Live-in partner held for

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76 properties attached in Shahberi

Noida: The Greater Noida **Industrial Development** Authority (GNIDA) attached 76 properties of three builders in Shahberi due to alleged irregularities in their construction. The properties include 74 flats, one shop and one plot registered in the name of three separate builders. The action comes in the wake of 86 FIRs being registered against builders who constructed flats in the region illegally. The cases were prompted after two buildings collapsed in August 2018, killing nine people.

1 dead, 3 hurt as DTC bus rams vehicles

New Delhi: One man died and three persons suffered injuries after a DTC bus rammed into six vehicles in West Delhi's Sagarpur Saturday night, police said. The driver, Anil Singh (42), was arrested from the spot. Singh told police the bus hit the vehicles because brakes failed. According to police, Sumit Kumar (40), succumbed to head injuries at the DDU Hospital Sunday. Two of the victims suffered minor injuries and were discharged after treatment.

Man running **Mother Dairy** booth shot at

New Delhi: A 38-year-old shopkeeper was shot at, allegedly by three men, while trying to resist a robbery in North East Delhi's Karawal Nagar. The victim, Nahar Singh, runs a Mother Dairy booth in the area and suffered a bullet injury to his ear. Police said the incident took place around 9.30 pm on Saturday, and added that accused men fled with Rs 15,000 cash. A case of robbery has been registered against

Kenyan woman jumps bail, arrested

the accused, said police.

New Delhi: Delhi Police have arrested a 36-yearold Kenyan woman from Mumbai's Naginpada area, 10 months after she jumped bail from the capital. The woman, Mariam, was arrested on the charge of drug trafficking with two other men in the capital on June 25, 2018, after 7.5 kg of heroin was recovered from her possession. She later jumped bail and went to Mumbai, police said.

3 snatchers

nabbed New Delhi: Police said three snatchers were arrested from West Delhi's Mayapuri during checking by the picket staff in the area. The accused told police they snatched mobile phones in West Bengal, which were later sold in Bangladesh. They also confessed their involvement in 100 snatching cases in the capital. A total of 17 mobile phones were recovered from

Wanted man arrested

them. **ENS**

New Delhi: Delhi Police's Special Cell has arrested a 38-year-old man from Mangolpuri, who was wanted in a case registered against him under the Arms Act, an official said on Sunday. PTI

NOT EXPECTING POLL TICKET: SAWHNEY

4-time Cong MLA from Chandni Chowk joins AAP

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SENIOR CONGRESS leader and four-time MLA Parlad Singh Sawhney Sunday joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the presence of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at the party headquarters, fuelling rumours about him or his son contesting assembly polls, scheduled early next year, from the Chandni Chowk constituency.

Speaking at the AAP headquarters, Sawhney (68), a close aide of former Delhi CM Sheila Dikshit, said he joined the party after considering the work it has done in the capital. He added that "he is not keeping any expectation of getting an election ticket".

He said, "Everywhere I go in my area, people jump up and say Kejriwal has reduced electricity charges and made water free of cost (up to a certain limit)."

"We now don't have to tell people who to vote for, they say they will vote for Kejriwal."

Sawhney was MLA from Chandni Chowk from 1998 to 2015. He lost to AAP candidate Alka Lamba in the 2015 assembly polls. With Lamba falling out of favour with AAP and return-



Parlad Sawhney (third from left) with CM Arvind Kejriwal and AAP MP Sanjay Singh at the party HQ, Sunday. Amit Mehra

ing to Congress last month, the Chandni Chowk seat is up for grabs, a senior party official said. The seat has been a Congress stronghold.

Between 1998 and 2015, Congress's Sawhney won the seat four times while BIP and AAP have won it once each.

Sawhney said he believes the AAP would win the upcoming election with a larger vote share than in 2015, when it won 67 out of 70 seats. Kejriwal said he was "very happy" that Sawhney and his team of ward members were joining AAP, and that this would further support their ini-

The CM added that three lakh CCTV cameras and two lakh street lights will be installed in the capital within six months.

He said that 1,000 mohalla clinics are being built in the city: "Because of the work done by the AAP, many people in other political parties are looking to join us. I appeal to all the good people in the country, whichever party they are in, that the opportunity has now come to join AAP."

Lamba, who returned to her parent party after a bitter falling out with AAP leaders, is being considered for the candidacy by Congress, sources said.

folk singer's murder **EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**

DAYS AFTER folk singer Sushma was shot dead outside her Greater Noida house by two assailants, police have arrested six

men, including her live-in part-

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ner, for the crime.

According to police, the singer's live-in partner, Gajendra Bhati, allegedly planned the murder and executed it with help of two shooters.

"The accused shooters, Mukesh and Sandeep, were arrested after an encounter in Jewar. The two had been absconding since last week. Four others, including Sushma's livein partner Gajendra Bhati, have been arrested. During investigation, it was found that he had a dispute with Sushma over property as well as personal problems. We are investigating the matter," said Vaibhav Krishna, SSP Gautam Budh Nagar.

According to police, Bhati and Sushma had been living together for four years after she got divorced. However, Bhati allegedly "didn't trust her" and also did not approve of her singing, police said. As a result of this, the duo would fight often,



Sushma was shot dead outside her house last week

said police.

According to police, Bhati was also involved in the first attack on Sushma in Bulandshahr two months ago. On the day she was shot dead, Sushma had gone to Bulandshahr for a follow-up in the same case.

"Bhati claimed that Sushma would pressure him to sign over his property to her and her son. This led to tension between the two. He claimed that he tried committing suicide in February last year due to harassment," said SSP Krishna. Gajendra's relative, driver

Amit and Pramod — have also been arrested. Sushma's younger sister Sonu, who was with her during

and acquaintance — Ajab Singh,

the shooting, said: "The accusations made by Bhati are baseless. We earn enough through our music and and have never eved anyone's property. The suicide bid by Bhati was a hoax to intimidate us," Sonu told *The Indian* Express. Both Sushma and Sonu hail from Bulandshahr's Nekpur and have been pursuing a career in folk singing for the past 10 Greater Noida police have re-

warded the Beta 2 and Star 2 teams with Rs 25,000 following the encounters.

Sushma and Sonu lived with

Bhati in Greater Noida's Mitra Society. On Tuesday last week, she was shot five times as she returning Bulandshahr.

Both and Sushma and Sonu took to folk singing almost a decade ago and became popular in the region.

Sushma was well versed with classical and Ragini form of local music, according to her sister. She would also write lyrics for some of her songs and both sisters would feature in YouTube videos which fetched millions of views. Sushma would be invited to sing in religious functions around twice a week owing to

Unable to find tenant, 62-yr-old hangs self

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A 62-YEAR-OLD retired bank manager allegedly committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree branch outside his rented home in South East Delhi's Amar Colony Friday night.

Police said a purported suicide note was recovered from the pocket of Satish Kumar Chawla's trousers, in which he allegedly wrote that he was depressed as he was unable to rent out the house he had purchased a year ago, said police.

Police said Chawla lived with his wife and son at a rented apartment in National Park. He had purchased a new house in the same locality a year ago, and was looking to put it on rent for the last eight months. Unable to find a tenant, he became depressed and allegedly committed suicide, said police. "He was rushed to Metro Hospital where he was declared dead on arrival," said Chinmov Biswal, DCP (South East).

Police said they have ruled out any foul play. Chawla's wife is also a retired bank manager, and the couple worked for a national bank, said police. Their son works at an MNC.



Defying Gravity

Stunt performers ride cars on the 'Well of Death', one of the main attractions in the ongoing Ramlila fair in Noida, **Sunday.** *Gajendra Yadav*

Three beat teen to death after row over money with his father, held be able to pay the amount. They

JIGNASA SINHA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

A 17-YEAR-OLD boy was beaten to death, allegedly by three men in West Delhi's Rajouri Garden Saturday evening, said police. According to police, an altercation took place between the accused and the boy's father over money, following which the former allegedly beat them with batons and a gas cylinder.

Police said they have arrested the accused, identified as Shivcharan Chauhan (62), and his sons Sushil Chauhan (21) and Anil Chauhan (25).

According to police, the accused men owed the victim's father, who is a member of a political party and owns a construction material shop in Rajouri Garden, Rs 1.3 lakh.

The incident took place outside his shop in Raghubir Nagar,



where the victim, Suraj Pathak was also present.

The victim,

Suraj, was

hit on the

cylinder

head with a

Dhruv Pathak (52), the boy's father, told The Indian Express, "Shivcharan made a purchase of Rs 3 lakh from my shop in September. He said he would not be able to pay the full amount, so I allowed him to pay in installments. He gave me Rs 1.7 lakh, but started avoiding me afterwards... On Saturday, we fixed a meeting outside my shop to discuss the matter. My son was sitting with me at the shop. Shivcharan came with his two sons and one more person. They said they would not

asked for a discount, to which agreed. I told them to pay at least half the amount. But they started hurling abuses at us and beat my son and me with batons." Police said the accused fled af-

later. A case of murder has been registered at Rajouri Garden police station. "Officers rushed to the spot

ter the incident and were nabbed

and the victims were taken to a hospital. The boy died due to a head injury. The accused were arrested the same night," said Deepak Purohit, DCP (West).

Manoj Sharma (27), an eyewitness, said, "After the boy pushed them, the men got angry, picked up a cylinder and hit him on head. He fell on the floor."

"I sustained injuries to my head and fell on the ground after the attack. After I gained consciousness, I was told Suraj had died. I was shocked," said Dhruv.

DERC fines discoms for failing green norms tricks woman into marriage

New Delhi: The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) has fined power discoms in the city for failing to comply with green energy norms. In an order last month, DERC imposed a fine of Rs 1.71 crore on Tata Power DDL (TPDDL), and Rs 2.88 crore each on BSES Yamuna Power Ltd (BYPL) and BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd (BRPL). In a petition filed by Green Energy Association and Indian Wind Power Association, the three discoms were said to have not complied with renewable energy obligations (RPO) for years 2012-15.

According to the obligations.

a certain percentage of electricity purchased by discoms or other entities has to be sourced from renewable energy. "As per the regulations, around 15.5 per cent of the electricity consumption has to be from renewable energy," said a former member of the DERC. The fines are to be paid within a month.

A BSES spokesperson said, "In 2012-15, BSES discoms had sought deferment of RPOs as prices were high, even going up to Rs 15 per unit...

A TPDDL spokesperson also said that the cost of renewable energy till a few days ago was very high. **ENS**

Jobless man poses as scientist,

A MAN allegedly tricked a woman into marriage by posing as a scientist from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). Police said the man, who is unemployed and already married, allegedly showed the woman and her relatives fake documents to prove his background and employment, following which the couple married in May. The victim, who is a PhD student, filed

a complaint against the accused,

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Dwarka North police station on

October 1. In her complaint, the victim said that after the marriage, Singh told her that he was working with ISRO and was invited for a space mission from NASA in US. The woman's father even dropped Singh at the airport in

September. "Later, when the victim logged into her Netflix account, which she shares with her husband, she found that the GPS showed the man's location in Gurgaon. When confronted, he admitted that he was unemployed and already married," identified as Jitender Singh, at said a senior police officer.

During investigation, police found Singh never went to the US and had instead gone to his first wife in Gurgaon.

"Before our marriage, he showed us his MTech degree from IIT Kharagpur and work documents from DRDO. He told us that he will now work for ISRO. We met his parents and brother in Rewari before the

wedding," the complainant said. "A case has been registered against the man and his family members under IPC sections 419, 494 and 420. A team has been deployed to nab the accused," said Anto Alphonse, DCP,

Tiwari hits out at Delhi govt over 'water quality'

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DELHI BIP president Manoj Tiwari and senior leader Vijender Gupta hit out at Delhi government Sunday, alleging that the water being supplied in the capital was of poor quality.

Last week, consumer affairs minister Ram Vilas Paswan had also said the quality of water supplied by the water utility was found lacking during a BIS in-

"After the BIS investigation report it has been proved that the water in Delhi is not potable...," Tiwari said.



alleged the quality of water being supplied is poor

Tiwari

Kejriwal Sunday dismissed the allegations: "Union Jal minister (Gajendra Singh Shekhawat) has said that Delhi's water is better than European standards. These people are doing politics.

DJB officials said water quality in Delhi is not bad, and added that leakages in pipes lead to poor quality in particular areas.

At Mahila Haat, some vendors say sales hit

ANANYA TIWARI

NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

LOW FOOTFALL and high rents seem to have dampened the optimism of vendors at the Sunday book bazaar of Darya Ganj, which is being set up at the Mahila Haat near Delhi Gate for the past few weeks. The vendors at the Darya Ganj Sunday book bazaar were removed after a Delhi HC order.

Arvind Mishra, who runs a stall, said, "Back on the road we could make Rs 4,000-5,000 per

day... Here, footfall has dipped." Around 160 vendors set up shop at the Mahila Haat on Ali Road against the eviction.

Sunday as many protested at Asaf Manish Kapoor, a protester, said, "They evicted us without fol-



Vendors are charged around Rs 200 as rent at Mahila Haat

lowing due procedure as per Street Vendors Act." Officials at the North MCD said the site was chosen after deliberations with the vendors. The former president of the bazaar's welfare association, Subhash Chand Agarwal (80) said, "The Mahila Haat location is wrong... If they keep removing us it will lose its value."

NOTIFICATION ISSUED BY DELHI GOVERNMENT

Hospital boards to help persons with disabilities

ASTHA SAXENA NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 6

THE DELHI government has constituted boards in seven state-run hospitals across the capital to provide assistance to Persons with Disabilities (PWD), with "high support" needs. The board will be headed by the medical superintendent of the hospitals, members from the district social welfare department and a few

As per the notifications issued by the Law Ministry, "high support" means intensive support physical, psychological and/or otherwise— which may be required by a person with a bench-

specialists.

mark disability for daily activities, in order to take independent and informed decisions to access facilities and participating in all areas of life including education, employment, family, community life, treatment and therapy. The hospitals chosen by the

Delhi government are Guru Teg Bahadur, Govind Ballabh Pant, Lok Nayak, Deen Dayal Upadhyay, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar, Janakpuri Super Speciality Hospital and Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS)."The idea is to make the hospitals disabled-friendly by creating infrastructure like ramps, toilet railings and special lifts.

Though we have created ramps

and lifts in our hospital, the gov-



Lok Nayak is among the seven hospitals chosen by Delhi government

(PMR)," said Dr Sunil Kumar, Medical Director, GTB hospital. The board will have five reha-

ernment is also focussed on creating a Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

In a meeting held last month,

pediatric department.

bilitation specialists, and one spe-

cialist each from ENT, or-

thopaedic, ophthalmology, and

social welfare and health department officials discussed the problems faced by disabled persons due to non-issuance of disability certificates. The officials also pointed out that persons with disabilities face many issues while applying for the disability certificate and UDID cards.

"In respect of non-availability of specialist doctors in designated hospitals, it was decided that hospitals may refer the patient to a private healthcare setup... On receiving the required reports from the private healthcare facility, the certificate would be issued by the government hospitals. They would bear the expenses at the private hospitals through the Delhi Arogya Kosh," the government stated in its statement. A committee was also consti-

tuted with social welfare director as chairperson and doctors as members to keep checks and balances of the issuance of disability certificates and UDID cards. The committee was asked to submit its report in two weeks' time. But, sources say, it has not met once since the orders were passed. "There's confusion regarding the government's plan... The ideas have been floated but not implemented," said a senior doctor who ispart of the committee.