

31,700 oxytocin injections seized over cold chain violation

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IN a major crackdown on violations of drug safety norms, the Delhi Government's Drugs Control Department on Thursday seized 31,700 Oxytocin injections after they were found to have been stored at room temperature instead of under mandatory refrigerated conditions, raising concerns over the medicine's quality and effectiveness.

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during a special inspection ordered by Health Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh as part of an intensified enforcement drive against violations of drug storage and quality regulations across the national capital. The raid was conducted at a pharmaceutical establishment in

the Patparganj Industrial Area, where officials found a batch of Oxytocin Injection IP 5 IU/ml being stored in violation of prescribed cold chain norms.

Oxytocin, a temperature-sensitive medicine widely used in obstetric care, must be stored between 2°C and



8°C to retain its potency and therapeutic efficacy. According to the inspection report, the seized stock

had allegedly remained at room temperature since it was procured in May 2026, increasing the risk that its

effectiveness had been compromised. Officials found that although the premises had a functional refrigerator, medicines requiring cold storage had not been kept inside, amounting to a violation of Rule 65(17) of the Drugs Rules, 1945, which mandates proper storage conditions for medicines.

Considering the potential health risks, the department seized the entire stock under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, to prevent distribution of medicines

whose efficacy may have been affected. Authorities have also traced the distribution network of the affected batch and will issue stop-sale notices and product recall orders wherever necessary.

Legal proceedings have been initiated against those responsible.

Health Minister Pankaj Kumar Singh reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that only safe and effective medicines reach patients. "The Delhi Government has zero tol-

erance for any compromise with the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines. Patient safety will remain our highest priority," he said.

The minister directed the Drugs Control Department to intensify surprise inspections across Delhi and warned that strict legal action would be taken against anyone violating statutory storage and quality norms. Officials said the enforcement drive will continue across the city to strengthen regulatory oversight and safeguard public health.

Delhi building collapse: Toll climbs to 3, rescue Op ends

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THE death toll in the building collapse in northwest Delhi's Rohini climbed to three, with two more bodies pulled out from the rubble during the rescue operation that went on through the night, Delhi Fire Service (DFS) officials said on Thursday. Five people were rescued during the operation, which has now ended. It was launched on Wednesday evening after the four-storey building



that was under construction collapsed amid heavy rain. A total of three people were rescued by fire personnel.

While two of them were declared dead after being pulled out of the debris, one was injured and hospitalised,

a DFS official said. Before the fire personnel reached the spot, the locals managed to rescue one person, who was declared dead at the hospital. The death toll in the incident stands at three, the official said.

"The rescue operation has been completed. DFS crews are still at the site," the official said. The building collapsed on Wednesday at property no. G-4/152 and G-4/153 near an MCD school in Sector 16.

Police, DFS, National Disaster Response Force,

Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Revenue Department and other agencies launched a massive rescue operation, deploying heavy machinery to clear the debris. The MCD said on Wednesday that the collapsed structures had received sanctioned building plans under the SARAL Scheme, which allows property owners to get automatic clearance and building permits by submitting a self-verified undertaking through certified architects or engineers.

MCD reports drop in waterlogging locations

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DELHI recorded 169 waterlogging locations during the 2025 monsoon, down from 194 in 2024, with the MCD claiming only nine of these fall under its jurisdiction, officials said on Thursday. According to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)'s monsoon preparedness report for 2026, most of the waterlogging stretches identified by the Delhi Traffic Police are maintained by the Public Works Department (PWD), while only nine locations are under the civic body's jurisdiction.

It further suggested that waterlogging at these locations generally lasts between one and three hours, causing traffic disruption and inconvenience to commuters.

To ensure a swift response during heavy rainfall, nodal officers have been assigned for each of the 793 major drains and all identified waterlogging points under the MCD's jurisdiction.

According to the official report, to tackle water accumulation during the monsoon, the civic body has kept 79 permanent pumping stations operational round-the-clock with dedicated staff and nodal officers. It has also increased the number of temporary pumps from 427 last year to 465 this year, while an-



other 40 pumps are under procurement. The civic body said it had removed 1,80,595 metric tonnes of silt from 793 major drains covering 545.35 km up to July 3, achieving 128.08 per cent of its desilting target of 1,41,003 metric tonnes.

It said desilting of major drains is being carried out through outsourced agencies using excavators, JCBs and manual labour, while 2,239 "nallah beldars" have been deployed to clear floating waste on a daily basis.

The MCD has also set up 12 zonal control rooms and a central command and control room at its headquarters, besides constituting ward-level teams to respond to complaints and emergencies during heavy rainfall.

The report said all zonal heads have been directed to remain on alert and ensure prompt deployment of manpower and machinery to minimise waterlogging in areas under the corporation's jurisdiction.

Ex-staffer among 3 held for running fake IT dept job racket

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DELHI Police has arrested three people, including a former employee of the Income Tax Department, for allegedly running a fake recruitment racket to dupe government job seekers, Delhi Police said on Thursday.

The police in a statement said the accused allegedly cheated at least six to seven people of around Rs 10 lakh by posing as officials and conducting fake recruitment procedures inside the Income Tax Department premises at the Civic Centre to make the process appear genuine.

The arrests were made by the Central District police



following an investigation into a complaint lodged by a resident of Ajmeri Gate, who alleged that he was cheated of over Rs 2 lakh on the false promise of a multi-tasking staff (MTS) job in the Income Tax Department.

"An FIR was registered at the Hauz Qazi police station on May 18 after the complainant alleged that the accused had induced him to part with his provident fund savings," a senior police officer

said. The complainant told the police that in December 2025, one of the accused introduced himself as an employee of the Income Tax Department and assured him of arranging a government job.

Another accused allegedly collected Rs 5,000 in cash, while the remaining amount of Rs 1.98 lakh was transferred digitally into a bank account provided by the gang between December 22 and December 31, 2025.

"To convince the victim, the accused allegedly prepared fake verification forms and continued assuring him that the recruitment process was underway until March this year before becoming untraceable," the police officer said.

Court moved against order granting TV, 4 raw eggs to 2020 riots accused

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THE Delhi Police has moved a court here seeking recall or modification of an order that allowed 2020 Delhi riots accused Shahrukh Pathan to receive four raw eggs daily and keep a separate television in his high-security prison cell, saying the directions require reconsideration. Pathan has been accused of pointing a gun at a police constable during the riots. The plea has been filed against an order passed by Additional Sessions Judge Sameer Bajpai on June



4 after the counsel of the accused submitted that his client, who is lodged in the Tihar Jail, is facing frustration and depression due to prolonged incarceration. In the June 4 order, the court allowed an application moved by Pathan seeking four raw eggs every day instead of boiled eggs and permission to have a separate television in his cell at his own

expense. Pathan's counsel had argued that boiled eggs did not suit him and made him ill.

The defence had also submitted that since Pathan was lodged in a separate cell as a high-risk inmate, he was unable to watch television programmes of his choice on the common TV meant for multiple prisoners, adding that prolonged incarceration had left him frustrated and depressed. Accepting the request, the court directed the Tihar Jail superintendent to provide Pathan four raw eggs every day instead of boiled eggs.



Govt only talking about Minto Bridge, ignoring other flooded areas: Kejriwal

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FORMER Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday alleged that the Delhi government was focusing only on the resolved waterlogging at Minto Bridge underpass while ignoring other parts of the city. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener said several areas across Delhi were facing flooding, poor sanitation and damaged roads. His remarks came after the BJP government in Delhi claimed it had permanently resolved the waterlogging problem at the Minto Bridge underpass by constructing an additional drain.

"Entire Delhi is submerged, but they keep on talking about the Minto Bridge underpass. We solved that problem during our government. Besides that, several other areas are facing waterlogging, there is filth

spread around and broken roads in other parts of the city," Kejriwal said. AAP's Delhi unit president Saurabh Bharadwaj also criticised the BJP government, saying it should focus on other affected areas as well.

"At Sadar Bazar, Asia's largest wholesale market, there is knee-deep water. Delhi government is only talking about Minto Bridge, look at the entire city, there is waterlogging in Burari, Sangam Vihar, Ring Road and other areas too where the condition is bad," Bharadwaj said.

Leader of Opposition Atishi, also posted pictures and videos of waterlogged areas on social media, questioning the government's response to the monsoon. Earlier, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta had said that the waterlogging problem at Minto Bridge underpass had been permanently resolved and that government was on alert for other vulnerable locations.

Inderlok-Indraprastha Metro Line launched

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DELHI Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Thursday launched the construction of the Inderlok-Indraprastha Metro corridor, a fully underground Magenta Line ex-

tension that will connect key areas, including Sarai Rohilla, Karol Bagh, New Delhi Railway Station and central Delhi landmarks.

The 12.377-km corridor will be developed as a fully underground extension of the Magenta Line (Line-8)

and will have 10 underground stations at Inderlok, Daya Basti, Sarai Rohilla, Ajmal Khan Park, Jhandewalan Temple, Nabi Karim, New Delhi, Delhi Gate, Delhi Sachivalaya-IG Stadium and Indraprastha, a statement said.

The corridor, after completion, will operate as part of the driverless Magenta Line.

The ongoing priority corridor works of the Magenta Line, including sections between Janakpuri West-R K Ashram Marg, are being

executed in phases, with some stretches already operational, it stated. The Magenta Line will become the longest corridor in the Delhi Metro network, extending nearly 89 km from Botanical Garden to Inderlok, it stated and added that the line will



also have the highest number of interchange stations and underground stations in the network, improving connectivity across the national capital.

HERITAGE BODY RENAMED

Chandni Chowk redevelopment at centre of Old Delhi revival

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The decision was taken at the corporation's annual meeting chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, who said the initiative aims to transform Old Delhi into a world-class heritage destination without compromising its historical character

IN a major push to preserve and revitalise the historic heart of the capital, the Delhi Government has renamed the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Corporation as the Indraprastha Heritage Redevelopment Corporation (IVPN), broadening its mandate to conserve Delhi's rich cultural and architectural legacy while upgrading civic infrastructure. The decision was taken at the corporation's annual meeting chaired by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta,

who said the initiative aims to transform Old Delhi into a world-class heritage destination without compromising its historical character.

The meeting, attended by Urban Development Minister and IVPN Vice-Chairper-

son Ashish Sood, Managing Director Sandeep Kumar and senior officials, outlined an ambitious roadmap covering heritage conservation, tourism promotion and infrastructure development.

The redevelopment of



Chandni Chowk emerged as the government's top priority. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure that the market's redesign preserves its historic identity,

traditional layout and cultural essence while improving convenience for traders, shoppers and tourists. She stressed that every aspect of the project should reflect

Chandni Chowk's heritage and restore its original grandeur. To improve visitor experience, the government approved the construction of modern public toilet blocks and expansion of civic amenities in the bustling market, which attracts lakhs of visitors every day. Plans are also underway to establish a dedicated tourist control room offering information, navigational assistance and emergency support, along with organised parking facilities to reduce congestion.

The meeting also reviewed the redevelopment of the his-

toric Town Hall, with directions to create a dedicated entrance and exit facing Chandni Chowk to enhance its appeal as a major heritage and tourism landmark. The Chief Minister emphasised that the interests of local traders and shopkeepers must be protected alongside heritage conservation.

Beyond Chandni Chowk, officials were asked to prepare redevelopment and beautification plans for the Hanuman Temple at Yamuna Bazaar, the Jama Masjid precinct, and the Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg stretch out-

side the Old Delhi Railway Station.

Officials noted that Old Delhi, spread across 7.12 sq km with a history of over 350 years, is home to one UNESCO World Heritage Site, 10 centrally protected monuments, 10 state-protected monuments and more than 700 locally protected heritage sites. The government believes the redevelopment programme will boost tourism, improve civic infrastructure, strengthen local businesses and preserve Delhi's historic legacy for future generations.

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