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**ED studying Jain's potential gain if circle rate raised**

The Delhi government's move to effect a six-fold increase in circle rates of agricultural land has piqued the interest of the ED team investigating former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in money laundering case, reports **Pradeep Thakur**.

Sources said Jain would have been among the chief beneficiaries of the increase in circle rates and the agency is looking into it. Jain allegedly used five shell companies to acquire huge tracts of land between 2010 and 2014 in the villages of Karala, Auchiandi, Nizampur and Budhan. Jain and his associates had earlier denied owning the land. The AAP leadership had also reiterated his claim that he had resigned by 2013 from the companies that own the land. **P13**

**India offered VVIP jet for stranded Canadian PM**

India had offered its VVIP aircraft — India One — to fly Canadian PM Justin Trudeau and his team to Ottawa on Monday, after their 36-year-old Airbus A310 developed a snag in Delhi, sources said. Canada had declined the offer, and the PM and his team left on Tuesday afternoon after the plane was repaired. **P22**

**Ashoka centre disbands itself**

The scientific board of the Trivedi Centre for Political Data at Ashoka University announced in an open letter Tuesday that it was dissolving itself and cited "breach of academic norms" by the varsity. It claimed Belgian political scientist Gilles Verniers, founder & co-director of the centre, had been "forced to leave". **P8**

**Soldier, Army dog die in J&K action, 3 hurt in encounter**



Jammu: A soldier and an Army dog were killed in action and three other securitymen wounded in J&K's Rajouri on Tuesday while on the trail of terrorists fleeing their hideout after a member of the armed outfit had been shot in the first burst of gunfire, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**. Defence PRO Lt Col Suneel Bartwal said the gunfight took place in a forested area.

► At forefront of op, **P22**

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Russian President Vladimir Putin says he sees nothing in the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) that can hinder Russia and he believes the project will benefit his country, **P 20**

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# SC rejects govt's plea, bench of 5 to decide on sedition law

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## 'CASES PENDING'

- SC says even if Parliament enacts new penal code, prosecutions pending under Sec 124A must be dealt with
- It says in 1962 Kedar Nath verdict, SC upheld sedition law after testing it against Art 19 guaranteeing free speech; since then, SC has expanded ambit of scrutiny to rights under Art 14 (equality), 19 and 21 (protection of life & liberty)
- The judgment did not distinguish between the state and the government

man and solicitor general Tushar Mehta, for deferment of the judicial scrutiny of sedition provision citing three reasons. First, the bench said, Section 124A continues to exist in the statute book and pending prosecutions under this provision would be valid even if Parliament enacted a new penal code.

► **SC on 5-judge bench, P 22**

## SC fumes at lower courts not granting bail

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday expressed its anguish over lower courts and high courts denying bail to accused in cases involving ordinary infractions despite the apex court's various orders exhorting them to be liberal in granting bail when custody is not needed, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

"Why should everybody come here (Supreme Court) for bail? Despite our orders, bails are not granted by courts... 40% of cases (reaching SC) should be dealt at different levels but we are called upon to decide the cases," the bench said. It was hearing the bail plea of an accused who remained in jail due to delay in framing of charges despite the chargesheet being filed 14 months ago.

► **'It's unfortunate...', P 22**

## SC raps Guj for remission delay, orders parole

New Delhi: Days after it raised questions on the remission policy being implemented selectively while hearing the Bilkis Bano case in which 11 lifers convicted of gang rape and murder were granted premature release, the Supreme Court has pulled up the Gujarat government for delay in deciding the remission plea of a prisoner despite the court's order and unanimous recommendation by the Jail Advisory Committee sent a year ago, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

Noting the delay, the court on August 28 gave the state two weeks to decide on the remission plea but the government failed to comply. As the state sought more time, the bench directed the prisoner's release on parole.

► **Not offered apology, P 22**

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## Monu Manesar arrested in Haryana cops take him on remand for murder probe



Monu Manesar (in blue T-shirt) in the custody of the Haryana police in Manesar on Tuesday

Gurgaon: Mohit Yadav, alias Monu Manesar, was arrested on Tuesday by an SIT that is investigating the communal violence that broke out in Nuh on July 31, the first time the Bajrang Dal activist has been taken into custody since he emerged as a politically influential gau rakshak and the leader of a network of cow vigilantes in the state.

Soon after the SIT arrested him in Manesar, where he lives, took him to Nuh and produced him at the district court there, Monu was handed over to the Rajasthan police, which had applied for his transit remand for its own investigation into the killings of two Muslim men from Bharatpur-Nasir and Ju-

naid – on February 16 this year;

► **Monu taken to Deeg, P 11**

## 2 buffaloes, a calf & a very cold case: 78-yr-old man arrested for theft in 1965

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Bidar: The arrest came long, long after the cows, rather than the buffaloes, came home.

Ganapati Vitthal Wagore of Udgir, Maharashtra, was just 20, and the year was 1965, when he became the prime accused in the theft of two buffaloes and a calf from Mehakar village in Bidar, Karnataka.

Now 78, Vitthal was arrested on Tuesday, as part of the local police's cold case project, dubbed LPC, long pending cases. For Bidar police, this was the oldest of the LPCs that they are looking into currently.

Bidar district in Karnataka borders Maharashtra, no doubt creating enabling conditions for inter-state crime.

Vitthal's co-accused, Krish-

## Judge heard Gyanvapi case sans jurisdiction

Cases related to the Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi title suit have been withdrawn from a single-judge bench of Allahabad HC as it was hearing the "matter without jurisdiction", Chief Justice Pratikumar Diwaker has said. In his August 28 order, uploaded recently, he termed the hearings an instance of "judicial impropriety". **P 14**

na Chandar, who was 30 in 1965, escaped arrest — he died in 2006. Chennabasavanna Langoti, Bidar SP, told TOI that alleged buffalo-nabber Vitthal had been playing cat and mouse with the cops for years.

► **Vitthal likely to get bail, P 22**

## Woman, bro kill lover for refusing to marry her

A 24-year-old man found dead in a Mussoorie homestay three days ago was murdered by his lover and her brother from Shaheen Bagh in Delhi, police said. Kapil Choudhary, a driver, and 20-year-old Kudrat Basdar, who worked at a tailor's met at a shop in Karol Bagh two years ago and over phone conversations, fell in love, report Kalyan Das and Anmol Jain.

A few weeks ago, Kapil told Kudrat he couldn't marry her since she was of a different faith. Angered by this, Kudrat enlisted the help of her 18-year-old brother Abdulla and called Kapil to Mussoorie. In the early hours of September 10, Abdulla slit Kapil's throat and hid the body under the bed. Brother and sister then fled to Haridwar from where they were nabbed. **P 11**

## Rtd Army driver cons job aspirants posing as Col, held

A 56-year-old man, who used to pose as a Colonel to dupe aspiring soldiers, was held by a unit of the UP STF from Meerut after a tip-off from military intelligence two days ago. He was booked for "cheating, breach of trust and criminal intimidation" and sent to jail on Tuesday, reports Krishna Chaudhary. Satya Pal Singh Yadav had been a naik in the Army since 1985 and retired in 2003. Additional SP (STF) B K Singh said, "Yadav owns a paint business, in which he invested the money got through his crime. He amassed close to Rs 6 crore over the past seven years by conning more than 50 aspirants."

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18-month-old Kanav Jangra had a rare genetic disorder

## Crowdfunded para player wins bronze

Para-badminton player Prema Biswas, who crowdfunded her participation at the Fox Indonesia Para-badminton tournament, has won a bronze medal. **FLAP OPP**

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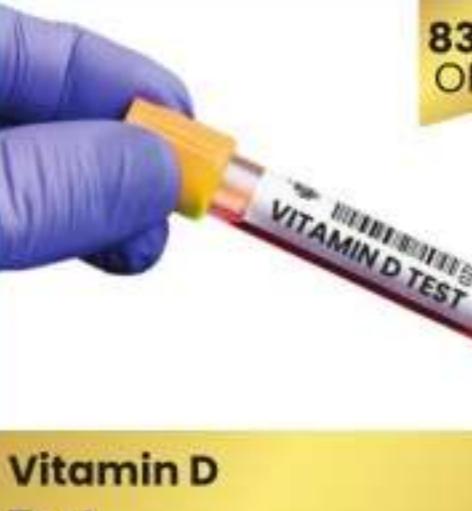
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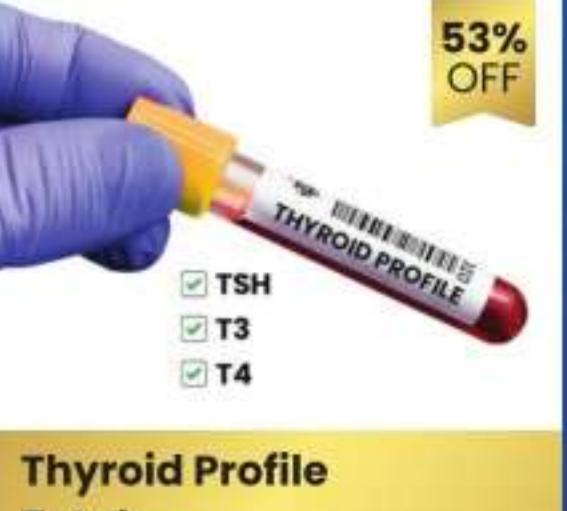
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# Diwali Air Pollution Not Just About Firecrackers: Experts

Cutting Pollutants Helps, But Met Conditions Bigger Factor

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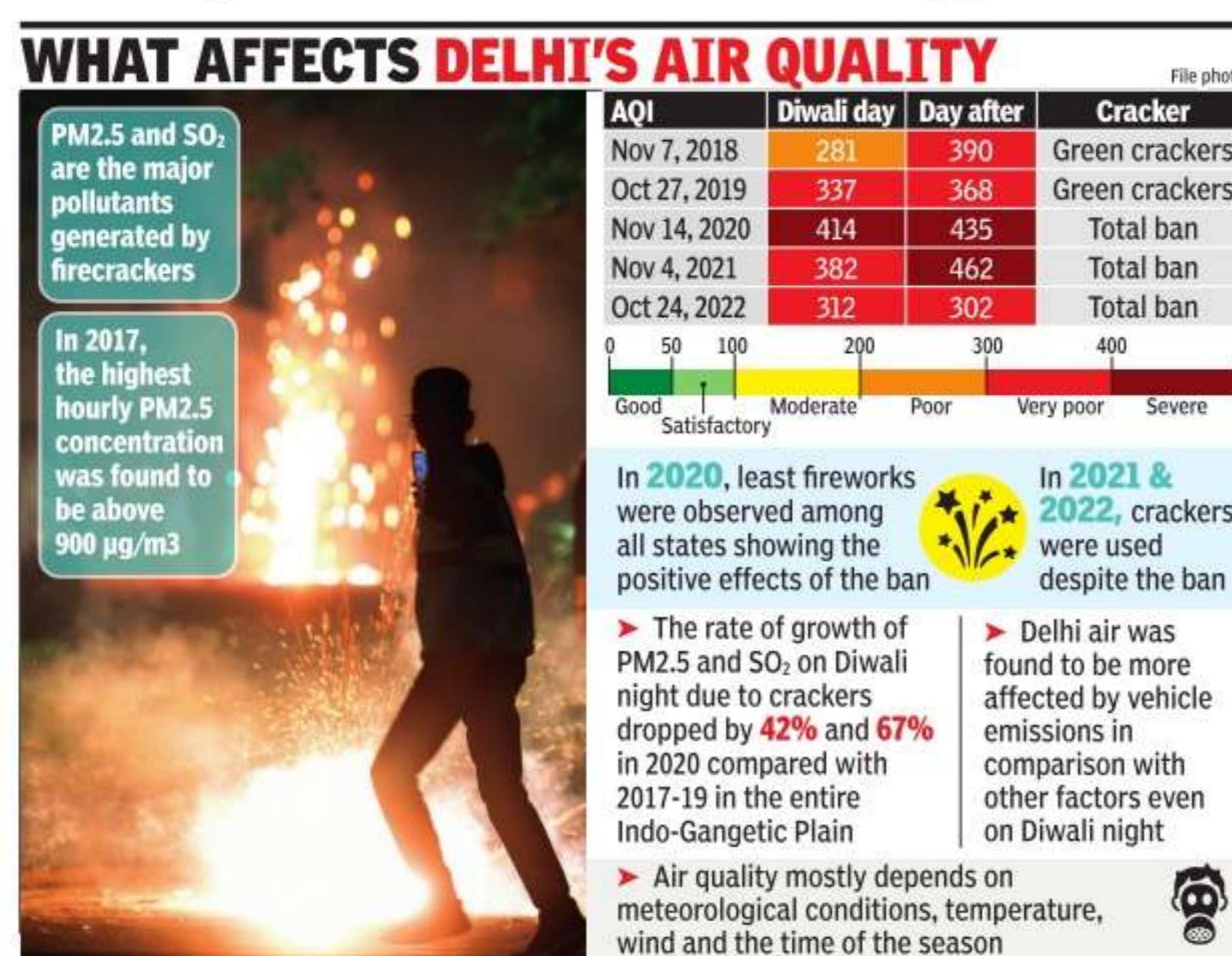
**New Delhi:** Since 2020, Diwali nights have been a tad less loud. Fireworks were banned that year to curb pollution, a ban that environment minister Gopal Rai reiterated for the 2023 festival season on Monday. Indeed, the city saw very clean pre-Diwali and Diwali days in 2020, but experts said it wasn't all due to a check on pyrotechnics.

While the elimination of a source of pollutants had a bearing on the cleanliness of the air, experts learnt that meteorological conditions were as important a factor in the quality of air during the festival and the winter months. The windy conditions during Diwali in the past couple of years had more to do with the better air than people not bursting crackers.

The role of prohibiting fireworks to cut down emission, of course, isn't insignificant. "There is no doubt that air quality depends on meteorological conditions. But alongside, controlling toxic pollutants like dust and gases also helps," said D Saha, former head, air pollution laboratory, Central Pollution Control Board.

"We must work to reduce toxicity by curtailing different sources of pollution or emissions at the ground level. Banning fireworks, even if their contribution to pollution is just 1%, is still a good decision from the perspective of people's health."

A research study at the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Panjab University, released in July last year pointed out that air quality across the entire Indo-Gangetic Plains was good on Diwali night, attributable, therefore, not to the cracker



ban in the city but to the prevailing winds, which ventilated the pollutants across the swathe of north India.

In fact, vehicle emissions and stubble burning in the capital's neighbourhood nullified all the gains of the fireworks ban and kept pollution levels fairly high in the capital. As another assessment by Climate Trends discovered, while the pollution level reduced last Diwali, it was still well above the safe limit.

The PGIMER study found that PM2.5 and sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) were the major pollutants generated by firecrackers. There was no effect on the ozone level, contrary to earlier assumptions. The rate of growth of PM2.5 and SO<sub>2</sub> due to crackers dropped dramatically by 42% and 67% on Diwali night in 2020 compared with 2017-19 in the entire Indo-Gangetic Plain due to

and windy days. This means that the weather condition is the single most important factor in the pollution level in the city."

While calling the ban on fireworks a "civic duty," Bhushan said that if particle pollutants fell 42% in the past few years as claimed by the state government, it is not due to steps taken such as not allowing crackers for Diwali. "Yes, it is true that the firecracker ban leads to less smoke and less noise. But other measures have to be taken too. A very crucial intervention to be made in winters is to stop the burning of waste and biomass for heating," said Bhushan. "Delhi government has more than adequate environment funds and should be able to provide electric heaters to the people in need. The impact of not allowing biomass burning can then be seen."

**BJP attacks AAP govt over cracker ban, pollution fight**

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**New Delhi:** BJP leaders on Tuesday termed the ban on firecrackers during Diwali by Delhi government "politics of appeasement". They also alleged that the government had failed to check air pollution in the city.

In a press conference held at the party office, Delhi BJP vice-president Kapil Mishra alleged, "For the last few years, the Kejriwal government has not been fighting against pollution but only trying to suppress Diwali enthusiasm. As Diwali approaches, firecrackers are banned to appease a section of the society." "Pollution due to firecrackers is usually negligible and Kejriwal should show to the people the details of the steps taken by them to deal with other pollution causes," he said.

"BJP demands implementation of the decision given by the Supreme Court on the use of green crackers. Kejriwal who, before the Punjab elections, talked about the magic solution to stop pollution from stubble burning should tell what he has done on it till now," Mishra said.

BJP media department head Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that "every year, a large sum comes to the Delhi government as environment cess through commercial vehicles, but till date, there is no information about what it does with that money".

The AAP government did not respond to the allegations.

On Monday, environment minister Gopal Rai announced a blanket ban on all kinds of fireworks through the winter in a bid to control pollution levels.

He said the decision was taken while preparing this year's winter action plan and the ban had been announced early for better preparations to curb sales, storage, manufacture and online delivery of all kinds of firecrackers in Delhi.

# Winter plan: Artificial rain among ideas to curb bad air

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ning is one of the major causes of pollution in the capital city as per report by real-time apportionment studies.

"The local biomass burning needs sincere attention and we will conduct a meeting with local security guard companies, because it has been noticed that security guards stoke bonfires during

**Rai said separate action plans would be made for 13 hotspots to reduce pollution and improve air quality. A separate winter action plan will help in tackling the issues comprehensively because they have different causes of pollution**

winters. Teams of Delhi Pollution Control Committee will continuously monitor the hotspots," said Rai.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), who attended the experts meet, said, "The issue of air pollution was discussed comprehensively with a focus on sector-wise implementation strategy. We discussed the scope of action targeting key sources, including vehicles, construction, waste, industry, energy for cooking and heating and al-

ter season to reduce the number of 'severe' days. The proposal on artificial rain will be prepared considering the weather and other factors. It will be discussed with chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and depending on its feasibility, the government will take a call."

Cloud seeding, which is a weather-modification technology to create rain, was also proposed in 2018 with the help of institutions like IIT-Kanpur. However, the plan was later dropped as weather conditions like low moisture levels in the city were found unsupportive.

# Some parts of Delhi experience drizzle, expect more till Sunday

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**New Delhi:** Some parts of Delhi, including Tughlaqabad, Ayanagar, Vasant Kunj and Deramandai, saw a drizzle on Tuesday. Ayanagar logged 0.6 mm rainfall between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm. There are chances of very light rain to light rain for the next five days.

According to India Meteorological Department, the maximum temperature was 34.5 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. The minimum temperature was 24.8 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal. The relative humidity oscillated between 64% and 93%. A Met official said, "Due to moisture fed

from south Uttar Pradesh, the city may see very light rain or drizzle on Wednesday and Thursday. There is a possibility of light rain or thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday. There is a chance of drizzling on Sunday while rain is unlikely on Monday."

The maximum temperature is likely to hover around 35 degrees Celsius for the next few days. Delhi's air quality, meanwhile, reached the lower end of the 'satisfactory' category with an air quality index of 89. According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the air quality is likely to remain in the 'satisfactory' category on Wednesday. However, it may enter the 'moderate' category on Thursday and 'satisfactory' category on Friday.

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“महिलाओं का जीवन बेटार बनाना आज हमारी सरकार की प्राथमिकता है। हमारी माताओं-बहनों की मुश्किलें दूर हों, वे देश की विकास यात्रा की मजबूत भागीदार बनें, इसके लिए हम लगातार कदम उठा रहे हैं।”

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**Pocso: Relief for man as Aadhaar says girl an adult**

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has upheld a trial court's order discharging an accused of charges under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso Act) on the basis of the alleged survivor's Aadhaar card, which indicated that she was a major. In a police complaint, the girl's mother had claimed that the girl was 16 years old.

The perusal of impugned order dated 29.7.2016 reflects that the trial court had rightly observed that the date of birth of the prosecutrix as appearing in the school record was not based on birth certificate issued by MCD or any other statutory authority. In the absence of these documents, the trial court has rightly relied upon the Aadhaar card to ascertain the age of prosecutrix as per mandate of section 94 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, which reflects the date of birth of the prosecutrix as 01.01.1994. It is also pertinent to mention that the prosecutrix was not subjected to the ossification test to determine her approximate age," the single judge bench of Sudhir Kumar Jain said.

The bench dismissed an appeal filed by the state government against the trial court's order.

The prosecution had argued that the trial court had erred by relying upon the age mentioned in the Aadhaar card, and by not resorting to Section 94 of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 (JJ Act).

Discharging the accused of all charges, the trial court had observed that the accused and the prosecutrix were in love and she was 21 years of age as per her Aadhaar card.

Earlier, the mother alleged that the girl was kidnapped, raped, and compelled to marry the accused. The accused was charge-sheeted for the offences under sections 363/366/368A/376 of the Penal Code, 1860 read with sections 4 and 6 of the Pocso Act, 2012.

The girl, however, denied that she was kidnapped and sexually assaulted by him.

## 46-yr-old woman shot at while trying to save son, one held

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New Delhi: A 46-year-old woman was shot at in Delhi's Shahbad Dairy and one of the suspects has been arrested, police said.

The victim identified as Sushila Devi, who lives with her family in Shahbad Dairy, was trying to save her son from the suspects, Monu and Deepak, when one of them allegedly shot her, police said.

Police received information about the incident at 11.05pm on Sunday. A team went to the spot at street number 3 in Bhalswa. The victim's son, Karan, told police that he and his friend Ravi were standing near a wine shop when Monu came and started fighting with Ravi. Karan tried to sort out the matter, but Monu started abusing him also.

"Monu then made a phone

# In 6 Mths, Skywalk To Cut Nehru Place Congestion

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The entire revamp of the area, including the skywalk, will be finished by the end of March 2024. The restoration involves improving the building facades, boosting the drainage and sewer system, installing tiles and seating at the public plaza and overhauling the staircases

restored the stormwater drains. No major waterlogging was reported in the market in the recent rains."

In the past traders often complained about the problem of flooding of the basements due to lack of pro-

### DDA OFFICIAL SAYS

To begin with, the construction of the skywalk is almost finished and work is in progress to connect it with the metro station. We have already laid the granite floor of the skywalk and put up the steel railings

per drainage and sewerage and other issues.

Inder Kohli, a business owner, however, pointed out that many electric poles were still not functional and the newly constructed toilets were supplied water by tankers for lack of piped supply. "Though the basements are no longer deluged, except once when heavy rain occurred a few days ago, the sewage lines are still not efficient enough to take load of the entire area," said Kohli.

Reacting to this, a DDA official said that there was no report of seepage in the basements after the completion of the revamp. He added, "To systematise the parking in the area and to dissuade illegal parking, work on the multi-level car parking is underway and this should be completed by March 31 next year."

However, HC pointed out that the prosecution did not place on record any document to establish the correct age of the girl who first claimed that she was 17-year-old and then during her examination before the trial court said that she was 19 while her complainant brother claimed she was 12-year-old.

"There is no doubt to the legal position that testimony of the prosecutrix alone is sufficient to bring home the guilt of an accused for committing offence under Section 376 (rape) of the IPC; however, before arriving at a just decision, the Court also has to consider the overall facts and circumstances of the case," it observed.

"This court is of the opinion that the learned trial court has rightly held that the prosecution has failed to prove guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubts. Finding no error in the impugned judgment the present petition seeking leave to appeal is dismissed," it added.

## CM & LG discuss city's development at Raj Niwas, meeting 'cordial'

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to come out from his house. Deepak was also carrying a pistol with him," police said. After hearing the noise, Sushila and her daughter came out of their house and tried to pacify them. "Deepak then fired at Sushila, which hit her on the left shoulder. Both men fled the spot, and she was taken to the hospital by her family members. She was later transferred to another hospital," an officer said, adding the bullet was still inside her body and surgery will be done in next few days.

"We conducted raids and arrested Monu and are also searching for other accused," police said. A case under Sections 307 (attempted murder), 506 (criminal intimidation), and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the IPC and Section 27 of Arms Act was registered at Bhalswa police station.

While the elected dispensation and the LG's secretariat have been engaged in verbal duel over several matters, the latest flashpoint being the preparations for the recently concluded G20 summit in the capital and the money spent by different agencies on beautification of Delhi, sources said the Tuesday meeting between the LG and Kejriwal was "cordial" and the two held discussions over a host of issues relating to the event.

The last one-on-one meeting between the LG and the chief minister had taken place at Raj Niwas on July 31. The two heads of government have shown a bonhomie since a Van Mahotsav event that took place in the third week of July at Asola Bhatti wildlife sanctuary.

While appreciating the preparations made by various Delhi government departments for the G20 meeting, the chief minister had earlier this month mentioned in a social media post how the LG had led from the front. After the conclusion of the event, the LG too had expressed his gratitude towards various central and state government agencies for their contribution in making the event successful.

call to his friend Deepak and told him that Karan and Ravi were fighting with him. On hearing this, Deepak threatened the complainant (Karan) and his friend with dire consequences," police said.

Later, Monu and Deepak came near the victim's house and started shouting and threatening. "They were abusing and threatening to kill Karan. They were calling him

their social constraints," said a Chetna coordinator.

Bowler Ranju couldn't hold back her excitement. "I'm thrilled to be going to a new place having never left Delhi before this. In Chennai, I'll get to interact with the players from abroad, learn about their culture and introduce them to India. I'll also work on improving my communication skills," she smiled.

Jannat has a tough schedule with a double shift and often

said a coordinator. Their coach also ensures morale is high through counselling sessions.

Pooja Singh, a Chetna coordinator, admires the children's maturity and their ability to balance work, studies and sports at such a young age. "I see them giving their all every single day," said Singh. "They aspire to rise above their circumstances. It's not easy for them — they know they must study to escape poverty, but they also need to support their families. There are days when, after the rigorous practice, they still have to go and earn money."

Gupta called these children the "navigators of the unpredictable", all ready to chart a new course when presented with the right opportunity. "Over the past three months, we've witnessed an incredible transformation in a group of 10 children selected from a pool of 50," he said. They've emerged as true heroes within their peer groups and communities, defying gender stereotypes and displaying remarkable resilience."

Gupta said the training didn't just focus on cricket but also cultural events besides preparing them to meet vulnerable kids from around the world to discuss the child rights and deprivation issues.

relented. We want to change the way we are perceived."

Each of the teenager in the team has a story to tell. Many of them were ragpickers while others worked as household workers until Chetna rescued them. "We gave them the opportunity to receive primary education. A girl we rescued from near the railway station used to paint the straps of flip-flops for a living. What unites them now is the spirit to break free of

struggles to find time. "I work as a domestic worker and with my second job at a boutique, there are days when I miss practice because I have no time left for cricket. I try to make the most of whatever time I am able to spare," she said.

The NGO has taken care of the important issue of nutrition for the kids. It provides the cricketers fruits, dry fruits and milk. "We are not only kitting them out, but also ensuring they are physically fit,"

**HC acquits man accused of confining, raping minor**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has upheld the acquittal of a man accused of forcibly keeping a "minor" girl in his house and repeatedly raping her on the ground of conflicting testimony.

The court said while the testimony of a survivor alone is sufficient to establish guilt, overall circumstances have to be considered to arrive at a "just decision" and dismissed an appeal by the man against the trial court's order acquitting him.

The court said prosecution not only failed to bring on record the exact age of the girl but also could not prove that the accused had forcibly made physical relations with her.

Noting that the survivor had even visited the accused's native village claiming to be his wife and did not raise alarm on earlier occasions, HC remarked that "the behaviour of prosecutrix speaks a volume about her conduct" and a case of "false accusation" cannot be ruled out.

The survivor has deposited that the accused had made relations thrice with her in a park and also stated that there were public persons in the park but she neither raised any alarm nor any public person noticed it, which is highly unbelievable," HC said, adding it also seems she willingly continued living in the accused's house for 27 days.

The accused was booked on the basis of an FIR registered for alleged commission of offences under the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including rape, and the Prevention of Children from Sexual Offences Act (Pocso).

However, HC pointed out that the prosecution did not place on record any document to establish the correct age of the girl who first claimed that she was 17-year-old and then during her examination before the trial court said that she was 19 while her complainant brother claimed she was 12-year-old.

"There is no doubt to the legal position that testimony of the prosecutrix alone is sufficient to bring home the guilt of an accused for committing offence under Section 376 (rape) of the IPC; however, before arriving at a just decision, the Court also has to consider the overall facts and circumstances of the case," it observed.

"This court is of the opinion that the learned trial court has rightly held that the prosecution has failed to prove guilt of the accused beyond reasonable doubts. Finding no error in the impugned judgment the present petition seeking leave to appeal is dismissed," it added.

**'Funds shortage': Tender cancelled, official gets notice**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The chief engineer of the flyover zone of Delhi government's PWD issued a showcase notice to an executive engineer on Tuesday to explain why the cancellation of a tender to build an underpass in northeast Delhi was attributed to budget shortage.

As per PWD's website, the tender related to the construction of an underpass along Loni Road across Mangal Pandey Marg was being cancelled on the directions of the minister

of the funds have been marked for the ambitious plan. But as it has run into trouble and many things still need to be worked out, we are facing difficulties in getting financial approvals for other projects too," said a source in PWD.

Currently, PWD has 30 ongoing projects while several others are in the pipeline and awaiting approvals. Sources said a few like the parallel flyover near Savitri Cinema, which was approved in May, was stuck due to lack of financial approvals.

Several contractors, the sources said, have complained about pending bills of work related to the construction of underpasses in Jagatpuri and Gopalpur. Construction of one of the ramps of Ashram flyover extension and bridge expansion work over Ghazipur drain in Kondli was also delayed due to unpaid bills to contractors, they added.

Sources in the government, however, said there was no shortage of funds and no infrastructure project had been stopped or cancelled for want of money.

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The Executive Engineer HPPWD Division Barsar on behalf of Governor of H.P re-invited the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.  
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Executive Engineer,  
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e-mail: dghealth.uttarakhand@gmail.com, cmsd.uk@gmail.com  
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Bid Identification No. 15P/Store/43/2023/27984 Dated: 12/09/2023  
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1. Name of the Work: (1) Supply of Tab. Iron Folic Acid Blue Colored under Rate Contract for F.O.R. destination in Uttarakhand as per details given in tender notice on [https://www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in)  
2. Date & time of availability of bid documents in the portal: 13-09-2023 at 2:00 PM.  
3. Last Date and Time for receipt of bids in the portal: 03-10-2023 at 3:00 PM.  
4. Name and Address of the Officer Inviting the Bid: Director General, MH & FW Uttarakhand, Dehradun.  
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Director General

ADMN-15/538/2022-ADMIN-VMC-Part(2)  
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Sd/- (Dr. Vandana Talwar)  
Medical Superintendent,  
VMMC & Safdarjung Hospital,  
New Delhi.  
CBC 17145/12/0008/2324

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER  
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)**  
**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(4<sup>th</sup> CALL)  
System Tender No.: 146944/NIT No.: 28/SAC/2023-24,  
Balod, Dated : 08.09.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 25.09.2023 at 17.30 Hour  
Name of work : Remodeling and C.C. lining of Main canal from RD 0 to 5825 m, Repair, Renovation of 6 No. existing canal structures, Construction of 10 No. Canal structures, and fixing of 18 No. colaba outlets of Barrithola diversion Scheme in Block Dondi of Balod District.  
Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 235.91 Lakhs  
(As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010  
(As amended dated 01.08.2014))  
The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 15.09.2023, at 17.31 Hours.(IST) onwards.  
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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Water Resources Division,Balod (C.G.)  
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin Raipur (C.G.)  
G-051516

**GREATER VIZAKHAPATNAM MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
"e" Procurement Short Tender Notice No.: 20/2023-24/CE/SE(P-II)/EE/(PD-I)/DB/GMC, Dt: 11.09.2023  
Tender Notice No.: 20/2023-24/CE/SE(P-II)/EE/(PD-I)/DB/GMC, Dt: 11.09.2023  
Number of Works : 05, Value of Works : Rs.24.42 Crores  
Tender Opening Dt: 12.09.2023, Closing Date : 20.09.2023  
Note : Further details at <http://www.tender.apeprocurement.gov.in>  
O/o the EE/(PD-I) Cell No.: 98483 08824. Note: For any other details required in respect of above Tender Notice, Please contact E.E (PD-I) For Commissioner

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ADV No.44/D3/CE/TTD/2023-24 & NIT No.18/SE-I & NIT No.95/SE-II/TTD/2023-24, Dt: 11/09/2023  
Name of Work: (1) Construction of Cardio & Neuro Block in SVIMS premises, Tirupati, Amount Rs.900 Lakhs, Time for completion 18 months.  
(2) Formation of Gravel Roads in proposed Layout plots at Padhrirede Aranyam Village of Vadamalapeta Mandal, Tirupati District. Amount Rs.330 Lakhs, Time for completion 6 months.  
Note: For full details log on to the website <http://www.tirumala.org>.  
ROC. NO. PR4 /13958 /Adv. No. 163/ PRO / 2023, Dated: 12.09.2023 Sd/- Executive Officer

**GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH,  
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER  
WATER RESOURCES DIVISION BALOD (C.G.)**  
**e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE**  
eProcurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>  
(2<sup>nd</sup> CALL)  
System Tender No.: 146943/NIT No.: 27/SAC/2023-24,  
Balod, Dated : 08.09.2023  
Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 25.09.2023 at 17.30 Hour  
Name of work : Construction of V.R.B between 5km to 6km. on Tandula Main Canal in Block Balod of District Balod.  
Probable Amount:- Rs. 73.46 Lakhs  
of Contract (As per S.O.R Dated 01.08.2010  
(As amended dated 01.08.2014))  
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Sd/-  
Executive Engineer  
Water Resources Division, Balod (C.G.)  
G-05159/4

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Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) Mobile No. 96461-10923  
E-Tender Enq. No. 483/P-1/EPMW-12405 dated 05.09.23  
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2023\_POWER\_108729\_1 for the work of Routine cleaning of station building at various levels for unit-II to VI including other related building and service building and for skilled assistances of plumber, mason and tractor driver at GGSSTP, Rupnagar.  
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Open Tender Enq. No. 7464 IP-2/EMP-W-12433 dated 11.09.23  
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-2) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites Open E-tender ID No. 2023\_POWER\_108797\_1 for SUPPLY AND RETROFITTING, TESTING AND COMMISSIONING OF 6.6 KV VACUUM CIRCUIT BREAKERS (VCBS) IN PLACE OF EXISTING OBSOLETE JYOTI MAKE MOCBS IN STAGE-II&III UNDER MYT SCHEME PLAN (FY 2023-24 to FY 2025-26). For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.09.23 from 05.00 PM onwards.  
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No: SSAC/2023-24/DST-25-824 Dated: 11.09.2023

### Walk-in-Interview

Applications are invited from qualified candidates for one (01) temporary post of Junior Research Fellow for an ongoing project in the Division of Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry. Walk in interview will be held on **05.10.2023** at **10:00 am** in the Division. For essential and other qualifications, please visit the Institute's website: [www.iari.res.in](http://www.iari.res.in)

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(Sd-) MANAGING DIRECTOR (Tender Inviting Authority)

**FORM NO. IV**  
(See sub-rule (2A) of rule 5) Summon under sub-section(4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule(2A) of rule 5 of the Debts Recovery, Tribunal (Procedure) Rules,1993

### BEFORE DRT JABALPUR AT H.No.797-II, SHANTIKUNJ, SOUTH CIVIL LINES, JABALPUR

O.A. No. 1011/2020  
STATE BANK OF INDIA Versus Applicants  
JABALPUR MSW PVT. LTD. Defendants  
To,

1. **JABALPUR MSW PRIVATE LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its (i) Registered office address at- Essel House, B-10, Lawrence Road, Industrial Area, New Delhi -110035 (ii) also at- 6th Floor, Plot No. 19 and 20, Film City, Sector16A, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Noida-201301. (iii) Plant/Factory address at - Khasra No. 375, 376 and 349, Village Kathonda, P.C. No. 23, R.I.C. Maharajpur, Tehsil Panagar, District Jabalpur-482001 (BORROWER)  
2. **SBI CAP TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED**, a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office address at- 181 B, Maker Tower E, cuffe parade, Mumbai 400005

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Whereas, O.A. No.1011 of 2020 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer on 06/01/2021. Whereas, this Hon'ble Tribunal pleased to issue summons/Publication as to why relief prayed for should not be granted.  
2. To disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under Serial No. 3A of the Original Application.  
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# Maestros' Instruments Reach New House

Amjad Ali Khan's Sarod, Ravi Shankar's Sitar, Shiv Kumar's Santoor On Display At Parliament

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New Delhi: Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, Ustad Bismillah Khan, Pandit Ravi Shankar and Pandit Shiv Kumar Sharma may never have performed together on stage, but their iconic instruments form a cultural orchestra in the new Parliament building.

"India has a rich musical heritage that spans classical, folk and contemporary genres. A Sangeet Deergha within the Parliament building is the platform that showcases this diverse musical wealth," said an official of the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). Perhaps the most apt symbols of India's culture, the instruments are part of the specially designed gallery, which will also exhibit the journey of Indian classical music through paintings, sculptures and dance forms.

Ten musical instruments that the maestros themselves played on are part of the 14 on display in the Sangeet Deergha. Officials said architecturally, the inclusion of the deergha enhanced the aesthetic appeal of the new building and added to its cultural significance. People will be able to visit the gallery in the new parliament building from September 18, when a special session commences there.

According to officials at IGNCA, the 21.5-metre sangeet gallery has 10 panels related to dance and music comprising



**1** The first panel will show origin of the Indian musical tradition (Naada), tradition of reciting vedic mantras in the form of 'samagama'

**2** Apsaras playing instruments

**3** Inspired by a Rajasthani miniature painting from 1750 CE

**4** Indian classical instruments gifted by renowned artistes from across the country

**5** A variety of folk and tribal musical instruments from all regions, including bhangra dhol, surbahar, been, ektaa, etc

**6** Bharat Muni, the author of Natyashastra; representation of Samudragupta gold coin; kinnara playing veena, inspired by Ajanta Caves

**7** Navarasa in Kangra-style painting

**8** Acharya describes 28+4 Asamyukta Hasta



**Ustad Amjad Ali Khan with Sachchidanand Joshi, member-secretary, IGNCA**

**9** Contains a bronze statue of Nataraja, digital projection of 8 Indian classical dance forms

**10** Folk and tribal dance forms through miniature dolls

sing mural, sculptures, paintings of musicians and original Indian classical instruments donated by the 10 legendary musicians along with sculpted instruments and the hasta mudra, a bronze statue of Nataraja from Tamil Nadu and miniature dolls showing folk and tribal dance forms.

The instruments have been donated to the Sangeet Deergha by the families of the maestros. "Each of these instruments has been used by the legends of Indian music during their lifetime," claimed professor Sachchidanand Joshi, member-secretary, IGNCA. He added that it was at the initiative of the prime minister that the gallery was conceptualised and executed by the Union ministry of culture.

Directional speakers have been placed in some of the panels at the gallery to allow viewers to listen to the sound of the tones of a particular instrument. "The visitors can touch the instruments digitally through kiosks and use headphones to listen to clear sounds," said an official.

Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, who has been honoured with numerous awards for his contribution to music, including the Padma Vibhushan, the country's second highest civilian award, the Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri, told TOI, "I have nearly 15 sarods that I use on different occasions. I have named each one for a river. I gifted Narmada, which was one of my favourites, to be showcased in the Parliament

house. This archival museum is for the preservation of our legacy and the younger generation should know that Khan Sahib played this sarod."

Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia, the celebrated classical flautist and Padma Vibhushan and Padma Bhushan awardee, told TOI, "It is a great honour for an artist that his musical instrument is being showcased in Parliament. This is bigger than the civilian awards. I

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am happy and fortunate that people will remember me through my instrument and will talk about me and our music culture after seeing it."

Equally proud to be part of the showcasing of Indian culture at Sangeet Deergha was morsing maestro, Vidwan AS Krishnan. He gifted his own instrument to the project.

The public entrance to Parliament leads to three galleries — the Sangeet Deergha which highlights dance, song and musical traditions of India, the Sthapatya Deergha depicting the architectural heritage of the country and the Shilp Deergha showcasing the distinctive handicrafts of the various states.

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## Court acquits two of charges in riots case

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New Delhi: A court has acquitted two men accused of rioting, unlawful assembly and others in a matter related to the 2020 riots in Delhi's Khajuri Khas.

"In view of my foregoing discussions, observations, and findings, I find that charges levelled against the accused persons in this case are not proved. Hence, accused Shahrukh and Aman alias Surya are acquitted of all the charges levelled against them in this case," said the court of additional sessions judge Pulakayya Parmachala.

Charges were framed against Shahrukh and Aman in September 2021. However, both denied the allegations and pleaded not guilty taking plea that they were falsely implicated/arrested and charged in this case by the IO only to work out this case and were not present in any mob.

They took plea that they were falsely identified by the witnesses at the instance of IO and their respective signatures were obtained on blank and pre-printed papers in the police station, adding the contents of those documents were not read over to them.

## CP rewards cops for work at G20 Summit

New Delhi: Delhi Police commissioner Sanjay Arora has given special commendation discs and certificates to police officers across ranks for their work during the G20 Summit.

"Those who were deployed in IARI Pusa, NGMA, Jaipur House, Rajghat, IGI airport, ITPO, hotels, PCRs, and QRTs were awarded," police said. The CP Reserve Company was also rewarded with commendation discs and certificates.

An order read, "The smooth, professional and precise execution of the colossal G20 arrangement, which saw participation, commitment and contribution from the entire and rank file of Delhi Police, was made possible only by the shared sense of pride and ownership in the overall objectives of the mega arrangement by every participant." TNN

## No dengue report from MCD for over a month

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has not released a dengue report for over a month now.

The last report was shared on August 7, and it showed a spurt in cases. After that, officials did not provide any weekly data on the number of cases, dengue deaths and status of other vector borne diseases — an exercise followed for decades.

Till August 7, a total of 348 dengue cases were reported, double the number of cases (174) reported at the same time last year.

Two weeks ago, Delhi BJP

had claimed that one dengue death happened in a Kalkaji DDA flat, but no confirmation came from MCD.

On being asked the reason for not releasing the report, a senior MCD official said: "It is not a statutory mandate to release a report every week. Things are under control and our staff is working dedicatedly to mitigate sources of mosquito breeding in all areas."

According to MCD's August 7 report, "In the first week of August, 105 new cases were reported. In comparison, 75 cases were

reported in the month of August (till this time) in 2022, 72 in 2021 and 47 in 2020. With the addition of 105 cases, total cases reported cases were 348. The figure was almost double the cases reported in 2022 as 174. In 2021, 22 cases of dengue were reported and 35 in 2020."

An MCD official said their staff was working with dedication in all areas. "Our staff are concentrating on red zones as well where the maximum dengue cases were reported in the last 2-3 years. After the concluding of

G20 Summit, drives for spraying insecticide have been intensified in public areas again," the official said.

In August and September, maximum cases of dengue are reported due to humid weather. An MCD official said: "Though the chances of mosquito breeding are high from 25 degrees to 35 degrees Celsius temperature, especially with inconsistent rain, this is not the case now. The recent rain lasted for two days and then stopped suddenly."

The number of malaria cases also saw a surge with 85 cases till August 5, in comparison to 35 cases in 2022.

The court was hearing a case against Shahrukh and Aman,

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