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गाजियाबाद : एनजीटी की अनुश्रवण समिति ने गाजियाबाद की टेक्सटाइल कम्पनी एमको एक्सपोर्ट पर एक करोड़ 82 लाख 60 हजार रुपये का जुर्माना लगाने की सिफारिश की है। इसके साथ ही कूड़ा प्रबंधन व डिस्चार्ज हो रहे पानी की गुणवत्ता सुधारने के लिए दो माह का वक्त दिया है।

जांच रिपोर्ट पूरी, नगर आयुक्त को सौंपी

गाजियाबाद : सर्वोदय नगर नाले में गिरकर बच्चे की मौत के मामले की जांच पूरी हो गई है। कमेटी ने बुधवार देर शाम रिपोर्ट नगर आयुक्त को सौंप दी। रिपोर्ट में अधिकारियों की लापरवाही सामने आ रही है। कमेटी अध्यक्ष शिव पूजन यादव ने मौके पर जाकर लोगों से बयान भी लिए थे। बता दें कि नाले में गिरकर दसवीं कक्षा के छात्र दिपांशु की मौत हो गई थी। वह स्कूल से लौटते वक्त साईकिल समेत नाले में गिर गया था। शहर में 20 से ज्यादा नाले खतरनाक हैं। नगर निगम ने उनकी मरम्मत शुरू कर दी है।

प्रतिबंधित ई-सिगरेट के लिए छापेमारी

गाजियाबाद : वरिष्ठ संवाददाता प्रतिबंधित ई-सिगरेट की धरपकड़ के लिए शुक्रवार को जिला प्रशासन, स्वास्थ्य विभाग और पुलिस विभाग की संयुक्त टीम ने कविनगर मार्केट में छापेमारी की। इस दौरान किसी दुकान पर कोई ई-सिगरेट नहीं मिली। जांच के दौरान पांच दुकानों पर खुली सिगरेट बेचने के आरोप में 100-100 रुपये का जुर्माना किया गया।

निशुल्क डेंटल चैकअप कैंप में 120 विद्यार्थियों की हुई जांच

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम गैलोर ने प्राथमिक विद्यालय साहिबाबाद गांव में लगाया कैंप, बांटी डेंटल किट

साहिबाबाद : रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम गैलोर द्वारा साहिबाबाद गांव स्थित प्राथमिक विद्यालय में लगाए गए दो दिवसीय निशुल्क डेंटल चैकअप कैंप में 120 छात्र-छात्राओं के दांतों की जांच हुई। इस दौरान छात्रों को डेंटल किट भी दी गई, जिससे वे दांतों की सफाई के प्रति जागरूक हो सके। शिविर में मैक्स अस्पताल वैशाली के डाक्टरों की टीम ने छात्रों के दांतों की जांच की। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम गैलोर की अध्यक्ष पूनम बाला ने बताया कि प्राथमिक विद्यालय साहिबाबाद गांव में लगाए गए शिविर में मंगलवार को 50 व बुधवार को 70 छात्र-छात्राओं के दांतों की जांच मैक्स अस्पताल की दंत चिकित्सक डॉ ईशा व डॉ अंकित ने की। डॉ.ईशा ने



बताया कि बच्चे दांतों की सफाई के प्रति जागरूक नहीं थे। करीब 40 प्रतिशत बच्चे ऐसे थे जो सुबह दांतों की सफाई किए बगैर

ही स्कूल में आते थे। छात्रों को दांतों में ठंडा-गरम लगाना, कैविटी (कीड़ा लगना), पायरिया, मुंह से बदबू आना और दांतों का बदरंग

होना जैसी बीमारियां के बारे में भी जागरूक किया गया। वहीं रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम गैलोर के क्लब ट्रेनर डा.धीरज भार्गव ने छात्रों को बताया कि खाना खाने के बाद व रात को सोने से पहले दांतों की सफाई जरूर करें। क्योंकि खाना रात भर दांतों के बीच चिपके रहने से दांतों में सड़न पैदा होती है और दांत काले और पीले होकर गिर जाते हैं। मुंह से बदबू आने लगती है। गर्म-ठंडा लगने लगता है। इसके अलावा अन्य बीमारियां दांतों में पनपने लगती हैं। जिससे दांत समय से पहले ही खराब हो जाते हैं। इस दौरान क्लब की आईपीपी मनीषा भार्गव, अपूर्व राज, खुशहाल चोपड़ा, सुनील गौतम, प्रतीक भार्गव, विक्रम आदि मौजूद रहें।

संबंधित फोटो पेज 3 पर

104 माली कागजों में रखकर नगर निगम में 78 लाख का घोटाला

गाजियाबाद : नगर निगम में मालियों के नाम पर 78 लाख का घोटाला किया गया। निगम में गणना के दौरान 104 माली कम मिले। वहीं, उनके नाम से गत वर्ष नवंबर से जून तक का मानदेय बराबर लिया गया। मामला पकड़ में आने पर महापौर ने जांच शुरू करा दी है। बता दें कि नगर क्षेत्र में करीब 900 से अधिक पार्क हैं। नगर निगम की ओर से पार्क की देखभाल के लिए करीब 750 माली रखे गए हैं। पार्क के मुकाबले माली कम होने पर देखभाल के पार्कों की बदहाली पर बोर्ड बैठक में कुछ पार्श्वदों ने अतिरिक्त माली रखने की मांग रखी थी, जिसके बाद पांच जोन के लिए 104 अतिरिक्त माली रखे गए। प्रत्येक माली का मानदेय

9430 रुपये तय किया गया। नवंबर से लेकर जून तक मालियों का भुगतान किया गया, लेकिन वह हकीकत में कहीं दिखाई नहीं दिए। मालियों वास्तविक गणना के दौरान वही 104 माली कम मिले। इसके बाद मेयर ने अपर नगर आयुक्त शिवपूजन यादव से मालियों के बारे में जवाब तलब किया, लेकिन वह जवाब नहीं दे सके। आठ माह तक 9430 का मानदेय हर माह नगर निगम से जारी होता रहा। नगर निगम में आठ माह के दौरान 78,45,760 रुपये का घोटाला किया गया। मेयर आशा शर्मा का कहना है कि मामले की जांच कराई जा रही है। आरोपी अधिकारियों के खिलाफ शासन को लिखा जाएगा।

Cop suspended, 3 shifted to police lines

Ghaziabad: SSP Sudhir Kumar Singh has suspended a sub-inspector, who was posted at Modinagar, for allegedly sexually harassing a woman constable. The SSP has also sent an SHO, a sub-inspector and a chowki in-charge to police lines after they were booked for corruption charges. The three police officers accused of corruption have been identified as Loni SHO Sanjay Pandey, sub-inspector at Shipra Suncity police chowki Sachin Kumar Tomar and chowki in-charge of Nehru Nagar Anirudh Kumar. In May this year, a government contractor Tushar Goel filed

a complaint against the trio in the anti-corruption court for trying to implicate him in a cheating and forgery case in September 2018. He claimed that the police officers wanted to extort Rs 2 lakh from him. On July 17, an FIR was subsequently lodged against the three police officers under IPC sections 420 (cheating), 467 (forgery of valuable security), 468 (forgery for purpose of cheating), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record), 506 (criminal intimidation) and 504 (breach of peace) and under relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

ईएमयू के कर्मचारी की गवाही

गाजियाबाद : दादरी कंटेनर डिपो के पूर्व डिप्टी कमिश्नर शशिकांत के आय से अधिक संपत्ति मामले में विशेष सीबीआइ जज अमितवीर की अदालत में सुनवाई हुई। मंगलवार को सुनवाई के दौरान गाजियाबाद लोकोशेड के ईएमयू कर्मचारी सुनील कुमार की गवाही हुई। अदालत ने सुनवाई जारी रखते हुए आगे की तारीख लगा दी। सुनवाई के दौरान शशिकांत व उनकी पत्नी श्वेता अदालत में पेश हुए। सीबीआइ के लोक अभियोजक अनुराग मोदी ने बताया कि नवंबर 2013 में कारोबारी नरेंद्र चुग का विदेश से सामान आया था। कम कस्टम ड्यूटी देने के आरोप में सामान को दादरी स्थित कस्टम विभाग के डिपो में रोक लिया गया था। इसकी जांच

तत्कालीन डिप्टी कमिश्नर शशिकांत कर रहे थे। आरोप है कि दिल्ली निवासी सतीश गुप्ता ने सामान छुड़ाने की एवज में डिप्टी कमिश्नर से बात कर रिश्वत तय की थी। सीबीआइ ने सूचना के आधार पर शशिकांत, नरेंद्र और सतीश को गिरफ्तार कर लिया था। बाद में शशिकांत के घर छापेमारी के दौरान सीबीआइ को लाखों रुपये मिले थे। वर्ष 2014 में उनके खिलाफ आय से अधिक संपत्ति अर्जित करने की शिकायत मिली। इसके बाद सीबीआइ टीम ने वर्ष 1998 से 2013 तक शशिकांत व उनके परिवार के सदस्यों की संपत्ति की जांच की तो साढ़े तीन करोड़ से अधिक बेनामी संपत्ति की जानकारी मिली।

31.90 करोड़ के घोटाले में पूर्व मंत्री व पूर्व प्रमुख सचिव की डिस्चार्ज अर्जी खारिज

गाजियाबाद : एनआरएचएम घोटाले में एक और मामले में पूर्व मंत्री बाबू सिंह कुशवाहा और पूर्व प्रमुख सचिव प्रदीप शुक्ला की डिस्चार्ज अर्जी खारिज कर दी। विशेष सीबीआइ कोर्ट के जज अमितवीर सिंह ने अर्जी खारिज करते हुए आरोप पर बहस करने के लिए आगे की तारीख लगा दी। करीब 31.90 करोड़ रुपये के घोटाले में अभ्य बाजपेयी सहित चार आरोपितों पर पहले ही आरोप तय हो चुका है। सीबीआइ के लोक अभियोजक अनुराग मोदी ने अदालत को बताया कि बिना स्वीकृति के करीब 30.90 करोड़ रुपये की दवाइयों की किट, खरीदी गई। इसके अलावा करीब एक करोड़ की इलाज में उपयोग किए जाने वाले अन्य चीजों की खरीदारी की गई थी।

कॉलेजों में रोज लगेंगी रोजगार संबंधित कक्षाएं

गाजियाबाद : महानगर में संचालित डिग्री कॉलेजों में प्रतिदिन छात्रों को रोजगार से संबंधित कक्षाएं संचालित की जाएंगी। चौधरी चरण सिंह विवि के क्षेत्रीय उच्चशिक्षा अधिकारी डा. राजीव कुमार गुप्ता ने सभी कॉलेजों में द्वितीय व तृतीय वर्ष के छात्रों को उनके विषय से संबंधित रोजगार और उपयोगिता बताने के निर्देश दिए हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि विशेष कक्षाओं का मुख्य उद्देश्य छात्र अपने विषय में रुचि लें और बेहतर शिक्षा ग्रहण करें। विशेष कक्षाओं के बाद प्रवेश प्रक्रिया के चलते विद्यार्थियों को महाविद्यालय में आकर बिना शिक्षा प्राप्त किए वापस लौट जाने पर रोक लग सकेगी

और उच्च शिक्षा शिक्षा में गुणात्मक विकास संभव होगा। जनपद के कई सहायता प्राप्त महाविद्यालयों में छात्र कॉलेज बहुत कम जाते हैं। विषय संबंधित कक्षाओं में भी 50 फीसद से कम छात्र उपस्थित रहते हैं। इस समस्या को देखते हुए उच्च शिक्षा अधिकारी ने सभी कॉलेजों को पत्र लिखकर स्नातक और परस्नातक के द्वितीय व तृतीय वर्ष के छात्रों के लिए सामान्य कक्षाओं के साथ विशेष कक्षा चलाने के निर्देश दिए हैं। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी छात्रों को उनके पाठ्यक्रम से संबंधित उपयोगिता और उनसे मिलने वाले रोजगार की जानकारी होनी चाहिए। इससे छात्रों की विषय में रुचि बढ़ेगी।

सीएमओ से मांगा डाक्टरों का पैनल

गाजियाबाद : दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण विभाग की ओर से दिव्यांगों की शल्य चिकित्सा के लिए सीएमओ आफिस से डाक्टरों का पैनल मांगा है। जो दिव्यांगों का परीक्षण कर सके। शल्य चिकित्सा अनुदान योजना के तहत विभाग, ऐसे दिव्यांग जो आपरेशन से सही हो सकते हैं। उनका आपरेशन करवाता है। विभाग की ओर से ऐसे दिव्यांगों के आपरेशन पर दस हजार रुपये तक का अनुदान दिया जाता है। जिला दिव्यांगजन सशक्तिकरण अधिकारी रजनीश पांडेय ने बताया कि सीएमओ आफिस से डॉक्टरों के पैनल की डिमांग की गई है।

प्रदेश सरकार गाजियाबाद जिले को बनाएगी स्मार्ट



बसें चलाकर यातायात के साधन उपलब्ध कराए जाएं। यही नहीं 24 घंटे जलापूर्ति की सुविधा दी जाएगी। प्रत्येक घर में सीवर कनेक्शन दिया जाएगा। कूड़ा निस्तारण के लिए आधुनिक व्यवस्था करने, सड़क किनारे सुंदरीकरण करने समेत कई सुविधाएं देने की योजना है। निगम क्षेत्र में मॉडल पार्क बनाने का भी जिक्र किया गया है। इन पार्कों में बशों के लिए झूले के अलावा म्यूजिकल

फाउंटेन और ओपन जिम होगा। शहर में ड्रेनेज व्यवस्था ठीक नहीं है। उसे सुधारने के लिए काम किया जाएगा। राज्य सरकार ने शहर को स्मार्ट बनाने के लिए 25 करोड़ रुपये की व्यवस्था की है। पार्षदों का कहना है कि इतने फंड में केवल एक नाला बन सकता है। शहर स्मार्ट नहीं बन सकता। बता दें कि पिछले साल केंद्र सरकार के स्मार्ट सिटी मिशन के तहत नगर निगम ने प्रपोजल में दो मॉडल पर शहर का विकास प्रस्तावित किया था। वैशाली और वसुंधरा के 1056 एकड़ क्षेत्र में विकास होना था। इसे एरिया आधारित विकास (एबीडी) का नाम दिया गया था। इसके लिए 1625.05 करोड़ रुपये का

बजट प्रस्तावित किया था। इस क्षेत्र के विकास के लिए 18 योजनाएं बनाई गई थीं। दूसरा मॉडल पैन सिटी का प्रस्तावित हुआ था। सात योजनाओं के सहारे शहर को स्मार्ट बनाने की रणनीति रची गई थी। इस मॉडल के तहत विकास के लिए 615.15 करोड़ रुपये का बजट निर्धारित हुआ था। कुल बजट 2240.20 करोड़ रुपये प्रस्तावित था। पार्षदों के कहना है कि इतना फंड तो मिलना ही चाहिए। नगर आयुक्त दिनेश चंद्र ने बताया कि शासन ने स्मार्ट सिटी बनाने के लिए गाजियाबाद के चयन किया है। मालूम हुआ है कि इसके लिए शासन विशेष पैकेज दिया जाएगा।

एसटीपी न होने के चलते तीन वर्ष पहले सील किया गया हज हाउस खोलने के निर्देश

गाजियाबाद : हज हाउस में सीवर ट्रीटमेंट प्लांट (एसटीपी) न होने के चलते इसे सील किया गया था। एसटीपी का निर्माण पूरा होने के बाद एनजीटी कोर्ट में मंगलवार को हुई सुनवाई के बाद आला हजरत हज हाउस खोलने का फैसला सुना दिया है। प्रदेश के तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री मुलायम सिंह यादव ने 30 मार्च 2005 में हरनंदी के तट पर आला हजरत हज हाउस का शिलान्यास किया था। सपा सरकार में इसका उदघाटन छह दिसंबर 2016 को तत्कालीन मुख्यमंत्री अखिलेश यादव ने किया था। नेशनल ग्रीन ट्रिब्यूनल (एनजीटी) के

आदेश के बाद वर्ष 2018 में जिला प्रशासन ने हज हाउस को एसटीपी न होने के चलते सील कर दिया था। इस मामले में कुछ पर्यावरणविदों ने एनजीटी में याचिका दायर की थी, जिसमें उन्होंने पक्ष रखा था कि हज हाउस में करीब दो हजार यात्रियों के ठहरने की व्यवस्था है, लेकिन वहां एसटीपी नहीं बनाया गया। इस मामले में मुम्बई हज कमेटी की ओर से एसटीपी निर्माण के लिए दो करोड़ रुपये जारी किए, जिसके बाद यूपी जल निगम के कंस्ट्रक्शन एंड डिजाइन सर्विसेज (सीडीएस) ने 136 केएलडी क्षमता का एसटीपी का निर्माण किया था।

रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम गैलोर द्वारा लगाए गए दो दिवसीय निशुल्क डेंटल चैकअप कैंप की फोटो



EDITORIAL

Power-sharing agreement, Sudan's new beginning?

Sudan's ruling military council and representatives of the pro-democracy movement have signed a power-sharing agreement, signalling that its disputed transition to civilian rule is on track. Ever since President Omar al-Bashir's fall in April amid anti-regime protests, the military leaders who seized power and the protesters have been on a confrontational path. The protesters' demand for an immediate transfer of power to a civilian transitional government to be followed by free and fair elections was resisted by the powerful, deeply entrenched military. As the stand-off continued, a paramilitary unit attacked protesters in Khartoum on June 3, killing at least 128 people. But protesters still didn't give up. This, along with pressure from the African Union and foreign countries, appears to have convinced the generals they could not anymore amass absolute power, as they did under Mr. Bashir's three-decade-long rule. Ethiopian and African Union mediators brought both sides for talks and they reached the power-sharing agreement. Under the deal, a sovereign council of 11 members — five military and five civilian members and one to be selected based on consensus — will rule for over three years. A general will lead it for the first 21 months and a civilian leader for 18 months. The security apparatus will be controlled by the military; the ministries will get civilian leaders.

While this agreement clearly charts a new course for the crisis-hit country, it doesn't guarantee a smooth transition from military to civilian rule. There still exists deep distrust between the generals and the pro-democracy movement. When protests erupted in December over soaring food prices, Mr. Bashir used multiple tactics, from oppression to introducing changes in the Cabinet, to control the situation. But he had to go as the generals turned against him in April. The military council then had an opportunity, like the military in Tunisia after the fall of the dictator Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in January 2011, to return to the barracks and let the civilian leadership assume power and shape the country's future. But Sudan's military not only refused to give up its powers but also massacred the protesters who challenged them. Even though both sides have now agreed to share power, the finer details of the agreement are yet to be hammered out. It is to be seen how the transitional government would find a balance between the military's quest to retain its privileges and the revolutionaries' demand for change. It is still not clear whether the military is ready to support a full democratic transition. The framing of a new Constitution will be another challenge as there are different power centres with conflicting interests. More important, there has to be an independent investigation into the June 3 violence, and whoever is responsible should be brought to justice. Then it will at least be a good beginning for a long journey to democracy and accountability.

-By Dr. Dheeraj Kumar Bhargava

Fire in Ghaziabad's sales tax office, files burnt

GHAZIABAD: Several files were damaged in a fire that broke out at Ghaziabad's sales tax office early on Saturday. Flames were first noticed by a guard who was on night duty and he informed the fire department. It took around two hours to put out the blaze, officials said. "It is very difficult to ascertain the cause of the fire, as we are still investigating.

More than 1,400 buildings in Shahberi 'unsafe'

Noida: The Greater Noida Authority has identified over 1,450 unauthorised structures in Shahberi village in a survey. And Google Earth images have revealed that maximum constructions took place between 2014 and 2018, officials said. As per the survey report, the 1,453 illegal structures in Shahberi include 426 residential buildings with three or more floors that are the builder apartments. There are also 1,022 buildings with ground plus two floors that may be builder apartments or would have been built by locals for personal use. Also, there are five commercial buildings with outlets for daily needs,



garments, photocopy and medicines, the survey reveals. "All these buildings are illegal and unsafe and will eventually have to be demolished. To start with, these five commercial buildings will be demolished," said Narendra Bhooshan, the CEO of Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA), told TBC. "We have also asked all residents to stay alert as we are not sure about the structural strength of these

buildings," he added. Another official said Google Earth images have revealed that "most of the buildings started coming up after 2014 and have been built over a period of four years". The survey traces its roots to the twin building collapse on July 17 last year, in which nine people were killed. The accident lifted the veil off rampant unauthorised construction and sale of properties in the area — right under the nose of all agencies concerned — despite a court order banning the practice in 2014. Meanwhile, residents and buyers have distanced themselves from the ongoing protest in Shahberi.

Uflex worker on way home shot dead

NOIDA: A 28-year-old employee of Uflex, a leading flexible packaging company, returning home after overseeing the night shift was allegedly shot dead by an assailant in Sector 60 early on Monday morning. Police said the attack on Mohammed Imran took place near the main gate of the company as he was walking towards the nearest bus stand while talking on his mobile phone. He was rushed to the district hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead. Cops are probing all angles, including a suspected love affair and property dispute. According to his fellow employees, Imran was on the phone call for quite some time when he was shot at from behind at a close range. "He left the company around 7.30

am and attacked moments later. We just heard some contractual labour shouting about the shooting and found Imran lying bleeding on the spot," his colleague Ashish told TBC. Imran, originally from Meerut's Mawana area, was employed with the company since 2011. Since none of his belongings, including his purse and mobile phone, was looted, police suspect the possibility of a personal dispute in the case. "We are also verifying if he had a tiff with someone in the company or there was any property dispute," said circle officer II Piyush Kumar Singh. Imran's father Saeed Ahmed, however, said they did not suspect anyone to be behind the crime as his son was "a clean person who had good relations with everybody".

Woman sets self, two children on fire after altercation with husband

GHAZIABAD: A woman set herself and her two minor children on fire after she was allegedly slapped by her husband for demanding money in Murad Nagar here, police said Thursday. Deepa had on Wednesday demanded Rs 2,000 from her husband Kailash who denied it, following which the couple had an altercation. Kailash slapped her and left home, they said. The woman locked herself in a room and poured kerosene on herself and the two children -- two-year-old daughter and five-year-old son. While Deepa, 30, and her daughter Reena were charred to death, her son Lalit survived as he somehow managed to unbolt the door and rushed out of the room, he said.

SC asks NBCC to take over pending Amrapali projects, orders ED probe against group

NEW DELHI: UPA chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Tuesday said the Centre is hell-bent on subverting the RTI Act which now stands on the "brink of extinction", a day after Lok Sabha passed amendments to the Act amid strong opposition protests. In a statement, she said it is clear that the present central government sees the RTI Act as a "nuisance" and wants to destroy the status and independence of the Central Information Commission. "It is

a matter of utmost concern that the central government is hell-bent on completely subverting the historic Right to Information Act, 2005. This law, prepared after widespread consultations and unanimously passed by Parliament, now stands at the brink of extinction," she said in a statement. Gandhi said, "Over the past decade and more, 60 lakh of our countrymen and women have used RTI and helped usher in a new culture of transparency

and accountability administration at all levels". The foundations of our democracy have, as a result, been strengthened immeasurably, she said. The weaker sections of our society have benefited greatly by the proactive use of RTI by activists and others. Rejecting the opposition's charge that the Bill will weaken the RTI Act, the government said it was fully committed to transparency and autonomy of the institution.

Mandi broker rapes two minor girls, arrested in Sahibabad

GHAZIABAD: A 31-year-old man was arrested in Sahibabad on Saturday for allegedly raping two girls, aged nine and 10 years. Police said he raped the girls twice between July 14 and July 16. The matter came to light when one of the girls fell unconscious and was taken to a doctor. Later, she narrated the incident after being coaxed by her mother. The girls are neighbours and stay in the same building. The arrested person, Ashok Yadav, is a broker who works at Sahibabad vegetable wholesale market. The SHO of Link Road police station, Laxmi

Chauhan, said: “Yadav knew the mother of one of the girls and frequented their house. On July 14, he went to the house and found the girls playing. He lured them to Sahibabad vegetable market on the pretext of buying them candies and sweets and then took them to a secluded room in the market and raped both of them.” “He threatened them after that and the girls did not tell their parents anything out of fear. On July 16 evening, Yadav went to the house again and raped the girls. He left the house after one of the girls fell unconscious,” the SHO added.

Two dupe Moradabad trader, held

GHAZIABAD: Two persons were arrested on Saturday for allegedly duping a Moradabad-based grain merchant of Rs 16 lakh on the pretext of giving him a lift on their motorcycle 15 days ago. The duo has been identified as Mohsin and Riyazuddin, both from Masuri. Their third accomplice, Taufeeq, also a resident of Masuri, is on the run. The duo was caught from Hapur around 3.30am on Saturday. The merchant, Bilal, who was carrying the money in a bag, was on his way to Moradabad on July 5. SP (city) Shlok Kumar said, “Over Rs 10 lakh has been recovered.”

Commuters to face diversions for kanwariyas’ smooth passage

GHAZIABAD: Commuters are set to face several route diversions that are being put in place for the kanwar season. Movement of heavy vehicles on Delhi-Meerut road has been banned till July 31. The same rule will become applicable to light vehicles from July 25. Heavy vehicles moving from Delhi towards Bulandshahr and Haridwar have been diverted to NH-9 via UP Gate. Vehicles going towards Meerut will first reach Hapur and then move towards their destination. One side of the Delhi-Meerut carriageway (from Meerut to Ghaziabad) has been kept for kanwariyas. Till July 25, cars and two-wheelers will be allowed to

Girl touches wet wire in Sector 78, dies

NOIDA: A 12-year-old girl was electrocuted after she came in contact with a wire near the service road of the Oil India Development Board (OIDB) in Sector 73. The accident took place in the evening when the girl came in contact with the support wire of a main low-tension wire of 440V. Around 6pm on Sunday, Kiran was passing by the road when her hand accidentally came in contact with a support wire, a part of which was broken from the main LT wire. The girl’s father, Varun Sharma is an original resident of Bihar, who runs a nursery in the green belt of Sector 73.

teenagers rescued: UP: 5 teenagers flee Ghaziabad madrasa; rescued by RPF

AGRA: Five teenagers -- including three siblings -- were rescued by UP's Aligarh junction railway protection force (RPF) after they fled a Ghaziabad-based madrasa where they were allegedly ill-treated. On Saturday morning at around 9:50am, the on-duty squad of RPF, led by sub-inspector Ravi Kumar, spotted the five teenagers on platform number three. “The boys looked pale, unhealthy and distressed, with one teenager having severe injury on his left eye. The teenagers were brought to police station and

were consoled. They were offered food. Once they found themselves comfortable, they narrated that all five had fled Balaji Vihar, Hindon Pusta (Ghaziabad) based madrasa, and had boarded train for Bihar. But due to fear of traveling without ticket, they alighted at Aligarh junction as they saw TTE inspecting tickets of passengers in train,” said CS Tomar, station house officer of RPF Aligarh junction. He said, “The boys claimed that they were ill-treated in madrasa and were not given food regularly.



move in both directions on the adjacent side of the carriageway. Movement of vehicles on GT Road from Chaudhary Mor to Jassipura has completely stopped. Vehicles have also been banned from Police Chowki Teela Mor to Muradnagr via Pipeline Road. A special mobile phone app has been developed to provide

information about schedules to facilitate smooth conduct of the yatra. Meanwhile, massive security arrangements have been put in place to ensure the smooth movement of kanwariyas. Over 20 lakh devotees are expected to pass through the district in the next nine days.

Multi-level parking work to start soon

GHAZIABAD: The Ghaziabad Development Authority (GDA) will finalise tenders for two proposed multi-level parking lots in the city, one at Raj Nagar District Centre and the other at Indirapuram, by the end of July. “In the first week of August, we hope to start work on two parking areas in RDC and Indirapuram. By July, we will finalise bidders,” said Kanchan Verma, the vice-chairperson, GDA. The parking lots would be three-storeyed and will be able to accommodate 150 four-wheelers.

60 parakeets stuffed in cage found in Delhi-bound bus

GHAZIABAD: Around 60 parakeets, crammed into a 3X2 feet cage, were rescued from a Delhi-bound bus on Saturday morning. The parakeets were brought like that all the way from Moradabad district in Uttar Pradesh to Ghaziabad’s Mohan Nagar area from where they were rescued. The cage was perched on top of the bus throughout the journey. Forest ranger Navratan Singh said most of the parakeets looked traumatised. “In order to hide the cage, a gunny bag was placed over it. The birds endured about three hours of journey without food and

water. Fortunately, none of them died,” he said. Ghaziabad forest officials managed to rescue the birds after they got a tip off from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau that some caged parakeets were being smuggled in a bus. Police also arrested the bus driver, Jai Prakash, and helper Sehad Ali from the spot who informed that the caged birds were to be delivered to a person in Delhi’s Seelampuri area and from there, they would eventually be sold in the national capital’s illegal bird market.

12-year-old boy dies after falling into drain

GHAZIABAD: A 12-year-old boy who had fallen in a drain in the Vijay Nagar locality was declared brought dead at the district hospital here on Saturday. Ravinder Rana, Chief Medical Superintendent of the district hospital said, "We tried to resuscitate his breathing but there was no response from him as he was brought dead here." The boy had fallen in a drain in Sarvodaya Nagar area within Vijay Nagar police station limits. It took a fire brigade team almost three and a half hours to get him out of the drain.

Deaths pile up, but cars zip at 180 kmph on Yamuna expressway

AGRA: On Sunday, a Maruti Swift with a Lucknow registration number was found speeding at 182.19 kmph on the Yamuna expressway. This is nearly double the permissible maximum limit of 100 kmph on the 165km-long Greater Noida-Agra stretch. Police have identified the vehicle and issued a challan to its driver. Five other cars, including three hatchbacks, one SUV and one sedan of Lucknow, Gwalior, Noida and Delhi registration numbers were also found speeding at 172, 165, 165.1, 162 and 142 kmph respectively. On the night of January 9 this year, a BMW car

registered with Agra RTO was recorded cruising at 203.09 kmph, that, too, amid dense fog and without its headlights on. Two other cars of New Delhi and Madhya Pradesh registration numbers were found speeding at 176 and 185 kmph respectively on the same night. Even buses are moving at more than twice the permissible limit of 60 kmph on the stretch that has seen a phenomenal number of deaths caused by speeding. One bus with Aligarh registration was found moving at 129 kmph on Sunday while another Bihar-bound bus was found speeding at 130 kmph on Saturday.

Two held after gunfight for BJP worker’s murder

GHAZIABAD: Two men were arrested following a gunfight with policemen in Masuri area on Saturday night, hours after they had pumped four bullets into a BJP functionary. The two men, identified as Shahrukh (22) and Tehseem (24), carried a reward of Rs 25,000 each on their head. Around 9.30pm on Saturday, Balbir Singh Tomar, BJP’s zonal president in Dasna, was shot dead by four bike-borne men. Tomar ran a nursing home in Dhoodhiya-Peepal area and was standing near a paan shop when he was attacked. SP (rural) Neeraj Kumar Jadaun told TBC that a



few hours later, four policemen had set up a check-post around 1km from the spot where Tomar was shot. “The team of policemen signalled the duo to stop but they started firing at them instead. One of the policemen in the team called for reinforcements and another team reached the spot from Masuri police station. The team chased the accused and

managed to nabbed them after 2km,” Jadaun said. “Shahrukh and Tahseem were arrested and the scooter they were riding was seized. The scooter belongs to Shahrukh. We also recovered two country-made pistols from them,” he added. Police said they were looking for two more — Salman and Aman — in connection with Tomar’s murder. The arrested duo have apparently told interrogators that four of them had surrounded Tomar and shot him with their country-made guns. “They pumped one bullet each into the BJP worker,” the officer said. According to police, Tomar’s murder was

the fallout of a controversy surrounding a woman who had eloped with a man from her neighbourhood on July 4. The BJP member had apparently supported the man’s family, which angered relatives of the woman. Ghaziabad SP Sudhir Singh said: “Aman is the brother of the woman who had run away, while Salman is her cousin. As Tomar supported the man, the woman’s brother decided to kill him.” The station house officer of Masuri police station and a police post in-charge have been suspended for dereliction of duty following the murder. “It was a planned murder.

Boys not ill-treated, says Ghaziabad madrassa

GHAZIABAD: A day after five teenagers, who ran away from a Ghaziabad-based madrassa were found in Aligarh railway station, the staffers of the institution denied all allegations of ill-treatment. On Saturday, when Aligarh police found the children, they had reportedly said they were not treated well at the madrassa and not given food regularly. They said that they wanted to return home, but could not contact their parents. Meanwhile, the madrassa staffers have claimed that the children living there had no such issues. The rescued boys are Israel (11), his two brothers

Irshad (10) and Ishrafeel (7). The three are from Basatpur in Banka district of Bihar. The two other boys are Bahrudin (11) and Mohammad Amir (9). They are from Purnia. Md Nazim, a teacher and also a manager in the madrassa, told TBC that Jamia Millia Madina-tul-ilm has been running for six years now in Balaji Vihar area in Pusta Road. “We have 150 children and five teachers. While around 15 children come from other cities, the others belong to nearby areas,” he added. “There are five rooms for children who are not from Ghaziabad and they are cleaned by Nagar Nigam staff.

Two held for murdering shopkeeper in Ghaziabad

GHAZIABAD: Two men have been arrested for allegedly murdering a shopkeeper in Ghaziabad, police said on Friday. The duo, identified as Bauaa and Abbas, allegedly shot the shopkeeper at his store in Azad Enclave near Khushal Park colony around 10pm on Thursday, they said. Superintendent of police (Rural) Neeraj Kumar Jadaun said the shopkeeper, Barakatullah (42), originally hailing from Bihar, owned a grocery store. Two men from the same colony reached in front of his shop on Thursday and brandished a country-made

pistol, aimed the weapon at the shopkeeper and fired a bullet, which pierced his forehead, police said. When the neighbours and passersby, alerted by the sound of gunshots, gathered at the spot, the duo again wielded the weapon and ran away, they said. The locals informed the police about the incident and rushed the injured shopkeeper to GTB hospital in Delhi, where he succumbed to his injury. A named FIR under Indian Penal Code section 302 (murder) was lodged against the accused on the basis of the complaint from the son of the shopkeeper.

Waterbodies dying, Ghaziabad finally wakes up

GHAZIABAD: Worried about the falling groundwater table, the district administration has decided to go all out to restore and rejuvenate waterbodies. Ghaziabad has around 1,000 ponds and lakes in urban and rural areas, many of which, like Arthala, have been severely encroached on, reducing them in size. Removal of squatters is no easy job and could limit the outcome of this exercise. The step is similar to that of neighbouring Noida, which also fears a water crisis and has undertaken a project to revive wetlands. “There are 791 waterbodies in rural areas and 200 in urban centres. By



August 15, we will rejuvenate 180 in rural centres and by September, 68 in urban areas will be attended to,” said Ramesh Ranjan, the chief development officer. “We have already wrapped up work on 57 waterbodies in both urban and rural areas,” he added. The cost of restoring waterbodies varies from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 50 lakh, depending on size. The work primarily includes clearing

encroachments and de-siltation to augment catchment areas. “Three years ago, we used to get funds to pay workers who were involved in rejuvenating waterbodies, under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA). However, these days workforce is not available at the wage being offered. Therefore, local and urban bodies are spending from their own funds,” said Ranjan. Apart from waterbodies, the administration’s focus is also on rainwater harvesting systems on rooftops. “In every 161 gram panchayats, we have

selected one primary school where we have installed rooftop rainwater harvesting systems and we are on the verge of completing 144 such schools,” said Ranjan. “We have also selected 9 offices at block levels where rooftop rainwater harvesting will be done,” added Ranjan. Additionally, 175 soak pits would be dug up in rural areas and 129 in urban areas. “The soak pits are being dug up near handpumps where water is made to sieve through sand and pebbles and this is being considered as an effective way to increase the groundwater table,” said Ranjan.

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Two held for killing shopkeeper in Ghaziabad

GHAZIABAD: Two men have been arrested for allegedly killing a shopkeeper, police said on Friday. The duo, identified as Bauaa and Abbas, allegedly shot the shopkeeper at his store in Azad Enclave near Khushal Park colony around 10 pm on Thursday, they said. Superintendent of Police (Rural) Neeraj Kumar Jadaun said the shopkeeper, Barakatullah (42), originally hailing from Bihar, owned a grocery store. Two men from the same colony reached in front of his shop on Thursday and brandished a country-made pistol, aimed the

weapon at the shopkeeper and fired bullet, which pierced his forehead, police said. When the neighbours and passersby, alerted by the sound of gunshots, gathered at the spot, the duo again wielded the weapon and ran away, they said. The locals informed the police about the incident and rushed the injured shopkeeper to GTB hospital in Delhi, where he succumbed. A named FIR under Indian Penal Code section 302 (murder) was lodged against the accused on the basis of the complaint from the son of the shopkeeper.

Firms submit 12 queries on Jewar airport

NOIDA: Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) received 12 queries from interested companies for the Jewar International Airport project till Monday, which was the last date for submissions. Three of the 12 queries were received on the last day. The authority will now pass them on to the project monitoring and implementation committee that has time till August 31 to respond. So far, 16 bidders have bought the bid for the airport. October 30 is the last date for submitting applications. “We will get the committee’s expert comments and submit the responses to the state government for approval.

FIR against former SHO, two others for extortion

GHAZIABAD: An FIR was registered on Wednesday against three policemen, including a former SHO of Sihani Gate police station, in a bribery and corruption case. The complainant, a government contractor, has alleged that the trio had been trying to implicate him in a cheating and forgery case registered in September 2018 in which he is not even named as an accused. He claimed it was being done to extort Rs 2 lakh for him. The FIR has been registered against inspector Sanjay Kumar Pandey (former SHO, Sihani Gate police station) and sub-inspectors Anirudh Singh and Sachin Kumar, under IPC sections 420

Man enters Hindon air base, held

GHAZIABAD: A 30-year-old man was arrested for allegedly entering the Hindon air base area on Wednesday. Police said the accused has been identified as Mukesh, a resident of Mansarovar Park in Delhi. Shlok Kumar, superintendent of police (city), told TBC that on Wednesday, he entered the Hindon air base without any permission. “He is changing his statement continuously. He told the police that he did not know how he reached the place. Later, he said he entered the area while walking around,” he said. “The man’s family reached the police station on Thursday.

Few trees? Building plans under scanner

GHAZIABAD: A 30-year-old woman, beaten up by her husband with slippers, took her 2-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son in her arms, doused herself in kerosene and set herself on fire in Muradnagar on Wednesday afternoon. While the woman and her daughter died, the son, who managed to free himself and run away, is being treated for burn injuries. Om Prakash Singh, the SHO of Muradnagar police station, said the woman, Deepa, took the extreme step because of frequent quarrels with her husband, a daily wage labourer.

“Around 9am on Wednesday, her husband Kailash demanded Rs 2,000 from her. The woman refused to give the money, following which she was beaten up with slippers by Kailash,” Singh said. A few hours later, Deepa locked herself in a room along with the children and set herself on fire. Lalit, the boy, ran outside the house after unlocking the door and was saved by the neighbours who covered him in blankets. “The girl died on the spot, while a severely burnt Deepa and her son were taken to a private hospital in Muradnagar.

Woman calls off wedding over dowry

GHAZIABAD: A 27-year-old woman called off her wedding after the groom’s family allegedly demanded Rs 15 lakh and an SUV as dowry. The woman had got engaged to Peeyush Singh, a private firm employee, three months ago. Her family said the wedding was supposed to take place on November 22 this year. Peeyush’s father had not demanded any gifts till the engagement ceremony on April 19, but sought an SUV, Rs 15 lakh in cash and gifts for all the relatives after that, the FIR said. “She is strictly against the concept of dowry.

Gangster killed in encounter with Ghaziabad Police, UP STF

GHAZIABAD/NOIDA: A gangster wanted in over two dozen cases of loot and murder was killed in an encounter with the Ghaziabad Police and the Uttar Pradesh Special Task Force in Sahibabad area early Thursday, officials said. Two personnel of the STF’s Noida unit were also injured in the gun battle that broke out around 1 am and were rushed to a nearby hospital, they said. The accused, identified as Meherbaan, was carrying a reward of Rs 1 lakh on his arrest and was wanted in the sensational Rs 65 lakh loot from a company in Greater Noida’s Jarcha area on May 27,

Ghaziabad SSP Sudhir Kumar Singh said. "Meherbaan and two of his aides were here in a car. When they were intercepted by a joint team of police and the STF for checking, they opened fire at the officials. A head constable and a constable of the STF Noida unit got injured and Meherbaan was also wounded in the counter-firing by the police team. The injured were taken to hospital where Meherbaan was declared dead by doctors," he said. "Two of his aides managed to escape in the darkness but our combing operation is underway and they will be nabbed soon," Singh added.

14 robbers, part of three Greater Noida gangs, held

GREATER NOIDA: Three different gangs of robbers were busted and 14 men arrested from Nat Madhaiya village and Hindon bridge on Sunday night, police said. Stolen mobile phones, credit cards, motorcycles and illegal weapons were recovered from their possession. While Atul, Rinkoo, Honey, Prashant and Krishna belonged to one gang, Kuldeep, Robin, Sumit, Atul and Ankit were part of the second gang. The third gang included Amit, Sunil, Sangam Raj and Sonu, said SP (rural) Ranvijay Singh.

Mayur Vihar-Noida elevated road jumps key approval hurdle

NOIDA: Work on the proposed 5.5km road connecting Delhi and Noida along the Shahdara drain is likely to begin in September, officials said. A detailed project report on the design and alignment of the six-lane elevated road has been prepared after the agency secured a clearance from Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL), which had specified that there should be a distance of at least 6 metres between its pipelines and the pillars on which the flyover would be built. There was, however, a hurdle in getting

the nod from GAIL, as the alignment of the road was less than 6 metres in some places. On July 19, GAIL agreed to bring down the distance to 3 metres, following which the DPR was readied. Officials said work will begin after an approval from the Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (Planning and Engineering) Centre on the height of the road from the ground. The Delhi government has already cleared the 9 metre height of the road proposed in the design, but UTTIPEC is likely to give its nod by mid-August.



कैसे शुरू हुई शुभ कावड़ यात्रा, कौन थे पहले कावड़िया?

सावन का महीना शुरू हो गया है और इसके साथ ही केसरिया कपड़े पहने शिवभक्तों के जत्थे गंगा का पवित्र जल शिवलिंग पर चढ़ाने निकल पड़े हैं। ये जत्थे जिन्हें हम कावड़ियों के नाम से जानते हैं उत्तर भारत में सावन का महीना शुरू होते ही सड़कों पर दिखाई देने लगते हैं। पिछले दो दशकों से कावड़ यात्रा की लोकप्रियता बढ़ी है और अब समाज का उच्च एवं शिक्षित वर्ग भी कावड़ यात्रा में शामिल होने लगा है। लेकिन क्या आप जानते हैं कावड़ यात्रा का इतिहास, सबसे पहले कावड़िया कौन थे। इसे लेकर अलग-अलग क्षेत्रों में अलग-अलग मान्यता है आइए जानें विस्तार से...

1. परशुराम थे पहले कावड़िया

: कुछ विद्वानों का मानना है कि सबसे पहले भगवान परशुराम ने उत्तर प्रदेश के बागपत के पास स्थित 'पुरा महादेव' का कावड़ से गंगाजल लाकर जलाभिषेक किया था। परशुराम, इस प्रचीन शिवलिंग का जलाभिषेक करने के लिए गढ़मुक्तेश्वर से गंगा जी का जल



लाए थे। आज भी इस परंपरा का पालन करते हुए सावन के महीने में गढ़मुक्तेश्वर से जल लाकर लाखों लोग श्पुरा महादेव का जलाभिषेक करते हैं। गढ़मुक्तेश्वर का वर्तमान नाम ब्रजघाट है।

2. श्रवण कुमार थे पहले कावड़िया

: वहीं कुछ विद्वानों का कहना है कि सर्वप्रथम त्रेतायुग में श्रवण कुमार ने पहली बार कावड़ यात्रा की थी। माता-पिता को तीर्थ यात्रा कराने के क्रम में श्रवण कुमार हिमाचल के ऊना क्षेत्र में थे जहां उनके अंधे माता-पिता ने उनसे मायापुरी यानि हरिद्वार

में गंगा स्नान करने की इच्छा प्रकट की। माता-पिता की इस इच्छा को पूरी करने के लिए श्रवण कुमार अपने माता-पिता को कावड़ में बैठा कर हरिद्वार लाए और उन्हें गंगा स्नान कराया। वापसी में वे अपने साथ गंगाजल भी ले गए। इसे ही कावड़ यात्रा की शुरुआत माना जाता है।

3. भगवान राम ने की थी कावड़

यात्रा की शुरुआत : कुछ मान्यताओं के अनुसार भगवान राम पहले कावड़िया थे। उन्होंने बिहार के सुल्तानगंज से कावड़ में गंगाजल भरकर, बाबाधाम में

शिवलिंग का जलाभिषेक किया था।

4. रावण ने की थी इस परंपरा

की शुरुआत : पुराणों के अनुसार कावड़ यात्रा की परंपरा, समुद्र मंथन से जुड़ी है। समुद्र मंथन से निकले विष को पी लेने के कारण भगवान शिव का कंठ नीला हो गया और वे नीलकंठ कहलाए। परंतु विष के नकारात्मक प्रभावों ने शिव को घेर लिया। शिव को विष के नकारात्मक प्रभावों से मुक्त कराने के लिए उनके अनन्य भक्त रावण ने ध्यान किया। तत्पश्चात कावड़ में जल भरकर रावण ने पुरा महादेव स्थित

शिवमंदिर में शिवजी का जल अभिषेक किया। इससे शिवजी विष के नकारात्मक प्रभावों से मुक्त हुए और यहीं से कावड़ यात्रा की परंपरा का प्रारंभ हुआ।

5. देवताओं ने सर्वप्रथम शिव का

किया था जलाभिषेक : कुछ मान्यताओं के अनुसार समुद्र मंथन से निकले हलाहल के प्रभावों को दूर करने के लिए देवताओं ने शिव पर पवित्र नदियों का शीतल जल चढ़ाया था। सभी देवता शिवजी पर गंगाजी से जल लाकर अर्पित करने लगे। सावन मास में कावड़ यात्रा का प्रारंभ यहीं से हुआ।

सब मासों में उत्तम है सावन मास...

सावन मास को मासोत्तम मास कहा जाता है। यह माह अपने हर एक दिन में एक नया संवेरा दिखाता है। इसके साथ जुड़े समस्त दिन धार्मिक रंग और आस्था में डूबे होते हैं। श्रवण नक्षत्र तथा सोमवार से भगवान शिव शंकर का गहरा संबंध है।

हिंदू पंचांग के अनुसार सभी मासों को किसी न किसी देवता के साथ संबंधित देखा जा सकता है, उसी प्रकार श्रवण मास को भगवान शिव जी के साथ देखा जाता है इस समय शिव आराधना का विशेष महत्व होता है। यह माह आशाओं की पूर्ति का समय होता है, जिस प्रकार प्रकृति ग्रीष्म के थपेड़ों को सहती हुई सावन की बौछारों से अपनी प्यास बुझाती हुई असीम तृप्ति एवं आनंद को पाती है उसी प्रकार प्राणियों की इच्छाओं को सूनोपन को दूर

इस मास के व्रत से शिव लोक की होती है प्राप्ति इस श्रावण मास में शिव भक्त ज्योतिर्लिंगों का दर्शन एवं जलाभिषेक करने से अश्वमेघ यज्ञ के समान फल प्राप्त करता है तथा शिवलोक को पाता है। महामृत्युंजय मंत्र, पंचाक्षर मंत्र इत्यादि शिव मंत्रों का जाप शुभ फलों में वृद्धि करने वाला होता है।

करने हेतु यह माह भक्ति और पूर्ति का अनुठा संगम दिखाता है और सभी की अतृप्त इच्छाओं पूर्ति करता है।

मेरठ रोड पर बढ़ रही कांवड़ियों की संख्या

गंगोत्री, गोमुख, ऋषिकेश, हरिद्वार से पैदल गंगाजल लेकर शिवालियों की तरफ बढ़ रहे शिवभक्तों की मंगलवार को उमस भरी गर्मी ने खूब परीक्षा ली। हालांकि, शिवभक्तों की आस्था के सामने तपती गर्मी घुटने टेकते नजर आई। सूर्य देवता ने मंगलवार को सुबह से ही लुकाछिपी का खेल खेलना शुरू कर दिया था। दोपहर को थोड़ी देर के लिए बादल छाया तो लोगों ने समझा कि बारिश आएगी, लेकिन ऐसा नहीं हुआ। इसी के चलते पूरे दिन लोगों को तपिश झेलनी पड़ी। हर आम ओ खास झुलसाती गर्मी से बेहाल नजर आया। गंगाजल लेकर गंतव्य की ओर बढ़ रहे शिवभक्तों की भी गर्मी ने जमकर परीक्षा ली। पसीना पसीना होकर भी शिवभक्त पूरी आस्था के साथ आगे बढ़ रहे थे। उनपर गर्मी का कोई असर नहीं दिखा। हालांकि, शारीरिक कष्ट कांवड़ियों को जरूर हुआ। दोपहर में शिवभक्तों ने शिविरों में आराम कर दोबारा से आगे का सफर जारी रखा। शिवभक्तों ने बताया कि उत्तराखंड व मुजफ्फरनगर तक के सफर में दिन में बारिश



व बूदाबांदी होती रही थी। जिसके चलते मौसम खुशगवार रहा और ऐसे मौसम में ज्यादा दूरी तय हो जाती थी। हालांकि, शिवभक्तों ने उम्मीद भी जताई कि अपने भक्तों को भोलेनाथ ज्यादा देर तक परेशान नहीं रखेंगे। भले ही आज मौसम थोड़ा गर्म हो, लेकिन आने वाले दिनों में बारिश निश्चित ही होगी और भक्तों को राहत मिलेगी। हाईवे पर सोमवार से लगातार कांवड़ियों की संख्या बढ़ रही है। आने वाले कल के बाद यह संख्या दोगुनी और तीन गुनी पहुंचने की उम्मीद है। अधिकारियों को मेरठ से मिली जानकारी मुताबिक मंगलवार को हजारों की तादाद में कांवड़िये मेरठ की सीमा में

प्रवेश कर गए। जो बुधवार की शाम तक मोदीनगर की सीमा में प्रवेश कर जाएंगे। इसलिए अधिकारियों की योजना है कि जैसे ही इन कांवड़ियों की संख्या हाईवे पर बढ़ेगी, तभी हाईवे को वनवे कर दिया जाएगा। मंगलवार सुबह से हाईवे पर केवल छोटे वाहन ही दिखाई दे रहे हैं। बड़े वाहनों का आवागमन अधिकारियों के आदेश पर पूरी तरह बंद करा दिया गया है। जो बड़े कैटर, ट्रक या अन्य कोई बड़ा वाहन यदि हाईवे पर आ रहा है तो उसे हापुड़ और निवाड़ी की तरफ डायवर्ट कराकर उसे हाईवे पर नहीं आने देने की नसीहत दी जा रही है।

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