



If Congress comes to power in Assam, it will bring a law to protect infiltrators: Narendra Modi

Biswanath(GNS): Senior Bharatiya Janata Party leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress party at an election rally here on Wednesday, alleging that if Congress comes to power, it will enact a law protecting infiltrators, which the BJP and its allies will never allow to be implemented.

state by integrating infiltrators into the mainstream. Modi said, "The entire country knows that the Congress is anti-development and has become the mother of corruption in independent India. But in Assam, the Congress has committed sins for which the people of Assam have paid the price." He alleged that the Congress party, driven by vote-bank politics, encouraged illegal encroachments, leading to the encroachment of millions of acres of land. The Prime Minister stated that the BJP government has taken action against these encroachments, freeing thousands of acres of land, and restoring the state's heritage and ecology. Referring to the



Laokhwa and Burhachaporisanctuaries, he said that rhinos had once disappeared from these areas, but now, thanks to conservation efforts, they are returning. Taking aim at the Congress, Modi said, "The Congress's biggest sin has been protecting intruders. Now, after coming to power, the same Congress wants to enact laws to protect them." He made it clear that the BJP and the NDA will not allow any such efforts to succeed. Referring to development work, the Prime Minister said that in the last 10-11 years, Assam has seen significant improvements in infrastructure, connectivity, and economic activity. He said that today, fighter jets are landing on Assam's highways,

reflecting the state's transformed image. He made a major announcement, stating that the country's first underwater twin-tube road and rail tunnel will be built under the Brahmaputra River, at a cost of approximately 18,662 crore. This will increase employment opportunities and strengthen connectivity. The Prime Minister noted that Assam is setting new records in crude oil production and strengthening the country's energy sector amid the global crisis. He said that improved road, bridge, and rail networks are boosting agriculture, industry, and tourism, creating employment opportunities for youth.

Emphasizing women's empowerment, Modi said the government aims to create 4 million "lakhpati didis" in Assam. He noted that unprecedented work has been done in recent years to enhance women's safety, education, and income. He explained that more than 2.2 million families have been provided with permanent houses, and efforts are underway to empower women as homeowners. Referring to land rights, the Prime Minister said that under Mission Vasundhara, over 2.3 million indigenous families have received land ownership rights. He described this as a "safety net" for tribal and marginalized communities, asserting that it represents true social justice.

The current Assam government does not want the progress of women: Priyanka Gandhi

Dibrugarh(GNS): Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Assam, alleging that the state government does not want to see women progress and that women's empowerment schemes are not effective at the grassroots level. Addressing an election rally at Mekipur Puja Ground in Nazira, she said that schemes like 'Arunoday' have not really provided any tangible benefits to women. She claimed that despite these schemes, women in the state still face many problems. While campaigning in Nazira in support of Congress candidate Debabrata Saikia, Priyanka Gandhi also held election rallies in support of Asom Jatiya Parishad (AJP) leader Lurinjoyti Gogoi in Khowang and Congress candidate Bipul Gogoi in Tingkhong.



The issue of apple import duty resonated in the Himachal Assembly:

Rathore said - livelihood of 1.50 lakh families is in danger, resolution passed against FTA



Shimla(GNS): The issue of the looming crisis posed by the reduction in import duty to Himachal Pradesh's apple industry resonated in the Assembly today. Theog MLA Kuldeep Rathore opposed the import duty reduction on Private Members' Day. After a lengthy discussion in the House, the resolution was passed and will be sent to the central government.

Kuldeep Rathore said that the trade deal will deprive over 150,000 families in the state of their livelihoods. The proposed bilateral trade agreement with the United States is being touted as a diplomatic and economic success. But for India's small apple farmers, it could prove disastrous. He said that apples contribute more than 5,000 crore to Himachal's GDP. The average apple grower in the state owns 1 to 2 acres of land. These are small, family-run orchards that rely entirely on seasonal income.

Bengal SIR: 4.7 million out of 6 million objections resolved

SC says all will be resolved by April 7; tribunals will correct incorrectly added or deleted names

New Delhi(GNS): The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday told the Supreme Court that out of 60 lakh objections received after Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in West Bengal, about 47 lakh objections have been disposed of till March 31. A Supreme Court bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and Vipul M Pancholi said it received a letter from the Chief Justice of the High Court on Tuesday, stating that around 1.75 lakh to 2 lakh objections are being dealt with every day. The High Court stated in the letter that all pending objections are likely to be resolved by April 7. CJI Surya Kant said, "We are quite pleased with these figures." The Supreme



Court will now hear the petitions against the Bengal SIR, including one filed by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, on April 6. Following the SIR in Bengal, the final voter list was released on February 28th. It contained the names of 70.4 million voters. Approximately 6 million names were placed under judicial scrutiny. 705 judicial officers were appointed to decide

whether to retain or remove these names from the voter list. The EC has created 19 tribunals empowered to add and remove voter names. According to the Supreme Court, the High Court informed that the Election Commission has also issued a notification establishing 19 appellate tribunals. These tribunals will be headed by former Chief Justices and Judges of High Courts. These tribunals will hear appeals related to the addition or deletion of names from the voter list. The Supreme Court also empowered the tribunals to correct names erroneously added or removed from the voter list. Earlier, on March 10, the Supreme Court had directed the creation of an appellate tribunal.

Bill making Amaravati the capital of Andhra Pradesh passed

Uproar in Lok Sabha over Foreign Contribution Amendment Bill, slogans of 'Withdraw FCRA Bill' raised

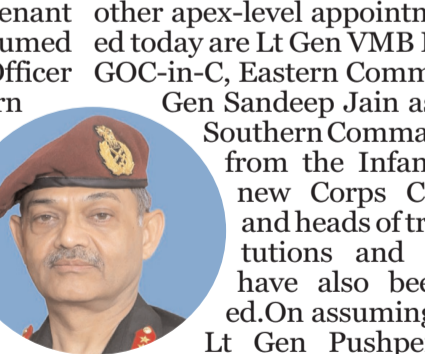
New Delhi(GNS): The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026. This bill will give Amaravati legal status as the sole and permanent capital of the state. The bill was introduced by Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai. It was debated for over an hour and then approved by voice vote. Earlier on Wednesday, as soon as the proceedings began, opposition MPs created a ruckus over the Foreign



Contribution Amendment Bill. They raised slogans to withdraw the FCRA bill. Speaker Om Birla appealed to the MPs to remain calm, but opposition members remained standing in their seats and continued to protest. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Lok Sabha will not debate the FCRA Bill today. This bill seeks to amend the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, which was introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25.

Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh takes over as GOC-in-C, Western Command

New Delhi(GNS): Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh assumed charge as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Command, at Chandimandir on April 1. He succeeds Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar, who retired on March 31. Prior to this, Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh, a Special Forces officer, was serving as the Vice Chief of Army Staff at Army Headquarters. Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth, an Armoured Corps officer who was the GOC-in-C, Southern Command, has moved as the Vice



Chief. Among other apex-level appointments effected today are Lt Gen VMB Krishnan, as GOC-in-C, Eastern Command, and Lt Gen Sandeep Jain as GOC-in-C, Southern Command. Both are from the Infantry. Several new Corps Commanders and heads of training institutions and directorates have also been appointed. On assuming command, Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh reaffirmed his commitment to sustaining high operational readiness, fostering innovation and ensuring the welfare and morale of all ranks.

American journalist abducted in Baghdad on the street: forcibly dragged into a car

Baghdad(GNS): American freelance journalist Shelly Kittelson was kidnapped on Tuesday in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Unidentified assailants abducted her near the Baghdad Hotel on Al-Saadoun Street. A video related to this incident is also going viral in which the criminals are seen forcibly dragging the journalist



into the car. The Iraqi Interior Ministry also confirmed the incident, though it did not release the journalist's identity. The

US embassy had advised against traveling to Iraq from security forces. She had been reporting for the news website Al-Monitor for some time. According to the same website, the US government had advised the journalist against traveling to Iraq due to security reasons. Shelly Kittelson is known for her reporting from war zones and received the Premio Caravella Award in 2017.

On the day of the deadline, Naxalite goods worth Rs 14 crore were recovered, 25 surrendered

34 Naxalites surrendered in four districts, including 12 women Maoist cadres.

Bastar, (GNS): On the day of the deadline for elimination of Naxals in Chhattisgarh, goods worth Rs 14 crore hidden by Naxals were recovered. 25 Naxals surrendered in Bijapur. After receiving inputs from them, Rs 3 crore cash and 7 kg gold were recovered. This is considered to be the biggest dump till date. Similarly, 34 Naxals surrendered in four districts. This includes five Naxals in Dantewada,



two in Sukma and two in Kanker. Police have claimed Dantewada district to be Naxal-free. At the same time, 14 Naxals are still active in Kanker, police are trying to contact them. In Bijapur, 25 Naxalites of Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee have surrendered with 93 weapons. This includes 12 female Maoist cadres. A reward of Rs 1.47 crore was announced on all of them. These include big Naxalites like Mangal Korsa alias

Motu, Akash alias Fagu Uika, DVCM Shankar Muchaki, ACM Raju Rayam alias Munna, ACM Pale Kursam. Mangal has a reward of Rs 8 lakh and is involved in 12 major incidents. Shankar Muchaki (33) was also involved in 8 major incidents. Pale Kursam was involved in five incidents. A total of 1003 Maoist cadres have surrendered in the district from January 1, 2024 to March 31, 2026. Earlier, a dump worth Rs 5.37 crore was found, which includ-

ed 1 kg gold worth Rs 1.64 crore and Rs 3.73 crore cash. Thus, a dump worth Rs 19.43 crore has been found so far. Which includes Rs 6.63 crore cash and 8.20 kg gold worth Rs 12.80 crore. A surrender program was held on March 31 at Dantewada Police Line Karli under the campaign "Puna Margem-Rehabilitation to Rebirth". In this, five Naxalites associated with the Dandakaranya Special Zonal Committee have returned to the mainstream.

A festival to awaken the Hanuman within you

Lalit Garg

Hanuman Jayanti is not just a religious festival, but a great day that inspires character-building, self-confidence, self-control, service, and dedication. This day, more than just lighting lamps in temples, teaches us to dispel the darkness within ourselves. Hanuman is not just a symbol of power; he symbolizes the proper use of strength, the humility of knowledge, the pinnacle of devotion, and the tradition of service. Therefore, the true meaning of celebrating Hanuman Jayanti is to awaken the Hanuman within us. Hanuman is called the auspicious one and the remover of obstacles. But he not only removes external obstacles, he also destroys the obstacles within man—ego, fear, laziness, anger, greed, and

attachment. Today, humans are less troubled by external problems and more by internal weaknesses. Therefore, Hanuman's relevance today is greater than ever.

Hanuman is a symbol of power, but his greatest characteristic is that he never displayed his power. He used his strength for service. Today's era has become an era of display of power—display of wealth, display of position, display of knowledge, display of strength. But Hanuman teaches us that greatness lies not in the display of power and knowledge, but in their preservation and proper use. Despite being omnipotent, he called himself "Rama's servant." What greater humility could there be? Hanuman also teaches us that power and knowledge should not be arrogant. Knowledge that does

not lead to humility is ignorance. Power that is not used for service leads to destruction. Therefore, Hanuman embodies not only power and knowledge but also humility and service.

Hanuman has been called the foremost among the wise—"Gyaninaamraganyam." He was not only powerful, but also a great scholar, grammarian, logician, musician, and ethical expert. Yet, despite his vast knowledge, he possessed no arrogance. He remained a symbol of simplicity, humility, and service. Today, education is increasing, but humility is decreasing. Degrees are increasing, but character is diminishing. In such times, Hanuman's character teaches us to balance wisdom with humility. Hanuman is considered the most powerful of Hindu deities

and a co-character in the epic Ramayana. He was the eleventh incarnation of Lord Shiva, Rudra, who appeared in the Treta Yuga to serve and accompany Lord Rama. He is known by many names, including Bajrang Bali, Maruti Nandan, Pavan Putra, Keshari Nandan, and others. One of his names is Vayuputra, meaning "Vatatmaj," meaning born from the wind. He is considered one of the seven immortals. He was adept and skilled in all arts. He was the bravest of heroes and the most learned of intellectuals. With his valor and knowledge, he accomplished numerous tasks in a jiffy. He is also a symbol of valor, courage, and leadership. His most popular qualities are dedication and devotion. Ram devotee Hanuman was not only

an ocean of strength, intelligence and knowledge, he was also the giver of eight siddhis and nine nidhis and a great scholar of astrology.

Hanuman's life reflects three great elements: knowledge, devotion, and action. Knowledge gives him direction, devotion inspires him, and action makes him great. If a person has knowledge but no action, his life is incomplete. If there is action but no devotion, there will be no compassion. If there is devotion but no knowledge, it can become superstition. If there is a balance between these three, it is Hanuman's character. Hanuman's life was a life of restraint. He was powerful, yet a celibate. He was learned, yet humble. He was brave, yet calm. He was powerful, yet a servant.

Editorial

Unexpected surge: On India's industrial growth

India's industrial growth held a positive surprise in February 2026, coming in at 5.2%, marginally faster than the growth in January. Apart from November and December last year, February's industrial performance — as measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) — was the best in nearly two years. Why this was a surprise was because this performance diverges quite sharply from what was indicated by the Index of Eight Core Industries released earlier this month. The eight core sectors — crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, coal, fertilizers, steel, cement, and electricity — saw their combined growth slow to 2.3% in February, about half the growth rate in January. These core sectors have a weightage of about 40% in the IIP, and so the expectation was that they would drag the IIP down too. Yet, something else happened. This would imply that sectors outside the core ones did well. Most notably, the manufacturing sector in the IIP saw growth accelerate to a respectable 6% in February. The capital goods sector's growth accelerated to a 28-month high of 12.5%, on an already strong base of 8.1%. These are good signs for labour and capital. What is more concerning is that some elements of consumer demand are going in the opposite direction. Consumer durables grew 7.3%, but consumer non-durables contracted 0.6%, the second consecutive month of shrinkage. It had contracted in February last year as well, so this was not a statistical anomaly.

In general, spending on non-durables involves greater discretion on a day-to-day basis, and so is a better gauge of consumer sentiment. At the moment, at least this data suggest that sentiment is low. This also correlates with the new series of national accounts data showing that household expenditure has had a shrinking contribution to GDP. The government should also look into why the IIP and the Eight Core Industries index moved in opposite directions in February. The two are normally highly correlated, and so a divergence is immediately noteworthy. From the looks of things, February's strong IIP performance is likely to be a short-lived acceleration.



Global politics, balance of power and the changing world order and the new language of leadership Global leadership or hegemony politics? The triangle of energy, war, the pursuit of the Nobel Peace Prize, and global instability



The power of talent versus the talent of power the Nobel Peace Prize: prestige or politics?

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When power overrides talent, it becomes bullying. The Trump era symbolizes this conflict, forcing the world to consider the direction the future will take. Globally, 21st-century global politics is at a juncture where traditional diplomacy, military power, economic dominance, and personal leadership styles are clashing. Particularly in the era of leaders like Donald Trump, the question of whether today's world is driven by talent or whether talent has become dominant over power has become even more relevant. This debate is not merely ideological but also has practical and global implications, including war, peace, diplomacy, and prestigious awards like the Nobel Peace Prize. Under Trump's leadership, the America First policy has given rise to a new aggressiveness and uncertainty in global politics. Tariff wars, economic sanctions, and pressure on international institutions all indicate that the US no longer seeks to assume a role of leadership, but of control. The United States' support for Ukraine, followed by its strategic balancing act with Russia, demonstrates that policies are no longer permanent but circumstantial. This appears to be more a matter of power than talent. Rising tensions in the Middle East, particularly with Iran, Israel, and the Gulf region, are pushing the world toward a new energy crisis. I, Advocate Kishan Sanmukhdas Bhavnani, Gondia, Maharashtra, believe that the politics of controlling vital sea routes like the Strait of Hormuz demonstrates that energy has become a strategic weapon, not just an eco-

economic issue. Trump's use of the Strait of Hormuz may have been a humorous omission, but it reveals his self-confidence and power-centric mindset. The Nobel Peace Prize, awarded by the Nobel Committee, has always been a symbol of contributions to global peace and humanity. But when a powerful leader says that if he didn't receive it, no one should, it calls the award's dignity into question. In a speech delivered at a conference in Miami, Florida, US President Trump made sharp remarks about Iran and expressed his displeasure over not receiving the Nobel Peace Prize. In his address, Trump claimed that Iran is begging for a deal with the US and should reach one soon. During the speech, he mistakenly referred to the strategically important Strait of Hormuz as the Strait of Trump. However, he immediately corrected it, calling it Hormuz and jokingly stating that it was a terrible mistake. Trump's statement is a clear example of power being masquerading as talent, where the desire to gain respect based on strength is evident. The awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Corina Machado in 2025 demonstrates that talent does not simply mean power or influence, but rather struggle, courage, and standing up for democratic values. In a country like Venezuela, becoming the voice of the opposition and fighting for peace is an example of true talent, which can achieve global recognition even without military or economic power. Friends, if we try to understand the fundamental difference between talent and power, talent is a personal quality; it is a combination of knowledge, experience, sensitivity,

and morality. In contrast, power is external—military, economic, or political. When decisions are made based on talent, they are long-term and balanced. However, when decisions are made based on power, they are short-term and unstable. This conflict is clearly and clearly visible in today's global politics. Friends, if we consider the claims of peace versus the reality of war, Trump's portrayal of himself as a peacemaker and claims to have stopped eight wars, while violence continues to escalate in the Middle East, is a serious contradiction. The deaths of thousands of people, the loss of troops, and regional instability indicate that peace exists only in speech, not on the ground. This is the genius of power, where words create images, but reality is different. The entire world is watching the strategy of Cuba, Iran, and global control. Trump's designation of Cuba as the next target and his pressure on Iran demonstrate that America's strategy is not merely defense, but expansion and control. Claims and military actions like Operation Epic Fury indicate that power has now replaced dialogue in global politics. Friends, if we consider double standards and changing diplomacy, Trump's policies reveal a clear contradiction: sometimes against Russia, sometimes with it; sometimes in support of Ukraine, sometimes exerting pressure on it. Similarly, the arrest of the Venezuelan president, diplomatic engagement with Pakistan's army chief, and pressure on India to stop buying oil from Russia all demonstrate that global politics is no longer based on principles, but on interests.

Friends, if we consider public discontent: democracy versus leadership arrogance, the millions taking to the streets in America indicates that the public's role remains crucial in democracy. The protests of nearly 9 million people were not just against policies, but also against leadership styles. When the public disagrees with their own leader's foreign policy and aggressive stance, it exposes the limits of "power." In a democracy, "talent" means not only the ability to make decisions, but also maintaining public trust. Friends, if we look at understanding the global message and future direction, the biggest lesson for today's world is that the use of power must be limited and responsible. If power over talent prevails, global instability will increase. But if power over talent is prioritized, peace, cooperation, and development are possible. Honors like the Nobel Peace Prize can provide guidance in this direction, provided they are kept away from politics. Therefore, if we study and analyze the above description, we will find that balance is the solution. It is clear that neither talent nor power alone is sufficient. Successful and effective global leadership requires a balance of both. But when power overpowers talent, it becomes bullying. The Trump era symbolizes this dilemma, forcing the world to consider which direction the future will take: the power of talent or the talent of power. This thoughtful article written by me is not just an analysis but also a warning that if balance is not achieved in global politics, conflict and instability may increase further in the future.

Recognize these innocent people who have created their own world even in the crowd

Dilip Kumar Pathak

While we pretend to be normal in this hustle and bustle of the world, there are some innocent faces among us who have their own quiet and different world. April 2nd is marked on the calendar as World Autism Awareness Day, but the question is, do we really understand the meaning behind this word? Autism, which is called Swatlinta in Hindi, is not a disease. It is a unique way of nature, where a child's way of thinking, understanding and connecting with others is slightly different from ours.

Often, when we see such children, we either turn a blind eye or label them as helpless. This very sympathy from society actually becomes

their biggest cage. We need to understand that a person with autism doesn't need our pity, but rather our companionship and respect. They don't see the world the same way you and I do. Colors may have different meanings for them, the noise of a crowd can scare them, and their silence holds the deepest communication.

When it comes to identification, the symptoms are very subtle. Such children often avoid direct eye contact. They have difficulty expressing themselves or understanding others. They often repeat the same actions over and over, such as waving their hands or spinning in circles. They tend to stay in their own world and may be disturbed by sudden noises. If a child is not speaking at an age-

appropriate level or is withdrawing from social interactions, it could be a sign that they are autistic. From a scientific perspective, this condition is present at birth and persists throughout life. Statistics show that one in every hundred children worldwide is born with autism. In India, due to lack of awareness, it is often mistaken for insanity. Ironically, a child who only needs a little patience and love is cut off from society due to our misconceptions. Through timely identification and training, these children can also become part of mainstream society; all we need is a change in our perspective. Observing journalism and society for the past decade, I have realized that autism is not a matter of treatment, but of realization. It is

called a spectrum because its symptoms vary from person to person. Some children solve math problems in a jiffy, while others create magical paintings with colors that leave onlookers awestruck. History bears witness to the fact that even great scientists like Albert Einstein and Isaac Newton had symptoms of autism. So why do we underestimate these children?

In today's digital age, where every relationship is reduced to likes and comments, people with autism teach us the true power of silence. They aren't artificial, they don't lie, and they're miles away from the world's cunning. The real challenge lies not with these children, but with our own behavior. We want to make them normal, like us, when the real

need is to understand their innocent world. Newspaper and TV debates often echo issues of power and politics, but little is discussed about the struggles of a mother or father whose child is ridiculed at school. We must teach our children not to mock a child who is slightly different, but to hold their hand. Creating a comfortable environment for them in public spaces is our collective responsibility. This April 2nd, let us take a pledge: Don't just consider these special individuals with autism as disabled and confine them to government files. Give them a platform, give them opportunities to progress, and make them realize they are not alone. Only when we abandon sympathy and embrace equality will we truly be a better society.

'Jinxed' Delhi CM bungalow, largely vacant for decades, set to be demolished

New Delhi, (GNS): A sprawling colonial-era bungalow at 33, Sham Nath Marg, which has long been regarded as "jinxed" among political and administrative circles, is set to be demolished and replaced with a new office complex, said officials aware of Delhi government's plans. The two-storey structure, built in the 1920s, has remained largely unoccupied for more than two decades, according to officials. The Public Works Department (PWD) repeatedly failed to secure a permanent occupant despite multiple attempts, with Delhi's political class branding the property as "jinxed".

Officials said the redevelopment plan aims to put the prime land parcel to functional use by constructing a modern office building. "Once the structure is demolished, a completely new layout will be planned. We may also consult a Vastu expert, and some floors may be added. An office complex is proposed at the site, and after construction, it will be included in the PWD's pool for allotment to government offices," a senior official, who asked not to be identified, said.



The building's long-standing reputation contributed to its underutilisation, according to the officials HT spoke to. "Over the years, the bungalow gained notoriety, and many ministers, legislators and senior officers were reluctant to occupy it. Even when allotted, it often remained vacant or was used only for limited official purposes," another official said. Originally intended as the official residence of Delhi's chief minister, the four-bedroom house features a spacious front lawn with fountains, a large living and drawing area, an outhouse, and seven staff quarters.

L-G Sandhu speaks with people at Kamla Market

New Delhi, (GNS): As part of direct outreach with residents of the city, Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Tuesday visited the bustling Kamla Market in the North Campus area of Delhi University, interacting with shopkeepers, shoppers, vendors, tourists, students and local residents.



During the unscheduled visit, he walked the entire stretch of Bungalow Road before turning into the main market, witnessing first-hand long-standing problems such as parking, traffic congestion, sanitation problems, hanging wires and a lack of public utilities. Sandhu also held interactions with shopkeepers, shoppers, vendors, tourists, students and local residents, who raised various civic concerns including security, women's safety and high rentals in PG accommodation for students, in addition to

the issues of parking, traffic, sanitation and inadequate public amenities. Many, particularly market associations and pedestrians, pointed to the near-total disuse of the underground parking facility, which has a capacity of more than 800 vehicles and a mall built above it, citing what they described as faulty design. The facility was developed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD). The Lieutenant Governor also visited the popular eatery Chache Di Hatti, where he queued with patrons to have lunch of chhole bhature.



Two stabbing accused held in police encounter

New Delhi, (GNS): Two men wanted in connection with a fatal stabbing and a series of knife attacks in the Dabri area were arrested following separate late-night encounters with police, an officer said on Tuesday. The accused, identified as Rohit Kumar and Prem Sharma, sustained bullet injuries to their legs during encounters after they allegedly opened fire on police teams trying to nab them. According to police, the arrests came within 24 hours of two stabbing incidents reported in the Madhu Vihar area on Sunday night. In the first incident, Govind Jha (39) was stabbed near Durga Mata Mandir. He later succumbed to his injuries at a hospital. Minutes later, three other individuals were attacked by unidentified assailants.

Police officials said the investigation has ruled out any communal angle to the violence. Acting on specific inputs, a special staff team located Rohit Kumar near Dwarka, Sector 17. When he allegedly fired at the police, the team retaliated in self-defence, injuring him. A pistol and cartridges were recovered from his possession. In a separate operation, another police team intercepted Prem Sharma near Najafgarh. He allegedly fired three rounds at the police, one of which struck the bulletproof vest of a head constable. The police returned fire, injuring and apprehending him. Both accused have prior criminal records, the police said, adding that further investigation is underway.

Stabbing case: Court convicts woman of lesser offence:

New Delhi, (GNS): A Delhi court on Monday acquitted a woman of attempt to murder charges in a case of stabbing, observing that she acted without any "premeditated intent" and in a moment of provocation.

However, Pitamber Dutt of Patiala House Court held her guilty of 'attempt to murder' - a lesser offence - noting that the prosecution had established that she inflicted a stab injury on her live-in partner's chest with a kitchen knife. The offence carries a minimum sentence of three years in jail apart from a fine and a maximum of seven years.

The case dates to June 10, 2023, when the woman, Babie Lalngaihawmi, stabbed her boyfriend, Samuel Rokhrieo, after she found him scrolling through photos of his former girlfriend. This led Babie to believe that he was cheating on her. Just after injuring him, Babie informed a friend of his of her act and took Samuel first to a private medical facility and then to Safdarjung Hospital.

The defence argued that her act was not pre-planned but occurred in the heat of the moment due to "emotional provocation" and that the prosecution admitted that there was no enmity between the two prior to the incident and both were "in a live in relationship for the past one year". Samuel also said they were living like "husband and wife".

Agreeing with the defence, the judge observed that the "circumstance was sufficient to give a reasonable belief to the accused that the injured was playing with her emotions and had an inclination towards his ex-girlfriend." The court further noted Babie's action was committed on the "spur of the moment" after she "lost her senses" due to her boyfriend's conduct.

This AI'nt done:

Delhi court imposes Rs 20K fine over 'incoherent' plea

New Delhi, (GNS): Coming down heavily on a plea that appeared to have been drafted using artificial intelligence (AI), a Delhi court has imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 on a litigant, observing that the poorly written complaint led to wastage of valuable judicial time.

The petitioner, Punam Pandey, approached the Rouse Avenue Court seeking directions for registration of an FIR under Section 156(3) of the CrPC. She alleged that Syed Shah Nawaz Hussain had issued death threats to her and her family.

However, during the hearing, the court flagged serious concerns over the quality of the petition. Magistrate Neha Mittal noted that the complaint was riddled with grammatical errors and, more significantly, contained several meaningless and incoherent



phrases that made it difficult to comprehend the allegations. While dismissing the application, the court highlighted a broader concern, observing: "Despite nipping such complaints in the bud, litigants filing these frivolous complaints are definitely successful in wasting judicial time, if not more." Magistrate Mittal said that

meaningless words were inserted, forcing the court to spend time attempting to decipher the content. To illustrate the problem, the court reproduced portions of the complaint, noting: "that is why the me could not take legal action against the OCT accused because the me is Lady. a LATTES simple Frammer.....The mean

Lebaut was in depression.....The complaint EO SHO PS Mehrauli, New Delhi BHE BE Action was taken till me."

Calling out the lack of clarity, the court observed, "These lines certainly do not make any sense and fail to convey anything else except the fact that drafting might have been done with more technical intervention and less of human mind contribution." Suspecting "more technical intervention and less of human mind contribution", the court cautioned against such usage, noting that the Supreme Court and various high courts have also "deprecated" such practices.

Observing that courts cannot be left powerless in such situations, the court deemed it fit to impose a fine of Rs 20,000 on the litigant for the loss of "judicial time".

ATM theft accused arrested after years on the run

New Delhi, (GNS): Nuh police arrested a wanted accused in theft cases involving several lakhs of rupees from ATM machines. The accused was involved in thefts across various districts for a long time and was absconding in several cases.

According to the police, the arrested accused was identified as Aashiq, a resident of Gogjaka village in Nuh, who is a proclaimed offender in a 2018 case registered at Rohtak Urban police station. A police team had received information that Aashiq was present in the area. A team from Tauru city police station arrested the accused. During interrogation, it was revealed that he stole around Rs 40 lakh by hacking an SBI ATM machine in Rohtak in 2018.

Petrol vapour ignition sparks fire at Shakur Basti railway station, no casualties

New Delhi, (GNS): A fire broke out in a petrol-laden tank wagon at Shakur Basti Railway Station on Monday after a leakage led to the accumulation of highly inflammable vapours near the manhole lid, police said, adding that the fire was quickly doused.

The incident was reported on Monday afternoon at the Sarai Rohilla Railway Police Station. The tank wagon was parked in the railway yard when fuel leaked from the manhole lid, causing vapours to build up. The vapours ignited after a spark, officials said.

The train's driver and guard, who were present at the site, noticed the spark and immediately alerted police personnel deployed in the railway yard. The flames briefly spread due to nearby wiring but were quickly brought under control, a police officer said. Railway staff acted promptly, using fire extinguishers and other safety equipment to contain the blaze at an early stage, police added. DCP (Railway) B Bharat Reddy said immediate steps were taken to secure the area, pre-



vent unauthorised access and coordinate with relevant authorities. "Preventive safety measures have also been initiated to avoid any recurrence," he said. No casualties or injuries were reported, and

there was no significant damage to property. A technical inspection of the tank wagon is underway, and a detailed inquiry has been initiated to ascertain the exact cause and fix responsibility, police said.

Delhi Police top CCTNS rankings, get ISO certification for digital policing

New Delhi, (GNS): Delhi Police has secured the top position in the country in the implementation of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) for February. It has also received an ISO certification for its quality management systems in digital policing, an official said.

"The force had earlier achieved a perfect score for three consecutive months from October to December 2025 and retained the first rank in January 2026 on the CCTNS Pragati Dashboard," the official said.

The Pragati Dashboard, monitored by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the National Crime Records Bureau, assesses states



and UTs on parameters such as data accuracy, timeliness, connectivity of police stations and electronic transmission of FIRs to courts.

Officials said the achievement highlighted effective implementation of national e-governance platforms, including the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS). The ISO certification covers end-to-end digital processes.

Tajpuria outfit's resurgence sparks fears of renewed gang warp

New Delhi, (GNS): With two back-to-back killings of members of their rival 'Gogi gang' in a month, the Tajpuria gang has not only ended its hiatus, but also reclaimed its spot in the city's underworld. But what has alarmed investigators is the spectre of a bloody gang war as the Gogi gang is likely to leverage its alliance with Lawrence Bishnoi for a counter-offensive, say sources.

According to investigators, Tajpuria gang's resurgence is being driven by a fresh wave of young recruits and an overseas kingpin - gangster Himmat Chiku has jumped bail and fled abroad - all fuelled by a desire to avenge their fallen kingpin, Sunil Tajpuria. The flourishing

extortion and land-grab rackets are incentives too.

Over 30 people, includes several bystanders or passersby, have been killed in the feud. On March 18, three people, including a child, were wounded when gunmen opened fire indiscriminately.

The blood-soaked saga of Jitender Gogi and Sunil alias Tillu Tajpuria is a grim reminder of how teenaged camaraderie can devolve into a decade of carnage. The two were close friends growing up in the neighbouring villages of Alipur and Tajpur Kalan in Outer Delhi, their bond forged on volleyball courts and in wrestling pits.

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In Delhi's waters, rescue arrives without support

New Delhi, (GNS): Braving the tainted waters and scattered hazards of the Yamuna with limited equipment and manpower, the "gota khors" are a unique brand of riverside-dwelling divers, who are usually the first responders to instances of drowning in the river, drains that flow into it or deep canals. They work on contracts with the Delhi Boat Club in Civil Lines and act as the city's primary aquatic response team.

For years, these divers have responded to drowning calls without a formal SOP, modern rescue equipment or regular training. At present, the club employs 18 contractual divers.

These divers are mostly self-trained swimmers who traverse the waters in only their shorts for "better mobility". Most of them have grown up in Jagatpur, Wazirabad and Burari, all localities which fall on the riverbanks. They lack equipment, such as flow meters, life buoys or high-pressure breathing compres-



sors, which professional teams, such as the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), are mandated to have, but claim to be the only ones who can deal with late-night rescue missions and deep pits.

Club in-charge Harish Kumar said that most divers have been acquainted with each other for years and that they have been swimming in the Yamuna Ghat since their childhood.

He said, "I have been swimming here since I was a seven or eight years old. We would learn by picking coins from the riverbed for tourists. When you swim every day, you learn how to navigate underwater, even in the dark. That's what we have been doing. This one time, a fisherman was looking for his bag and we helped him. We had to be under the water for almost an hour. It was chilly, but we managed to

recover his bag."

While they are divers of the Delhi Boat Club in name, they also respond to emergencies in neighbouring Noida, where the Yamuna continues its trajectory.

A diver, who has been working on rescues for 10 years, said on condition of anonymity, "We help with calls from Noida as it does not have a boat club. Also, no other rescue teams, even those having equipment, can deal with late-night rescue missions and deep pits. We get calls to rescue people even from the Hindon area. Our team is very efficient. We risk our lives almost every day." Data shared by the government for 2025 shows that the boat club divers attended to more than 348 drowning calls. They recovered around 110 bodies—many are suicide and accident victims—rescued 70-80 people and are unable to retrieve bodies or trace people in almost 30-35 instances. Monsoon months, from July to September, remain their busiest period.

Drug racket busted in Delhi, four nabbed

New Delhi, (GNS):

The police claimed to have busted a drug racket operating in Delhi and arrested four persons, including two foreign nationals, with cocaine and MDMA valued around Rs 1.1 crore, an official said on Tuesday. The police said the accused were part of an organised network that procured drugs from foreign sources and distributed them through local peddlers.

The accused have been identified as Mohammad Hasan and Razia, both residents of Delhi, and two African nationals - Diouf Solomon alias Oskar, of Senegal and Bemah of Liberia.

According to the police, the arrests were made following a tip-off regarding the supply of psychotropic substances in the area. "The operation began on March 25 when the police got information that Hasan was involved in supplying MDMA and would be arriving near



Chitra Vihar Jhuggi in Preet Vihar. Following a tip-off, a trap was laid and Hasan (23) was apprehended while he was on a scooter," the officer said.

During his search, 7.58 grams of MDMA was recovered, following which a case was registered. During interrogation, Hasan disclosed that he sourced the drugs from a foreign national identified as Oskar (27), who supplied narcotics at various locations along the Outer Ring Road.

Acting on this lead, the police team conducted further surveillance and laid another trap on the intervening night of March 27 and 28 near Srinivasपुरi.

Delhi launches 'Khadi Kaushal Vikas Yojana'

New Delhi, (GNS): In a significant push to revive traditional industries and generate sustainable employment, the Delhi Khadi and Village Industries Board (DKVIB) has notified the launch of the 'Delhi Khadi Kaushal Vikas Yojana'.

The scheme, approved by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, aims to strengthen the khadi and village industries sector by enhancing skills, modernising production practices and improving market access for artisans and workers. The scheme has been notified under the provisions of the Khadi and Village Industries Board Act, 1966. The scheme comes into effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

The scheme seeks to recognise the existing skills of artisans in the unorganised sector and align them with national standards set by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC). It also



focuses on upskilling workers, school and college dropouts, and aspiring entrepreneurs, thereby improving productivity and creating new livelihood opportunities in the sector.

The benefits of the scheme will be available to Delhi residents who have lived in the city for at least five years. Applicants must possess an Aadhaar card and can belong to any category, including General, SC, ST, OBC, minori-

ties, women, economically weaker sections, and persons with disabilities. Registration through the e-Shram portal or other designated platforms is mandatory.

Comprehensive training, support measures: The programme offers a wide range of support measures, including skill training, digital literacy and access to modern tools. Participants will receive food during training sessions,

and upon successful completion, they will be awarded certification and identity cards. The scheme also provides toolkits such as sewing machines, particularly under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) initiatives.

In addition, beneficiaries will gain exposure to e-commerce platforms through the creation of e-catalogues, enabling them to list their products on the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC). This is expected to enhance market visibility and increase income opportunities for artisans.

Market linkages, financial inclusion: The scheme includes provisions for marketing support, brand promotion, participation in trade fairs and information on quality certification. It also promotes awareness of banking facilities and facilitates financial linkages for artisans seeking to expand their businesses. Training will be imparted

in multiple job roles, including tailoring, fashion apparel production, merchandising, IT support and documentation. The programme is designed to link training outcomes with employment opportunities, either through wage-based jobs or self-employment ventures.

Monitoring and implementation framework: The Delhi Khadi and Village Industries Board will implement the scheme through a dedicated Project Management Unit. Progress will be monitored through key performance indicators such as enrolment rates, certification outcomes and employment generation. Regular audits, feedback mechanisms and verification processes will ensure transparency and effectiveness in implementation. The expenditure under the scheme will be met from budgetary allocations provided by the Delhi government to the DKVIB.



DME repairs may hit traffic on key roads for 3 months

New Delhi, (GNS): Several key arterial roads, connecting central and south Delhi with eastern parts of the city, Ghaziabad and Noida, will remain disrupted for the next three months due to the ongoing road repair and recarpeting work on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME), Delhi traffic police said on Tuesday.

Traffic police said that due to ongoing work, which started last week, heavy traffic snarls are visible across the stretch, especially during evening peak hours.

Currently, the road repair and recarpeting work is being carried out by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on the DME's carriageway going towards Ghaziabad from Sarai Kale Khan. Although one portion of the carriageway is left open for vehicles, the maintenance work is leading to traffic jams on the adjacent NH-9 and NH-24, the Ring Road between Ashram Chowk and IP flyover, Vikas Marg, DND flyway, and Barapullah flyway that motorists are using to reach their destinations.

Commuters said that the traffic snarls on the DME and NH-9 have been leading to long lines of vehicles on a two to three kilometres stretch on the Ring Road, as motorists coming from India Gate, IP flyover, Sarai Kale Khan-Ashram, and Barapullah flyway are getting stuck for extended periods. "It usually takes 20 to 25 minutes to reach Indirapuram from Sarai Kale Khan during the evening peak hours when I return home from my office in Lajpat Nagar using the DME. The travel time has almost doubled because half of the carriageway remains barricaded for the road recarpeting work happening near Akshardham temple," said Lakshya Saini, 36, an accountant. Another commuter, Swastik Sharma, 28, said, "The impact of the maintenance work is already seen on the NH-9 and the NH-24," he added.

The Delhi Traffic Police on Sunday issued an advisory on social media, informing the public about the DME's maintenance work and the traffic jams caused by it. "Traffic likely to remain affected on Delhi-Meerut Expressway due to ongoing road maintenance work, especially during evening peak hours (5 pm-11 pm). Commuters are advised to avoid the stretch towards Ghaziabad/Meerut, use NH-9 as an alternate route and plan their journey in advance," the traffic police posted on X.

Woman in E-Rickshaw Killed in Collision with Electric Car in Model Town

New Delhi, (GNS): A 46-year-old woman working as a govt contractual employee was killed and another man injured after an e-rickshaw collided with an electric car in northwest Delhi's Model Town on Monday evening. A woman has been arrested. Police said a PCR call about the accident near the Satyawati Cut on GTK Road came to Model Town police station around 7 pm. Police teams found a mangled e-rickshaw and a damaged electric car, indicating a powerful collision near the T-point close to the Satyawati flyover.

The victim, Kiran Devi, who worked in the ration card office in Gurmandi, was in the e-rickshaw. She was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead. Police said the impact of the crash flung her to the road, after which the car ran over her, causing her fatal injuries.



"The woman is survived by two sons, aged 17 and 15 years, and also a daughter, who is older. She was on her way back to her Shakarpur home. Kiran would usually take a bus from Azadpur," a senior police officer said. "She lived separately from her husband and was supporting her household." The e-rickshaw driver, identified as Puran Mal, suffered injuries. He was taken to Deep Chand Bandhu Hospital, where he was treated and discharged.

A preliminary investigation suggests that the car, driven

by a 35-year-old homemaker, Anjali Arora, allegedly rammed into the e-rickshaw at a high speed. The force of the collision left the e-rickshaw severely damaged. Police sources said that Arora has been arrested and the vehicle seized.

A case has been registered under sections 281 (rash driving on a public way), 125 (act endangering life or personal safety of others), and 106 (causing death by negligence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Police said they are examining CCTV footage and questioning witnesses to ascertain the sequence of events that led to the crash.

In Feb, a six-year-old girl was killed and her grandmother injured after their e-rickshaw collided with a car and overturned in west Delhi's Janakpuri.

23cr digital arrest case now with CBI

New Delhi, (GNS):

The biggest cyber fraud reported in the Capital in September last year, in which a retired banker from south Delhi's Gulmohar Park lost nearly 23 crore, has been transferred to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), officials aware of the matter said.

A senior Delhi Police officer confirmed the development, saying the case was handed over to the CBI in the second week of March. "The transfer followed a Supreme Court direction asking the state government to grant permission. After the sanction, the case was handed over in the second week of March," the officer said. In February, the Supreme Court took suo motu cognisance of rising "digital arrest" cyber frauds involving forged documents, noting losses of up to 10 crore and their severe impact on senior citizens. The court said, "The CBI has identified a threshold



of losses of 10 crore or more for investigation of digital asset-related cases. At present, three such cases have been identified in the states of Gujarat and Delhi. State governments have been directed to grant the necessary permissions within one week." The victim, Naresh Malhotra, was coerced into selling his equity shares and transferring 22.92 crore in multiple transactions to bank accounts of the accused. Police said the cyber-criminals impersonated Mumbai Police officials and threatened him, alleging his Aadhaar details were linked to bank accounts used for terror funding and the Pulwama attack. They also threatened to harm his family if he disclosed the matter to anyone.

The Curious Case Of Tapering Attendance In City Schools

New Delhi, (GNS): Data from Economic Survey of Delhi 2025-26 shows a clear, step-by-step decline in school attendance as students move up the education ladder.

Experts say data over the past decade indicates that while access to schooling and initial entry into the education system have steadily improved in the capital, student retention remains the biggest challenge. The most significant drop occurs between primary and upper primary levels, suggesting that early adolescence is a critical breaking point. The decline continues steadily thereafter, indicating cumulative barriers rather than a single-point failure. By the time students reach the higher education level, less than a quarter remain in the system, high-

lighting a major gap in progression.

According to experts, a decline in net attendance ratio (NAR) largely indicates that students are gradually leaving the education system, though not always immediately or permanently. It reflects a mix of actual dropouts, irregular attendance and delayed progression where students fall out of the appropriate age-grade level. In this data, the steady fall from primary to higher levels suggests that a significant number of students discontinue schooling over time, with the sharp drop at higher levels pointing to limited continuation into further education.

Compared with the national average, Delhi performs better at every level, yet the pattern of decline is almost identical. This

suggests that the issue is not unique to the city but reflects broader structural challenges in the education system. Even in a relatively better-performing region, sustaining participation beyond elementary education remains difficult.

"Govt needs to closely track these children and ensure they complete their education. Many remain absent or eventually drop out altogether, often taking up low-paying work or facing health and financial constraints. These cases require proactive intervention," said education activist Ashok Agarwal.

According to data based on 75th National Sample Survey, at the primary level, Delhi's NAR is very high at 89.8%, indicating that access to basic schooling is

nearly universal. However, this strong base begins to narrow quickly, dropping to 73.1% at upper primary, 62.4% at secondary and further to 54% at higher secondary. The sharpest fall is seen beyond schooling, where attendance at the post-higher secondary level plunges to just 23.4%. According to experts, it has created a classic pyramid structure, which is wide at the base, but tapers steeply at higher levels. Experts say this trend is driven by a mix of economic, social and institutional factors. "At the upper primary stage, increased domestic responsibilities, especially for girls, along with safety concerns and lack of supportive infrastructure, often lead to dropouts. As students move into secondary levels, economic

pressures become more prominent, with many, particularly boys, leaving school to enter the workforce or support family income," said Agarwal.

He added, "At higher secondary and post-secondary stages, the reasons shift towards cost of education, academic pressure, and uncertain returns, making continued education less attractive or feasible."

Another key issue, the experts point out, is the weak transition between school stages. While policies have successfully ensured enrolment at the primary level, the system struggles to keep students engaged and supported through adolescence and beyond. Limited access to quality higher education, lack of vocational pathways and inadequate career

guidance further contribute to the steep drop after secondary schooling.

Overall, the numbers suggest Delhi has addressed the problem of getting children into school but keeping them there and ensuring they progress remains the central challenge. The data underlines the need for targeted interventions focused on retention, smoother transitions and making education more relevant and economically viable at higher levels. In education statistics, net enrolment ratio (NER) and NAR are used to assess how well a system reaches children of the official school-going age. The former measures how many of these children are enrolled, capturing access to schooling, but it does not reflect whether they attend classes.