temple Trust Chief Says He Is Hurt by Donation Theft; Demands Strict Punishment for Culprit

Ayodhya, Agency. Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust president Mahant Nritya Gopal Das has, for the first time, spoken publicly on the alleged theft of donations from the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. In a statement issued on Monday, he said he was deeply hurt by the incident and demanded strict punishment for those responsible.

"I am deeply pained by this theft. Whoever has committed this grave sin should be given the harshest punishment," he said.

Expressing confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Mahant Nritya Gopal Das said he believed they would ensure that everyone involved in the alleged theft is brought to justice. He added that the matter concerns the faith of millions of Hindus and should not be exploited for political gain.

Trust Meeting to Discuss Resignations

Following the controversy over the alleged donation theft, the Trust is scheduled to hold its first



meeting at 3 p.m. on Monday. The meeting is expected to discuss the resignations of Trust General Secretary Champat Rai and Trustee Dr. Anil Mishra. According to sources, both resignations are likely to be accepted.

After the Trust president's statement was released, there was speculation that he might not attend the meeting. However, Trust officials clarified that Mahant Nritya Gopal Das would participate in the meeting,

though they said they were unaware of the circumstances under which the statement had been issued.

High Court Rejects Plea for CBI Probe

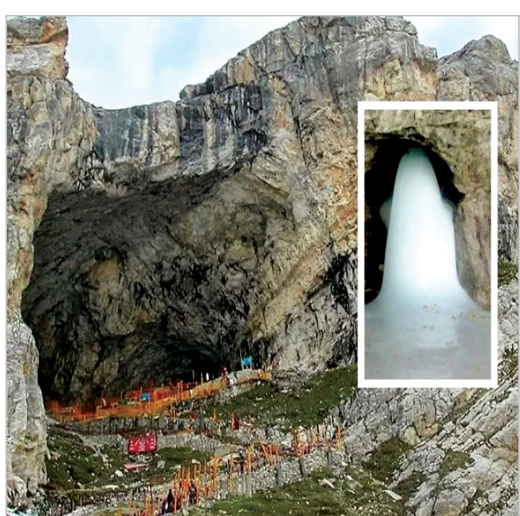
Meanwhile, the Lucknow Bench of the Allahabad High Court has dismissed a petition seeking a CBI investigation into the alleged donation theft case. The court observed that a petition on the same issue is already pending before the Supreme Court.

Pakistani Forces Open Fire on Pro-testers in PoK; Several Injured

PoK, Agency: Several people were injured after Pakistani security forces allegedly opened fire on a peaceful protest rally in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) on Sunday. According to reports, the Jammu and Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee



(JAAC) claimed that around 40,000 people had gathered at the Sardar Ghulam Hussain Khan Sports Stadium in Abbaspur to protest against the Pakistan government. The organisation alleged that Pakistani security personnel opened fire without provocation on demonstrators in the Dadyal area, seriously injuring several people. However, no official figure on the number of injured has been released, and the Pakistan administration has not issued any statement on the incident. JAAC said the protest was aimed at highlighting public resentment against the Islamabad government. The movement is also demanding the release of its arrested leaders and activists, while raising concerns over administrative failures and the denial of basic rights to the people of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.



Srinagar(GNS): The naturally formed ice Shivling at the Amarnath cave shrine has shrunk to nearly one foot in height. A photograph of the sacred ice

Amarnath Shivling Shrinks by 90% Height Reduced to One Foot

formation, popularly known as Baba Barfani, surfaced on Monday, showing that around 90 per cent of the Shivling has melted. The 57-day annual Amarnath Yatra began on July 3. More than 56,000 pilgrims have offered prayers during the first three days of the pilgrimage, an increase of 18.6 per cent compared to the same period last year.

In 2025, a total of 47,972 devotees visited the shrine during the first three days of the Yatra. This year, around 400,000 pilgrims have registered for the pilgrimage.

Shivling Was Seven Feet Tall on May 23: According to photographs



released by security personnel on May 23, the ice Shivling measured nearly seven feet in height. On June 29, the day

of the first ritual worship, it was still over five feet tall. However, the latest image released on July 6 shows that nearly 90

per cent of the ice formation has melted.

Pilgrims continue to reach the shrine through both the 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route. The pilgrimage will conclude on August 28, coinciding with Raksha Bandhan.

Officials said that anyone attempting to proceed via the Baltal or Pahalgam routes without valid registration will 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.

The sky wreaked havoc: After a long wait, the monsoon showed its fierce form, disrupting life across the country

(Kantilal Mandot)

After a long wait, when the monsoon arrived across the country, people were filled with joy. Millions of people, struggling with the scorching heat and water shortages, hoped that the rains would bring relief, restore greenery to their fields, and replenish water sources. But this time, the monsoon proved more of a disaster than a relief. Torrential rains in many states triggered a series of floods, waterlogging, landslides, and disasters that completely disrupted life. In many

places, people were forced to flee their homes, hundreds of villages were cut off, roads turned into rivers, and property worth crores of rupees was destroyed in an instant.

Maharashtra was the hardest hit. Nearly 100 tourists visiting Zenith Waterfall in Raigad district were trapped by the sudden rise in water levels. The situation became so dire that the administration had to immediately send relief and rescue teams. All the tourists were safely evacuated with the help of ropes. This incident

illustrates that even the slightest negligence at natural tourist destinations during the monsoon can prove fatal. Meanwhile, continuous rain in Mumbai Metropolitan Region and surrounding areas brought the city to a standstill. Roads in Vasai and Nalasopara turned into rivers, drowning nearly 20 cars. Vehicles were swept away at several locations. In Mumbai, 64 trees fell and the walls of eight houses collapsed. An 18-year-old biker died after being struck by a falling tree branch in Aarey Colony, raising

questions about safety during the downpour.

In Pune, continuous rain caused the boundary wall of a residential society to collapse, burying seven cars and seven motorcycles parked in the parking lot. A pipeline burst in Thane submerged roads. Waterlogging caused hours-long traffic jams at various locations. Rail and road traffic was also affected. The metropolis's outdated drainage system once again appeared helpless in the face of heavy rain.

The monsoon also wreaked

havoc in Gujarat, with several residential areas in Junagadh flooded with up to four feet of water. The situation became so dire that people had to be transported to safer places using boats. Children had to resort to school and others to carry out daily chores. In Bhavnagar, a car was swept away by the strong current. Roads in several cities, including Ahmedabad, were submerged, disrupting normal life. Shops, homes, and small businesses suffered significant financial losses.

In Raipur, the capital of

Chhattisgarh, a mere half-hour of rain transformed the entire city. In many areas, water entered homes up to knee-deep.

Household items in several colonies, including Tatibandh, were damaged. The power supply was disrupted, causing inconvenience throughout the night. Many families had to leave their homes and go to relatives' homes or safer locations. Young children and the elderly faced the most hardship as rainwater entered their homes.

Editorial

Trust should be restored

The meeting of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust should not only decide on the resignations of General Secretary Champat Rai and Trustee Anil Kumar Mishra. The Trust should also take concrete decisions that will dispel any doubts and assure the public that the temple's offerings will be properly managed and accounted for in the future. Such decisions are essential because the offering theft incident has deeply hurt the sentiments of the Hindu community. Their faith and belief have been deeply damaged. To compensate for this, the Trust should not hesitate to take even the harshest decisions.

If deemed necessary, the Trust should be dissolved and reconstituted. The Trust officials should realize that they failed to demonstrate the required seriousness, sensitivity, and promptness in handling such a significant matter. It is difficult to understand why the donation theft was dismissed without any investigation when it surfaced. Similarly, why was no concrete initiative for a high-level investigation initiated immediately? Indeed, there are not just one but many questions that put the Trust officials and their working style in the dock. There was also a delay in deciding on the resignations of General Secretary Champat Rai and Trustee Anil Kumar Mishra. Why was a meeting not called as soon as possible after these two individuals submitted their resignations?

There are good reasons to believe that some Trust officials had acquired excessive authority and were acting on their own whims. Similarly, there are good reasons to conclude that not all Trust officials were equally active, and that some, for various reasons, had remained inactive or isolated themselves. It is not satisfactory that the Special Investigation Team is investigating the donation theft case, as various allegations continue to surface.

These allegations are tarnishing the Trust's image. Since the donation theft scandal has drawn national attention, the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), the BJP, as well as the central and state governments, must investigate to see if the truth is revealed.

A decisive blow to digital piracy: Digital platforms usher in a new era of accountability

(Vinod Kumar Singh Takiyawala)

India is rapidly moving towards a digital economy. Entertainment, education, business, journalism, and much of communication now rely on online media. While technological advances have created unprecedented opportunities for creative industries, the challenge of digital piracy has also become equally serious. Pirated CDs and DVDs were once the medium for this illegal trade, then came the era of torrent websites, and now encrypted messaging platforms, cloud storage, private digital groups, and automated bot networks have become new means of disseminating pirated content. In this context, the notice issued by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting to Telegram is not merely an administrative action, but a clear indication of the new approach emerging in India's digital governance system. The government has required Telegram to not only remove content upon receiving complaints, but also develop effective mechanisms for identifying, preventing, and removing pirated films, OTT content, and other copyright-protected audio-visual content from its platform and submit a detailed action report within the stipulated time. The message is also clear that being a digital intermediary means not only providing a technical platform but also exercising the necessary due diligence and accountability as required by law. This step comes at a time when India has become one of the world's largest film-producing nations and has also established a strong presence in one of the fastest-growing OTT markets. Indian language films and web series are reaching global audiences. Digital media has also provided a world-class platform to artists from small towns, independent filmmakers, and new creators. This change is not limited to the entertainment industry but has become the foundation of India's emerging creator econo-

my. The biggest losses of digital piracy are not limited to filmmakers alone. The production of any film or web series involves writers, directors, composers, lyricists, actors, technicians, cameramen, editors, sound specialists, graphics artists, distributors, publicity agencies, and thousands of direct and indirect employees. A reduction in a film's legitimate revenues devalues the labor and investment of all these individuals. This is why intellectual property protection is considered a prerequisite for economic growth, innovation, and investment in developed countries. India also has adequate legal mechanisms for copyright protection. The Information Technology Act, 2000, the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, the Copyright Act, 1957, and various provisions of the Cinematograph Act provide the basis for addressing infringements on digital media. The judiciary has also, from time to time, acknowledged through mechanisms like the John Doe or Ashok Kumar orders and dynamic injunctions that digital crimes are not static, and therefore, their solutions must be dynamic in accordance with technology. Based on this experience, many countries around the world have increased the accountability of digital platforms. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act in the US, the Digital Services Act in the European Union, and Japan, Policies in countries like South Korea and Australia clearly indicate that technology companies cannot simply become passive instruments and absolve themselves of responsibility. India's current approach also appears to be in line with this global trend.

However, this is not just about law enforcement. Digital platforms today are also major vehicles for education, research, business, civic dialogue, and democratic expression. Millions of Indians use platforms like

Telegram for entirely legitimate purposes. Therefore, any action against piracy must ensure that the privacy, freedom of expression, and digital rights of legitimate users are not unduly affected. The success of democratic governance lies in striking a balance between being tough on crime and protecting civil rights.

Today, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and encrypted communication systems have made digital piracy more complex. While previously, large-scale dissemination of a pirated film required an organized network, the same content can now reach thousands of locations within minutes through automated bots, private groups, and cloud links. As a result, traditional content removal mechanisms are no longer sufficient. Globally, there is now a growing emphasis on prevention, early detection, and technical surveillance-based models. India faces the same challenge. A permanent solution to the problem of digital piracy is not possible by targeting a single platform. The nature of the internet is such that when one platform is shut down, another becomes active. Therefore, continuous coordination must be developed between the government, digital platforms, internet service providers, the film industry, OTT companies, cyber experts, and law enforcement agencies. This is not only a matter of legal, but also of technical and administrative cooperation. Creative industries will also have to adapt their strategies to the times. Experiences from many countries show that when films and digital content are available at reasonable prices, in high quality, and on time on legitimate platforms, piracy automatically decreases. Therefore, punitive action alone will not be sufficient. A consumer-friendly digital ecosystem, fast, legal distribution, and affordable services are also important components of this fight. It is equally important to develop respect for intellectual property rights in society. In our

country, watching a film or web series without paying is often not considered a serious crime. Whereas in reality it is an encroachment on the labor and rights of a creator.

Just as theft of physical property is socially unacceptable, theft of intellectual property should also be rejected on moral and social levels. This change will come not just through legislation, but through public awareness and education. The most important message of the notice issued to Telegram is that digital companies doing business in India must be accountable in accordance with Indian laws. In the future, similar standards may be developed for other digital platforms. If implemented in a transparent, equitable, and technically competent manner, India can not only make its creative economy more secure but also present a balanced and responsible model for global digital governance. Achieving the goal of a developed India by 2047 will not be possible solely through infrastructure, manufacturing, and investment. The knowledge-based economy, film, music, animation, gaming, digital journalism, online education, and artificial intelligence-based creative industries will also be key pillars of India's future economic power. Investment in these sectors will only increase when creators are confident that effective legal protections are available for their labor, talent, and investments.

In the digital age, it's no longer just a question of film piracy. It's a question of protecting the trust that inspires an author to write a book, a musician to compose a tune, a filmmaker to invest crores of rupees, and a young person to shape their dreams on the digital platform. Only if technology, law, and ethical responsibility complement each other, will Digital India truly build an economy based on innovation, creation, and trust, where the rights of the creator are protected, as well as the freedom of the citizen.

Sanand's Semiconductor Centre, the new identity of self-reliant India

(Saurabh Varshney)

The commissioning of CG Semi's Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat, is not just an industrial project, but a historic step that will shape India's technological future. At a time when the global economy is increasingly dependent on semiconductor chips, India's strong presence in this sector is crucial for both national self-reliance and economic security. On July 4th, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicated the CG Semi Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT) facility in Sanand, Gujarat.

The OSAT facility, which manufactures chips, then assembles, packages, and tests them, is a crucial part of the semiconductor

industry's supply chain. Until now, India has been almost entirely dependent on foreign companies and imported chips in this sector, impacting the country's electronics, automobile, telecommunications, and defense sectors in the event of a global crisis or supply disruption. This facility in Sanand will be a major step towards reducing this dependence.

Developed with an investment of approximately 7,600 crore, this project has the potential to establish India as a leading player in the global semiconductor value chain. The plant will package and test chips for automobiles, consumer electronics, telecommunications, 5G, the Internet of Things (IoT), and the energy sector. This will strengthen the country's electronics

manufacturing sector and provide new impetus to the Make in India and Digital India campaigns.

A major benefit of this project will be job creation. The development of high-tech industries will create new opportunities for engineers, technicians, and researchers. This will provide training and experience to the country's youth in cutting-edge technologies, helping to establish India as a technology producer, not just a consumer. Thousands of direct and indirect jobs are expected to be created in the coming years.

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rupting normal life. Shops, homes, and small businesses suffered significant financial losses. Maharashtra was the hardest hit. Nearly 100 tourists visiting Zenith Waterfall in Raigad district were trapped by the sudden rise in water levels. The situation became so dire that the administration Sanand is already a major hub for the automobile and manufacturing industries. Now, with the arrival of the semiconductor industry, this region could develop into India's Silicon Valley. This will also encourage the presence, investment, and research activities of other global companies, enhancing the industrial potential not only of Gujarat but of the entire country.

The semiconductor industry holds strategic importance globally. The world has witnessed the

adverse effects of chip shortages during the COVID-19 pandemic and international tensions. Developing India's own semiconductor ecosystem is essential not only economically but also strategically.

The OSAT center in Sanand symbolizes India's confident and visionary approach in this direction. Undoubtedly, the CG Semi OSAT facility in Sanand, Gujarat, will propel India to new heights of technological self-reliance, employment, export growth, and global competitiveness. This is not just the beginning of an industry, but the foundation of the dream of a developed India, where the country will stand at the forefront of the world's advanced technological powers.

Ego still riding high Rekha Gupta rebuts Kejriwal over 'who are you' attack on Nitin Nabin

NEW DELHI, (GNS): The political slugfest between the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party over the Ram Mandir donation controversy intensified, with Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta launching a blistering counterattack against AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal after he dismissed BJP national president Nitin Nabin with a "Who are you?" remark.

The sharp exchange is part of an escalating political battle over allega-



tions surrounding the Ram Mandir donation row, with both sides trading sharp attacks as the investigation continues. The war of words began after Nitin Nabin targeted the opposition over what he described as its "silence" whenever

Hindu deities were insulted. Addressing the BJP's Shakti Kendra Sanyojak Sammelan in Lucknow, Nabin said, "Today, I want to tell Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, and Kejriwal that you do not consider the Hindu religion so

weak that people will fall for your rhetoric."

"Because when your people insult Hindu deities, you all remain silent. The people of UP and the country will never tolerate the insult to Sanatan. We have preserved our heritage, for which our ancestors even made sacrifices," he added, as the BJP stepped up its outreach ahead of the 2027 Uttar Pradesh Assembly elections.

Kejriwal responded to Nabin's remarks with a terse retort: "Who are you

The comment prompted a strong response from Delhi chief minister Rekha Gupta, who accused the former Delhi chief minister of allowing political frustration to turn into arrogance. In a post on X, Gupta first introduced Nabin while highlighting his political journey and credentials. "Mr. Arvind Kejriwal, Mr. Nitin Nabin, aged 46, is the youngest-ever national president of the world's largest political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party.

Delhi's liquor policy will change, with the government introducing stricter rules

women's safety will be strengthened

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi government is preparing to finalize a new excise policy after implementing the electric vehicle (EV) policy. The government aims to implement a transparent and accountable excise policy that will increase revenue, curb illegal trade, and ensure the safety and dignity of people, especially women, while passing by shops.

The committee formed in this regard has submitted its report to the government. Based on the report, suggestions are being sought from the public and relevant stakeholders on various aspects to make the new policy more effective and practical.

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Emphasis will be on preventing revenue theft and women's safety



According to sources, the new excise policy will strengthen technology-based monitoring to prevent revenue evasion. Digital monitoring of the liquor supply chain, stock, and sales will be enhanced, along with several changes to the licensing system. The government believes this will curb tax evasion and increase revenue for the excise department.

Delhi aiming for 32,000 public EV charging points by 2030: CM Rekha Gupta



New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government, under its newly introduced EV Policy 2026, has unveiled an ambitious roadmap to develop nearly 32,000 public electric vehicle (EV) charging points across the Capital by 2030, with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta saying the expansion of charging infrastructure will be central to the city's transition towards clean mobility. According to the Chief Minister, the charging network has been planned on the basis of detailed demand assessment and data modelling, taking into account projected EV adoption, charging patterns, home charging availability and future public charging requirements. The government said the infrastructure will be developed ahead of demand to encourage more people to switch to electric vehicles. The roadmap forms a key component of the Delhi EV Policy 2026, which places charging infrastructure at the heart of the Capital's electric mobility strategy. Gupta said Delhi would build on the Centre's support under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, under which 382 charging station locations have already been sanctioned for the national capital. The Delhi Government will supplement these with additional state investment to bridge the remaining infrastructure gap and ensure charging facilities are available across the city. The policy also proposes a multi-pronged charging ecosystem, including home charging, workplace charging, public charging stations and battery-swapping facilities. While private vehicle owners are expected to rely largely on home and workplace charging, public charging stations will cater to users without dedicated parking, commercial fleets, taxis and visitors. Battery swapping will continue to support high-usage electric two-wheelers and three-wheelers by allowing batteries to be replaced within minutes.

Why PM Modi's Cabinet rejig may be further delayed

New Delhi, (GNS): For a fortnight now, power corridors in the national capital have been abuzz with talks of a Union Cabinet reshuffle and a major one at that. Many observers have stuck their necks out about timelines for change and scale of the revamp, only to get things wrong.

A cabinet rejig was anyway not on the cards until after a comprehensive restructuring of the BJP organisation. Saffron sources have indicated multiple times that the party's youngest ever president Nitin Nabin will first select his team only after which the PM will make changes to his council of ministers.

Once it is clear who is to be moved across two seg-

ments of power - BJP party and the government - the cabinet composition will be reviewed. Now, first things first - a BJP rejig has not happened despite Nitin Nabin being elected the party's 12th president months ago on January 19 this year.

First signs of a BJP revamp appeared last fortnight when the RSS top brass met with senior BJP strategists, including Nabin and Home Minister Amit Shah, at the residence of Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh. Besides other things, discussions are learnt to have taken place on who the RSS could loan to the BJP for future work and planning. A key BJP post which an RSS leader fills is that of

party general secretary organisation. Its current incumbent is BL Santosh. But bets may be placed on a younger RSS leader for this role with the name of Sunil Bansal, the man who delivered Bengal for BJP, doing the rounds.

A follow up meeting on organisational changes in the BJP happened again this week at the residence of Amit Shah. Nitin Nabin and BL Santosh attended in indications of forward movement on changes in the BJP. Main segments which will witness a change in the BJP restructuring process are - Parliamentary board, the party's highest decision making body chaired by PM Modi; the segments of BJP's vice-presidents, general secretaries, secretaries and state incharges.



Anti-women skew in Delhi firms 9 in 10 workers male

NEW DELHI, (GNS): Delhi's neighbourhood shops, traders, workshops and service providers may be among the country's most productive urban businesses, but the people running them remain overwhelmingly male, according to the National Statistics Office's (NSO) first city-level assessment of India's non-corporate urban economy.

The report found that women account for just 13.5 per cent of the workforce in Delhi's small businesses that are not registered as companies. In simple terms, nearly nine out of every 10 people working in the sector are men.

Women also remain a minority among business owners. Only 16.2 per cent of Delhi's proprietary businesses are owned by women,



meaning more than four out of every five such businesses are owned by men, the survey showed.

The findings are part of the 'Urban Unincorporated Enterprise Landscape:

ASUSE 2025 - Insights from Million-Plus Cities' report, which analysed neighbourhood shops, traders, repair units, manufacturers and service providers operating as proprietorships or part-

nerships across 46 Indian cities with populations of more than 10 lakh. Registered companies, government establishments and factories covered under the Annual Survey of Industries were excluded from the scope of the study.

The report estimated that Delhi alone had 5.92 lakh such establishments, employing nearly 13.94 lakh workers. Across the wider National Capital Territory, the numbers rose to 10.34 lakh establishments, employing 22.31 lakh workers.

Despite the low participation of women, Delhi ranked among the country's most productive urban centres. The Capital recorded a Gross Value Added (GVA) of Rs 66 lakh per worker, the third highest among the 46 cities

surveyed, while the average value generated per establishment stood at Rs 6.20 lakh.

The study also found that 50.26 per cent of Delhi's workforce comprised hired employees, meaning every second person working in the city's small business sector was an employee rather than the owner or an unpaid family worker. This was among the highest shares recorded in the survey.

Services formed the backbone of Delhi's small business economy, accounting for 44 per cent of establishments, followed by trade (40 per cent) and manufacturing (16 per cent). The NSO noted that the estimates were based on sample surveys and should be interpreted alongside confidence intervals and relative standard errors.

A living memorial Delhi park named after social worker DJ Sachdeva

New Delhi, (GNS): A neighbourhood park in Gujranwala Town in North Delhi has been dedicated to noted social worker Late DJ Sachdeva on Sunday, with Delhi Mayor Pravesh Wahi saying the move is aimed at honouring citizens who devoted their lives to public service while reaffirming the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's focus on expanding and improving green spaces.

The park, located in the Keshav Puram Zone, was inaugurated in the presence of local MLA Ashok Goel Deoraha, Keshav Puram Zone chairman Vikesh Sethi, councillors, members of social and religious organisations, Sachdeva's family and local res-

idents. Speaking at the event, Wahi said naming public spaces after individuals who made lasting contributions to society helps preserve their legacy and inspires younger generations to uphold the values of service, dedication and social responsibility.

The Mayor described parks as more than recreational spaces, calling them centres of social interaction, public health and community life.

He said the MCD plans to upgrade parks across Delhi through multiple models, including public-private partnerships, collaborations with Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), and coordination with the Delhi government.

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Back to the drawing board Delhi rolls out Mission Kayakalp' to refurbish govt schools

New Delhi, (GNS): The Delhi Government has rolled out "Mission Kayakalp", a city-wide initiative to upgrade infrastructure in government schools with emphasis on creating safe, modern and student-friendly learning spaces.

The programme will focus on repairing dilapidated buildings, modernising laboratories, improving sanitation, ensuring clean drinking water and beautifying campuses across selected schools in the Capital.

CM Rekha Gupta said the initiative aimed to transform government schools into "modern and inspiring learning spaces" rather than limiting them to centres of education.

According to the CM's Office, Mission Kayakalp is being implemented with support from district administrations, the Education Department, organisations contributing through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), market associations, social organisations and local communities. The government said the initiative seeks to combine public resources with community participation to improve school infrastructure.

Drone Technology Can Bring Big Change to the Lives of Rural India, Farmers and Youth Tarun Chugh

New Delhi ,(GNS): Drone technology has the potential to bring about a major transformation in the lives of rural India, farmers and the country's youth, said Shri Tarun Chugh, National General Secretary of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), while addressing National Drone Summit 2026 as the Chief Guest. Addressing the gathering, Shri Tarun Chugh said that India today stands as a strong global power and that drones are no longer just a modern technology. They have become an effective tool for making agriculture more scientific, strength-

ening the rural economy and creating new opportunities for the country's youth. He emphasised that the true purpose of development will be fulfilled only when the benefits of modern technology reach every village. He said the use of drones in agriculture has the potential to transform farming through crop monitoring, precision spraying of fertilisers and pesticides and reducing operational costs. According to him, these advancements will improve agricultural productivity, enable better utilisation of resources and make farming more modern and profitable.

Highlighting the role of



India's youth, Shri Tarun Chugh said they are the country's greatest strength. He noted that skill development and specialised training in drone technology can create new opportunities for employment and self-employment for millions of young people. Technology, he said, becomes truly meaningful only when it empowers youth to become self-reliant and brings positive

change to their lives.

He further said that cooperation has been a strong foundation of India's development journey and that the time has come to integrate it with advanced technology. He said such efforts can help take modern technology to villages, empower farmers and create new economic opportunities at the grass-roots. Indiatravel guide Speaking about the wider applications of drones, Shri Tarun Chugh said that their importance extends beyond agriculture into disaster management, healthcare, infrastructure, security, logistics and public services. He stressed that India should strength-

en its global position by promoting innovation and skill development across these sectors.

Concluding his address, Shri Tarun Chugh said that the partnership between technology and cooperation will play a vital role in realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Referring to the summit's theme, "From Policy to Prosperity," he said it is not merely the theme of the conference but a practical roadmap for New India's development, where ensuring that the benefits of modern technology reach the last person in society remains the highest priority.

Good news for lakhs of flat owners in Delhi, they can make any changes they want

New Delhi ,(GNS): There's some much-needed relief for millions of families living in Delhi Development Authority (DDA) flats. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has approved a comprehensive revised policy to regularize and grant new permissions for additional construction, extensions, and internal alterations in DDA flats.

This new policy will apply equally to all categories of DDA flats located in both notified and non-notified areas of Delhi. The changes under this policy are broadly divided into three categories:

Exemptions granted without notice or prior permission (minor changes)

This category includes minor alterations that do not require any structural changes and can be carried out by flat owners without informing the DDA or the Municipal Corporation:

Grill and glass fittings: Increasing the height of the verandah and balcony or terrace parapet by five to seven feet by installing grill or glass.

Humanoid Robots and Drone Steal the Spotlight at Rotary District 3291 Changeover Ceremony

New Delhi ,(GNS): On July 1, the District Changeover Ceremony of Rotary International District 3291, hosted by the Rotary Club of Calcutta Elite at The Silver Spring Club, turned into a spectacular celebration of technology, innovation, and Rotary service as two indigenously developed humanoid robots--Indira and Dodo--along with an autonomous drone, welcomed the distinguished dignitaries to the grand event. The occasion also marked the 3rd Installation Ceremony of the Rotary Club of Calcutta Elite, making the evening a memorable milestone in the history of Rotary District 3291.



The prestigious programme was graced by Past Rotary International President K. R. Ravindran (Sri Lanka) as the Chief Guest. Also present were Past Rotary International President Shekhar Mehta, District Governor (2026-27) Rtn. Tapas Kumar Bhattacharya, Immediate Past District Governor (2025-26) Rtn.

A flat purchased in his youth was not returned in his old age

but the builder has abandoned the project Delhi RERA has sought objections

New Delhi ,(GNS): The Delhi Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) has sought objections and suggestions from flat buyers by July 20 regarding the Central Square Plaza-IV (formerly DCM Technolo Plaza-IV) project located at Bara Hindu Rao in the capital.

This is because the project's builder, Purearth, has formally applied for abandonment of the project after more than 30 years.

In a public notice issued by Delhi RERA, all allot-



tees have been directed to appear before the authority on July 21 at 2:30 pm and present their side.

Why did the builder abandon the project In the application uploaded on the RERA website, the

company said it was submitting a formal application to abandon the project in compliance with the authority's directions.

According to the company, the sealing of the ongoing phases by the Supreme Court-appointed monitoring committee in 2011, the subsequent protracted legal battle, changes in building bye-laws, expiry of the sanctioned building plan and other circumstances that have arisen continuously since 1997, made it impossible to proceed with the

project as per the original plan.

The application states that the project has not been able to proceed due to delays and interference beyond the company's control. Therefore, the company is now formally abandoning the project. The Company undertakes to refund all allottees the full amount received from them, along with applicable interest. Furthermore, the Company has assured resolution of pending litigation and other legal matters filed by allottees.

Delhi HC orders takedown of AI-generated, obscene content misusing Ravi Kishan's identity

New Delhi ,(GNS): The Delhi High Court on Monday granted interim protection to actor and BJP MP Ravi Kishan, restraining several individuals, websites and online platforms from using or exploiting his name, image, likeness and other personality attributes without authorisation. The Court also directed the removal of URLs allegedly carrying obscene, pornographic and AI-generated content misusing the actor's identity.

Justice Jyoti Singh passed the interim order while hearing a suit filed by Ravi Kishan (Ravindra Shukla), who sought protection of his personality and publicity rights against alleged misuse of his identity across social media platforms, websites and other online mediums.

The Court restrained several Defendants, including unidentified "John Doe" defendants, from directly or indirectly using or exploiting Ravi Kishan's name, image, likeness or any other distinctive attributes of his persona for commercial or personal gain through any technology, including Artificial Intelligence (AI), Generative AI, Machine Learning and deepfakes, across physical, virtual or social media platforms.

The Court further restrained the defendants from posting any audio-visual, vulgar, obscene or pornographic content using the actor's personality attributes through any technology or medium.

Justice Singh also directed Defendants, along with the concerned domain name registrars, to take down the URLs listed in Annexure-A of the order within three days of receiving the order. The Court said that if they fail to comply, Ravi Kishan may notify Meta Platforms, Google LLC and X Corp., which shall initiate steps to remove the concerned URLs within 72 hours of receiving such intimation.



Politics erupted over Nitin Naveen's tweet

Kejriwal was cornered and Atishi clashed with CM Rekha Gupta over 'Hanuman Swarup'

New Delhi ,(GNS): The verbal war between BJP and Aam Aadmi Party leaders, which began on the social media platform X, has now escalated to the issue of Lord Hanuman and religious faith.

The controversy began with a post by BJP national president Nitin Naveen, in which he criticized opposition leaders for insulting Hinduism and Sanatan Dharma. Arvind Kejriwal responded with a one-line response.

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta retaliated, while Leader of the Opposition Atishi shared a video of Nitin Naveen's rally in Lucknow, questioning the BJP's respect for Lord Hanuman. The controversy quickly became a topic of political debate on social media.



How did the controversy start BJP National President Nitin Naveen, in a post on X, named Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, and Aam Aadmi Party national convener Arvind Kejriwal, saying that Hinduism and Sanatan Dharma should not be undermined. He alleged that opposition leaders remain silent on alleged insults to Hindu deities and Sanatan Dharma.

Union Minister Amit Shah To Attend 5th Foundation Day Ceremony Of Ministry Of Cooperation In New Delhi

New Delhi ,(GNS): Union Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah will attend the 5th Foundation Day Ceremony of the Ministry of Cooperation in New Delhi today. The Ministry said, the ceremony will be held in line with the vision of Sahakar Se Samridhi.

On the occasion, Mr Shah will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate several key initiatives. These include the inaugu-

ration of 232 grain storage godowns, Bhoomi Pujan of Sahakar Van, Bhoomi Pujan of tissue culture facilities in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra, the launch of the National Cooperative Database (NCD 3.0) and geo-tag mobile application, and the launch of the National Dairy Development Board's (NDDB) Milk Supply Review Dashboard Portal.

Meanwhile, initiatives



related to the productivity of dairy animals under Cooperative Inputs and Services Delivery Multi-State Limited, the inauguration of Cooperative Milk Producers Organisation

Multi-State Limited, the inauguration of Gomay Cooperative Society Multi-State Limited, and the unveiling of two major initiatives of National Urban Co-operative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) - Sahakar CBS and Sahakar Sahyogi - will also take place. During the programme, 50 thousand Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) will transform into e-

PACS.

During the programme, Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited (BBSSL) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research will sign a Memorandum of Understanding for strengthening seed systems and model bye-laws for dairy cooperative societies and a book highlighting the achievements of the Ministry will be released.



Delhi Govt launches DTC Route 753 Extension bus service to improve Central-West connectivity

New Delhi ,(GNS): Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) has introduced bus service, Route 753 Ext, on an experimental basis, to cater for the needs of commuters plying between Central Delhi and several residential areas in West Delhi. The new route will provide direct bus connectivity for residents of Janakpuri, Vikaspuri, Hastal, Shiv Vihar, Uttam Nagar, Hari Nagar and adjoining areas to Mori Gate, Kashmere Gate, Old Delhi Railway Station and New Delhi Railway Station, an official statement said.

Delhi Transport Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh said the launch of the new route reflects the government's commitment to making public transport more accessible and commuter-friendly. The launch of Route No. 753 Extension is an important step towards our commitment to providing accessible and convenient public transport

to every citizen of Delhi. The new route will improve daily connectivity between Central and West Delhi while also offering better transport facilities to members of the Purvanchal community travelling to Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh through the city's major interstate transport hubs."

Singh said. The Minister said the Delhi government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, is continuously expanding public transport services to ensure that residents have access to a safe, convenient and citizen-centric transport system.