



Police removed Cockroach Janata Party supporters from Jantar Mantar CJP alleges unarmed people were beaten, and the Parliament march was also lathi-charged; police pelted stones at Connaught Place

New Delhi(GNS): The Cockroach Janata Party (COP) marched from Jantar Mantar to Parliament on Monday. During the protest, which lasted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., several clashes broke out between protesters and police.

The protest, which began at 8 a.m., saw protesters break through barricades and march toward Parliament at 10 a.m. The protesters began their march from Jantar Mantar via Parliament Street, Janpath Square, War Memorial, Kartavya Path, and Vijay

Chowk.

They attempted to enter Parliament, prompting increased security and closing the main gate. Police fired tear gas. Images of stone-pelting emerged late in the evening. More than 50 police officers and an equal number of protesters were injured.

The CJP alleged that the police resorted to lathicharge and tear gas shelling against unarmed protesters. Photos emerged of several people injured in the incident. Police cleared Jantar Mantar by 5 p.m.

Sonom Wangchuk's condition is stable, but his blood sugar is low

Sonom Wangchuk is undergoing treatment at Safdarjung Hospital in Delhi. According to a medical update released at 7 p.m., his vital parameters are stable. Doctors stated that Wangchuk's blood sugar level remains low, but other blood parameters have improved after oral rehydration therapy (ORS) and potassium syrup.

More than 1,000 protesters are still present

200 meters from the protest site.

The road leading to the protest site at Jantar Mantar has been closed on both sides. Only police and paramilitary personnel are present, with police vehicles parked nearby. However, about 200 meters from the protest site, more than 1,000 protesters remain on the road.

CJP founder Abhijit Dipke, spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka, Saurav Das and Angmo are staging a sit-in protest near Kerala House.

CJP Leaders Meet JP Nadda, Submit Letter Of Demands

New Delhi(GNS): A delegation of the Cockroach Janata Party met Union minister JP Nadda on Monday as protesters marched towards Parliament, demanding accountability from the government over the NEET-UG paper leak case. According to CJP spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka, the meeting with Nadda was under way, with the Union minister seeking time to consult the government leadership on the party's demands. The demands include the immediate release of activist Sonam Wangchuk, the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, and Rs 1 crore compensation for the families of NEET aspirants who died by suicide.



70% of India Under Monsoon Cloud Cover

Rain Alert Till July 25; 40 Temples Submerged in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan Records Temperatures Above 41°C

New Delhi/ Bhopal /Jaipur.(GNS): According to satellite images released by ISRO, nearly 70% of the country is currently covered by monsoon clouds. Good rainfall is likely across more than 60% of the country, including North, East and Northeast India, until July 25. During the current monsoon season, the country has received 24% less rainfall than normal.

Meanwhile, river water levels are rising rapidly in Uttar Pradesh. The steps of the ghats in Varanasi and Prayagraj have been submerged. In Kashi, water has entered nearly 40 small temples, including the Ratneswar Mahadev Temple, Dashashwamedh Ghat to Panchganga Ghat.

In Rajasthan, temperatures have started rising



after a break in the monsoon. On Sunday, temperatures crossed 41 degrees Celsius in three districts of the Bikaner division. No heavy rainfall was reported anywhere in the state. The Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for rainfall in 24 districts of Rajasthan for Monday, which will remain in effect for the next three days.

India Approves First Dengue Vaccine Can Be Administered to People Aged 4 to 60 Without Prior Dengue Testing

New Delhi.(GNS): The Government of India has approved Qdenga, the first dengue vaccine developed by Japanese pharmaceutical company Takeda, for use in the country. The vaccine provides protection against all four dengue serotypes and can be administered to individuals aged 4 to 60 years without any prior dengue test, irrespective of whether they have previously been infected with the disease.

For the first time, India



has approved a dengue vaccine. The Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) has granted marketing approval to Takeda Biopharmaceuticals India's Qdenga vaccine.

West Bengal Government to Conduct All Official Work in Bengali From September 1

Bengali to Become Mandatory at Every Level of State Administration; Hindi to Be Used for Communication With the Centre

Kolkata.(GNS): West Bengal Chief Minister Shubhendu Adhikari made a major announcement in the State Assembly on Monday, stating that the West Bengal Government will conduct all its official work in the Bengali language from September 1.

The Chief Minister said that from September 1, 2026, the use of Bengali will be mandatory at every level of the state administration.



Communication With Centre and Other States to Be in Bengali

The Chief Minister said that all correspondence with the Central Government and other states will be carried out in Bengali. He also clarified that

communication with the Centre will be conducted in both Bengali and Hindi.

Letter From Home Minister Amit Shah Shubhendu Adhikari said that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had written to him in Bengali during his three-day visit to West Bengal.

According to the Chief Minister, the letter urged the state government to promote the extensive use of Bengali at every level of administration.

Centre May Introduce 'Minor Mode' in Smartphones to Curb Children's Mobile Addiction Proposed Feature to Allow Parents to Control Screen Time, App Downloads and Social Media Access

New Delhi.(GNS): The Central Government is preparing a major initiative to curb increasing smart phone addiction among children and protect them from online risks. It is considering making device-level restrictions mandatory in smartphones sold in India.

Under the proposal, all new smartphones may be required to include a dedicated 'Minor Mode.'



According to the proposed system, parents will be able to use this mode to impose various controls, including blocking app downloads, setting daily

screen-time limits, and restricting late-night use of smartphones and social media.

The feature may also include options to filter harmful content and provide app access based on the child's age. The government's objective is to ensure that smartphone manufacturers and app developers incorporate child-safety features during the design stage itself, eliminating the need for users to configure them separately later.

Yogi Warns Criminals: 'Harass Daughters and You Will End Up in Hell' Says Country Has Moved From Country-Made Weapons to BrahMos Missiles

Barabanki.(GNS): Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said in Barabanki on Monday that the state once witnessed curfews and riots, with illegal country-made firearms and bombs being manufactured in villages. Traders were looted and the safety of women was compromised. Today, he said, there is no place for criminals in Uttar Pradesh.

He warned that anyone who threatens the safety of women or



traders would end up either in jail or 'hell.'

Yogi said BrahMos missiles are now being manufactured in Lucknow and that the Defence Corridor is transforming Uttar Pradesh into a major defence manufacturing hub. "Once a BrahMos missile is launched, Pakistan and its handlers begin to tremble."

Passport, SIR, Citizenship, Voters and Election Commission

(Sanat Jain)

The SIR process has begun in several states, including Punjab, on June 25th. On June 24th, the Ministry of External Affairs stated that a passport is not a valid document for citizenship. Punjab citizens hold the highest number of passports. A large number of Punjab citizens live as NRIs in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and other countries. A passport is a valid document in every household in Punjab. Following the Ministry of External Affairs' clarification just before the SIR, a new debate has erupted in Punjab and other states regarding citizenship. People are now asking the govern-

ment to provide a document that proves citizenship. As soon as this controversy erupted, the Election Commission issued a clarification. The SIR process being conducted by the Election Commission will accept passports as a document. What other documents the Election Commission will request in addition to this document is known only to the Election Commission or God alone. As for West Bengal, the Election Commission implemented different rules than those in Bihar and other states. Approximately 10 million voters were removed from the list. The Election Commission doesn't do what it says, and this is what hap-

pened in West Bengal. This battle was fought in the High Court and the Supreme Court. Voters received no justice from either. Instead, the Supreme Court declared that if the appeals filed by the 2.7 million voters with the tribunal aren't resolved before the election, they should vote next time. Millions of such voters were deprived of their constitutional right to vote.

So far, the names of approximately 65 million voters have been removed from the electoral rolls through SIR. Now, in the states where elections are due, initiating the SIR process just before the elections is once again mired in controversy. Punjab has yet

to form a BJP government, just as it never formed in Bihar and West Bengal. Now, both states have BJP governments. Has the BJP targeted Punjab? Such allegations have begun to surface. The Election Commission has gone through a lot of trouble since 2017. Dozens of software have been introduced by the Commission for elections, but political parties are not informed about them. The Election Commission uses new software every year. For the past five years, various questions have been raised about the fairness of elections. Counting more votes than actually cast is being reported. The Election Commission is not following

the Supreme Court's orders regarding EVM machines, BVPATs, and control panels. In the cases of Haryana and Maharashtra, the Election Commission is not complying with the Supreme Court's orders in the High Courts through election petitions. The High Court and Supreme Court's attitude towards the Election Commission is eroding the trust of political parties and voters in the Election Commission. There have been reports of 4,000 EVM machines being burned in West Bengal. The Election Commission has deployed over 200,000 Central Police Forces there. Video footage is not provided even after being requested within the 45-day

deadline. Voter lists and Form 17 information are not made public. The Election Commission initiates the SIR before elections. Millions of voters are removed from the electoral rolls just days before the election. Voters become aware of this only when they are unable to do anything. Political parties are preoccupied with election work. In this situation, distrust in the Election Commission is growing among voters and political parties.

Regarding citizenship, the Indian government and the Election Commission are unable to determine which document is valid for citizenship.

Editorial

On the India Semiconductor Mission phase II

The second phase of the India Semiconductor Mission's outlay far outpaces the first, with a ₹1.27 lakh crore corpus directing the government's purse on a wide range of the electronics manufacturing ecosystem. As with the first phase, the outlay is likely to be spent lavishly on select individual projects in the form of a capital subsidy (with the government shelling out a smaller share than last time's 50%), and manufacturing-linked incentives disbursed at a per-unit level once sales are done. Incremental incentive boosters have been promised for products that leverage domestic capabilities and components. The second phase promises to take forward the government's goals to make India a strategic destination for the electronics value chain, and to grow such capabilities at home in human capital and intellectual property where select countries dominate different parts. The government has long held that this will be a decades-long project, and its follow-through with a larger corpus is welcome. This industry may not become a massive employer, but in a geopolitically fraught environment, the wisdom of spending public money in these capabilities is clearer. Much of the returns on the initial chipmaking bet remains unknowable as most facilities and projects approved in the first phase are yet to begin commercial production.

Some technologies remain out of the grasp of even the most advanced economies: Dutch extreme ultraviolet lithography machines are complex, and only Japan is close to cracking the code. The prospect of India deploying investments towards such frontier technology is hard to imagine, but tantalising. Capabilities such as these create hard strategic leverage — which will in turn lead to resistance to India quickly attracting talent and developing these capabilities. The corpus is not insignificant, but advanced economies are prepared to beg, borrow and steal, with deeper pockets, to retain their spot in the pecking order. The same applies for AI, which sits on a foundation of memory and processing infrastructure whose manufacture India hopes to undertake some day.

(Brainstorming) Passport, SIR, Citizenship Voters and Election Commission

Globally, today is the era of science, technology, artificial intelligence, and the digital revolution. Mobile phones, the internet, and social media have brought the world to our fingertips. Limitless doors of knowledge, information, and convenience have opened. But in this rapidly changing world, if any value seems most threatened, it is respect, sensitivity, and service to elders and parents. Modernity is essential, and progress is also necessary, but if, while pursuing progress, we leave behind our values, our elders, and our parents, that progress will be considered incomplete. Today, the need is not only to teach our children how to use technology, but also to inspire them to touch the feet of their grandparents and parents, respect them, and spend time with them. If elders are respected in the family, children will also develop these same values. When children see their parents respecting their elders, they adopt that behavior as a part of their lives.

For centuries, India has been a harbinger of values, family values, and respect for generations. Parents are considered divine and elders are considered walking universities of experience. They are not just family members, but guides, motivators, and protectors of life. A home blessed with the presence of elders holds a priceless treasure of experience, patience, restraint, and blessings. Therefore, it is said that there is no greater virtue than serving aging parents and elders.

Today's young generation lives in an era of

unprecedented opportunities. Amidst the pressures of careers, competition, technology, and a global lifestyle, family elders are often neglected. Young people spend hours staring at mobile screens, but fail to find time to sit with their parents or grandparents for even a few minutes and listen to them. This isn't just a question of time, but of priorities. We must remember that our parents, who dedicated the golden years of their lives to raising, educating, and building our future, are not just responsible for financial support in their old age, but also for respect, affection, and emotional support.

I have personally spoken with many elderly people who faced neglect due to circumstances or loved ones. Surprisingly, instead of recounting their own sorrows, they only spoke of the good qualities of their children. This is their greatness, sacrifice, and selfless love. In such moments, one realizes that the hearts of the elderly truly reflect God's compassion. Their eyes hold less complaints and more good wishes for their children. This is why their blessings are considered the greatest boon in the world.

The youth of the digital age must understand that modernity and culture are not in conflict. Becoming a successful engineer, doctor, businessman, officer, or technologist is equally important as being a sensitive son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter. Technology can connect us to the world, but we must shoulder the responsibility of staying connected to our families. If young people spend some time each day

with their elderly parents, inquiring about their well-being, understanding their needs, and respecting them, it will infuse new energy of love and trust into families.

Young people should also remember that the parents and elders they see growing old today will face the same fate tomorrow. Old age is a natural phase of life. Therefore, the way we treat elders determines the character of society in the future. If we instill respect and service today, future generations will carry forward this tradition.

Elders in our homes are not only a repository of experiences but also guides in difficult situations. Their experiences can be more valuable than studying countless books. If young people spend time with them, listen to their life journeys, and learn from them, they will learn about patience, struggle, discipline, and human values — that are not available on any digital platform.

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The greatest lesson for young people is that success isn't simply about a high salary, a big house, or a prestigious position. True success is when your parents and elders feel proud of your achievements, with satisfaction in their eyes and a smile on their face. Even the greatest achievements in the world pale in comparison to the blessings that flow from the hearts of parents and elders. Supreme Court's orders regarding EVM machines, BVPATs, and control panels. In the cases of Haryana and Maharashtra, the Election Commission is not complying with the Supreme Court's orders in the High Courts through election petitions. The High Court and Supreme Court's attitude towards the Election Commission is eroding the trust of political parties and voters in the Election Commission. There have been reports of 4,000 EVM machines being burned in West Bengal. The Election Commission has deployed over 200,000 Central Police Forces there. Video footage is not provided even after being requested within

In today's digital age, if young people resolve to take some time off their mobile phones and social media every day to spend with their elders, respect their feelings, care for their health, and consider them the center of the family, many social prob-

lems can be automatically eliminated. The most effective way to reduce the growing number of old-age homes, family disintegration, and the pain of loneliness is to treat our elders with respect and love.

Therefore, if we analyze this topic holistically, it becomes clear that the fruits of serving the elderly are extremely sweet, sacred, and priceless. There is no greater virtue than serving elders and parents. The true happiness, peace, and prosperity of life lie at their feet. When an elder silently places their affectionate hand on your head, understand that you have received God's greatest blessing. Therefore, it is the duty of every youth in the modern digital age to respect their parents and elders, serve them, and pass on this invaluable tradition of Indian culture to future generations. Several states, including Punjab, on June 25th. On June 24th, the Ministry of External Affairs stated that a passport is not a valid document for citizenship. Punjab citizens hold the highest number of passports. A large number of Punjab citizens live as NRIs in Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, and other countries. A passport is a valid document in every household in Punjab. Following the Ministry of External Affairs' clarification just before the SIR,

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Increasing tobacco consumption among women is a serious warning for the new generation and society

(Kantilal Mandot)

Recent data on tobacco consumption in the country are worrying. The increasing prevalence of tobacco use, particularly among women, is posing a serious challenge to both society and the health system. According to the National Family Health Survey, an increase in tobacco use by women has been recorded in 13 states across the country. This situation is not limited to women's health; it also impacts families, children, and future generations. In a society where women are considered the foundation of the family, their exposure to any form of addiction gives rise to a host of new social and health problems.

Tobacco, in whatever form, is extremely harmful to the body. The nicotine present in beedis, cigarettes, gutkha, khaini, zarda,

hookah, and other smoking or chewing products gradually makes a person addicted to it. Initially, it may seem like just a habit, but over time, it becomes an addiction, and a person cannot feel normal without it. This problem is even more severe in women because their anatomy and biological needs differ from those of men.

Experts believe that tobacco use causes a variety of serious diseases in women. It significantly increases the risk of mouth cancer, throat cancer, lung cancer, heart disease, high blood pressure, and respiratory diseases. Women who regularly use tobacco also experience increased dental and gum problems. Premature aging of the skin and weakening of the body's immune system. Several studies have also found that tobacco use affects

women's hormonal balance, leading to numerous health problems. Tobacco use is considered even more dangerous for pregnant women. If a woman consumes tobacco during pregnancy, it directly impacts the unborn baby. This can lead to problems such as premature delivery, low birth weight, and impaired physical and mental development. In many cases, the risk of miscarriage and infant mortality also increases. Therefore, women must understand that their health is not just a personal matter, but concerns the entire family and future generations.

Increasing tobacco use among women also has a significant social impact. Children learn most from their parents' behavior, especially their mothers. If the mother uses tobacco at home, it sends the mes-

sage to children that this is a normal and acceptable behavior. As a result, children may adopt similar habits during adolescence. Thus, one person's bad habit can gradually spread to the entire family and society. Today's youth are already surrounded by various types of addictions and digital influences. In such a situation, if there is an example of tobacco use within the family, it becomes even more difficult for the new generation to stay away from it. The increasing trend of addiction among youth negatively impacts education, employment, and social development. Therefore, the responsibility of women to set a positive example for their children and families increases.

The situation of tobacco use appears to be even more worrying in rural areas. Statistics show that the

rate of tobacco use among rural women is higher than that among urban women. One reason for this is lack of awareness. In many places, tobacco is still considered a part of normal lifestyle, and adequate information about its ill effects is not available to the public. It is essential to change this mindset through education and health awareness. The government and health organizations are continuously campaigning for tobacco control. Examples include warning messages against smoking in public places and public awareness programs. Despite this, if tobacco use among women is increasing, it indicates that society needs to work more seriously in this direction. Only families, schools, social organizations, and the health department can jointly address this challenge.

How Anshu Gupta's Goonj gave India the fabric of dignity

New Delhi, (GNS): The Ramon Magsaysay award recipient has redefined the vocabulary of sharing and the undervalued significance of clothing.

In the summer of 1987, Anshu Gupta was rushing home to watch Doordarshan's popular song-based show, Chitrahaar, when a speeding tractor trolley slammed into the bike he had hitched a ride on, flinging him into the air and landing him with major leg injuries.

"It was like a movie scene," recalls Gupta, now 55. "It's a miracle I lived."

He would walk again only after 10 months. "I played cards with fellow patients at Dehradun's govt hospital and saw the dying. I saw both life and death at close quarters. It was education," he says. The wounds have healed, but the left foot remains a little disfigured.

The pain is a persisting companion.

Gupta's first brush with rural India's misery and its innate flair for generosity happened in Uttarkashi, in the winter of 1991. He was a journalism student at New



Delhi's Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) and had rushed with his camera to the hills struck by a vicious earthquake. Dozens of villages had been reduced to rubble, leaving over 750 dead.

The destruction all around was overwhelming, but one of the things he could never forget was the kindness of strangers: an old couple whose home was destroyed offering him tea. And the sight of a man, in a tattered jute sack, desperately pleading for blankets.

"I had rushed to the spot without proper woollens. I managed to borrow blankets for the cold nights. But subconsciously, I would have imbibed how clothes can be the difference

between life and death," Gupta says.

Another incident fostered that view. Back in Delhi, working on a magazine article, Gupta would witness the body of a man who had probably died of cold at the city's Khooni Darwaza (now locked).

The article profiled one Habib Bhai, who would collect unclaimed bodies for cops. Gupta remembered being told, "Jaadon mein mera kaam badh jaata hai, aur kai baar sambhalta bhi nahi (My workload increases in winter, sometimes more than I can manage)."

But Gupta was still years away from his true calling. Born in Meerut, he had grown up in the remote picture-postcard settlements of Chakrata and Banbasa, and in small-town Dehradun (then in Uttar Pradesh), where his father worked as an engineer for Military Engineer Services (MES).

After IIMC, he would work, among other things, as a copywriter before founding Goonj by contributing 67 personal items in 1999. The Not-forProfit organisation, which started

out from his residence in Sarita Vihar, now functions out of Madanpur Khadar, an urban village in south-east Delhi.

In the aftermath of the Uttarakashi earthquake, Gupta had seen relief material being randomly - and callously - tossed at survivors. "Just because somebody has lost a home doesn't mean that they have become beggars," he says. Experiences like these had taught him what should be given, and how. Goonj works towards that sensitised way of sharing. They talk of contribution, not donation. And empowering, not helping.

At the NGO's storage hall, roughly the size of a small single-screen theatre, mountains of blankets, yoga mats, pillows, shoes and iron trunks fill the arena. Team member Sonung Vashum says clothes arrive in three conditions: good clothes, which can be used; clothes that need repairs; and those beyond repair, which are sent to create other products through upscaling.

Besides Sonam Wangchuk, who are the other 3 people who have been fasting for 21 days



New Delhi, (GNS): Even after activist Sonam Wangchuk was shifted to Delhi's Safdarjung Hospital on the 21st day of his indefinite hunger strike, three student activists have continued the fast at Jantar Mantar, with organisers saying the protest and the planned July 20 march to Parliament will go ahead.

The three hunger strikers are Neha, Ameen Amitoj and Manish Kumar, all associated with the All India Students' Association (AISA).

Neha, AISA's president and a PhD scholar in theatre and performance studies at Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), has reportedly lost 7.5 kg since the fast began.

Ameen Amitoj, a PhD scholar in urban studies at Dr BR Ambedkar University Delhi, has lost 9.3 kg, according to the organisers. Hailing from Punjab, he had also participated in the 2020-21 farmers' protest.

Manish Kumar, AISA's Uttar

Pradesh president and a PhD scholar in political science at Allahabad University, has reportedly lost 10.4 kg during the hunger strike.

Following Wangchuk's removal from the protest site on Saturday morning, Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke also began an indefinite hunger strike.

Dipke broke down in tears after Wangchuk was taken away and later alleged that the activist had been removed without his or his family's consent.

On Sunday, Wangchuk appealed to supporters to make the proposed July 20 Parliament march a success. In a message posted on X through his wife Gitanjali J Angmo, he described the protest as "India's 2nd FREEDOM MOVEMENT" seeking "freedom from injustice" and "freedom from fear", adding that the message had been sent "from my illegal detention at Safdarjung".

Warehouse storing event materials catches fire in Delhi's Fatehpur Beri

New Delhi, (GNS): A fire broke out at a warehouse storing event management materials in south Delhi's Fatehpur Beri area on Sunday morning, engulfing the tin-shed structure and spreading to a neighbouring building. The initial phase is expected to improve access to super speciality consultations, expand dialysis capacity for patients with chronic kidney disease and reduce waiting time for advanced diagnostic investigations.

Additional super speciality departments will be introduced in phases as the remaining infrastructure becomes operational, officials said.

No casualties have been reported, officials said.

The Delhi fire services received a call about the blaze in Swaroop Colony at 6.43am, following which several fire tenders were rushed to the spot, news agency PTI reported.

Assistant divisional officer Rajesh Kumar Shukla said the fire completely engulfed the tin-shed warehouse before spreading to an adjacent building.

The exact cause of the fire is



not known yet. The fire has fully engulfed the tin-shed structure. It is surrounded by a residential area. The fire had spread to an adjacent building as well," he said.

He added that the situation had been brought under control.

The situation is now under control. It is a Category 4 fire. There have been no casualties so far," Shukla said.

Firefighters remain at the site to carry out cooling operations and ensure there is no further flare-up.

The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained.

Further investigation is currently underway, officials said.

New clinics, dialysis unit at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital soon

PIL recently sought Delhi high court's order for making Rs 400 crore super specialty block operational

New Delhi, (GNS): Less than a week after a public interest litigation (PIL) sought Delhi high court's intervention over the prolonged delay in commissioning Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital's Rs 400 crore super specialty block, authorities said the facility is finally nearing operationalisation, with only the final statutory fire safety clearance pending before the first phase of patient services begins.

The development comes a little over three months after Media highlighted that the completed facility had remained non-operational for over a year because of delays in securing an electricity connection.

The issue was subse-



quently cited in the PIL, filed on July 13 by social jurist Ashok Agarwal, which alleged that the prolonged delay had deprived patients of advanced healthcare facilities and resulted in wastage of public resources.

The petition sought court directions to remove the remaining deficiencies, obtain all statutory approvals and make the facility fully operational without further delay.

Hospital officials said the first phase will include super speciality outpatient clinics, a dedicated dialysis unit and advanced radiology facilities equipped with CT and MRI scanners, significantly expanding access to specialised treatment and diagnostic services at one of Delhi's busiest Central govt hospitals.

"The inspection process has been completed. Fire officials have carried out operational checks, including access for fire tenders around the building. We are now awaiting the final clearance," a senior hospital official said.

Officials said issues related to parking arrangements, which had earlier been flagged by Delhi Urban Art

Commission, have also been resolved, clearing another hurdle before commissioning the facility.

The hospital has opted for a phased rollout so that patients can begin using the new block without waiting for the entire complex to become operational.

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Lok Nayak Hospital-MAMC creates history in diagnosing pediatric urinary tract infections, completes 345 VUDS tests

New Delhi, (GNS): The Department of Pediatric Surgery at Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) and its affiliated Lok Nayak Hospital has set a new national record for the diagnosis of complex urinary tract infections in children. The department has so far completed Video Urodynamic Study (VUDS) examinations on 345 children.

The department claims this is the largest series of this specialized pediatric study conducted in a single government hospital in the country. Globally, the largest published series of this kind is said to be 1,000 children.

A video urodynamic study is a specialized test for serious urinary and bladder problems in children. It's not



a diagnosis, but rather a test that doctors use to determine whether the bladder is functioning properly,

whether urine is being stored and excreted properly, and whether urine is flowing back into the kidneys.

CBI nabs sub-registrar in Delhi for demanding 1 lakh bribe for gift deed

New Delhi, (GNS): The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested a sub-registrar posted in the Revenue Department of the Delhi Government and a private individual red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs 80,000.

The arrested accused have been identified as Nand Kishore Meena, a sub-registrar posted at the Punjabi Bagh, Nangloi office, and Subhash Gandhi, a private individual. The two were caught during a trap laid by the CBI on Friday.

According to the CBI, the complainant had alleged



that the sub-registrar had demanded a bribe of Rs 1 lakh in exchange for executing a gift deed for the property. Following the complaint, the CBI registered a case on Friday and began an investigation. During the investigation, the CBI laid a planned trap.

Arrested for accepting a bribe of 80,000 rupees

During the action, Sub-Registrar Nand Kishore Meena and private person Subhash Gandhi were arrested red-handed while

demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 80,000 from the complainant.

The CBI stated that the agency's action in corruption cases is ongoing and that strict action is being taken against corrupt public servants.

NGT pulls up MCD over continued illegal dairies on Yamuna floodplains, seeks action report

New Delhi, Agency: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has observed that its earlier directions for the removal of illegal dairies and encroachments from the Yamuna floodplains have not been complied with, noting that temporary cattle shelters and livestock continue to occupy the ecologically sensitive area.

Hearing an execution application in the Gauri Maulekhi & Another vs Delhi Development Authority & Others case, the Principal Bench, comprising Justice Prakash Shrivastava, Chairperson, and Expert Member Dr Afroz Ahmad, examined a status report filed by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC).

The report stated that while no permanent dairy structures were found dur-



ing inspections, temporary cattle shelters, fodder, heaps of cattle dung and around 50 to 60 bovine animals were present at several locations in the Yamuna floodplains, including near Mayur Nature Park, below the DND Flyway and in areas near New Friends Colony.

Taking note of the findings, the Tribunal held that

its April 19, 2024 order had not been complied with, as illegal cattle rearing and encroachments continued to exist through temporary structures.

The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) informed the Tribunal that demolition drives had been carried out, but alleged that encroachments returned with cattle after the struc-

tures were removed. It also submitted that the Municipal Corporation of Delhi's Animal Husbandry Department should impound the illegally kept cattle. The NGT observed that where cattle are being kept in violation of the Central Pollution Control Board's July 2021 siting criteria for dairy farms, the DPCC is required to initiate appropriate action, including the imposition of environmental compensation wherever warranted. The Tribunal directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to examine the issue, take appropriate action and file an action taken report within six weeks. It also told the DPCC to submit a fresh status report within the same period. The matter has been listed for further hearing on September 25.

NDMC plans upgrade of Hanuman Mandir Vatika near Connaught Place

New Delhi, Agency: Municipal Council (NDMC) has planned to upgrade the Hanuman Mandir Vatika near Connaught Place by constructing a cafeteria, a 'Hawan Kund' and carrying out other civil works to improve facilities for devotees, officials said. The Vatika, which houses the historic Prachin Hanuman Mandir along with Ganesh Mandir and Shiv Mandir, witnesses heavy footfall every day.

According to an official tender, the civic body has invited bids for the project, estimated to cost around Rs 26.6 lakh, with the work expected to be completed within two months of the award of the contract.

The project forms part of a broader package of road and related civil works being undertaken by the NDMC's Civil Engineering Department during 2026-27. The work has received administrative approval and expenditure sanction of Rs 28.13 lakh, while the detailed estimate has been pegged at Rs 27.93 lakh.

Officials said the proposed cafeteria is aimed at providing improved



food and refreshment facilities for visitors, while the new 'Hawan Kund' will facilitate the performance of religious rituals at the temple complex.

The civic body has invited online bids through the Delhi Government's e-procurement portal on a percentage-rate basis. NDMC-approved contractors, along with contractors empanelled with agencies such as the Central Public Works Department, Military Engineer Services, Railways, Delhi Development Authority, Delhi PWD, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and Delhi Jal Board, are eligible to participate in the bidding process.

21-year-old nursing student drowns in canal

New Delhi, Agency: A 21-year-old final-year BSc Nursing student of SGT University died under suspicious circumstances and the body was recovered from the Dhankot Canal. His family has alleged foul play and demanded an impartial investigation. A medical board conducted the postmortem, and viscera samples have been sent for forensic analysis.

The police identified the deceased as Mohan, a native of Hindol village in Charkhi Dadri district. According to the police, Mohan left home on Thursday evening with his friends - Lavish, Aryan, Tarun and Himanshu. They allegedly consumed alcohol before reaching the Dhankot Canal. His friends returned home later that night but did not inform his family about his whereabouts. Mohan's body was later recovered from the canal.

During questioning, the friends told police that Mohan, allegedly under the influence of alcohol, entered the canal to bathe and drowned. However, his father, Yogesh Kumar, rejected the claim and alleged that his



son was assaulted before his body was dumped into the canal. He has demanded a thorough investigation.

A member of the medical board said no external injury marks were found on the body. However, viscera samples have been preserved for forensic examination to ascertain the exact cause of death.

"The matter is being investigated from every angle. Whether it was an accident or murder will be established only after the forensic report and investigation. We are also examining CCTV footage from the area near the canal. Further investigation is under way," a senior police officer said.

Delhi clears 2,800 e-buses, targets 14,000 fleet by 2028-29

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"The Delhi Government is expanding its electric bus fleet in line with the Prime Minister's vision while continuing to strengthen public transport. The government aims



to increase Delhi's public transport fleet to nearly 14,000 buses by 2028-29. These buses are expected to begin operating on Delhi's roads from next year," she said.

The government plans to induct the buses from

April next year, with the entire fleet expected to be operational by August 2028.

Officials said the requirement for 2,800 electric buses was submitted to Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL)

last year. Based on operational experience with the Delhi Electric Vehicle Interconnector (DEVI) buses, the government revised the proposal to procure equal numbers of 12-metre and 9-metre buses. CESL subsequently conducted a nationwide competitive bidding process.

The project is being implemented under Phase I of the PM e-Drive Scheme, which provides financial assistance of up to Rs 35 lakh for each 12-metre bus and Rs 25 lakh for each 9-metre bus. The buses will be procured under the Gross Cost Contract (GCC) model and operated by the Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) for 12 years.

Delhi BJP protests Cong leader's remarks on Maharishi Valmiki

New Delhi, Agency: Delhi BJP president Harsh Malhotra on Saturday joined a protest near Rajghat against Congress spokesperson Deepak Jha over his alleged derogatory remarks about Maharishi Valmiki during a television debate, accusing the Congress of hurting the sentiments of the Valmiki and Dalit communities.

The demonstration was organised by the Valmiki Dharma Samman Raksha



Samiti and attended by members of the Valmiki and other Dalit communi-

ties, along with BJP leaders, religious figures and representatives of affiliated organisations.

Addressing the gathering, Malhotra alleged that the remarks made by Jha were an insult not only to Maharishi Valmiki but also to the faith of millions and India's cultural heritage. He said Maharishi Valmiki's contribution through the Ramayana belonged to the entire nation and criticised the Congress for allegedly

failing to issue an unconditional apology.

The BJP leader also accused the Congress of treating the Valmiki and Dalit communities merely as a vote bank while neglecting their welfare during its years in power. He questioned whether successive Congress governments had ensured better housing, education, sanitation and employment opportunities for the community.

Cops issue 829 challans worth Rs 8.29L for seat belt violations

New Delhi, Agency: The Gurugram traffic police issued 829 challans worth Rs 8.29 lakh to motorists for driving without wearing seat belts during a special enforcement drive conducted between July 1 and 16.

A senior traffic police official said the campaign was aimed at improving road safety and reducing fatalities. The official said airbags often fail to provide effective protection if occupants are not wearing seat belts, increasing the risk of death or serious injury in accidents.

During the campaign, 829 drivers were challaned for not wearing seat belts. The total fine imposed was Rs 8.29 lakh," the official said.



The police urged motorists to follow traffic rules, avoid allowing minors to drive, ensure only two persons ride on a two-wheeler, wear helmets and seat belts, avoid driving on the wrong side, keep heavy vehicles in designated lanes and never drive under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicants.

Delhi traffic advisory ahead of Monsoon Session: Here are the roads that will witness maximum pressure

New Delhi, Agency: Traffic Police have issued a comprehensive traffic advisory ahead of the Parliament's Monsoon Session beginning July 20 (Monday), warning commuters of heavy congestion and possible diversions in central Delhi due to heightened security arrangements.

The advisory stated security in New Delhi would be intensified during the session as proceedings of the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha are under way, leading to

increased VIP and VVIP movement around the Parliament complex. Commuters have been urged to plan their journeys in advance and avoid affected routes wherever possible.

According to the traffic police, the roads expected to witness the maximum pressure include Rafi Marg, Motilal Nehru Marg, Maulana Azad Road, K. Kamraj Marg, Raisina Road, Rajendra Prasad Road, Parliament Street, Ashoka



Road, Talkatora Road, Pandit Pant Marg and Ganj Gurudwara Road. Traffic on these roads may be stopped or diverted from time to time for security rea-

sons, and motorists have been advised to use them only when absolutely necessary.

Several major intersections and roundabouts are also likely to be affected, including Vijay Chowk, Boat Club, Rail Bhavan Roundabout, Sunehri Masjid Roundabout, Patel Chowk Roundabout, Boota Singh Roundabout, Prime Chowk Roundabout, GRG Roundabout and Jalebi Chowk Roundabout.

Vehicle movement in these areas may slow down

due to security checks, VIP convoys and traffic diversions.

To ease congestion, the police have suggested alternative routes such as Janpath, Man Singh Road, Akbar Road, Teen Murti Marg, Shanti Path, Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Road, Kemal Ataturk Marg, Panchsheel Marg, Vinay Marg, the Outer Circle of Connaught Place, Baba Kharak Singh Marg, RML Roundabout, Mother Teresa Crescent Road, 11 Murti and Sardar Patel Marg.