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Truck crashes into crane on NH-8, operator dies

Gurgaon.(Agency)

A 20-year-old crane operator died on Sunday, days after a truck rammed into his vehicle on the Delhi-Jaipur Highway (NH-8) near Narsinghpur.

The accident took place on the evening of April 19 within the Sadar police station limits.

The deceased, Avdhesh Kumar, a native of UP's Etah, was driving a crane from Hero Honda Chowk towards Kherki Daula when a speeding truck collided with the vehicle from behind. The impact caused the crane to overturn, trapping him underneath.

Passers-by pulled him out and rushed him to a nearby private hospital, where he remained in critical condition. "Despite treatment for seven days, he succumbed to his injuries on Sunday morning," an officer said.

Avdhesh was living with his cousin, Raghav Jadoun, at Saraswati Enclave in Sector 10. Both worked as crane operators in the city.

Following the incident, Raghav filed a complaint with the police. Based on his statement, an FIR was registered against an unidentified truck driver under sections 281 (rash driving) and 106 (death by negligence) of BNS at Sadar police station.

Police said CCTV footage from the area has been scanned, and the truck involved has been identified. "A notice will be issued to the vehicle owner, directing him to produce the driver for questioning. Further action in the case will follow after the driver is apprehended," the officer said.

HSVP puts on hold demolition drive, says awaiting HC instructions

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The citywide anti-encroachment drive of Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), scheduled to begin Monday, has been put on hold.

The decision comes as the Punjab and Haryana High Court continues to hear a petition concerning the still-plus-four-floor construction policy — an issue closely linked to multiple encroachment cases. Although the court on Monday refused to halt demolitions in the city, HSVP officials said the drive will begin only after receiving clear directions from the bench.

A senior HSVP official, requesting anonymity, confirmed the deferment. "The drive has been put on hold as the matter is under consideration of the High Court. We are awaiting clear directions before initiating action," the official said.

The demolition action was to be carried out in a phased manner, similar to the exercise conducted by Department of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) in private developer colonies. The drives aim to clear the right of way (RoW) by removing illegal extensions — including kitchen gardens, extended ramps, flower pots on public land, temporary kiosks, rehris, carts and other obstructions.

HSVP had earlier appealed to residents to voluntarily remove such structures, warning that bulldozer action would otherwise follow, and had prepared a detailed sector-wise schedule for the operation, citing the need to ensure smooth pedestrian movement, emergency access and road safety.

DTCP's enforcement wing removed over 7,500 encroachments from more than 15 colonies during a five-day drive that concluded on April 22, following the High Court's stay on the still-plus-four-floor policy and subsequent govt directions to clear right-of-way violations.

Pipe leak? Dirty water trickles from taps in Noida for 6th day

Ghaziabad.(Agency)

Pale yellow to black water continued to flow from taps in sectors 19 and 40 for the sixth day on Monday. Alarmed residents have been pointing out health concerns. Most of them are buying potable water to meet their daily needs.

Noida Authority's general manager (water and sewer) RP Singh had come up with an explanation that the summer heat caused the minerals accumulated in the supply pipes to get dissolved in the water, leading to its discoloration. "The only remedy is proper flushing of the pipes, which was done on Thursday. By evening, the situation was brought under control and the morning supply will be fine," he said. However, the situation has barely changed.

Residents claim leakages and lack of maintenance of the supply lines have led to this brackish supply. Sector 19 RWA president RC Gupta said, "After the Authority conducted its checks on Saturday, the water became clear for a few hours on Sunday. However, on Monday morning, the same foul, muddy and black water returned to our taps."

Gupta wrote a letter to Singh rebutting his claim that the weather was to blame for the contamination, pointing out that the issue is only affecting specific blocks. "The Authority knows that there are blockages in this sector's pipelines; there might as well be leakages. Lack of maintenance is adding to the problem. We request a thorough investigation to ensure accountability," he wrote. These sectors get fresh water supply twice a day, 6-9am and 6-9pm. Residents claimed that towards the end of the supply windows, the water turns cleaner.

Two brothers hack into bank account in Gurgaon, take Rs 5L loan after changing phone number

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Two bank staffers allegedly used confidential customer data to access an Axis Bank account, change its registered mobile number and quietly take a pre-approved loan of Rs 4.7 lakh in the customer's name. The fraud came to light only when Rs 12,585 was deducted as the first EMI from the victim's account.

The case was registered at Cyber Crime police station in Manesar on Dec 11, 2025, after the complainant alleged that the amount had been debited on Dec 6. When he approached the bank, he learnt that the mobile number linked to his account had been changed and a loan had already been processed in his name. Police said the fraud was executed in stages. Mohammad Asif (36), who had worked as a sales executive at an Axis Bank branch in the city before resigning in Nov 2025 and joining Paytm,

allegedly accessed banking records and identified accounts carrying pre-approved loan offers. He then shared customer IDs, phone numbers and other sensitive details with his elder brother, Mohammad Ali (37), a deputy manager at a private bank's Delhi branch, who is suspected to be the mastermind. Using those details, the accused and their associates allegedly forged signatures, practised them and went to the bank posing as genuine account holders. "By giving the correct customer ID, they gained the confidence of bank officials and got the registered mobile number changed," an officer said. Once the number was changed, they used internet banking access to take the loan.

Since the mobile number was changed, the victim did not get any message from the bank. Police said Mohammad Hashim (32), a Faridabad resident known to Ali, was part of the operation. "After Asif

accessed the confidential information and a SIM was procured, Hashim and another associate went to the bank," an officer said. The associate has not yet been identified. Hashim was arrested on Jan 30 and taken on three-day police remand.

A few days later, police arrested Puranchand (58), who was allegedly promised Rs 5,000 to procure SIM cards in his name.

The money trail, police said, led to fake bank accounts before being routed through multiple accounts in other states.

An FIR has been registered under charges of cheating, forgery, personation, criminal conspiracy and provisions of the Information Technology Act. Four accused have been arrested so far. Police said all banks concerned will be contacted to assess the wider scale of the fraud.



Mangar patch gutted last year up in flames again

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Around five acres of forest land in Mangar village in the Aravalis caught fire on Monday, with flames spreading rapidly through dense lantana undergrowth — the same patch ravaged by a major blaze last year.

The incident once again exposed chronic fire vulnerability and weak preparedness in one of the region's most ecologically fragile stretches.

The fire started around 3pm. Forest department officials and a fire brigade team were deployed as flames swept through dry scrub and thorn forest, fuelled by parched vegetation, summer heat and invasive lantana — a species ecologists have repeatedly flagged as a major fire accelerant in the Aravalis. "It took around two-and-a-half hours to douse the fire," a forest official said.

Containment was difficult due to rugged terrain and poor accessibility. The fire brigade struggled because of insufficient pipe length to reach deep forest pockets where flames continued to spread through thick undergrowth. "We had around four to five forest staff members on the ground to control the fire," an official said. "Invasive species like lantana create a highly inflammable environment, making it difficult to control fires once they start."

The affected area falls under Sections 4 and 5 of the Punjab Land Preservation Act.

Ecologist Sunil Harsana, who was present at the site, said recurring fires were becoming harder to tackle due to inadequate manpower and delayed response systems. "The department needs dedicated fire protection watchers. We will be able to respond much better," he said. Harsana also flagged logistical gaps. "When the fire brigade is called, it can take close to an hour. If the vehicle runs out of water, it has to travel again for refilling." He recommended installing a borewell near Pali police station to allow firefighting vehicles to refill locally and save crucial time.

Rail Yatra Vritant Puraskar Yojna 2026

Maligaon : With the aim of seeking experiences related to rail travel of general public including railway men and on the basis of those experiences, to improve the facilities of railways and to increase the use of Hindi, The Ministry of Railways (Railway Board) is organizing a competition "Rail Yatra Vritant Puraskar Yojna". The aim of this competition is to upgrade railway facilities and also to promote the use of Hindi. Every citizen of India travels by rail hundreds of times in his lifespan. The pleasant experiences of rail travel remain etched in his mind. By writing these sweet memories of rail travel, now he can win the award too. Cash prizes and citations will be given to the winners of this scheme. Under this, a first prize of Rs. 10,000, second prize of Rs. 8,000 and a third prize of

Rs. 6,000 will be given. Apart from this, there are five consolation awards, in which Rs. 4,000 will be given each. Rail travelogue should be in Hindi language and original. Minimum 3000 words and maximum 3500 words



should be used. Rail travelogue should be typed in double space and have one inch margin on all four sides. The total number of words should be mentioned and pages must be numbered. Name, designation, age, office/residence address, mother tongue, mobile number, e-mail, total number of words of the story, etc. should be mentioned in capital letters at the beginning of the story on

a full sheet of paper. The officers/employees working in the



service of the Central or State Government, who wish to participate in this scheme, will have to give a declaration to the effect that no case related to Vigilance/ Discipline & Appeal Rules is pending or contemplated against

them. Applicants who are not in government service, they will have to give a declaration to the effect that neither any criminal case is going on against them nor they are facing any kind of punishment. Apart from this, all the participants have to submit a declaration mentioning that "The related rail travelogue is my original composition, it has not been rewarded under any other award scheme." Any Indian citizen willing to participate can send his/her entry in duplicate by 31st July, 2026 to the Assistant Director, Hindi (Training), Room no. 316 - COFMOW Railway office complex, Tilak Bridge, ITO, New Delhi - 110002 without fail. On receipt of a single copy of the account, the entry will be rejected. Entries received after the last date will not be considered by the Ministry.

No teachers in 3 subjects, allege Gurugram University's BTech students

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Built to widen higher education options in the city and offer students an alternative to Delhi University closer home, Gurugram University is now facing questions over a basic academic failure — teaching.

With BTech fourth-semester examinations due to begin on May 12, computer science students have been left to prepare for core engineering papers through YouTube videos and online tutorials because, they alleged, no classes were held for key subjects.

Students said the semester began in Jan, but signals and systems, microprocessors and microcontrollers, and information theory and coding remained untaught subjects. As a result, nearly 200 students are now headed towards final exams without formal classroom instruction in these technical papers.

"Now that the datesheet is out and exams

are scheduled from May 12, we are being told to study from YouTube or other online sources. It's impossible to finish



an entire semester's technical syllabus in a few days," a student told, requesting not to be identified.

Another student said, "We have six subjects this semester. In one, there is no teacher at all, and two other subjects are linked to other classes where, too, teachers are unavailable. So, in three out of six

subjects, no one is teaching us. Our seniors faced the same issue, but it was never resolved. First-year students are not facing this, but second-year students are."

They said complaints were already raised with dean SS Tyagi and another professor, Sumit Chaudhary, but no lasting solution followed. The students claimed they were told those studying engineering should be able to "manage" on their own and that the syllabus might be covered in two or three "emergency classes".

The university, however, rejected the allegations. A spokesperson called the students' claims "false and misleading" and said the academic schedule had been followed. According to the university representative, one regular faculty member was unable to teach because of severe typhoid, and that a new teacher, Sumit, had now been appointed to complete the remaining syllabus.

GDA proposes 16km metro corridor to link Vaishali to Delhi via Hindon terminal

Noida.(Agency)

Ghaziabad Development Authority has asked Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) to prepare a detailed project report for a new 16-kilometre metro line connecting Vaishali, the terminal station on the Blue line, to Gokulpuri in northeast Delhi via Hindon Civil Terminal, which currently acts as Delhi-NCR's second airport.

The proposed corridor is likely to have seven stations and pass through Sahibabad, Mohan Nagar, Pasunda, Hindon Civil Terminal and Gagan Vihar.

"In July last year, DMRC proposed 18 metro extension projects in Delhi-NCR under phase 5 of the metro extension plan, three of which were in Ghaziabad. In keeping with this, we have asked DMRC to prepare DPR for the Vaishali-Gokulpuri corridor. We expect submission in a couple of months," a GDA official said. According to DMRC's initial Phase-V



plan, a 12-13 kilometre corridor was proposed to connect Gokulpuri on the Pink Line to Arthala on the Red Line via Hindon Civil Terminal. Officials told that GDA wanted the corridor extended further to improve connectivity for over five lakh residents of Indirapuram,

Vasundhara and Vaishali. The terminal currently sits roughly five kilometres from the nearest metro stations, Dilshad Garden and Major Mohit Sharma Rajendra Nagar, both on the Red Line. The Sahibabad RRTS station offers a high-speed alternative. But passengers are

largely dependent on cabs and auto-rickshaws for last-mile access.

The two other metro corridors that are proposed to come up in the city include a three-kilometre extension from Shaheed Sthal New Bus Adda on the Red Line to Ghaziabad railway station, and the long-pending five-kilometre Noida Electronic City-Sahibabad link, which would serve Indirapuram, Shakti Khand and Vasundhara's Sector 5, with five stations in all.

Together, the three corridors would add roughly 25 kilometres to the metro network, at an estimated cost of Rs 7,500 crore, based on a per-kilometre construction cost of Rs 300 crore. The Noida Electronic City-Sahibabad corridor has been stalled since 2018 despite a DPR of Rs 1,873 crore having been prepared, largely due to a funding shortfall. GDA had earlier sought Rs 2,441 crore under the 16th Finance Commission for metro projects in the city.

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