

Surprise inspection at GST office reveals lapses; CM seeks records

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CHIEF Minister Rekha Gupta carried out an unexpected inspection of a GST office near the Delhi Secretariat on Wednesday, bringing to light serious lapses in punctuality and administrative functioning. The visit was part of an effort to tighten discipline across government departments and improve efficiency in public

offices. The sudden inspection led to visible disruption within the office, as several officials and employees were caught off guard. A number of senior officers were found absent from their seats during working hours, prompting immediate questioning. The Chief Minister took a strict stance, seeking explanations from the available staff, but expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of clear responses.

Arriving at the GST office at 11 a.m., Gupta inspected multiple sections, including wards and officers rooms. Several important sections appeared deserted, with empty chairs even after official reporting time. The situation raised concerns about adherence to office timings and accountability in handling public work. She stated that any delay or negligence affecting public services would not be accepted. Beyond attendance, the inspection also focused on the

office's internal management and infrastructure. The Chief Minister noted disorganised conditions, including old files stacked in corridors and poorly maintained facilities. She reprimanded concerned officers, stressing that inefficiency and mismanagement would invite strict consequences. Reiterating the government's zero-tolerance policy, she warned that disciplinary action would be taken against those failing in their responsibilities.

During the visit, Gupta directed the department head to immediately submit detailed biometric and manual attendance records for the past few months. She ordered that officials found absent without valid reasons or prior notice should face salary deductions along with action under service rules.

BJP accused of obstructing water plans; AAP questions shift in Haryana's stand

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AAM Aadmi Party (AAP) Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj on Wednesday launched a strong attack on the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging that it deliberately caused water shortages in the national capital to gain political power. His remarks came as the BJP-led government is now taking steps to procure additional water for Delhi from Haryana.

Bharadwaj claimed that several attempts by the Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government to source water from Himachal Pradesh were repeatedly blocked by the BJP-led governments in Haryana and at the Centre. He said that despite the existence of a memorandum of understanding between Delhi and Himachal Pradesh, the pro-



cess was obstructed at every stage, preventing the capital from securing additional water supply.

He alleged that these actions were part of a larger strategy to create difficulties for Delhi residents, particularly during peak summer months when water demand is at its highest. According to him, people were made to struggle for wa-

ter while such efforts were deliberately stalled.

Highlighting what he described as a contradiction, Bharadwaj pointed out that the same Haryana government, which had earlier created hurdles, is now willing to supply water to Delhi after the BJP assumed power in the capital. He said this shift raises serious questions about

the motivations behind earlier decisions.

Bharadwaj further criticised the BJP and the central government, describing their approach as anti-people and claiming that their actions would be remembered negatively. He alleged that the handling of the issue reflected a pattern of prioritising political interests over public welfare.

Tweets by journalist Ayyub derogatory, communal: HC

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THE Delhi High Court on Wednesday termed certain tweets by journalist Rana Ayyub "highly derogatory, inflammatory and communal" as it sought her stand on a petition seeking removal of the allegedly objectionable content from social media.

Justice Purushendra Kumar Kaurav, who was hearing a lawyer's petition alleging that Ayyub's tweets insulted Hindu Deities and "revered historical figures", observed that even an FIR was also directed to be registered against her in relation to the tweets and called upon the Centre, Delhi Police and X to "work in tandem" and "do the needful in 24 hours". "Let the matter be called the day after. Action is necessary in view of the highly derogatory, inflammatory and communal tweets by respondent no. 4 (Ayyub), pursuant to which FIR has also been directed against respondent no. 4 by a court of competent jurisdiction," the court ordered. Observing that the "matter requires consideration", the court issued notice to the Centre, Ayyub as well as X on the petition seeking the immediate removal of the "highly derogatory, in-



flammatory, and communal tweets" by Ayyub. The court also made Delhi Police a party to the case.

Petitioner Amita Sachdeva said she is a devout follower of the Sanatan Dharm, and on her complaint, a magisterial court had already directed the registration of an FIR while holding that the journalist's tweets prima facie disclose cognisable offences under the Indian Penal Code. The plea said the petitioner approached X's resident grievance officer as well as the Grievance Appellate Committee for the removal of the content.

However, the committee declined to grant relief, stating the matter was sub-judice, it added.

The petitioner said the continued public availability of the tweets has caused continuing and direct injury to her religious sentiments and violated her fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 21 (Right to life and liberty) and 25 (Freedom of religion) of the Constitution.

CM Shri school admissions to begin from April 13

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ADMISSIONS to the CM Shri Schools in Delhi will open on April 13 for Classes 6 and 9, and on May 7 for Class 11 for the 2026-27 academic session, according to the Directorate of Education. Admit cards were distributed on Wednesday for the entrance examinations.

The tests for Classes 6 and 9 will be conducted in the last week of March, while the examination for Class 11 is scheduled for May, the DoE said in a public notice issued on Tuesday. The results for Classes 6 and 9 will be announced on April 30, and the results for Class 11 will be released on May 25.

Only residents of Delhi who studied in a recognised school in the national capital during the 2025-26 academic session are eligible to apply, a circular issued by the education department stated.

According to the department, 50 per cent of the seats

are reserved for students who have passed Classes 5, 8 and 10 from Delhi government schools. The remaining seats are open to other eligible applicants who meet the residency and schooling criteria. The entrance examination will be objective and OMR-based. Class-wise syllabus details and a sample OMR sheet will be available on the department's website to familiarise applicants with the format.

The question paper for Class 6 will be bilingual, while those for Classes 9 and 11 will be in English. There will be no negative marking for the Class 6 exam, but it will apply to the tests for Classes 9 and 11.

The maximum marks for the Class 6 examination are 300, while the tests for Classes 9 and 11 will carry 400 marks each. The CM Shri Schools, an initiative of the Delhi government, aim to provide education with modern infrastructure, updated curriculum and holistic learning practices.

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