

# Women police to be on board in DTC ladies buses

NEW DELHI

WOMEN police personnel will be deployed inside all Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) ladies special buses operating on identified routes, transport officials said on Wednesday.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and attended by officials of Delhi Police and the transport department.

"Delhi Police had been requested to deploy women police personnel on the la-



adies' special buses plying on these routes, especially during morning and evening hours. Taking a highly serious view of women's security, the LG issued strict directions to the authorities, categorically stating that the safety of women should not be compromised at any cost," a transport department official said.

According to the officials, another decision taken at the meeting was to directly integrate panic button alerts installed in buses with the 112 PCR emergency response system of the Delhi Police.

"Delhi Police will provide the necessary female workforce. Women home guard marshals could additionally be deployed to assist the police personnel in buses," they added. The official emphasised that building a secure environment requires a zero-tolerance approach and immediate, highly visible operational interventions on the ground. These buses, initially to run on already identified routes, mostly around far-flung areas of Outer Delhi, will be operated entirely by women staff.

# MCD fast-tracks 229 public toilet blocks

Corporation sets strict deadlines for fund approval

NEW DELHI

TO expedite construction of 229 new toilet blocks by easing bureaucratic red tape, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has ordered its officials to shorten fund-clearance timelines across the 12 zones, officials said.

According to officials, the civic body's latest push is aimed at swiftly addressing the lack of hygienic sanitation facilities for lakhs of commuters, particularly women, children, and the elderly, who navigate the capital's busiest stretches.

The MCD commissioner recently chaired a review meeting to eliminate logistical bottlenecks. Following the review, all chief engineers and zonal deputy commissioners have been directed to ensure that fund requirements are compulsorily uploaded onto the Delhi Development Information System (DDIS) within a tight three-day window to avoid further delays, an official order said.

The infrastructure drive, which was undertaken in May 2026, will be funded under the Chief Minister's



Development Fund (CMDF) and will use a standardised design to ensure high maintenance and quality standards across the city.

A zone-wise breakdown revealed that crowded commercial and residential hubs will receive bulk of the infrastructure.

Karol Bagh is set to get the most number of new toilet blocks, as many as 34, followed by Keshav Puram with 32, and Rohini and West zones with 23 each.

Other areas earmarked for establishment of public toilets include South (20), City SP (19), Shahdara

South (19), Central (17), Shahdara North (16), Najafgarh (15), Narela (6) and Civil Lines 5.

"For the average Delhiite, especially those working outdoors or commuting long distances, a clean public washroom is a basic necessity that impacts their health and daily dignity," an MCD official said.

Officials across the zones have now been tasked with swift preparation and submission of final site-specific requisitions via designated digital portals so that construction can commence immediately, officials said.

# LG directs POCSO compliance check in Delhi schools

NEW DELHI

DELHI Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu on Wednesday directed a comprehensive audit of schools to assess adherence to the provisions and guidelines of the POCSO Act.

Sandhu chaired a meeting to review the implementation status of the Protection of

Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act across the capital, along with Delhi Police, the Women and Child Department and the Department of Education.

"Directed a comprehensive audit of schools across Delhi to assess adherence to the provisions and guidelines of the POCSO Act. The education department has also been in-

structed to enforce strict compliance and initiate firm action against institutions found lacking in implementation," Sandhu said in a post on X.

The LG further directed Delhi Police to ensure robust and visible deployment around school premises and prominent student hubs.

"Particularly during school dispersal hours, to proactively



deter any untoward incidents and strengthen public confidence. Emphasised a zero-tolerance approach towards eve-teasing, harassment, and molestation of women and children," he added.

The safety, dignity, and well-being of every student remain non-negotiable. We are committed to building a secure, fearless, and protective environment for every child in Delhi, he added.

# Sandhu to lead Yoga Day celebrations at Baansera park

NEW DELHI

DELHI Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu will lead Yoga Day celebrations on June 21 from Baansera Park near ITO of the Delhi Development Authority, officials said on Wednesday. DDA is organising celebrations of the 12th International Day of Yoga at 29 locations across the city, including other parks and green spaces under it, they said.

"The programmes will comprise Yoga asanas, pranayama, breathing exercises, meditation and wellness activities under the guidance of trained instructors," a statement said.

This year, the theme for celebrations is "Yoga for Healthy Ageing", highlighting the role of Yoga in enhancing physical, mental and emotional well-being across all age groups.

"Through its extensive network of sports complexes, public parks and green spaces, DDA will facilitate large-scale public participation in the observance, reinforcing the message of healthy living, physical fitness and holistic well-being," it added.

Sandhu will lead the Yoga celebrations at Baansera. He will be joined by DDA Vice Chairman N Saravana Kumar along with other senior DDA officers and distinguished participants. The programmes will comprise Yoga asanas, pranayama, breathing exercises, meditation and wellness activities under the able guidance of trained Yoga instructors deputed by the Ministry of Ayush, Government of India.

Yoga sessions will also be organised at many DDA parks and green spaces including Baansera, Swarn Jayanti Park (Rohini), Coronation Park (Burai), Hauz Khas Park, Satya Park (Naraina Phase-II), District Park (G-17, Paschim Vihar), Ashoka Garden and others.



# Five held for aiding cyber fraud; Rs 9 lakh frozen

NEW DELHI

DELHI Police has busted a cybercrime syndicate allegedly involved in facilitating the siphoning of fraud proceeds through bank accounts and arrested five persons, while preventing the withdrawal of nearly Rs 9 lakh suspected to be linked to cyber fraud, officials said on Wednesday. The police arrested Vikash (22), Vansh (21), Faiyaz Alam (22), Amit (28) and Balvir Kumar (23), all residents of Delhi, on Tuesday from Uttar Pradesh's Bareilly.

The operation was

launched after a private bank's branch manager in Jasola alerted police about suspicious transactions, police said. During the investigation, officers of Sarita Vihar police station uncovered a commission-based network that allegedly arranged and operated bank accounts that were used for routing and withdrawing money obtained through cyber frauds.

An FIR has been registered at the Sarita Vihar police station under relevant provisions of the BNS, police said, adding that the probe has revealed a direct link to a

major CEO/social media impersonation fraud reported in Mumbai, which allegedly duped a private company of around Rs 10.40 crore.

In that case, registered by the South Cyber Police Station of Mumbai Crime Branch, fraudsters allegedly siphoned off money through 63 transactions carried out between June 3-15, officials said. The financial trail being examined in the Delhi case may exceed Rs 10 crore, police said, adding that investigators are working to identify the entire network and trace the flow of funds.

# 2015 double murder case

# Hostile witnesses, flawed probe: Court acquits six

NEW DELHI

A Delhi court has acquitted six men accused of murdering two youths in Sangam Vihar in 2015, saying the prosecution's case suffered from serious evidentiary deficiencies, including hostile eyewitnesses and a lack of conclusive corroboration.

In an order dated June 8, Additional Sessions Judge Hargurvarinder Singh Jaggi said the prosecution's case is severely undermined by its own star public witnesses retracting their statements and alleging police coercion.

"The lack of independent witnesses during the evidence recovery, the absence of CCTV, and the inconclusive ballistic reports leave a massive gap in the chain of circumstances. The case appears to suffer from severe evidentiary weaknesses. There are significant flaws in the police investigation, and a lack of definitive scientific cor-



roboration," the court said.

According to the prosecution, the killings stemmed from rivalry in an illegal gambling business. It alleged that Sumit was shot dead near Valmiki Mandir on Tigri Road and Akash was abducted and later murdered in a jungle area of Sangam Vihar on April 5.

The complainant and purported eyewitness denied witnessing the incident and claimed his signatures were taken on blank papers. The judge observed that while DNA evidence indicated the presence of the victims' blood on clothes allegedly recovered

from some accused, such evidence by itself was insufficient to establish guilt in the absence of reliable eyewitness testimony and an unbroken chain of circumstances.

The court acquitted Ravi Gupta, Satish Kubda alias Ajay, Arjun alias Tullu, Akash alias Machine alias Rocky, Sunil alias Sapola and Sunil, son of Ram Chander, of charges under IPC provisions relating to murder, abduction and criminal conspiracy. Ravi Gupta, Satish Kubda and Akash were also acquitted of Arms Act charges.

"The defense has successfully created significant reasonable doubt by highlighting these investigative flaws and presenting a plausible alternative narrative of false implication," the judge said.

However, the accused Nitin Gupta was convicted under Section 174A IPC for absconding after being declared a proclaimed offender.

# 2 held in Guru Randhawa gym firing case

NEW DELHI

TWO alleged associates of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang have been arrested for allegedly opening fire outside a gym linked to Punjabi singer Guru Randhawa in Paschim Vihar, police said on Wednesday. One of the arrested men had returned from Russia less than two weeks before the incident. Police said the accused, Arman (19) and Tushar alias Tashu alias Pinku (21), both residents of Sonapat district in Haryana, were apprehended in Bahadurgarh after a manhunt.

According to police, the duo are alleged shooters linked to gangster Anil Pandit, a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang who is believed to be operating from the United States.

Police said two motorcycle-borne assailants allegedly opened fire outside a gym on Outer Ring Road in Paschim Vihar around 4 am on June 11 and fled the scene; no one was injured, and seven empty cartridges were recovered.

Police said a case was registered at Paschim Vihar East police station in outer Delhi. The incident drew attention after a social media post allegedly made by Anil Pandit went viral, claiming responsibility for the attack on behalf of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, police said.

# Miranda House hosts open house for UG aspirants

NEW DELHI

MIRANDA House on Wednesday commenced its open house session 2026 for undergraduate aspirants, welcoming around 100 students and their parents to the college campus as admissions to Delhi University draw closer.

The four-day initiative, which began on June 17, is aimed at helping prospective students understand the admission process, course choices and campus life at the college.

The sessions will continue on June 18, 19 and 22, according to a statement. More than 700 registrations have been received for the programme so far, with students and parents from across Delhi-NCR signing up to participate.

Visitors were taken on guided tours of the campus, including the library, laboratories, classrooms and other facilities, giving them an

# Draws over 700 registrations on Day 1



opportunity to familiarise themselves with the academic environment and student support systems available at the college.

The open house featured an interactive session with Principal Bijayalaxmi Nanda and Bursar Dr Nandini Dutta, who responded to queries related to the Common University Entrance Test

(CUET), Delhi University admissions, preference-sheet filling, course selection and academic opportunities, the statement said.

Faculty members from various departments also interacted with the aspirants during laboratory visits and introduced them to the college's academic facilities, research activities and learning

opportunities, it read.

The college said the open house sessions are intended to provide prospective students with accurate information and personalised guidance as they prepare for the undergraduate admission process. Interested students and parents can register for the programme through the college website, the statement added.

# INTER-STATE AUTO THIEF GANG BUSTED; 8 HELD

NEW DELHI

IN a major breakthrough against organised vehicle theft, the team of Anti-Auto Theft Squad (AATS), South-West District, Delhi Police, has busted a notorious inter-state auto thief gang and arrested eight accused persons, including five auto thieves and three receivers of stolen vehicles.

With their arrest, police recovered a total of 10 stolen vehicles, including nine cars and one motorcycle, along with 18 pairs of fake number plates, 21 remote keys used for preparing duplicate vehicle keys, and vehicle theft equipment, including OBD scanners, drill machines, and lock-breaking tools.

Keeping in view the recent rise in vehicle thefts in the South-West District, a dedicated team of AATS/SWD was constituted under the leadership of Inspector Ram Kumar and the supervision of ACP Sanghamitra to identify and apprehend auto lifters operating in Delhi-NCR. The team analysed CCTV footage, gathered technical and human



intelligence, and developed information about an active vehicle theft syndicate.

On February 3, acting on a tip-off, the team laid a trap near Baba Gangnath Marg, Munirka. At about 7:00 am, a Hyundai Creta was intercepted after the driver attempted to flee. The accused, Asim alias Hasim alias Diwana (35), a resident of Meerut, Uttar Pradesh, was apprehended. Verification revealed that the vehicle bore fake registration plates and had been stolen in an e-FIR registered at Police Station Model Town.

Accordingly, FIR No. 44/2026 under relevant BNS provisions was registered at

Police Station Kishangarh. Further investigation led to the arrest of seven associates, including receivers of stolen vehicles. The accused were found to be part of an organised inter-state vehicle theft syndicate that used duplicate keys and electronic devices to steal vehicles and either sell them using forged documents or dismantle them for spare parts.

Police recovered 10 stolen vehicles, 18 pairs of fake number plates, 21 remote keys, and vehicle-theft tools. The operation resulted in the detection of 10 vehicle theft cases across Delhi. Further investigation is in progress.