

BRIEFLY

Mandoli Jail inmate beaten with tile, dies

New Delhi: A 46-year-old inmate of Mandoli jail was killed after he was attacked with a tile allegedly by another inmate. The victim was identified as Rajeev Khanna, who was lodged in jail 20 days ago in a case of cheque bouncing. According to police, on Wednesday, Khanna was sleeping inside the barack when Vinod Kumar (26) allegedly attacked him. The motive behind the attack is not known. A Metropolitan Magistrate is conducting a judicial enquiry, police said.

Delhi Cong chief holds rallies in city

New Delhi: Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee president Subhash Chopra Sunday addressed three major Aakrosh Rallies in North East Delhi and East Delhi Parliamentary constituencies. The rallies were part of the Delhi Congress's third phase of the Halla Bol rally, holding the BJP-led Centre responsible for the high unemployment rate, financial slump and the crisis in the farm sector. **ENS**

Man held for pickpocketing

New Delhi: A 23-year-old man was arrested for allegedly stealing the wallet of a passenger in a DTC bus enroute ISBT Anand Vihar, police said Sunday. The accused was identified as Devi Singh, a resident of Jahangirpuri. A case was registered and the accused was handed over to local police.

Man held with Rs 50 lakh at Metro station

New Delhi: A 19-year-old man was apprehended by CISF personnel at Barakhamba Metro station for allegedly carrying Rs 50 lakh cash on behalf of a Gujarat-based transport operator, officials said Sunday. As he was unable to explain why he was carrying such a huge amount, CISF officers summoned his manager who confirmed that he was carrying the cash for the transport operator. As cash transactions of over Rs 2 lakh in one single transaction has been banned since 2017, the case was handed over to Income Tax department. **PTI**

SANITATION WORKER DIES CLEANING DRAIN: MEN OFFERED Rs 300 FOR JOB

Forced by supervisor to enter drain, victim's co-workers tell police

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NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 24

CO-WORKERS of the 35-year-old sanitation worker who died after inhaling toxic fumes while cleaning a drain alleged they were forced to go inside the manhole by the site supervisor, said police. Investigation also found that the men were offered Rs 300 each for the job and promised safety gear — which they were never given.

The incident took place in North West Delhi's Shakurpur Saturday. Police arrested two men, Public Works Department (PWD) contractor Rajkumar (27) and private supervisor Babloo Ram (25).

DCP (North West) Vijayanta Arya said the men were contractual workers with the PWD and were pressed into service by the department to clean the drain which falls under its jurisdiction. Police said the Delhi Fire



The incident took place in Shakurpur Saturday

Services and locals helped rescue the workers. Ashok, who first entered the drain, was declared dead on arrival. Police said Rohit (30) is critical and was referred to Safdarjung Hospital Sunday. The other two workers, Sai (50) and Gorelal (35), re-

ceived minor injuries and have been discharged.

Police said the accused supervisor, Babloo, has been working with the men for five years. While Ashok's co-workers usually did odd jobs, he mostly worked on maintenance of

roads. This was his second time cleaning a sewer, which proved to be fatal, said police.

The men begun working on the drain on Thursday and had noticed the fumes, added police.

Gorelal, in his complaint, alleged that he asked for safety equipment but Babloo did not give them anything. "Babloo assured us we would get masks and shoes for the job... When we asked for the safety gear after reaching the spot, he told us we wouldn't need it. When I insisted, he threatened us and said he wouldn't pay us for the previous job if we didn't clean the drain."

An officer said: "The victim wasn't aware of the equipment required to clean the manhole and, hence, went in first wearing just a jacket."

Police said Rohit followed Ashok into the drain. When the men didn't come out, Sai climbed down to help them. "All three got stuck inside. I immediately informed Rajkumar and

Babloo but Rajkumar fled the spot," alleged Gorelal.

Meanwhile, police are trying to trace the families of Ashok and Rohit who live in Madhya Pradesh. "We have uploaded their details, along with their pictures, on the Zonal Integrated Police Network and also sent teams to their villages to contact their families. Nobody has come forward to claim Ashok's body. We received information that the victim and his co-workers left their homes 25 years ago."

Meanwhile, hitting out at Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan visited the hospital Sunday and told doctors to ensure the worker gets the best possible treatment.

On Saturday, Leader of Opposition Vijender Gupta had claimed he was prevented by authorities from entering the hospital. Delhi PWD Minister Satyendar Jain has ordered an enquiry into the incident.

'Will do anything to get unauthorised colonies registered'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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ASKING PEOPLE to be wary of the Centre's announcement that ownership rights in unauthorised colonies will be granted soon, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal Sunday said he will ensure that properties in these areas are registered soon.

"In 2008... two months before the elections, provisional certificates were issued. But the promise to regularise was not carried out. The BJP wants to regularise the colonies but does not want to register them. I promise you all I will do anything to register these colonies... Do not trust anyone unless they grant registration," said Kejriwal, who was speaking at Burari's Sant Nagar after inaugurating development work in the unauthorised colony.

On Saturday, Union Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri said the process of regularising unauthorised colonies will be completed within three



Oppn will revoke free travel for women, free power: CM

months, with the DDA set to launch a portal enabling people to file applications for ownership rights on December 16.

While residents from unauthorised colonies supported the AAP in 2013 and 2015 Assembly polls, the BJP is trying to capture the vote bank this time. "Delhi BJP is going from colony to colony to tell people about the announcement," said a senior BJP leader.

Meanwhile, the CM said that the Opposition will roll back initiatives such as free travel for women and 200 units of free power, if elected to power.

New detention policy in schools unlikely this year

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 24

DELHI SCHOOLS are yet to be notified of amendments in the no-detention policy, which were to be implemented in the 2019-2020 academic year. As a result, educationists believe it is too late in the day to enable schools to detain students in classes V and VIII this session.

Earlier this year, the no-detention policy of the Right to Education Act (RTE), 2009, was amended through a parliamentary bill, stating that a child who fails a regular examination at the end of classes V and VIII will take a re-examination. The relevant central or state governments were asked to decide if they will allow schools to detain children who fail the re-examination.

Amendments in Delhi's policy were cleared in August by the state government, allowing all government, MCD and private schools to hold back students in classes V and VIII if they are unable to clear the re-exam. However, implementation has been stalled.

An education department official confirmed that the notification had been drafted by the department but is still being processed.

"It has to be cleared by a number of different departments; at the moment, it is with the Delhi Law department. Our efforts are directed towards implementing it at the earliest," said the official.

EXPLAINED Assessment based on written test, extra-curriculars

THE COMMITTEE has recommended changing the assessment model so children are assessed on a variety of criteria apart from standard testing. This includes 15% for attendance; 10% for participation in co-curricular activities like dance, theatre, debates, sports, community service and Olympiads; and 5% based on the attendance of any one of the student's guardians in PTMs.

The 70% of assessment on the basis of testing is recommended to be broken into three parts — 10% based on minimum competency to be attained at primary and upper primary levels; 30% based on 'generic assessment' through questions on a passage, picture or diagram from each subject; and 30% based on standard subject-wise testing as is practiced in schools.

However, another department official said: "It is too late in this year to introduce a change as momentous as this. This is something which needed to be done at the beginning of the academic year... At this stage, students cannot be told they might be detained in the final exams, which are a few months away."

Recommendations for changes in the policy had been made in March by a committee formed to help the Delhi government amend the Delhi Right to Education Rules.

"It will be difficult to notify schools of such wide ranging changes now. The recommendations had been made early, keeping in mind the amount of time that will be required to prepare

for them," said a committee member.

The head of a government school said that while teachers are not ready to implement a "rollback in no-detention" this year, low learning levels in government schools could lead to a large number of drop-outs.

"Right now, many students are reaching class IX without even basic reading, and then are dropping out after not being able to clear class IX examinations. A sudden rollback might see an increase in the number of dropouts at class VI itself. I think we should wait for a few years, until learning levels have improved and at least 70% students are passing without the support of the no-detention policy," said the school head.

Man held for betting on SA league

New Delhi: A 27-year-old man was arrested for allegedly placing bets in the ongoing South Africa's Mazansi Super League cricket match being played in Port Elizabeth, police said

Sunday. According to police, the accused placed bets from his residence in South Delhi's Rajpur Khurd. Police said the accused made a living solely through online betting. **PTI**

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CORRIGENDUM TO TENDER
On behalf of the Managing Director, VJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer, VJNL, UB Division No.06, Challakere, was invited the tenders from the VJNL/KNL Category-I enrolled contractors with reference to tender notification no.492 dated 23.10.2019 for construction of Tank filling project of Challakere- Molakalmuru taluka (2019-20 Head of Account IEBR scheme). Due to technical problems tender was cancelled under reference No 536 dated 11.11.2019. Since same work is now divided into 3 packages& the dates have been changed as follow. The detailed work are listed below.

NAME OF WORK: CONSTRUCTION OF CHALLAKERE-MOLKALMURU GRAVITY MAIN PIPED DISTRIBUTION NETWORK FOR TANK FILLING FROM CHITHRADURGA BRANCH CANAL UNDER UPPER BHADRA PROJECT INCLUDING OPERATION AND MAINTAINANCE FOR 5 YEARS AFTER SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF WORK (INDENT NO:1333). Indent No: 1333. Estimated Cost Put to Tender: 44128.24 Lakhs. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): 441.28 Lakhs. Last Date for Tender Queries/Clarifications: 29.11.2019 at 4.00PM. Pre Bid Meeting at CE, VJNL, Upper Bhadra Project Zone, Chitradurga Office: 26.11.2019 at 11.00 AM. Last Date for Receipt of Tenders/Bids through e-portal: 30.11.2019 at 4.00 PM. Date of Opening of Technical Bid: 01.12.2019 at 4.15 PM. Date of Opening of Financial Bid: 03.12.2019 at 3.00 PM.
Eligible contractors may obtain all the details from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in online and submit their bid process.
Sd/- Executive Engineer
RD No. 671: DDP/CTA/MCA/2019-20



MANY HUES

At the Delhi Queer Pride Parade Sunday. Participants walked from Barakhamba Road to Jantar Mantar. *Gajendra Yadav*

Helpline comes to patients' aid at Delhi govt hospitals

ASTHA SAXENA
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 24

NEHA SRIVASTAVA (27), who was in her last month of pregnancy, had gone to Pt Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital last month for an ultrasound. Due to give birth on November 22, she was asked to wait till December for the test. After repeated requests to doctors failed, she finally called the Delhi government helpline, 1031.

The helpline is meant for patients and their relatives/attendants at government hospitals to report any kind of lapse in policies of providing free medicines, tests, and surgeries.

"Doctors were rude and told me to come back in December for a simple diagnostic test. They did not even refer me to another hospital. I saw a poster of the helpline number at the hospital, made a call and explained the problem. Within 20 minutes, I received a call from the hospital administration. They gave me a referral prescription and my test was immediately done at another hospital," said Srivastava, who gave birth to a healthy girl two days ago.

Launched by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in 2014, the helpline, initially meant for anti-corruption complaints, was among the major initiatives introduced by the AAP government after free water and elec-

92 schools identified for conversion to co-ed

SUKRITA BARUAH
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 24

THE DELHI education department has identified 92 school buildings which will be suitable for conversion into single-shift co-educational schools, after construction of new classrooms in them is completed.

Last month, *The Indian Express* reported that the department had begun a process of mapping capacities of its 1,100-odd schools

ON THE CALL			
HOSPITAL	COMPLAINTS RELATED TO		
	DRUGS	FREE TESTS	SURGERY DATE
GTB	3,739	771	538
GB Pant	4,262	1,084	566
Lok Nayak	2,627	1,118	548
Baba Saheb Ambedkar	2,668	742	291
DDU	1,978	669	150

Total number of grievances received till date: 80,616

tricity. In 2015, services were extended to hospitals. Administrative charge of the number was given to the health department in 2017.

Dharmendra Kumar, a resident of Kalyan Awasi in East Delhi, said: "I was refused medicines at Lal Bahadur Shastri hospital earlier this month. While leaving the premises, I saw the poster about the helpline number and called it to see how it works. Within 30 minutes, I received a call from the hospital's drug store and my problem was resolved."

Long queues, shortage of drugs, unavailability of surgery dates and beds are among top queries raised by patients, said officials.

Delhi Health Minister Satyendar Jain told *The Indian Express*, "Through this helpline number, we have been able to

address patient-related issues across government hospitals in Delhi. Now, if any patient or an attendant is unable to get medicines, beds, or face any other issue, they can simply dial the number. We have a nodal officer in each hospital to coordinate with patients."

As per officials, when a complainant dials the number, the issue is passed on to the nodal officer at the hospital concerned. The officer has to immediately call the patient to his/her room to address the issue and report the resolution.

Notices and display boards displaying the number have been put up in hospitals for patients to call if they do not get medicines for free; face problems in free tests or surgery in private hospitals; or if government hospitals fail to conduct surgeries within 30 days.

"8,000 additional equivalent classrooms have been constructed in the first phase and construction of another 13,000 is underway".

This, the circular said, will "rationalise student-classroom ratio (SCR)" after which many double-shift schools can be converted to single shift. At present, 92 out of 285 school buildings have been identified "where SCR would be less than or equal to 40 after construction of additional equivalent classrooms un-

Soon, survey to legalise hawkers in the capital

ANANYA TIWARI
NEW DELHI, NOVEMBER 24

TO LEGALISE street vending and hawking across the capital, town vending committees (TVCs) will conduct surveys of vendors as per the Street Vendors Act, 2014, in the coming weeks.

As per the Street Vendors Act, 2014, eviction of vendors is illegal before a survey is conducted by the TVCs, and before vending zones are declared and licences are issued to surveyed vendors.

The Delhi government's urban development department has agreed to assist municipalities in the survey. Manisha Saxena, principal secretary of the department, said, "We are empanelling agencies to help the TVCs."

The proposal inviting bids from surveying agencies was put online on October 31 and on November 6, the urban development department held a pre-bid meeting with five agencies.

Several evicted vendors met SDMC and DDMC officials on November 19 to demand their inclusion in the survey. Ramesh Verma, additional commissioner SDMC, said, "We will meet vendors and officials to discuss it."

In the past few months, hawkers have been evicted from Jama Masjid, Darya Ganj Book Bazaar, Lajpat Nagar and Karol Bagh.

der Priority-II", it read.

An education department official had told *The Indian Express* that the aim is to transition a portion of these schools into co-ed single-shift schools by April, in time for the next academic session, and the rest by July, in time for when the children return from their summer vacation.

For now, deputy directors of education have been asked to "comment on the feasibility of the conversion" and send proposals for conversion of other schools.

Classifieds

PERSONAL
I, Shabana Khan D/o Khalil ur Rehman W/o Mohd. Amir R/o 1050, Muftiwalan, Gali Shakti Mandir, Tiraha Behram Khan, Darya Ganj, New Delhi-2, have changed my name from Shabana Khan to Shabana Begum for all future purposes.
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FOR Sale, In Working Condition The Following: Wheel Loader (HM 221), 2005 Model- 30000 hrs- 2 Nos, Excavator (JCB JS-210) 2011 Model- 16000 hrs- 1 No, Mobile Crane (Escorts K 10) 2006 Model- 7400 hrs (Fully Refurbished By Escorts 6 Months Ago)- 1 No. The Items Are Available For Inspection At Mormugao Harbour, Goa. Only Interested Parties May Contact Mr. Anthony Fernandes On email: anthony.fernandes@jsw.in 0070685112-1

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I, Rajesh Sharma S/o Late. Birbal Sharma, have Lost Original Possession Letter and Allotment Letter of House No.504, Emperor-1, Super Tech Emerald Court Sector-93A, Noida(U.P.) Contact: 9810011227 0040521618-1

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