



Supreme Court Allows Hearing on Bhojshala Dispute, Declines Interim Relief

Directs MP Government to Arrange Separate Friday Namaz Venue; No Structural Changes in ASI-Protected Complex

Dhar,(GNS): The Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal filed by the Muslim side challenging the Madhya Pradesh High Court's verdict declaring the Bhojshala in Dhar as a temple. However, the apex court has, for the time being, refused to permit Namaz inside the Bhojshala complex. Instead, it directed the Madhya Pradesh Government to arrange an open space adjacent to the Bhojshala premises where Friday prayers can be offered between 1 pm and 3 pm. The Supreme Court also ordered that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) shall not undertake any structural alterations in the Bhojshala complex without prior

permission from the Court. **No Interim Relief Granted for Now:** The Supreme Court issued notices on petitions filed by the Muslim parties challenging the Madhya Pradesh High Court's judgment, which recognised Bhojshala as a temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati and prohibited the offering of Namaz inside the premises.

A Bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, and Justice V. Mohan heard the matter. The Court, however, declined to grant interim relief, meaning the previous arrangement—under which Muslims were allowed to offer Friday prayers



and Hindus were permitted to worship on designated days—will not be restored for the time being. The Court has sought responses from all parties and will take up the matter for further hearing at a later date.

The Bench also indicated that the matter is likely to be

taken up for final hearing in about three weeks.

At the outset of the proceedings, the Bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant issued notices on the petitions filed by the Muslim parties and ordered that the case be listed for final hearing.

No Structural Alterations Without Court Approval:

Accepting the submission of senior advocate Huzaifa Ahmadi, appearing for the Muslim side, the Supreme Court directed that the ASI shall not make any structural changes to the Bhojshala complex without obtaining prior approval from the Court.

Muslim Side Challenges High Court Verdict

Senior advocate Huzaifa Ahmadi, appearing for the Muslim petitioners, argued that the High Court's judgment had completely altered the long-standing religious arrangement at the site. He submitted that the Muslim community had traditionally offered Friday prayers, while the Hindu side had been permitted to perform worship on Tuesdays.

Following the High Court's

order, the Muslim community has been barred from entering the premises and offering Namaz. Ahmadi also questioned the findings of the ASI report on which the High Court had relied.

Places of Worship Act Cited

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, also appearing for the Muslim side, argued that the High Court's decision was contrary to the spirit and provisions of the Places of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991.

Row Erupts Over Modi's Melbourne Event in Australia

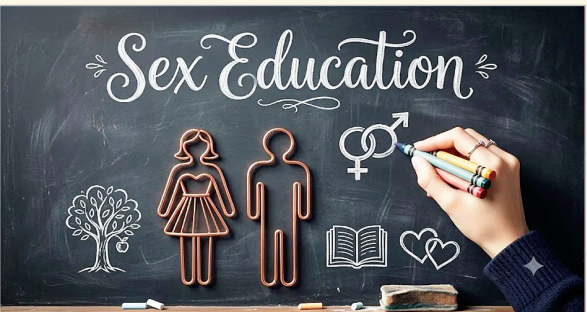
● Organisers deny paying attendees ● Congress had alleged people were hired to welcome the Prime Minister



New Delhi,(GNS): The organisers of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Melbourne Meets Modi' event in Australia have denied allegations that people were paid to attend the programme. Earlier, Congress leader Pawan Khera had shared a video on social media alleging that attendees at the July 9 event were flown in on chartered aircraft after being paid to participate.

According to media reports, the organisers have written to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, demanding an apology

Sex Education to Be Introduced in Schools, Centre Tells Supreme Court



New Delhi,(GNS): The long-standing hesitation surrounding sex education in India is set to end, with the Central Government announcing its plan to introduce the subject as part of the school curriculum.

The Centre informed the Supreme Court that preparations are underway to introduce sex education in schools across the country and that it will be implemented after receiving the Court's approval. Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati made the submission before a Bench comprising Justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice R. Mahadevan.

The issue arose during a Supreme Court hearing on Monday concerning the alleged misuse of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in cases involving consensual romantic relationships among adolescents.

10 Lakh Crore Defence Deals Approved After Operation Sindoor

Defence procurement pattern changes in 14 months India prepares for prolonged, multi-level warfare

New Delhi,(GNS): India's defence procurement strategy has undergone a significant transformation following Operation Sindoor. Record defence acquisition proposals approved over the past 14 months indicate that the armed forces are now being equipped not merely for limited retaliatory operations but for prolonged and multi-level warfare. Since the operation, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has approved 55 proposals worth more than ₹9.80 lakh crore. The expenditure will not be made at once but will be spread over several years through various defence contracts, manufacturing programmes and military modernisation projects.

Changing Nature of Warfare Behind the New Strategy: The shift in procurement reflects three key realities. First, the possibility of war has become increasingly common. Second, once a conflict begins, it is no longer easy to contain. Third, adversaries are now more



likely to prolong military conflicts in an attempt to inflict sustained economic and strategic damage.

The newly approved proposals aim to ensure adequate weapon stocks, faster repair capabilities and uninterrupted logistics for extended military operations. Defence experts believe that the prolonged conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia have significantly influenced India's military planning. However, delays in acquiring submarines and fifth-generation fighter aircraft continue to remain major challenges.

Operation Sindoor Boosts Global Demand for Indian Weapons: The successful deployment of indigenous defence systems such as BrahMos, Akash, loitering munitions, and Netra during Operation Sindoor has generated strong international interest. Several countries have expressed their willingness to purchase these systems, and defence deals worth over ₹21,000 crore have already been concluded with some nations.

Main Accused in Telangana Six-Murder Case Found Dead

Police suspect suicide after pesticide bottle recovered near body

Hyderabad, (GNS):

The main accused in the murder of six people in Telangana's Ranga Reddy district, P. Rajkumar, has been found dead. Police recovered his body from the Kothur police station limits. A bottle of pesticide was also found near the body, leading investigators to suspect that he died by suicide after consuming poison. However, the exact cause of death will be confirmed only after the investigation is completed. Rajkumar had been booked under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in May for allegedly harassing a minor girl. Police said that, seeking revenge over the case, he allegedly murdered the victim, her own wife and two sons on the night of July 10.



Monsoon Takes a Break for the Third Time in 11 Years

● Rainfall 19% below normal in Uttar Pradesh, 3% deficient in Madhya Pradesh ● 15 ITBP personnel stranded in Arunachal Pradesh

New Delhi / Bhopal,(GNS):

Large parts of the country are witnessing a monsoon break during July, marking the third such occurrence in the last 11 years after 2015 and 2021. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), northwestern, central and southern India are likely to receive very little rainfall over the next six to seven days. However, heavy rain is expected to continue in the Northeast, Bihar and



West Bengal. For the first time this July, Madhya Pradesh has recorded below-normal rainfall during the monsoon season. According to the IMD, the state has received 241.8 mm of rainfall so far, 3% below the normal

average of 250.1 mm. Similarly, Uttar Pradesh received 161.6 mm of rainfall between June 1 and July 13, which is 19% below the normal average of 199.7 mm. Rajasthan recorded no rainfall in the past 24 hours, while Sri Ganganagar registered a maximum temperature of 41.5°C. On Monday, communication was lost with 15 Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel stationed at the Tapa Border Outpost near the

India-China border after flooding in the Kume River in Kurung Kumey district of Arunachal Pradesh.

Flood-Like Situation in Northeastern States: Heavy rainfall has disrupted normal life across the Northeast. Reports of landslides and floods have emerged from Bihar, Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.

US-Iran conflict and the new challenge to world peace

(Lalit Garg)
The ceasefire, which was painstakingly established after prolonged tensions between the US and Iran, is on the verge of collapse even before its stipulated period ends. Iran's recent attacks on US military bases, followed by the US's massive bombing in response, have once again placed the entire world on the brink of war. This is not merely a military conflict between two countries, but a serious challenge to global peace, economic stability, and human values. At a time when the world should be united in its fight against problems like the pandemic,

economic recession, climate change, and energy crisis, the war-mongering of superpowers is holding humanity back. The dispute over the Strait of Hormuz has further exacerbated this conflict. Approximately 20 percent of the world's crude oil supply flows through this sea route. If this route is disrupted, it will not only increase oil prices but also have a profound impact on the entire global economy. Inflation will rise, production costs will increase, supply chains will be disrupted, and the economies of developing countries will be most affected. The fire of war never

remains confined within borders; its heat ultimately scorches the entire world. The most tragic aspect of this conflict is that innocent civilians, sailors, and ordinary people pay the highest price. Recent events, including the impact on Indian sailors and the damage to the strategically important Chabahar port project, developed with Indian cooperation, have made it clear that war is not limited to a single country. It adversely impacts international trade, energy security, and global trust. The US claims to be the guardian of democracy and global order, but its foreign

policy has long been based on sanctions, military pressure, and a display of power. Economic sanctions, military attacks, and political pressure cannot be a lasting solution to subjugate any nation. Being a superpower implies not only military might, but also restraint, foresight, and a moral responsibility to the global community. If power is not wielded with discretion, it can lead to destruction. Iran, on the other hand, must understand that holding international sea lanes hostage to its strategic interests is neither in accordance with international law nor

global trust. No country's security can be sustainable unless it cultivates an environment of cooperation, trust, and transparency with its neighbors and the global community. A security system based on fear and retaliation ultimately renders itself insecure. President Donald Trump's approach has made this crisis even more uncertain. On the one hand, he resorts to harsh military action, while on the other, he calls for dialogue and compromise. Such contradictory messages not only undermine diplomatic trust but also create instability in international markets. Every

statement by the leaders of superpowers impacts not only their own countries, but also the global economy, investment, energy markets, and the lives of millions of people. Therefore, patience, stability, and credibility in leadership are essential. History bears witness that wars have never provided lasting solutions. From World Wars I and II to Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and Syria, every war has only created new problems. Millions of people lost their lives, millions were displaced, but ultimately, solutions were found at the negotiating table.

Editorial

On the 2026 World Cup

When the 2026 World Cup kicked off on June 11 in Mexico City, the air was filled with cautious optimism. This being the first 48-team World Cup, there were apprehensions that the group stage would be low on quality and feature many one-sided games. But hope stemmed from sport's innate ability to adjust, evolve and thrive in newer settings. After more than a month's action, it can be safely said that the World Cup in North America has been a footballing success. Though semifinalists France, Spain, Argentina and England are all former winners, currently ranked at the top and from the pedigreed and established stables, there has been ample space for others to carve their own identities. Cape Verde — a tiny archipelago off Africa's west coast — qualifying for the knock-outs and fighting defending champion Argentina toe-to-toe, spirited performances from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Senegal, Egypt's near-defeat of Argentina in the round of 16, and Norway overcoming five-time titlist Brazil and stretching England for nearly 120 minutes are all vivid examples of the wide geographical spread of sporting excellence. In fact, nine of the 10 African nations in the competition reached the knock-outs, and Asia too would have had more than just Japan and Australia if luck had favoured Iran, which crashed out despite three draws from three matches.

However, on the administrative front, the tournament has been found wanting. There were problems galore at the beginning, such as forcing Iran to camp in Mexico and travel long hours to Seattle and Los Angeles, and arbitrarily denying visas to officials and fans. But governing body FIFA has not turned over a new leaf. Among the controversies was the way the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system was applied in Argentina's narrow 3-2 win over Egypt. The African nation saw a goal overturned for a foul committed in the lead up but did not see the same yardstick applied for one of Argentina's. Another issue that left supporters seething was the intervention of U.S. President Donald Trump in the deferral of forward Folarin Balogun's one-match suspension in time to play Belgium in the round of 16.

Who is responsible for this unruly behavior, my friend

(Manoj Kumar Agarwal)

If someone, in the presence of two top judges in the Supreme Court, were to utter a highly offensive insult to the Chief Justice and throw a file, what would one consider this behavior? Could this be considered public outrage against the judicial system? The Supreme Court is not merely a judicial institution, but a symbol of the pillar of Indian democracy, where ordinary citizens turn with the last hope. Therefore, if such an incident occurs within that very court, in which a lawyer uses abusive language against the Chief Justice during a court proceeding, challenges the court's dignity, and angrily throws a file, it is not merely an act of inappropriate behavior by an individual, but raises serious questions about the dignity of the judicial system and society's changing attitude towards democratic institutions. The incident that occurred in the Supreme Court on Friday has drawn national attention. According to available information, the petitioner lawyer behaved indecently in the courtroom, hurling highly offensive insults at Chief Justice Surya Kant, and disrupted the proceedings. The Chief Justice himself was not present in the courtroom at the time, and a bench of Justice K.V. Vishwanathan and Justice Alok Aradhe was presiding. As the situation escalated, security personnel immediately intervened and removed the miscreant from the courtroom, and the Delhi Police later took him away for questioning. According to preliminary information, the court is viewing the entire incident with utmost seriousness and is proceeding with necessary legal action. The Supreme Court of India is the guardian of the Constitution, the protector of civil

liberties, and the last hope for justice in a democratic system. Therefore, every behavior within the Supreme Court is not merely a matter of personal conduct, but rather a question of the reputation of the judiciary, the responsibility of the bar and advocacy community, and the rule of law. When relief is not forthcoming from lower courts and other institutions, individuals look to the Supreme Court with hope. Therefore, every word, order, tradition, and behavior of the Supreme Court relates not only to a case but to the reputation of the country's democratic and constitutional system. Therefore, any incident of indecency, aggression, and indiscipline within the courtroom is a matter of serious concern. What occurred during the Supreme Court hearing on Friday was a gross violation of the court's dignity. Justice K. A petitioner named Prabal Pratap was arguing his own case before a bench of Justices V. Vishwanathan and Alok Aradhe. During the hearing, he attempted to dictate to the judges, threw the case file and papers in the air, and used abusive language. The situation became unbearable, and security personnel had to intervene and escort him out of the courtroom. The petitioner was dissatisfied with an order of the Allahabad High Court. He complained that the High Court had directed his application regarding the police investigation to be treated as a private complaint. Disagreement with a judicial order is not unusual. Every citizen has the right to challenge an order using the remedies available to them under the law. But legal rights and the freedom to misbehave in court are two different things. While a person has every right to seek justice, that does not entitle them to instruct, threaten, insult, or dis-

rupt court proceedings. The Supreme Court bench displayed remarkable restraint in this incident. The judges, given the petitioner's mental state and frustration, decided not to take punitive action against him. The court stated that it sympathized with the individual and viewed his behavior as a result of his distress and frustration. The petition was dismissed on merits, but no separate punishment was imposed for his abusive behavior. This court's stance is certainly an example of judicial generosity and human sensitivity, but it also raises a significant question. Could dismissing such incidents as mere acts of frustration send a wrong message in the future? Sympathy is essential, but maintaining court discipline is equally crucial. If incidents like throwing files in court, using abusive language, and ordering judges continue without any institutional response, they risk undermining the court's decorum, especially when the person engaging in such behavior is a legal practitioner. A lawyer is not only a representative of his client but also an officer of the judicial system. He is expected to respect the law, the court, and professional codes of conduct. He has the right to strongly present his case, but within the constitutional limits of language, behavior, and logic. Agitation, insults, and threats cannot substitute for legal debate. Within the constitutional bounds of conduct and reason. Anger, insults and threats cannot be a substitute for legal debate. Within the constitutional bounds of conduct and reason. Anger, insults and threats cannot be a substitute for legal debate.

Under the Advocates Act, 1961, the Bar Council has the authority to investigate the professional conduct of lawyers and take disciplinary action. If a preliminary

investigation reveals misconduct, action can range from warning the lawyer to disbarring them from practicing law for a certain period, or, in serious cases, removing them from the roll of advocates. It is now the responsibility of the Bar Council to conduct an impartial investigation of the entire incident. It

should be noted that this is not the first such incident within the Supreme Court. In February 1999, lawyer Nand Lal Balwani threw a shoe at a bench headed by then Chief Justice A.S. Anand. The court considered this a serious criminal contempt and sentenced him to four months' simple imprisonment and a fine. Later, professional disciplinary action was also taken against him. At that time, the court clearly communicated that disagreement with judicial decisions does not imply the right to tarnish the court's reputation. In October 2005, then Chief Justice B.R. Gavai's court, a lawyer shouted slogans and attempted to throw a shoe at him. Even then, Justice Gavai displayed personal magnanimity and downplayed the incident. This restraint on the part of judges may be commendable, but repeated incidents of this nature highlight the need to reconsider court security, access arrangements, professional mental health, and disciplinary mechanisms. The purpose of the law relating to contempt of court is not to protect judges from personal criticism, but to ensure the smooth flow of justice. Criticism of judicial decisions is perfectly acceptable in a democracy. Even the harshest legal criticism is acceptable, provided it is based on facts, logic, and decent language. However, behavior that intimidates the court, stalls proceedings, or insults judges freedom of expression.

S. Janaki, the river of voice that flowed in twenty languages

(Kumar Krishnan)

A star in the vast musical horizon of Indian cinema, whose radiance shone in the hearts of millions of listeners for nearly seven decades, passed away. The passing of S. Janaki, the legendary playback singer of South Indian cinema, at the age of 88, marks not just the passing of an artist, but an emotional end to a vibrant tradition of Indian music, whose voice, with its voice, made the boundaries of language, region, and culture meaningless.

Born on April 23, 1938, Sistala Sriramurthy Janaki, affectionately known as Janaki Amma, was one of the rare figures of Indian playback singing, whose voice gave voice to the emotions of many generations. She recorded over 48,000

songs in nearly twenty languages, including Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Oriya, Urdu, Sanskrit, Tulu, Konkani, Bengali, and other Indian languages. This achievement is not merely a statistical record, but a testament to her remarkable engagement with India's cultural diversity.

In the history of Indian film music, there have been very few artists who have so effortlessly transcended linguistic boundaries. Just as Lata Mangeshkar and Asha Bhosle are revered in North India, S. Janaki was a symbol of reverence and respect in South India. Many music lovers compared her to Asha Bhosle, but in reality, Janaki carved a unique identity for herself with her own unique singing style and vocal sensibility.

Her playback singing career began in 1957 with the Tamil film Vidhiyin Vilayattu. That same year, she also began singing in Malayalam films and quickly recorded songs in six different Indian languages, showcasing her extraordinary talent to the Indian music world. This marked the beginning of a career that continued to reach new heights for the next sixty years. By the 1970s, S. Janaki had become the most popular female singer in the Malayalam film industry. She worked with almost all the major composers of that era and sang songs that remain an integral part of Kerala's cultural life even today. Her voice possessed a unique blend of sweetness, compassion, playfulness, and deep emotion. This was why every emotion—love,

separation, devotion, folk tunes, or classical music—came alive effortlessly in her voice. In 1970, she received her first Kerala State Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer. She held this honor for nearly a decade and a half thereafter. She subsequently received a total of 33 state film awards from various states and four National Film Awards. This long list of awards was not only a testament to her popularity, but also an acknowledgment of the artistic excellence she cultivated throughout her life.

S. Janaki's greatest strength was the multifaceted nature of her voice. She could sing the innocence of a teenager and the pain of a woman going through life's struggles. She was as comfortable with folk tunes as she was with complex classical

compositions. Her voice so attuned to the emotions of the character that the listener not only heard the song but also felt the soul of the character. In South India, she was considered not just a singer, but the Nightingale of India. Her popularity can be gauged from the fact that musicians from several generations—whether M.S. Viswanathan, K.V. Mahadevan, Ilaiyaraaja, or A.R. Rahman—all relied on her extraordinary talent. She made her presence felt in the music of every era, presenting herself in a new way with each new generation. This is why S. Janaki's passing is not just a sad news for the Indian music world, but the end of an era that elevated music beyond language and made it a universal expression of emotions.

Will worsen your health Actor Naseeruddin Shah other eminent persons urge CJP protesters to end hunger strike

New Delhi, Agency: A group of prominent writers, actors and academics, including Arundhati Roy, Naseeruddin Shah and Ratna Pathak Shah, on Monday urged protesters on an indefinite hunger strike at Delhi's Jantar Mantar to end their fast, even as they reiterated support for their demand seeking Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination.

In a joint statement, the signatories said they were "immensely grateful" to the protesters for leading the agitation against the government but expressed concern over their deteriorating health.

"We salute your sense of purpose, the determination and courage with which you are spearheading this movement for students and youth across the country," the statement said.

Appealing to the protesters to call off the hunger strike, they



added, "We request you to please consider ending this hunger strike immediately in the interests of the longer and more difficult struggle ahead. This battle is a marathon, not a sprint, and we need you, your strength and leadership in the days to come."

The signatories said they feared that the government's alleged failure to respond to the demands could further jeopardise the health of those on

hunger strike.

"We worry that their negligence in responding to your demands will only worsen the already fragile state of health that many of you are in," they said.

The appeal came on the 24th day of the Cockroach Janta Party's protest at Jantar Mantar and the 16th day of educator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk's indefinite fast.

According to organisers,

Wangchuk has lost 8.2 kg since beginning his fast. His latest medical parameters showed a blood pressure of 107/70 mmHg and a blood glucose level of 67 mg/dL.

AISA activist Deepak, who had also been on hunger strike since June 28, was admitted to RML Hospital on Monday after his health deteriorated.

The statement also appealed to Delhi residents to participate in the CJP's proposed march to Parliament on July 20, coinciding with the start of the monsoon session.

Apart from Roy, Naseeruddin Shah, Ratna Pathak Shah and economist Jayati Ghosh, the statement was signed by academics Anuradha Chenoy, Nivedita Menon, Tanika Sarkar and Aditya Nigam, filmmaker Sanjay Kak, activists Lalita Ramdas and Kavita Srivastava, feminist Madhu Bhushan and cultural practitioner Arundhati Ghosh.

Delhi court orders dignified disposal of remains in Red Fort blast case



New Delhi, Agency: A Delhi court on Monday allowed the National Investigation Agency (NIA) to dispose of the remains of those killed in the November 10, 2025, blast near the iconic Red Fort, directing that the process be carried out with full human dignity.

Special Judge Pitambar Dutt also permitted the agency to dispose of the body parts of Dr Umer Un Nabi, the driver of the explosives-laden car who was killed in the suicide blast.

The NIA informed the court that all forensic evidence had been collected from the biological remains and that there was no purpose in retaining them,

as they were decomposing over time.

The agency had sought the court's permission to dispose of the biological remains of those who died in the Red Fort blast case.

Allowing the plea, the court directed the probe agency to dispose of the remains with full human dignity and in accordance with the religious beliefs of the deceased. It also sought a compliance report from the NIA. Earlier, on May 14, six months after the Red Fort car explosion that killed 11 people and injured several others on November 10, 2025, the NIA filed a 7,500-page chargesheet in the case.

Delhi renames 'Mahila Samriddhi Yojana' as 'Delhi Lakshmi Yojana'

New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi Government on Monday renamed its proposed "Mahila Samriddhi Yojana" as "Delhi Lakshmi Yojana", with plans to launch the scheme around Raksha Bandhan next month. Under the scheme, eligible women aged between 21 and 60 years will receive a monthly financial assistance of Rs 2,500.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta reviewed the implementation of the scheme at a high-level meeting at the Delhi Secretariat. She directed officials to ensure that its benefits reach all eligible women in a transparent and time-bound manner.

Chief Secretary Rajeev Verma and senior officials from the departments concerned were present in the meeting.

The government also finalised the eligibility criteria for the scheme. To avail of the benefit, a woman or her family must have



been residing in Delhi for at least 10 years, while the family's annual income should not exceed Rs 2.5 lakh. Only one woman per family - the eldest eligible member - will be entitled to receive the financial assistance. Women whose families own a four-wheeler or are already receiving any government pension or regular financial assistance will not be eligible. The beneficiary and her family should have no criminal record.

Delhi's Dilli Haat puts sustainability in spotlight as old fabrics find new life

New Delhi, Agency: An old sari, garment factory offcuts, discarded denim and worn cotton shirts might appear to have reached the end of their journey. At Dilli Haat, they might just be beginning a new one. This week, forgotten textiles are being transformed into fashion, home decor and art, proving that what is old to one person can become a treasured possession for another.

The fourth edition of 'Weave the Future', inaugurated by Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh on Monday, is celebrating India's growing embrace of circular fashion, where repair, reuse, upcycling and recycling are becoming as important as creating something new. GeographicReference Walking through the six-day



exhibition, visitors are greeted by a towering shirt stitched together from dozens of fabric pieces. More than just a colourful photo opportunity, the installation asks people to "Look Again" to see the journey behind every upcycled garment and recognise the value hidden in textile waste.

The message accompanies visitors throughout the exhibition. An infinity-shaped installation made entirely from dis-

carded textiles symbolises the endless possibilities of reuse, challenging the idea that fabrics have only one life. Around it, exhibits explain concepts such as upcycling, repairing, recycling, repurposing and thrifting, encouraging visitors to rethink their relationship with clothing.

Speaking at the inauguration, Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh said sustainability had become central to the future of India's textile industry. "As textile consumption continues to rise, it is imperative that we strengthen circular economy practices, promote responsible production and scale innovative solutions that transform textile waste into valuable resources," he said.

Singh further said, "India is

committed to positioning itself as a global leader in sustainable textiles, contributing not only to the nation's growth but also to the world's transition towards a more responsible and resilient textile ecosystem."

Organised by the Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles, the exhibition runs from July 12 to 17 and brings together more than 100 artisans, designers, thrift collectives, startups and recycling enterprises from across the country.

Among the exhibitors is Unneu, a platform that enables women to resell cherished saris, preserving both their cultural significance and emotional value while extending the life of each garment.

CM launches dust portal 2.0 to combat pollution



New Delhi, Agency: Chief minister Rekha Gupta Monday launched Dust Portal 2.0 and asked all construction and demolition projects with a plot area of 500 square metres or more to carry out self-assessments.

Through GIS mapping, 360-degree cameras and AI-enabled sensors that will generate automatic pollution alerts, the portal will enable real-time, site-specific action against dust-control and pollution beyond prescribed limits.

According to Delhi govt data, dust generated from roads, soil and construction work is one of the major contributors to air pollution in the capital. It accounts for nearly 27% of the total air pollution during summer and around 15% during winter. The dust also contributes 66% of PM10 and nearly 38% of PM2.5 emissions.

Delhi Pollution Control Committee has developed the portal.

"The portal will accurately map construction sites and automatically assess five key dust control parameters, making monitoring more objective, transparent and uniform. It will also identify the nearest air quality monitoring station to each construction site and analyse site-level data. As pollution levels rise, the system will automatically issue yellow, orange and red alerts, enabling the agencies to take timely action," Delhi govt said.

The portal will also facilitate the automatic issuance of compliance certificates and enforcement notices in cases of violations, reducing paperwork and speeding up action. Dust Portal 2.0 has also been developed as an Android and iOS mobile application, enabling DPCC officials, urban local bodies and project proponents to monitor compliance from anywhere.

Environment minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa said that dust generated from construction and demolition work is one of the major sources of air pollution in Delhi. "Until now, monitoring of construction sites largely depended on manual processes, which had several shortcomings. The new AI-based system will enable real-time monitoring of compliance, immediate alerts in case of violations and ensure strict action against repeat offenders."

No trace of 4 boys swept away in Yamuna

New Delhi, Agency: Grief and uncertainty hung heavy over the banks of the Yamuna near Thokar No. 24 at Hiranki village in outer north Delhi on Monday as anxious families waited for any sign of four boys who were swept away by the river's strong current while bathing. Despite an intensive search by rescue agencies, there was no breakthrough even on the second day.

The incident came to light on Sunday evening after a PCR call was received at the Alipur police station around 7.46 pm reporting that children had drowned in the Yamuna.

The police reached the spot and learnt that five boys had



gone to the river for a bath. While four of them entered the water and were swept away by the strong current, the fifth boy, Lucky (14), remained on the banks and raised an alarm.

Hearing his cries, people working in nearby agricultur-

al fields rushed to the river and attempted to rescue the children. By the time they reached, the four boys had disappeared into the fast-flowing waters.

The missing boys have been identified as Rahul, Anshu, Saurabh and

Amandeep, all around 15 years old and residents of Ibrahimpur in outer Delhi.

Lucky, who was with the group, said they had reached the ghat around 5 pm. He recalled that he had warned his friends against entering the river after noticing the strong current, but they went ahead while holding each other's hands. Moments later, the current swept them away.

Throughout Monday, teams of the National Disaster Response Force, Delhi Disaster Management Authority, Delhi Fire Services and the Delhi Police continued an extensive search operation using boats and trained rescue personnel. The local

administration and the Sub-Divisional Magistrate were also involved in coordinating the rescue efforts.

On the riverbank, family members refused to leave despite the passage of time. Every movement of the rescue boats drew hopeful glances, only to end in disappointment as the teams returned without locating the boys. Their clothes and slippers, left behind before they entered the water, remained untouched on the riverbank.

Shyam Bihari Shah, father of Anshu, said the family had received a call about the incident on Sunday evening and had been waiting by the river ever since, hoping for news of his son.

12-year-old Delhi schoolgirl dies in bus-e-rickshaw collision near Majlis Park Metro Station

New Delhi, Agency: A 12-year-old girl on her way to school was killed after a school bus collided with the e-rickshaw she was travelling in near Majlis Park Metro Station in north-west Delhi on Tuesday morning, police said.

The impact threw the child onto the road, following which she came under the bus and suffered fatal injuries.

The deceased, identified as Priyanshi, was a resident of Rama Garden in Mukundpur.

She was travelling to school in the e-rickshaw when the accident took place, officials said.

Police said a PCR call regarding the accident was received at Adarsh Nagar police station, following which a team rushed to the spot near Majlis Park Metro Station and initiated rescue and legal proceedings.

Preliminary investigations revealed that the school bus, driven by Kamal Singh (55), collided with the e-rickshaw carrying schoolchildren.

"During the impact, Priyanshi fell from the e-rickshaw and came under



the bus, sustaining grievous injuries," a senior police officer said.

She was taken to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial (BJRM) Hospital in Jahangirpuri, where doctors declared her brought dead.

No other child travelling in the e-rickshaw was injured in the accident, police said.

The e-rickshaw was being driven by Ajay Prasad (45), a resident of Mukundpur.

Officials said the exact sequence of events leading to the collision is being verified.

Senior police officers, along with the district crime team and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) team, visited the accident site.

Car catches fire inside Dwarka Eway tunnel

New Delhi, Agency: A car caught fire inside the newly built airport tunnel on the Gurugram-Dwarka Expressway on Monday, triggering a major emergency that filled the tunnel with thick black smoke, disrupted traffic for nearly two hours and forced the evacuation of vehicles trapped inside.

"The occupants managed to get out of the vehicle in time, and no injuries were reported. The incident took place when the car suddenly caught fire while passing through the tunnel. Within minutes, dense smoke spread across the tunnel, sharply reducing visibility and creating panic among motorists travelling towards Delhi and the airport. Fire suppression systems installed inside the tunnel were automatically activated as soon as the blaze erupted, preventing the fire from spreading further. However, when The Tribune contacted the Delhi Fire Services (DFS), officials said they had not received any information about the incident. ClassifiedsAdvertising ServicesDespite the emergency response system, smoke quickly accumulated inside the tunnel. As a precaution, the police stopped all vehicles outside the tunnel and barred fresh entry until the situation was brought under control. The police then safely guided vehicles that were already inside the tunnel out, evacuating motorists one by one amid low visibility caused by the smoke. The emergency response disrupted traffic on the Dwarka Expressway, with long queues of vehicles building up on the Delhi-bound carriageway. Office-goers and passengers heading towards the airport were among those caught in the congestion. To clear the tunnel, exhaust fans were operated at full capacity to remove the smoke. Traffic was restored in phases only after the tunnel was declared safe, around two hours after the incident. Initial findings and eyewitness accounts suggest the fire may have been caused by a technical fault in the engine or a short circuit."

Narela afforestation land turned into protected forest

Govt notifies 1.0066 hectares under Indian Forest Act-1927

New Delhi, Agency: In a move that gives statutory protection to a compensatory afforestation site in the Capital, the Delhi Government has notified 1.0066 hectares of land in Narela as a Protected Forest under the Indian Forest Act, 1927, bringing the parcel within the legal framework meant to prevent unauthorised use and ensure its long-term conservation.

The notification, issued by the Department of Forests and Wildlife and published in the Delhi Gazette, which is with The Tribune comes into effect from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette. It has been issued



under Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, read with the relevant Ministry of Home Affairs notifications and other statutory provisions applicable to the National Capital Territory of Delhi. The declaration has been made with the approval of the Lieutenant Governor.

The significance of the

notification lies not in the size of the land but in the legal status it now acquires. The notified parcel is compensatory afforestation land in Village Narela, Tehsil Narela, Outer North District, meaning the area earmarked for plantation has now been brought under the protection of

forest law, making it less vulnerable to unauthorised use or encroachment while ensuring its continued conservation as part of Delhi's forest ecosystem.

According to the Gazette notification, the protected area covers portions of Khasra Nos. 18//11, 18//12, 18//18, 18//19, 18//20, 18//21/1, 18//21/2, 18//22/1, 18//22/2 and 18//23 in Narela. The notification goes beyond merely identifying the land and records its geo-referenced coordinates, boundary details and maps to facilitate administrative monitoring and precise identification of the protected area.

MCD chief orders faster drain cleaning in Adarsh Nagar



New Delhi, Agency: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Commissioner Sanjeev Khirwar on Thursday reviewed monsoon preparedness in Adarsh Nagar and directed officials to speed up drain desilting, curb illegal dumping into drains and improve sanitation around Adarsh Nagar Metro Station.

During an inspection of the Civil Lines Zone, Khirwar asked

Public Works Department (PWD) officials to expedite desilting work near the metro station. He also ordered action against shops allegedly operating with illegal licences in Murga Mandi. Expressing concern over the dumping of onion and garlic peels into drains after sorting, the Commissioner directed officials to clear the waste immediately and take strict action against violators.

DU's Faculty of Law lists 3 sites for new campus; seeks feedback



New Delhi, Agency: An email sent to faculty members by the administration of Delhi University's Faculty of Law appears to be the first confirmation of the institution's plans to relocate from its current location in North Campus.

The email, dated June 30 and seen by HT, listed three locations for the new campus and asked staff to rank the three options in the order of their preference.

Dear faculty members, as per the subsequent directions received from the higher authorities, a detailed form is being shared with all faculty members to kindly indicate their preferences (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) of their future work location," it said. "Please select your future work location preferences - East Campus (Surajmal Vihar), West Campus (Dwarka Sector 22), and North Campus."

HT reached out to the Dean of the Faculty of Law and the University of Delhi for comment, but no response was received till the time of publication.

Since the past few months, there have been rumours suggesting that the administration had

been considering the relocation. However, the administration had not confirmed any such development and it is not clear why the move is being considered at all.

Speaking to HT, Anumeha Mishra, a faculty member, said the email raised more questions than it clarified.

Faculty members have been asked to indicate their preferred centres without being provided with any information. As there is no clarity regarding the exact location of the proposed centres," she said.

The Google Form circulated for submitting preferences does not refer to the existing centres-Campus Law Centre, Law Centre-I, Law Centre-II, and the Five-Year Integrated Law Programme. This has created uncertainty as to whether the existing centres are being renamed or fundamentally reorganised," Mishra added.

Mithuraaj Dhusiya, an elected member of the Delhi University's Executive Council, questioned the secrecy surrounding the matter, saying that it had not been discussed at the university's decision-making level.

Ambedkar University Delhi begins admission process for UG courses

New Delhi, Agency: Dr B. R. Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD) has started the admission process for its undergraduate (UG) programmes for the 2026-27 academic session from July 2.

The university is inviting applications from candidates who appeared for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) 2026, offering admissions to 23 undergraduate programmes with a total intake of 1,194 seats.

AUD, a Delhi government established university known for its focus on social sciences and humanities, is offering



admissions to 23 undergraduate programmes across multiple disciplines, with a total intake of 1,194 seats.

The admissions will be based on CUET (UG) 2026 scores, in line with the provisions of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, under which stu-

dents can enrol in three-year and four-year undergraduate degree programmes.

Students who appeared for Common University Entrance Test [CUET (UG) 2026] are invited to take admissions for various 3- and 4-year UG programmes as per the New

Education Policy (NEP) 2020," the university said in its admission announcement.

AUD has advised aspiring candidates to complete the registration process through the university's CUET admission portal and carefully review all admission related details before submitting their applications.

The university said applicants should "carefully review the programme-wise eligibility criteria, admission guidelines, reservation policy, fee structure and important dates before submitting their applications."

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta honours surgeon Pawanindra Lal with Chikitsa Vibhushan Samman

New Delhi, Agency: Laparoscopic, robotic and gastrointestinal surgeon Dr Pawanindra Lal was conferred the Chikitsa Vibhushan Samman by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), East Delhi branch, during National Doctors' Day celebrations in the Capital, recognising his contribution to patient care, medical education and healthcare advancement.

The award was presented by Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta at the Poorva Sanskritik Kendra on July 1. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister of State Harsh



Malhotra, former Union Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan, Krishna Nagar MLA Dr Anil Goyal, and members of the medical fraternity.

nity. The Chikitsa Vibhushan Samman is given to distinguished doctors for excellence in clinical practice, patient care, medical education and healthcare development.

Dr Lal, a pioneer of minimal access surgery in India, has spent decades advancing laparoscopic and robotic gastrointestinal procedures. He is Senior Consultant in the Department of Robotic, Minimal Access and General Surgery at Indraprastha Apollo Hospital, New Delhi, and President of the International College of Laparoscopic Surgeons.

Delhi seeks 3-yr records from credit societies

New Delhi, Agency: The Delhi Government has directed all thrift and credit cooperative societies in the Capital to submit detailed financial records for the past three years and to stop mobilising deposits beyond their repayment capacity, following complaints of alleged irregularities.

Around 550 societies registered with the Registrar of Cooperative Societies (RCS) have been asked to furnish the data within 30 days.

This includes outstanding deposits, term deposit receipts (TDRs), number of depositors, category-wise deposits,



and repayment status over the past three years. Societies have also been directed to submit a certificate from their president and secretary confirming adequate liquidity to meet repayment obligations to depositors.

Officials said the move follows complaints of

financial irregularities in certain societies and is aimed at assessing deposit mobilisation, repayment capacity and overall financial health to protect members' interests.

The RCS has additionally sought details of matured but unpaid

deposits, reasons for default, audited balance sheets, income and expenditure statements, and audit reports for the last three financial years. Information on investments against deposit liabilities, liquidity position, loans disbursed, recoveries, overdue loans and non-performing assets (NPAs) has also been sought.

Authorities have directed strict compliance with the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 2003, and stressed transparency, timely repayment of matured deposits and adherence to financial norms.

Delhi: Congress seeks L-G Taranjit Singh Sandhu probe into hospital bedsheet scam

New Delhi, Agency: Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) president Devender Yadav on Thursday alleged irregularities in the procurement of bedsheets for 28 Delhi government hospitals and urged Lieutenant-Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu to order a high-level inquiry.

Yadav alleged that bedsheets were purchased at inflated prices, claiming the same product supplied by one company at Rs 150 per piece was procured by the government at Rs 450 per piece, leading to an alleged commission of around Rs 50 crore.

He further said about 16.6 lakh bedsheets were procured for nearly 15,500 hospital beds



at a cost of around Rs 75 crore, calling the quantity excessive and indicative of financial irregularities. Linking the issue to an alleged Rs 560-650 crore health procurement scam, Yadav claimed medicines, equipment and other supplies were purchased through the Central Procurement Agency market prices.