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एक्शन प्लान का दिया प्रजेंटेशन

गाजियाबाद : शहर को प्रदूषण मुक्त बनाने के लिए जीडीए पर्यावरण प्रबंधन प्लान तैयार करा रहा है। आइआइटी रुड़की के इंजीनियर प्लान तैयार कर रहे हैं। बुधवार को रुड़की के प्रोफेसर डा. प्रमोद कुमार ने जीडीए वीसी रितु माहेश्वरी के समक्ष जीडीए सभागार में प्रजेंटेशन दिया। उन्होंने प्रदूषण के स्तर को कैसे कम किया जा सकता है उसका प्रजेंटेशन दिया। इस मौके पर जीडीए के अन्य अधिकारी मौजूद रहे।

खाद्य सुरक्षा विभाग ने लिए दूध के 5 नमूने

गाजियाबाद : खाद्य सुरक्षा विभाग की टीम ने बुधवार को अभियान चलाकर शहर में पांच स्थानों से दूधिया से दूध के नमूने संकलित किए। इंदिरापुरम से एक, सूर्यनगर साहिबाबाद से तीन, एक महेंद्रा इक्लेव से दूध का नमूना खाद्य सुरक्षा विभाग के अधिकारियों ने लिया। नमूना लेने वाले अधिकारियों में उमाशंकर सिंह, प्रशंसा सिंह, दिनेश भारती, अजीत सिंह शामिल रहे।

रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3012 : प्रेजीडेंट इलेक्ट व सैकेट्री इलेक्ट ट्रेनिंग सेमिनार आयोजित

गुरुग्राम के हयात रीजेंसी में तीन दिन तक चला कार्यक्रम, रंगारंग व पुरस्कार वितरण का भी आयोजन



गुरुग्राम : गुरुग्राम के हयात रीजेंसी में रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3012 के प्रेजीडेंट इलेक्ट व सैकेट्री इलेक्ट ट्रेनिंग सेमिनार 2018 का आयोजन किया गया। तीन दिन तक चली सेमिनार में रंगारंग कार्यक्रम के अलावा पुरस्कार वितरण का भी आयोजन किया गया। सेमिनार में 74 प्रेजीडेंट इलेक्ट तथा 48 सैकेट्री इलेक्ट की ट्रेनिंग हुई। रोटरी क्लब ऑफ इंदिरापुरम ग्लौर के चार्टर प्रेजीडेंट डा.धीरज भार्गव ने बताया कि गुरुग्राम के मानेसर स्थित हयात रीजेंसी में रोटरी डिस्ट्रिक्ट 3012 के सभी 87 क्लब के प्रेजीडेंट इलेक्ट तथा सैकेटरी इलेक्ट की ट्रेनिंग के लिए सेमिनार का



आयोजन किया गया। सेमिनार 6 अप्रैल से 8 अप्रैल तक चली। इसमें हर दिन अलग-अलग ट्रेस कोड दिया गया। सेमिनार का शुभारंभ 6 अप्रैल को दोपहर एक बजे डीजीई रो.सुभाष जैन, डीजीई रो.दीपक गुप्ता, डीजीएन रो.आलोक गुप्ता, पीडीजी रो.रमेश अग्रवाल, पीडीजी रो.शरद जैन, रो.रूपक

जैन, रो.केके गुप्ता, रो.कमल सांगी आदि ने किया। समय पर पहुंचने वालों को गोल्ड चैन, सिल्वर चैन देकर पुरस्कृत किया गया। रात आठ बजे रंगारंग कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया। इस दौरान सभी रोटेरियन को ट्रेस कोड दिया गया। वहीं 7 अप्रैल को भी करीबियन नाइट का आयोजन

हुआ। इस दिन भी अलग ट्रेस कोड में सभी रोटेरियन आए। 8 अप्रैल को पुरस्कार वितरण व लक्की ड्रा का आयोजन के साथ ही सेमिनार का समापन किया गया। टाइम से पहुंचने वालों को स्पेशल पचवल्टी अवार्ड दिया गया।

संबंधित फोटो पेज 6, 7 व 8 पर

जिलाधिकारी एवं नगर निगम कार्यालय पर लगा अर्थदंड

गाजियाबाद : एक समाजसेवी को जन सूचना अधिकार अधिनियम के तहत समय पर जवाब नहीं देना दो महकमों पर भारी पड़ गया। राज्य सूचना आयोग ने जिलाधिकारी और नगर निगम के जन सूचना अधिकारी पर 25-25 हजार का अर्थदंड लगाया है। चिरंजीव विहार में रहने वाले समाजसेवी वेद प्रकाश अग्रवाल ने यह जानकारी दी। उन्होंने बताया कि जन सूचना अधिकार अधिनियम के तहत जिलाधिकारी कार्यालय के जन सूचना अधिकारी से तीन बिंदुओं पर जानकारी मांगी थी। इसमें शहर में प्रत्येक माह की 10 तारीख को कार फ्री डे के आयोजन पर रोक लगाने तथा आयोजकों पर कार्रवाई करके कृत कार्रवाई से अवगत कराने की बात भी थी।

जनसूचना अधिकारियों पर 25-25 हजार का अर्थदंड भी लगाया

इसके अलावा नगर निगम के जन सूचना अधिकारी से छह बिंदुओं पर जानकारी मांगी गई थी। अग्रवाल ने बताया कि निगम से शहर के सभी चार जोन में अधिकृत कार पार्किंग के ठेके के स्थानों और पते का विवरण मांग प्रमुख थी। अग्रवाल ने दावा किया कि उपरोक्त सभी बिंदुओं की समस्याएं सामाजिक और जनहित से जुड़ी हैं। लेकिन दोनों महकमों के जन सूचना अधिकारी कार्यालय से इसकी जानकारी तय अवधि तक नहीं दी गई। इसकी अपील उन्होंने राज्य सूचना आयोग कार्यालय, लखनऊ में की थी।

Multi-storey flats on single-unit plots, 3 engineers face suspension

GAZIABAD: The district administration has recommended suspension of three engineers of UP Housing Board on Thursday for their alleged connivance in construction of buildings in violation of approved layout maps in as many as nine plots in Vasundhara. The irregularities had come to light during an inspection conducted by an additional district magistrate. During inspection, it came to light that numerous flats were under construction for sale in plots of land for which the housing board had approved construction of only single-dwelling units. The inspection was ordered by district



magistrate Ritu Maheshwari in March after a complaint pertaining to illegal constructions was filed before divisional commissioner Prabhat Kumar by a group of senior residents of Vasundhara. The inspection was conducted by ADM (finance & revenue) Sunil Kumar Singh. All nine under-construction buildings are located in Sector 5 of Vasundhara, out of which one belongs to a retired chief engineer of the housing board.

गोरखपुर में अब फेन्टोसेकेंड लेजर टेक्नोलॉजी से आसान हुआ मोतियाबिंद का इलाज

गोरखपुर : आमतौर पर लोगों की यह धारणा बन चुकी है कि टंड के मौसम में मोतियाबिंद की सर्जरी करवाना ज्यादा सही होता है। गोरखपुर के शिव नेत्रालय के डा.शशांक कुमार मंगलवार को प्रेसवार्ता में इस बारे में जानकारी देते हुआ कहा कि मोतियाबिंद सर्जरी की तकनीक और टेक्नोलॉजी में इतना विकास हो चुका है कि मोतियाबिंद का इलाज किसी भी मौसम में कराया जा सकता है और मरीज जल्द ही सामान्य रूप से अपने दैनिक कार्य कर सकते हैं। डा.शशांक कुमार यूपी ओफ्थाल्मिक एसोसिएशन के सदस्य भी हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि मोतियाबिंद की सर्जरी में फेन्टोसेकेंड लेजर टेक्नोलॉजी आधुनिक प्रक्रिया है, जिससे अनेक मरीज लाभान्वित हो चुके



हैं। यह ब्लेडलेस तकनीक से जख्म भरने और इंफेक्शन के अवसरों को रोकने में बेहतर परिणाम देते हैं। अब तक उनके यहां 500 से ज्यादा लोग इलाज करा चुके हैं। उन्होंने बताया कि मोतियाबिंद आंखों का एक सामान्य रोग है जो प्रायः 50 वर्ष की आयु से अधिक के लोगों में होता है, लेकिन अब युवा भी इससे अछूते नहीं रहे।

D; k g\$ QfVkd xM ystj VDukyKlt h % इस तकनीक से मोतियाबिंद के ऑपरेशन के लिए किसी ब्लेड की आवश्यकता नहीं होती है। ऑपरेशन लेजर से किया जाता है। पूरी प्रक्रिया कंप्यूटर की देखरेख में होती है। ऑपरेशन में दस से 12 मिनट लगते हैं। इसके बाद व्यक्ति दूसरे दिन से अपने नियमित काम कर सकता है।

भूमाफिया मोती गोयल प्रकरण में बचाव पक्ष ने पेश की दलीलें

गाजियाबाद : सीबीआई के विशेष न्यायाधीश राजेश चौधरी की अदालत में वृहत्स्पतिवार को भूमाफिया मोती गोयल के मामले में सुनवाई हुई। इस दौरान बचाव पक्ष के अधिवक्ताओं ने अदालत के सामने अपनी दलीलें पेश कीं। मामले में आरोपित भूमाफिया मोती गोयल व संजीव तिवारी दोनों सुनवाई के लिए अदालत में पेश हुए। अब मामले में सुनवाई के लिए शुक्रवार यानि 13 अप्रैल की तारीख नियत की गई है। लोक अभियोजक ने बताया कि यह मामला अर्थला गांव के रकबे की करीब 52 हेक्टेयर सरकारी जमीन फर्जी तरीके से कब्जाने का

है। मामले में पहले राजस्व अधिकारी की शिकायत पर गाजियाबाद पुलिस ने मुकदमा दर्ज किया था। वर्ष 2006 में हाईकोर्ट के आदेश पर मामला सीबीआई के सुपुर्द हुआ। आरोप है कि मोती गोयल ने संजीव तिवारी की मदद से कुछ सरकारी कर्मचारियों से साठगांठ की और राजस्व रिकार्ड में वर्ष 1950 से अर्थला गांव की उपरोक्त सरकारी जमीन फर्जी तरीके से अपने पूर्वजों के नाम दर्ज कराई। जमीन पर मालिकाना हक साबित करने के फर्जी लगान की रसीद बनवाने के लिए दबाव बनाने का भी आरोप है।

सरकारी विभागों में बिजली के कनेक्शन का होगा सत्यापन

गाजियाबाद : विद्युत विभाग सरकारी कार्यालयों में बिजली के कनेक्शन का सत्यापन कराएगा। इसको लेकर 18 अप्रैल से अभियान शुरू किया जाएगा। इसमें कनेक्शन की वैधता, भार, मीटर से बिल निर्गत हो रहा है या नहीं सहित अन्य बिंदुओं की जांच की जाएगी। पिछले दिनों विद्युत निगम के अधिकारियों ने नगर निगम के कुछ

पार्कों का सर्वे कराया, जहां ट्यूबवेल बिना बिजली के कनेक्शन के चलते मिले। अधिकारियों ने इस बारे में नगरायुक्त से बात भी की है। नगरायुक्त ने विद्युत विभाग को ऐसे पार्क का सर्वे कराने का भरोसा दिलाया है, जहां बिना कनेक्शन के बिजली का उपयोग हो रहा है। पार्कों के सर्वे के बाद विद्युत निगम के अधिकारियों ने सभी सरकारी

कार्यालयों में बिजली के कनेक्शन सत्यापन कराने का निर्णय लिया है। 10 अप्रैल से शुरू होने वाला अभियान 25 अप्रैल तक चलेगा। मुख्य अभियंता एके चौधरी ने बताया कि अभियान को लेकर अधिकारियों को निर्देश दिए गए हैं। कनेक्शन के बाद बकाया बिल को भी मासिक किश्तों के आधार पर वसूल किया जाएगा।

मधुवन—बापूधाम योजना में बनेगा हास्पिटल हब

गाजियाबाद : गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकरण जिले समेत पश्चिम उत्तर प्रदेश के लोगों को अफोर्डेबल चिकित्सा मुहैया कराने के लिए मधुवन बापूधाम योजना में हास्पिटल हब बनाने की योजना बना रहा है। इसके अलावा लोगों को एक

छत के नीचे शॉपिंग, रेस्टोरेंट, होटल और गेस्ट हाउस की सुविधा दिलाने के लिए कौशांबी योजना में वैंक्वेट हॉल हब बनाने की तैयारी में हैं। बुधवार को गाजियाबाद विकास प्राधिकारी सभागार में कई कल्याणकारी

योजनाओं के क्रियान्वयन को लेकर जीडीए उपाध्यक्ष रितु माहेश्वरी की अध्यक्षता में गाजियाबाद, दिल्ली, नोएडा के प्रमुख हास्पिटल संचालकों और वैंक्वेट हाल संचालकों के साथ बैठक कर सुझाव मांगे।

दिल्ली एनसीआर में चल रहा खून का काला खेल, रक्तदान शिविरों का कोई रिकार्ड नहीं विभाग के पास

गाजियाबाद : दिल्ली—एनसीआर में खून का काला कारोबार बड़े पैमाने पर चल रहा है। औषधि विभाग को शुरुआती जांच में यह पता चला है कि पश्चिमी उत्तर प्रदेश से रक्तदान के जरिए लोगों का खून लेकर पूर्वांचल में बेचा जा रहा है। औषधि विभाग का कहना है कि गाजियाबाद के ही कई अन्य ब्लड बैंकों की कुछ शिकायतें मिली हैं, जिन पर जल्द छापा मारा जाएगा। गौरतलब है कि राकेश मार्ग स्थित संगम चौरिटेबल ब्लड बैंक और वसुंधरा स्थित भगवान बुद्ध चौरिटेबल ब्लड बैंक के खिलाफ शिकायतें मिलने पर औषधि विभाग ने छापा मारा था। मानकों का उल्लंघन पाए जाने पर दोनों को सील कर शासन के पास इनका लाइसेंस रद्द करने

का पत्र भेजा गया है। हैरानी की बात यह है कि जनपद में विभिन्न संस्थाओं और निजी ब्लड बैंकों की ओर से हर साल कितने रक्तदान शिविर लगाए गए और उनमें मिला खून कहां गया, इसका लेखा—जोखा स्वास्थ्य विभाग के पास नहीं है, जबकि रक्तदान शिविर लगाने से पहले जनपद के सीएमओ से इजाजत लेना अनिवार्य होता है। इस पूरे मामले पर सीएमओ डॉ. एनके गुप्ता का कहना है कि चोरी छिपे कई संस्थाएं जनपद में रक्तदान शिविर लगा रही हैं, यह मामला संज्ञान में आया है। वहीं औषधि विभाग के ड्रग इंस्पेक्टर जुनाब अली का कहना है कि दिल्ली—एनसीआर में बड़ी संख्या में रक्तदान शिविर लगाकर यह खेल किया जा रहा है।

केंद्र प्रभारियों को जारी किया नोटिस

आशाओं से वसूली

इसके जिम्मेदार वह स्वयं होंगे। यही नहीं विभाग में कार्यरत संविदा कर्मचारियों से भी नवीनीकरण के नाम पर भी वसूली के आरोप लगाए हैं। संस्थागत प्रसव को और परिवार नियोजन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए आशा मदद करती हैं। बदले में उन्हें अलग—अलग मदों में शासन की तरफ से भुगतान किया जाता है। वैक्सीनेशन कराने पर 75 रुपये, नसबंदी कराने पर 150 रुपये और प्रसव कराने पर चार सौ रुपये दिए जाते हैं। एक महीने में अलग—अलग महिलाओं का इलाज कराने सहित प्रसव

कराने तक एक आशा को दो से तीन हजार रुपये मिलते हैं। विभाग द्वारा हर महीने एक हजार रुपये दे दिए जाते हैं जबकि शेष ६ हजार शेष महीनों के बाद भुगतान की जाती है। इससे पांच या छह महीने का एक साथ भुगतान होने पर 15 से 20 हजार रुपये का औसत होता है। इस भुगतान के लिए शहरी प्राथमिक स्वास्थ्य केंद्रों के प्रभारी अतिरिक्त भुगतान की मांग करते हैं। जबकि अधिकांश केंद्र प्रभारियों का वेतन अस्सी हजार से एक लाख रुपये के बीच में है, इसके बावजूद दो से तीन हजार कमाने वाली महिलाओं से सुविधा शुल्क की मांग की जाती है।



आरटीओ ने वाहन चालकों को पढ़ाया यातायात नियमों का पाठ

गाजियाबाद : संभागीय परिवहन विभाग ने बुधवार को अभियान के दौरान वाहन चालकों को यातायात नियमों के प्रति जागरूक किया जाएगा। सीट बेल्ट और बिना हेलमेट के चलने वालों पर कार्रवाई करते हुए उन्हें जागरूक भी किया गया। चालान काटने के बाद वाहनों पर

अधिकारियों ने स्टीकर लगाया। जिसमें नियमों का पालन करने का संदेश दिया गया था। इसके अलावा लोगों को पंफलेट बांटकर जागरूक किया गया। एआरटीओ विशजीत प्रताप सिंह, एआरटीओ प्रवर्तन आरके सिंह, एसडी सिंह के नेतृत्व में विभिन्न स्थानों पर अभियान चलाया गया।

Two held for running fake transport company

GHAZIABAD: Two members of a gang, allegedly involved in running a fake logistics company, were arrested on Thursday near Bhushan Steelfactory on National Highway 58. The two have been identified as Rajendra Singh, owner of a truck and Raj Kumar, the truck driver. The mastermind of the gang, Satyapal Singh, a resident of Ashok Vihar 3 in Gurgaon, is absconding. According to police, Satyapal had created a fake website in the name of Fast Track International and got it registered on online e-commerce companies. Their modus operandi was to blackmail the customers after packing their household items and hiding them at a place. They used to demand a higher service charge and even after getting the extra amount, they never returned the products, said police. Senior superintendent of police (SSP) Vaibhav Krishna said that the gang was busted after a digital marketing professional registered a complaint against them two days ago.

Pay fee on time or face expulsion: schools force parents to sign undertaking

NOIDA / GREATER NOIDA: Having affected an increase of around 300 per cent in the fee, the government inter colleges have now started taking an undertaking from parents saying that the name of their student would be struck off from the colleges' rolls in case of non-payment of fee within one month. Parents have been protesting against the 300 per cent fee hike since it was affected in February this year and had met Meerut division commissioner Prabhat Kumar, the three MLAs of Noida, Dadri and Jewar and the state excise minister Jai Pratap Singh who is



also the minister in-charge of Gautam Budh Nagar. However, following a meeting with the commissioner, a meagre amount was reduced from the fee hike by the Noida-Greater Noida education society which runs the four inter colleges. Parents rue that despite repeated protests and meetings with the division commissioner who is the head of the Noida-Greater Noida education society which runs the

GDA plans 5 kilometre link from elevated road to Northern Peripheral expressway

GHAZIABAD: The Ghaziabad Development Authority is planning to link the Hindon Elevated Road with the Northern Peripheral Expressway skirting the main city, in an attempt to ease traffic congestion at Raj Nagar Extension. Officials in the GDA said they were looking for land in Shahpur village area to construct the 5km link road. Once ready, the road will benefit those travelling to Delhi, who can skirt the traffic snarls at Raj Nagar Extension and head to the capital through Loni. Raj

Nagar Extension witnesses long snarls during officer hours as it serves as an influx of vehicles to and from western Uttar Pradesh. The link road will take off before the Extension and pass through villages like Morti and Shahpur on the west of the elevated road to meet the Northern Peripheral Expressway. "A link road connecting the Hindon Elevated Road with the Northern Peripheral Expressway has been mentioned in our zonal plan.

Youth wanted for dacoity nabbed after gunfight in GNoida

NOIDA: A 25-year-old dacoit was shot at and nabbed after a gunfight with UP-STF in Greater Noida on Sunday afternoon. The accused, Sanjay Aheriya, a resident of Aligarh, received injuries in his right shoulder and was admitted to a hospital. Raj Kumar Mishra, DSP, Noida-STF, said the police had received information about the movement of two dacoits at Jalalpur village roundabout. "An STF team was deployed in the area to check for the criminals. The police team signalled the suspects on a motorcycle to stop for checking. However, the suspect riding pillion tried to

open fire at the police team in order to escape," Mishra said. The police also opened fire, in which Sanjay was injured on his shoulder and fell off the bike. The police immediately arrested the accused while his accomplice, Viresh, managed to escape. The accused was later admitted to a community health centre in Bisrakh. Police said the accused was wanted in nearly 10 cases of attempt to murder, loot, robbery, etc in western UP. During interrogation, Sanjay apparently said he had formed a gang and robbed commuters exiting railway stations and bus stands at different places in Aligarh,

Meerut, Baghpat, etc. The gang also conducted dacoity at houses and factories in western UP. The state police had announced a bounty of Rs 50,000 on the arrest of Sanjay. Mishra said two other gang members, Sonu Aheria and Satveer, were gunned down in an encounter in Meerut in December last year. "We will question the accused about his criminal history and the gang members. We have also launched a search for the absconding criminal," said an officer. The police have recovered a country-made gun, four live cartridges and one motorcycle from him.

Neighbour beheads man to avenge a murder 29 years ago

GHAZIABAD: A villager in Niwari was lured into a jungle and beheaded with a spade allegedly by a neighbour who wanted to avenge the murder of his grandfather 29 years ago. Although the man was beheaded in December last year, the body was found on Thursday after police launched a search for him following a complaint by his brother in March. The police said the hostility between the families of Bobby — who was killed — and his neighbour Pradeep dated back several decades. Ties strained all the more when Pradeep's

grandfather was killed allegedly by Bobby's relatives over a plot and sharing of water in 1989. Since then, the two families had been involved in several clashes till 1992, when they reached a compromise and decided to bury their animosities. Pradeep has been arrested for allegedly killing Bobby along with his relatives. Officers said he had confessed to beheading his neighbour in December, packing the body and the severed head in two gunny bags and burying them separately. The police have recovered only the head.

Law student alleges rape and blackmail by uncle

GHAZIABAD: A 22-year-old LLB student, a resident of Meerut, has alleged that she was raped by her uncle in Patel Nagar in Ghaziabad on March 16. The accused had also clicked some obscene photos and videos of the woman and had been threatening to make them public, the student has alleged. According to the woman's mother, her daughter had been keeping mum fearing for the lives of her family members as the accused had allegedly threatened her with dire

consequences if she told anyone about it. The police have registered an FIR under Section 376 (rape) of the IPC against the accused uncle at Sihani Gate police station. The woman studies in a college on Meerut road in Ghaziabad. On March 16, when she was going back to her home in Meerut from Ghaziabad, she was given a lift in a car by her uncle, who is just three-four years older than her. The uncle allegedly took her to his rented accommodation in Patel Nagar on the pretext of finishing some work.

EDITORIAL

The return of identity politics and its hefty cost

The past few months have seen several social groups protesting, sometimes violently, to either protect or extend special privileges to their members. This resurgence of identity politics sits uncomfortably with a liberal constitutional order that is built on the rights of the individual. The Congress government in Karnataka agreed to give minority status to the Lingayat and Veerashaiva communities last month. Dalit groups have taken to the streets to protest against a recent Supreme Court order to fortify The Scheduled Castes and The Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 against misuse. Earlier, there have been demands for special privileges from relatively affluent communities such as the Jats in Haryana, the Patidars in Gujarat and the Marathas in Maharashtra.

The two main national parties—the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)—have at different times played caste and communal politics to further their electoral agendas. Many regional parties such as the Rashtriya Janata Dal, Trinamool Congress and Telangana Rashtra Samithi too have played identity politics with equal, if not greater, panache. Indian electoral politics, essentially, does not allow any major political party to take a stand against the grant of special privileges to a community with a substantial number of votes. In the “first past the post” system of electing representatives, the power of democratic mobilization gives communities a veto over the rights of the individual. In an Indian election, a political party has to cultivate a small number of communities which can deliver block votes. And when the swing of a few percentage of votes can change the electoral verdict, even being able to wean off a faction of a community away from the rival party may work wonders—this is exactly what the Congress is trying in Karnataka.

In such a scenario, it is no surprise that the order on the SC/ST Act has come from a non-elected institution, the Supreme Court. The judiciary often leans towards activism but it still remains the one institution that can be expected to stand for the rights of the individual when they are in conflict with the privileges of a community. It is almost futile to hope that a political party will come to the rescue of an individual at the receiving end of the draconian provisions of the atrocities law (this is not to suggest that Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not subject to discrimination, as they have been through history, but the solution does not lie in a draconian law prone to misuse). In Karnataka, it is worth noting that the Lingayat community’s demand for minority status is unambiguous, that is, they are not just demanding secession from Hinduism or Veerashaivism. A community can self-identify itself as a separate religion and live without the minority status, like the Jains did before 2014. But what is at stake is the number of benefits enjoyed on wearing the minority badge. A number of Central and state government schemes are meant exclusively for the minorities. The educational institutes run by minorities enjoy much greater autonomy. These perverse incentives in the name of secularism which, in reality, actually distort Indian secularism have given rise to numerous such demands by communities to gain minority status. Ethnic fragmentation of the kind India has allows full play to identity politics. This fragmentation also makes it difficult for communities across fault lines to come together to mobilize on economic issues. The middle class, which is often expected to agitate for better economic policies in place of community-based handouts, has responded by exiting government-delivered services in favour of private service providers.

—By Dr. Dheeraj Kumar Bhargava

Ponzi case with CBI, police asked why they filed charges

NOIDA: The Allahabad high court has asked the Noida police to explain under what circumstances they filed a chargesheet in the district and sessions court when the investigation into the Webwork Ponzi scam was handed over to the CBI. Complainant Amit Kishore Jain said he was not satisfied with the probe conducted by Noida police. “I had moved an application in the high court demanding a CBI probe into the case. The court transferred the investigation to CBI on May 2. However, the Noida police filed a half-baked chargesheet in the district court on May 15,”



he said. On April 2, a division bench of the Allahabad high court comprising Justice Ramesh Sinha and Justice Dinesh Kumar Singh asked the Noida SSP to explain about the case. Jain, a resident of Ghaziabad, had registered a complaint against Anurag Garg and Sandesh Verma, directors of Webwork Trade Pvt Ltd on February 12, 2017, at Sector 20 police station. He alleged the company was running a ponzi scheme and duping scores of

investors promising high returns. The complainant had invested Rs 3.5 lakh and subscribed to six IDs in the company. He complained to police suspecting foul play, as similar fraud of Ablaze Info Solutions Pvt Ltd, promoted by Anubhav Mittal, was busted a few days ago. Following the complaint, the two directors shut down the company located in Sector 2 and went incommunicado for a few days. However, on February 17, they were arrested when they had gone to meet the Noida SSP in his office. On July 1, last year, the Allahabad high court granted bails to the two accused persons.

Four held for extorting ‘quack’ over sting footage

GHAZIABAD: Four journalists, including a woman, were arrested for allegedly extorting money from a quack in Vijay Nagar area on Saturday. According to police, the accused had demanded Rs 1 lakh from the quack in lieu of not airing a sting operation conducted by them. Three of them are reportedly working with a vernacular newspaper, while the fourth is a reporter with a local news channel. The accused have been identified as Kishan Kant Sharma (TV reporter), Shakil Khan, Liyaqat Hussain and Naina Singh, all working for a vernacular paper.

Police put on alert for Ambedkar Jayanti

GHAZIABAD: The SSP has directed all circle officers and station house offices to remain alert and conduct patrolling in their areas ahead of Ambedkar Jayanti on April 14. The step has been taken to avoid a repeat of April 2 incident in which a large number of people from the Dalit community blocked roads and trains to protest a Supreme Court directive related to the SC/ST Act. The cops have also been asked to identify anti-social elements who take advantage of such protests and indulge in vandalism. Talking to TBC, SSP Vaibhav Krishna said, “Police officers have been asked to talk to the people who are planning to

stage a protest and tell them there is no point going against the law and create a ruckus. If they want to register their protest they can submit a memorandum to us or administrative officials.” The SSP said that security has been beefed up to deal with untoward incidents. Intelligence agencies will also remain on high alert, even as adequate police force will be deployed at specific locations for peaceful completion of Ambedkar Jayanti celebrations. Director general of police OP Singh has also asked senior officers to involve civil defence volunteers and village committees for this purpose.

Seven held for planning robbery of Rs 50 lakh hawala money in Sahibabad

GHAZIABAD: Seven men were held for allegedly plotting to rob a vehicle carrying Rs 50 lakh hawala money, near a mall in Sahibabad. According to police, the money belongs to a trader and was being transferred through a hawala channel from Delhi to an undisclosed location. The plan to loot the hawala money was hatched in Delhi’s Tihar Jail, police said. However, the names of the mastermind as well as of the trader have not been revealed, as they are yet to be arrested.

SSP Vaibhav Krishna said, “Our police team at Sahibabad had received inputs that some robbers were planning a heist near MK Mall from where a vehicle carrying the hawala money from Delhi was to pass through. The accused were arrested from near Koyal Enclave, which was their meeting point, around 10.15pm on Friday. Police recovered five pistols, two knives, and a huge cache of cartridges, besides two stolen SUVs from their possession.” The accused

have been identified as Guddu Yadav, Budh Pal Singh, Manoj, Akhilesh, Sanjeev Kumar, Amit Singh and Jayant Kumar Mishra. Except for Guddu, who is from Bareilly, all are from Shahjahanpur. Most of them have a criminal background and have been to jail. “When Guddu was lodged in Tihar Jail in connection with the smuggling of cattle some years ago, he came in contact with a prisoner who had information about hawala transactions.

TV journalist still in ICU, kin allege contract given to eliminate him

GHAZIABAD: The health condition of TV journalist Anuj Chaudhary continued to be critical on Monday a day after he was allegedly shot at by bike-borne men near his home in Ghaziabad. Following a four-hour surgery at the Yashoda Hospital in Nehru Nagar to extricate the bullets, Anuj has been admitted to the ICU where he has been placed on ventilator support. The scribe’s family members have alleged that the police did not act on an application submitted in March in which Anuj had said that Rs 10 lakh has allegedly been paid to contract killers in order to eliminate him. “The application



was submitted to former SSP Hari Narayan Singh who in turn passed it to Kavi Nagar police station SHO Samarjeet Singh. In 2004 too, the main accused, Shekhar Chaudhary, had attempted to murder Anuj. He had opened fire on Anuj who escaped narrowly. An FIR had been registered against Shekhar,” Anuj’s brother-in-law, Deepak Tomar, told TBC.

According to Anuj’s family members, his elder brother Sensar Pal, had been gruesomely murdered nearly 25 years ago in which Shekhar’s hand was also suspected. Sensar Pal had been hit on the head and then burnt alive but no FIR had reportedly been registered as the matter had been settled by village elders. Doctors at Yashoda Hospital said Anuj has suffered a lot of blood loss and has been placed under constant supervision of a team of doctors. “The patient is critical. He is on ventilator support and life-saving drugs. The next five to six days are crucial for his survival. The

bullets were extricated after a four-hour long surgery. His blood pressure levels are fluctuating and chances of infection are high,” hospital spokesperson, Gaurav Pandey, told TBC. On Monday, the police registered an FIR against Shekhar Chaudhary, who is in jail for the attack on BJP leader Brijpal Teotia in August 2016, along with eight other members of his family including three women. Shekhar’s two wives, his son Vishal as well as Vishal’s wife are among the nine persons named as accused in the FIR. The FIR has been registered under sections including 147

(rioting), 307 (attempt to murder) and 120B (criminal conspiracy) of IPC. The family members have alleged in their complaint that a plan to eliminate Anuj had been hatched by Shekhar from Dasna jail where he is imprisoned. Meanwhile, a delegation of journalists submitted a memorandum to district magistrate Ritu Maheshwari as well as SSP Vaibhav Krishna on Monday demanding immediate arrest of the culprits. The police have recovered some CCTV footages and are also examining the call details to trace the culprits.

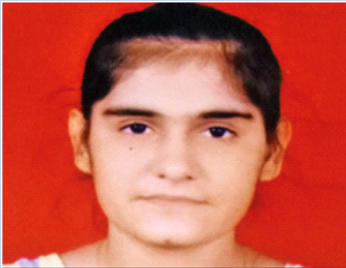
Madrassa student shot at in Ghaziabad after minor tiff

GHAZIABAD: A 17-year-old boy was allegedly shot at in his face on Sunday at 8.15pm in Ayesha Colony of Loni area while he was walking from a madrassato offer namaz lessons in a nearby area. The boy has been identified as Shams-ud-din. According to the police, one Ishrar opened fire at Shams-ud-din following a minor quarrel on the road that leads from the madrassa to Chirori village. At the time of shooting, Shams-ud-din was accompanied by his friend, Taariqh. “The quarrel broke out when Ishrar objected to Shams-ud-din from using the road on which he was walking.

Ishrar then shot a bullet that got stuck on the right cheek of Shams-ud-din. A surgery was conducted upon him to extricate the bullet. The injury was not serious,” said R K Singh, SHO, Loni police station. Following the incident, Shams-ud-din was rushed to GTB Hospital in Delhi where he is admitted. A teacher of the madrassa, Irfan filed a complaint against Ishrar in Loni police station. He also mentioned the involvement of one Asif Dealer in the shooting. However, investigations revealed that Asif was not present at the spot when the shooting took place.

Class 9 student jumps to death from 12th-floor flat in Ghaziabad

GHAZIABAD: A 15-year-old girl allegedly committed suicide by jumping from her 12th floor rented flat at Gaur Homes Society in Govindpuram on Monday. She was suffering from depression for the past one year, police said. The girl, Shalini Dagar, a student of Class IX at Green Field Public School, was living with her mother Manisha and two siblings—elder sister Shalu and younger brother Kartik. Her father, Rakesh Dagar, a property dealer, had died two-and-a-half years back. The girl’s left hand was found to be



severed from shoulder and lying at a distance from the torso. Police said the body hit an iron railing before falling on the ground. The police have sent her body for post-mortem. The incident took place around 12.40am on Monday in Tower F2 of the society. Security guards posted at the society’s gate number 2 spotted the body

and informed the police. Govindpuram chowki incharge Shrinivas Gautam, who is investigating the case, said, “The girl’s mother and siblings did know that she jumped off. They were sleeping when we knocked on the door and informed them about her daughter falling from the building.” “Her mother told us that four of them were awake till 12am and had dinner together. Shalini was watching TV and then went to sleep in the same room where her mother and two siblings were sleeping.

5 people posing as scribes, cops held for duping many

NEW DELHI: Five people, including three women, who posed as police and journalists to dupe many have been arrested. The gang members — Mohammad Samir Sadiq, Sanjay, Satvinder Kaur, Babita and Meenu — knew each other for quite a few years but had recently made this plan to cheat people. “One of them used to honeytrap people, another posed as a journalist and one as a policeman,” said a police official. Kaur used to advertise about a spa that she was apparently running through WhatsApp and other social media platforms. She offered massages and friendship, and also gave her phone number



with the message. When people contacted her, she made them get in touch with Meenu, who asked them to come to a particular address. Police said before meeting a customer, they used to chat with them on social media. Babita too used to chat introducing herself as a member of the massage parlour. They used to invite the men to a house in Ghaziabad and asked them to take off all their clothes. If the customer

agreed, a man posing as a journalist and another as a policeman used to “raid” the house and record a video of the victim so they could blackmail him later. “Sanjay alias Sahil Malik usually posed as a police officer. Samir Sadiq used to act like a mediaperson and in some cases posed as ACP Vijay Dahiya in front of the victims”, a senior police officer said. Sleuths from the crime branch busted the racket after they received multiple complaints. The five accused were produced before a magistrate on Sunday. Police said they are going through more complaints to ascertain the role of this gang in other such crimes.

25 acres on Hindon banks freed of stone-crushing units

GHAZIABAD: Nearly 25 acres of land along the Hindon floodplains, occupied by a stone-crushing unit and numerous store rooms, was cleared of the encroachments on Monday. Last month, the GDA had conducted a survey of the area following a complaint made by the Federation of Apartment Owners Association to divisional commissioner Prabhat Kumar last month. “More than a dozen persons had constructed numerous store rooms on the floodplains near the crushing unit to store building construction materials



which were also razed in the drive. The land on which these construction activities had been going on is designated as floodplains in GDA Master Plan 2021. No construction activity is permitted in this area. Channels from these units through which municipal waste was being drained into the river thereby polluting it was also blocked,” said executive engineer, GDA, RP Singh.

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Migsun to invest Rs 1,000 cr on low-cost homes at Ghaziabad

New Delhi :Realty firm Migsun will invest about Rs 1,000 crore over the next two years to develop an affordable housing project at Ghaziabad. Affordable housing has gained momentum on the back of infrastructure status and subsidy offered by the government. The GST rate has also been lowered at 8 per cent for affordable housing projects, leading to higher demand and supply in this segment. The company would develop 3,000 housing units under the central government's scheme 'Affordable Housing in Partnership (AHP) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana', its MD Yash Miglani said. "We are coming up with an 11-acre project 'Migsun Atharva' at Rajnagar Extension. We will build about 3,000 units, of which 800 units will be for economically weaker section (EWS) to be allotted by the government under this scheme," he told .

177 school buses in Ghaziabad, Noida fail safety tests

GHAZIABAD/NOIDA: As many as 177 buses ferrying children to and from schools in Ghaziabad and Noida have been found to lack safety features laid down by the Supreme Court. The violation came to the fore during inspections carried out by the transport department on Sunday on the orders of the UP chief minister. Officials said only 712 of the 1,400-odd school buses plying across Ghaziabad district had come for the inspection on the Kamla Nehru Nagar grounds, of which 125 were found to have flouted the guidelines. In the drive in Noida,52 buses were found lacking the safety features. Over 300 buses had reported

Ghaziabad: Man sentenced to life for killing nephew

GHAZIABAD: A 40-year-old man on Monday was sentenced to life imprisonment for killing his nephew over a property dispute five years back. The accused was also found guilty of severely injuring his sister and brother in law. The judge also imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 on the convict with an instruction to give half of the money to the victim's family as a compensation. The case pertains to Govindpuri locality under Modi Nagar police station. On August 11,

2013, Jitendra alias Johnny had attacked his sister Praveen Kaur and her husband and son, Devendra Singh and Rana Jasdev Singh with a knife. While Praveen and Devendra received injuries in the attack, Jasdev had later succumbed to his injuries. Additional district government counsel (ADGC) Meena Sharma said, "Jitendra was an alcoholic and wanted to grab a piece of land belonging to his mother. However, he needed the signature of his sister for this purpose.

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