

Briefs :

Over 6.5k detained since launch of Shistachar Squads

New Delhi : Police has detained 6,584 people since the launch of its anti-harassment squads, known as Shistachar Squads, officials said on Thursday. Formed under the special police unit for women and children, the squads started operating across all 15 districts on March 17. In just over a month, police officers have carried out 1,055 targeted drives and seized 275 vehicles linked to suspicious or unlawful activity. The squads have police personnel, including inspectors, sub-inspectors, and both male and female officers, supported by technical staff from the special units, when needed. Each district formed at least two such squads, supervised by the ACP of the crimes against women cell. These teams are equipped with four-wheelers and two-wheelers and are tasked with patrolling hotspots and vulnerable areas identified by district police heads. Operating with a three-pronged approach of prevention, intervention and victim assistance, the squads conduct daily drives at risk zones and rotate across different locations.

SC grants interim protection to Srinagar family facing deportation amid Pahalgam fallout

New Delhi : In a significant order, the Supreme Court on Friday granted interim protection to a Srinagar-based family facing the risk of deportation to Pakistan following the Pahalgam terror attack that occurred on April 22. A bench comprising justices Surya Kant and NK Singh directed the authorities not to take any coercive action, including deportation, against the family until a decision is made after verifying their claims of Indian nationality. The family, which includes a married couple and their four children, contended that they are Indian citizens and possess valid government identification such as Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, voter IDs, and Indian passports. Tensions between India and Pakistan escalated after the Pahalgam attack, prompting the Indian government to suspend visa services for Pakistani nationals.

HC tells DDA not to act against Shahi Idgah over park use

New Delhi : Delhi HC on Thursday asked Delhi Development Authority not to take any action against the Shahi Idgah in the capital's Sadar Bazar area for using the adjoining park for a religious event last year. Justice Vikas Mahajan also issued a notice to DDA on a petition filed by the Shahi Idgah managing committee and asked the authority for a response. "Renotify on Sept 10. In the meantime, having regard to the fact that the waqf tribunal is non-functional, where the petitioner instituted a suit, it is directed that DDA shall not take any action pursuant to its notice dated Feb 11, 2025," the court directed after hearing submissions from the parties.

Announcing the drive on Thursday, chief minister Rekha Gupta said the campaign would also include large-scale waste segregation, removal of encroachments from all public spaces and a strict ban on single-use plastic. The announcement followed a high-level meeting chaired by lieutenant governor VK Saxena at Raj Niwas, attended by all ministers, district magistrates, deputy commissioners of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, deputy commissioners of police and senior officials of various govt departments. "We want Delhi to be not only the national capital, but also a benchmark for cleanliness and beauty. This campaign is not just about cleaning the city, but about eliminating years of accumulated filth and systemic apathy," CM said. "Our mission is to fulfil PM Modi's vision of Swachh Bharat with consistent efforts, zero toler-

Delhi CM Rekha Gupta flags alarming waterlogging crisis after rain fury

New Delhi : Early Friday, Delhi-NCR was hit by a spell of intense rain coupled with powerful winds, resulting in widespread disruption. Waterlogging inundated numerous roads, trees were uprooted, power lines snapped, and both traffic and air travel faced major setbacks. A tragic incident in Najafgarh added to the chaos, where a house collapse led to the deaths of four individuals, prompting Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to call for immediate and sweeping improvements in the city's infrastructure.

Chief Minister Gupta personally surveyed flood-prone locations, including Majnu Ka Tilla, to assess the damage. During her media briefing, she remarked: "Several parts of Delhi are grappling with severe waterlogging. In some areas, proper drainage is lacking; in others, existing systems are clogged or roads are deteriorated. The situation demands urgent attention. Today's weather should serve as a warning for all departments to identify and fix vulnerable zones immediately."



Calling the issue a long-standing one, Gupta added: "We've inherited these problems from the previous administration, and while solutions will take time, we are committed. Today, I am out on the roads, just like thousands of Delhiites stuck in traffic. Our officials are actively working, and we will ensure all necessary fixes are made swiftly." Delhi minister Parvesh Verma also assessed the notorious Minto

Bridge underpass, a location that frequently floods during the monsoon. The Najafgarh tragedy occurred when a tree fell on a house during high winds, leading to its collapse. A 28-year-old woman and her three children lost their lives, while her husband suffered minor injuries and is under treatment. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert for the region, warning of ongoing

severe weather. The advisory urged residents to remain indoors, steer clear of trees and concrete structures, unplug appliances, and avoid waterlogged areas and electrical hazards.

Air travel was significantly affected, with Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) confirming multiple delays. In a statement, DIAL said:

"Thunderstorms and poor weather have impacted several flights. Our teams are coordinating with stakeholders to support passengers. Travelers should contact their airlines for the latest updates."

Flooded roads and submerged vehicles were seen across Delhi, particularly around Minto Road. Trees brought down by strong winds added to the disruption, blocking streets and damaging property.

With more rain predicted, civic agencies are on high alert. The Gupta administration has initiated emergency responses to limit further damage and ensure public safety.

Delhi struggles with waterlogging after heavy rain

New Delhi : Friday morning's heavy downpour, coupled with strong gusts of wind, served as a crucial stress test for Delhi's administrative machinery and civic infrastructure. The rainfall led to extensive waterlogging across the city, once again highlighting long-standing drainage and road maintenance issues.

Several known trouble spots such as Dhaula Kuan, Minto Road, ITO, Lajpat Nagar, Ring Road, Airport Road, Mundka, and New Friends Colony were submerged, significantly affecting commuter movement. Public Works Department (PWD) Minister Parvesh Verma personally inspected the flooded Minto Road underpass — a site frequently crippled by monsoon rains.

Reports of water accumulation also came in from Najafgarh Road near Janakpuri Metro Station, Pankha Road behind Dabri Mor Metro Station Gate No. 3, Jantar Mantar, Subroto Park, Majnu Ka Tila, Sadiq Nagar, Moti Bagh, Ramjas Road in Karol Bagh, the NIA headquarters, Pitampura, East Vinod Nagar Block A, and Rohini Sector 3 Pocket G-28. Residents voiced their frustration online. Geetanjali Nigam from G Block in South Extension II shared on social media that her area had been suffering from poor road conditions for months. "Commuting has become a nightmare during rains. Even the main road to AIIMS was flooded," she posted.

Sunil Kumar Singh expressed shock at the sight of



water on a flyover leading to the airport, writing on 'X': "It's disgraceful and troubling. Waterlogging on a six-metre-high flyover reveals utter negligence by the authorities. We're left to the mercy of fate."

Underpasses in Dwarka, Kishanganj, Bhairon Marg, Azadpur, Jwalaheri, and Minto Road were reported to be completely waterlogged and unusable, causing massive traffic snarls. Commuters actively avoided these routes, indicating that prior monsoon experiences had not led to preventive measures.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta surveyed flood-hit areas like Majnu Ka Tila and highlighted deep-rooted infrastructure problems — clogged or missing drains, broken roads, and an overall neglected civic state. She posted:

"Inspected rain-affected areas in Delhi today. Waterlogging is rampant due to non-existent or blocked drains and damaged roads. The city's condition is alarming and demands immediate action. Today's rain must serve as a wake-up call for all departments."

Gupta went on to blame the previous administration for the current mess: "We've inherited these problems, and now we're fixing them — step by step, on the ground."

In East Delhi, localities like Anand Vihar and Patparganj also struggled with inundation. Patparganj MLA Ravindra Singh Negi of the BJP responded to criticism by saying:

"The AAP ruled for 12 years; we've had just 65 days. In this short span, we've already started desilting drains. Our ministers and officers are on the streets, unlike the previous government's leadership."

Later in the day, officials from the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) reviewed the underpass near Africa Avenue Marg. NDMC Vice Chairman Kuljeet Singh Chahal noted:

"Traffic is moving smoothly on Africa Avenue despite some water accumulation. We've deployed four pumps and are actively draining the water. Our sewer lines were cleaned on schedule, and we are committed to ensuring minimal inconvenience to residents."

Delhi rain: Four members of a family killed as tree falls on tubewell room

New Delhi : A devastating incident unfolded in Delhi's Najafgarh area on Friday as strong winds and rain brought down a tree on a makeshift shelter, killing four members of a family, including three children. The tragedy occurred in Kharakadi Nahar village, where the family had been sleeping in a room built around a tubewell on agricultural land.

Police officials confirmed that the room collapsed under the weight of the uprooted tree, trapping all five family members inside. The victims included a woman and her three children, all of whom died on the spot. The father, who also sustained serious injuries, was rushed to the

hospital for treatment.

Chief Minister Rekha Gupta expressed deep sorrow over the incident, calling it both "tragic and heartbreaking." In a public statement, she said, "The loss of four family members in Kharakadi Nahar village due to a fallen tree during the storm is extremely distressing. My heartfelt condolences go out to the family, and I pray for strength to help them cope with this unimaginable loss."

Gupta also emphasized that the Delhi government is fully committed to supporting the grieving family. "We have directed the district administration to ensure immediate relief and assistance," she added.

Delhi HC Refuses to Recall Rs.50 Lakh Damages Order Against TMC MP Saket Gokhale

New Delhi : The Delhi high court on Friday dismissed TMC MP Saket Gokhale's plea seeking to recall an earlier order that directed him to pay Rs 50 lakh in damages to former diplomat Lakshmi Murdeshwar Puri in a defamation case. The court also rejected his application to condone a delay of over 180 days in filing the recall plea. "We can't help you. We have to reject both the applications," said Justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav, noting that Gokhale failed to provide any justification for the prolonged delay in approaching the court. Puri had filed the defa-

mation suit in 2021, accusing Gokhale of making baseless and defamatory allegations regarding her financial dealings, specifically linked to an apartment she owned in Geneva. On July 1, 2024, the High Court ruled in Puri's favour, ordering Gokhale to tender a public apology and pay Rs 50 lakh as damages. The court had also barred him from posting any further content on social media or electronic platforms related to the allegations against her.

Senior advocate Maninder Singh and the law firm Karanjawala & Co represented Puri in the proceedings.

Delhi govt set for 20-day cleanliness drive

New Delhi : Beginning Friday, Delhi govt will run an intensive cleanliness drive for 20 days, promising to turn the national capital into a "clean, green and aesthetically pleasing" city.

Announcing the drive on Thursday, chief minister Rekha Gupta said the campaign would also include large-scale waste segregation, removal of encroachments from all public spaces and a strict ban on single-use plastic. The announcement followed a high-level meeting chaired by lieutenant governor VK Saxena at Raj Niwas, attended by all ministers, district magistrates, deputy commissioners of Municipal Corporation of Delhi, deputy commissioners of police and senior officials of various govt departments. "We want Delhi to be not only the national capital, but also a benchmark for cleanliness and beauty. This campaign is not just about cleaning the city, but about eliminating years of accumulated filth and systemic apathy," CM said. "Our mission is to fulfil PM Modi's vision of Swachh Bharat with consistent efforts, zero toler-



ance and public participation." Asserting that it was the first time a "triple-engine" govt was working in the city, Gupta said the officials of MCD, Delhi Police, revenue and other departments were instructed to work in coordination. CM added that DCs, DMs and DCPs were assigned specific responsibilities to ensure that every footpath, road, park and public space was cleared of debris, dust, waste and encroachment. "Any lapses in cleanliness, safety and removal of encroachment will lead to direct accountability of the officer concerned. Streetlights and CCTV cameras will be activated in all areas, and the full administrative machinery will work in tandem to give Delhiites a cleaner and

safer city within 20 days," Gupta announced. She said each DC would conduct regular inspections of their areas and submit daily reports to the MCD commissioner and CM's office for transparency and accountability. Each DC will designate one area in their jurisdiction to be developed as a "model area", showcasing exemplary cleanliness, greenery, encroachment-free paths and strong civic engagement. Gupta warned that illegal dumping, encroachments and garbage at parks, markets and streets would now be subject to a zero-tolerance policy and strict action would be taken against the official concerned. "No department can now deflect responsibility as joint accountabil-

ity has been formally established."

While waste will be collected daily, road medians and central verges will be made green to enhance beauty and reduce pollution. Footpaths will be cleared of encroachments to ensure clean and safe passage for pedestrians. CM said MCD and PWD were directed to ensure timely cleaning of all drains and sewers to prevent waterlogging.

Overgrown trees and branches will be pruned while posters, banners and wall graffiti will be removed. "Individuals or organisations responsible for defacement of public areas will face legal action and heavy fines. Public toilets, drains and sewers have been prioritised for cleaning," she said. "Strict guidelines have also been issued to eliminate the use of single-use plastic in all markets, religious places, institutions, wedding venues and schools."

A system for segregated waste collection will be implemented to eliminate dumping grounds permanently. RWAs will be engaged to support waste segregation and collection from households.

Thunderstorms and gusty winds hit operations at airport, 500 flights delayed

New Delhi : A powerful thunderstorm, with wind speeds reaching 74 kmph, disrupted flight operations at Delhi's Indra Gandhi International Airport on Friday, leading to widespread delays and several diversions. According to flight-tracking service FlightRadar24, more than 500 flights experienced delays, with an average hold-up of 42 minutes. Three Delhi-bound flights were rerouted — two to Jaipur and one to Ahmedabad.

Though the storm's intensity eased within an hour, the disruption triggered a ripple effect throughout the day, hampering both domestic and international schedules.

India Meteorological Department senior scientist RK Jenamani explained that thunderstorms significantly impact aviation due to sudden shifts in wind direction and turbulence. "Flights can't take off or land safely when wind directions are unstable. Thunderstorms also often bring lightning and gusty winds, further compli-

cating operations," he said.

Meteorologists noted that May and June frequently see such weather disruptions, which affect all stages of flight — from taxiing and takeoff to mid-air flight paths and landing. "Unlike fog, a thunderstorm creates risks at every level of flight," an official added. Frustrated passengers voiced their grievances online. One traveler, Rocky, posted on X that his morning flight from Delhi was delayed by over two hours, adding, "The plane kept shaking due to the wind before takeoff." Another passenger, Siddhart, described the scene at the terminal as chaotic. "They announced boarding had started, but when we reached the gate, we were told it's delayed."

Airlines, including Air India and IndiGo, issued statements acknowledging the delays. Air India noted the weather-related disruptions in northern India and said efforts were underway to manage the impact.

NORTHERN RAILWAY				
NOTICE INVITING TENDER				
Name of work and its location	30-Elect-71-T-R1-24-25-E3 Comprehensive AMC of Johnson make escalators installed over Delhi Division (02 Nos. at DSA PF No./3, 02 Nos. at NDLS PF No.14-15 FOB-III) for three years.			
Approx cost of the works in lacs	₹ 23.10	Address of the office	Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi.	Earnest Money
Date & time of submission of tender	26.05.2025, 12.00 Hrs.	Opening of tender	26.05.2025, 12.00 Hrs	₹46200.00
Website & notice board				www.ireps.gov.in & Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer/General, New Delhi, 1308/2025
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TENDER NOTICE		
Dy. CSTE/C/PS/NDLS, Northern Railway, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender (Two Packet System) for the following work: -		
1	Name of work & Place	S and T work (Indoor and Outdoor signaling works) with Distributed Electronic Interlocking System at Palwal station alongwith block working with adjoining station/sections in connection with 4th line work between Palwal-Rundi section of Northern Railway.
2	Completion period	12 Months from the date of issue of LOA
3	Approx. cost	Rs. 16.82 Cr.
4	Earnest money amount	Rs. 9,91,000/- (Rupees Nine Lakh Ninety One Thousand Only) (To be submitted online only).
5	Sale/availability of tender document on Rly. Website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 06.05.2025 to 27.05.2025 upto 11:30 hours.
6	Last date/Time of upload of tenders	27.05.2025 upto 11:30 hours. Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 13.05.2025 to 27.05.2025.
7	Date of opening of tender	27.05.2025 at 11:30 hours (Technical bid shall be opened immediately after close of uploading of tender)
No.: 570-Sig-PS-Tender-136 Dated: 01.05.2025		1294/2025
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E-AUCTION NOTICE		
Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager/PS, Northern Railway Delhi Division invites bids through e-Auction using IREPS (http://ireps.gov.in) for the allotment of under mention contracts at following Railway stations/locations:		
E-Catalogue No.	Date & Time of Bidding	Railway Stations/Locations/Lots
Parking-15-2025	19.05.2025 at 11:00 Hrs.	Panipat (Car), Sahibabad, Sampla (2nd Entry), Sampla (Main Entry), Panipat (1st Entry) (Cycle-Scooter), Tohana = Total 6 Sites
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All contractors who intend to participate in the e-auctions conducted through E-Auction Leasing module of IREPS should fulfill following mandatory requirements before they can submit their bids:		
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Notice for sale of immovable assets									
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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is", as per the brief particulars given hereunder;									
Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s)/ Co-Borrower(s)/ Guarantors/ Legal Heirs. Loan Account No.	Details of the Secured asset(s) with known encumbrances, if any	Amount Outstanding	Reserve Price/ Earnest Money Deposit	Date and Time of Property Inspection	Date & Time of Auction	One Day Before Auction Date	SARFAESI Stage	
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1.	Hitesh Bansal (Borrower) Kalpana Bansal (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHAGR00001451752 & LHAGR00001451755	Flat No. 101, 1st Floor, Property No. F-820, Shree Jee Apartment, Kamla Nagar, Tehsil and Dist. Agra, Uttar Pradesh.	Rs. 26,77,879/- April 25, 2025	Rs. 22,11,300/- April 25, 2025	May 13, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	May 20, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	May 19, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession	
2.	Rajeev Sharma (Borrower) The Prospective Guarantors/ Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHDLX00001349062	Property bearing No. 863, Kharsra No. 10 situated at village Udharpur in the abadi of near Kali Mata Mandir, Subhash Gas Agency GT Road, Village Shahdara, Delhi- 110032.	Rs. 38,37,546/- April 25, 2025	Rs. 1,13,78,160/- April 25, 2025	May 30, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	June 06, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	May 05, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession	
3.	Santosh Kumar (Borrower) Sita (Co-Borrower) Loan Account No. LHSAH00001524993 & LHSAH00001524994	House at Old MPL No. 8/1321/9 and New MPL No. 8/2453A pertaining to Kharsra No. 1611/1 & 1612/1 situated at Mohalla Metagard, Saharanpur.	Rs. 25,58,889/- April 25, 2025	Rs. 20,36,340/- April 25, 2025	May 13, 2025 11:00 AM To 03:00 PM	May 20, 2025 02:00 PM To 03:00 PM	May 19, 2025 Before 05:00 PM	Physical Possession	
The online auction will be conducted on website (URL Link- https://BidDeal.in) of our auction agency ValueTrust Capital Services Private Limited. The Mortgages/ notice are given a last chance to pay the total dues with further interest till May 19, 2025, June 06, 2025 before 05:00 PM else these secured assets will be sold as per above schedule.									
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