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Deputy Registrar's significant decision on AOA's mistake in the 3.5 crore painting dispute

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Greater Noida: The procedures of the AOA of 11th Avenue, Gaur City-2, Greater Noida West have been found incorrect. The Deputy Registrar has issued an important order regarding the long-standing ₹3.5 crore painting dispute in the society. The order declared the AOA's process non-compliant and directed that the painting contract must be re-initiated strictly as per the UP Apartment Act. The AOA's tenure had already ended on June 29, yet the contract was awarded. The election for the new AOA was scheduled for August 24. Residents had been opposing this move for months, alleging that the contract was pushed forcibly during monsoon and at election time, without proper consent.

Residents' Response

Residents have welcomed this historic decision, noting that this is the first time the Deputy Registrar has questioned the AOA's functioning in 11th Avenue. Resident Ashish Bisht said – "If the AOA itself does not adhere to the bylaws, how will residents be encouraged to follow the rules of the society?" Residents now expect that the new AOA will ensure transparency and accountability in all society decisions.

Settle your traffic challan, Lok Adalat to be held on September 13 : A National Lok Adalat is going to be organised in the civil court premises on September 13. In this Lok Adalat, there will be a special opportunity to waive or reduce traffic challans. Separate benches will be formed for the settlement of various cases, consisting of judicial officers and panel advocates. This event will be

Order of the Deputy Registrar

The Deputy Registrar stated in his order that:

The painting contract will not stand and must be taken up afresh by the newly elected AOA through a proper GBM (General Body Meeting).

An independent auditor has been appointed to examine all financial transactions from 2021 to 2025.

Until the auditor's report is submitted and the new AOA approves, no financial transactions related to painting will be allowed.

held under the auspices of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), and interested individuals can participate through online applications.

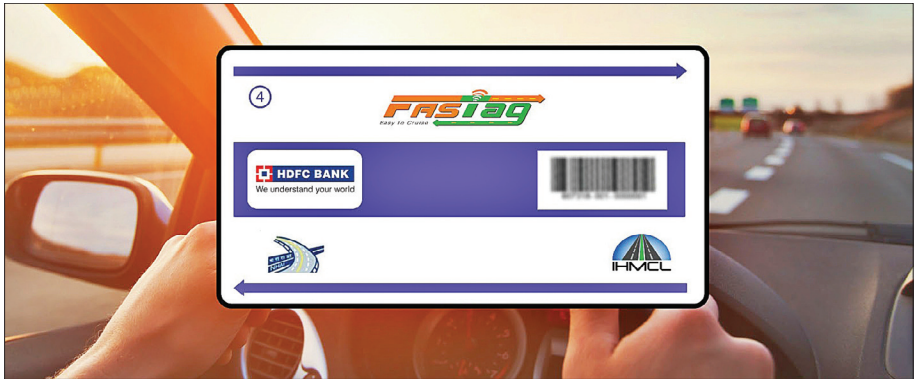
The National Lok Adalat will be held on September 13. To settle traffic challan in the Lok Adalat, first visit the official website of NALSA. Select the option for online application and fill out the form carefully. Enter your personal information, case details, and the reason for applying to the Lok Adalat. After submitting the form, you will receive a confirmation email and a token number. You can schedule your hearing time using this token number.

Carry necessary documents with you

It is mandatory to bring some essential documents to resolve the challan at the Lok Adalat. These include:

- A copy of the challan
- Vehicle Registration Certificate (RC)
- Driving license
- Identity proof
- A copy of the summons or notice
- Authorisation letter (if applicable)
- Previous receipt of challan payment
- Only after checking these documents will your case proceed for resolution.

FASTAG PASS: The annual FastTag pass will not work on these 4 expressways in UP



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The annual FASTag pass will not be applicable on four major expressways in the state. Passengers will now have to pay tolls for each journey through the regular FASTag system on these routes. This decision has been made because these expressways are operated by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) or private/state agencies, and therefore do not fall under the jurisdiction of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). Since these expressways are managed by UPEIDA or other state bodies, the annual pass facility cannot be availed here. Travelers will have to pay tolls through the regular FASTag for each trip.

Annual FASTag pass not valid here

It should be noted that the annual FASTag pass facility started by NHAI is only valid on national highways and NHAI-operated expressways. The following expressways in Uttar Pradesh are not covered under this scheme: • Agra-Lucknow Expressway • Bundelkhand Expressway • Yamuna Expressway • Purvanchal Expressway

Economic impact on frequent travellers

This decision will hit regular commuters and daily travelers the most. Earlier, under the annual pass scheme, they could make up to 200 trips in a year by paying a fixed amount of around Rs.3,000. Now, toll charges will be levied for every journey on these four expressways, significantly increasing travel costs for frequent users.

Even 49 years after the establishment of Noida, the supply of clean drinking water remains incomplete—CONRWA expresses deep concern

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Noida: The Confederation of Resident Welfare Associations (CONRWA) has expressed deep concern over the inadequate supply of clean drinking water in Noida. The organisation has written a letter to the Chief Executive Officer of the Noida Authority, stating that even after 49 years since the establishment of Noida, there is still no assurance of a 100% pure drinking water supply. CONRWA President P.S. Jain said that the Hon'ble Supreme Court had directed the Noida Authority 25 years ago to establish adequately sized water treatment plants within two years to provide pure drinking water to citizens.

However, no concrete steps have been taken in this direction so far. He added that it is a matter of concern that, despite having sufficient resources, the authority has not prioritised the supply of drinking water. The organisation further stated that millions of litres of Ganga water and groundwater are being wasted because the water is not purified to the required standards before reaching citizens. The mixing of Ganga water with tubewell and rainwater further affects its quality.

Suggested Solution

According to CONRWA, the only practical solution is to install small water treatment plants on all reserve wires (storage reservoirs), so that every citizen

Demand to the Authorities

CONRWA has demanded that the Noida Authority immediately formulate a clear and strong policy to ensure the supply of purified drinking water. The organisation has also assured that if needed, it is ready to cooperate fully with the authorities in this effort.

can receive purified drinking water. The organisation emphasised that just as small sewage treatment plants are being set up to purify drain water, it is both possible and necessary to establish water treatment plants to improve the quality of drinking water.

Cyber Crime Awareness Meeting Held in Noida Sector-19

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Noida: A cybercrime awareness meeting was organized at the Sector-19 Community Centre by DD RWA Federation and RWA Sector-19, with the participation of senior police officials, RWA leaders, and residents. The event began with a street play (nukkad natak) highlighting the need to safeguard personal data, now one of the most valuable assets in the digital age.

Key Safety Advice by Police

- Be cautious while posting on social media.
- Never share PIN, password, or OTP over calls.
- Do not click on suspicious links, messages, or calls.
- In case of online fraud, call Cyber

Crime Helpline – 1930 or file a complaint at www.cybercrime.gov.in.

- Officials stressed that immediate reporting improves the chances of recovering lost money.

Presence of Dignitaries

The meeting was attended by DD RWA Federation President N.P. Singh, Senior VP Sanjeev Kumar, VP Anil Khanna, Executive Member P.K. Singh, RWA Sector-19 President Aarti Gupta, and General Secretary Laxmi Narayan. Other leaders included MSME President Surendra Nahta, Noida Lokmanch President Mahesh Saxena, FONRWA President Yogendra Sharma, Vijay Bhati, and Pradeep Bohra. From the police, ACP P.K. Singh, SHO Sector-20 D.P. Shukla, and the Cyber Crime Unit joined.

Noida Rolls Out Redevelopment Policy Offering Free Bigger Flats to Original Owners

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Noida: Sub Heading: Policy aims to modernise aging housing societies, ensure safety, and offer residents more space and better amenities. In a major urban development move, the Noida Authority has approved a comprehensive redevelopment policy aimed at transforming aging and structurally unsafe housing societies across the city. Under this initiative, original flat owners will receive new, larger homes completely free of cost, as part of a push to revitalise outdated infrastructure.

The policy covers residential societies that are over 30 years old or declared structurally weak by certified technical institutions. It applies to apartment complexes built by the Authority, cooperative housing societies, and private group housing projects.

Implementation and Safeguards : To encourage developer participation, the permissible Floor Area Ratio (FAR) has been increased, allowing for more construction space. In the case of

Key Highlights of the Policy:

● **Free Upgraded Homes:** Existing homeowners will receive newly constructed apartments with at least 15% more carpet area, without having to pay for the upgrade. ● **Rental Support or Temporary Housing:** During the construction phase, residents will either be relocated to temporary accommodations or receive monthly rental compensation. ● **No Extra Charges:** The Authority may waive stamp duty and lease rent when the redeveloped flats are handed over, easing the financial burden on owners. ● **Mandatory Consent:** At least 70% of residents in a housing society must consent to redevelopment for the process to begin. ● **Developer Transparency:** Builders must be registered under RERA, and can only start selling new units after handing over upgraded flats to existing owners. ● **Modern Amenities:** Redeveloped buildings will include facilities such as EV charging points, rainwater harvesting, sewage treatment plants, and other green infrastructure.

Authority-built buildings, developers will be selected through a bidding process, while cooperative and private societies may choose their own developers, subject to approval.

A tripartite agreement will be signed between the builder, the Noida Authority, and the Apartment Owners Association. This agreement will outline all deliverables, timelines, rent support, and mechanisms for grievance redressal.

Additionally, a grievance redressal cell will be set up to handle complaints regarding construction delays, quality issues, or reduced carpet area. Developers who default on their

commitments may face strict penalties or blacklisting. The policy also introduces a single-window clearance system to speed up approvals and streamline the redevelopment process.

What This Means for Homeowners: The Noida Redevelopment Policy promises to improve safety and living conditions for thousands of residents while giving them access to modern, spacious homes at no additional cost. By balancing homeowner rights with developer incentives, the initiative is expected to pave the way for large-scale urban renewal across the region.

Apartment Owners Must Comply with Byelaws and Deed Conditions, Says Apartment Act

Noida: In a significant reminder for residents of apartment complexes, the Apartment Act of 2010 mandates strict compliance by apartment owners with the bylaws and the conditions laid out in their respective Deeds of Apartment. The law clearly states that any failure to comply can result in legal consequences, including recovery of dues, damages, or injunctive action.

According to the Act, each apartment owner is legally obligated to adhere to the rules and covenants specified in the building's governing documents. These include usage restrictions, maintenance norms, community rules, and other legally binding conditions. "Apartment ownership comes with a responsibility to respect the legal framework governing shared spaces. This provision ensures orderly living and fair participation in the upkeep of the premises," said a senior official from the Housing Department.

The law empowers the Manager or Board of the Association of Apartment Owners to initiate legal proceedings against violators. In some cases, other apartment owners who are directly



Possible Legal Actions Include:

- Recovery of dues or penalties
- Compensation for damages caused to property or common areas,
- Injunctive relief – a court order requiring a person to stop a specific activity (e.g., unauthorized construction or nuisance behavior).

affected by the non-compliance can also take legal action. Housing societies across metropolitan cities have welcomed the clarity in the law, which helps maintain discipline in multi-owner properties. "This provision protects the collective interests of residents. Apartment owners who ignore society rules or misuse their property can't claim immunity anymore," said Mr. Rakesh Sharma, president of a resident welfare association in Gurgaon.

Noida Authority Cracks Down on Unauthorized Extensions

Noida: The Greater Noida Authority has intensified its cleanliness drive, taking strict action against residents who dump garbage in open spaces such as roadsides, green belts, and near sector areas. Under new directives, spot fines will be imposed on violators, and repeat offenders may face public naming at sector gates or Resident Welfare Association (RWA) offices.

According to officials, the Health Department has been directed to prepare a detailed list of

households that fail to hand over their daily waste to disposal carts. Monitoring teams, with the support of local residents, are identifying offenders by tracing clues from the dumped garbage. Once identified, fines are being issued on the spot.

Authority CEO NG Ravi Kumar emphasised that despite a long-running cleanliness and waste segregation awareness campaign, many residents continue to throw garbage in the open and ignore segregation norms.

Apartment Act of 2010 Defines 'Allottee' to Strengthen Buyer Rights

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Noida: In a move that continues to shape real estate regulation in India, the Apartment Act of 2010 provides a crucial legal definition of the term "allottee", offering clear rights and protections to individuals who acquire apartments from builders and developers.

According to the Act, an "allottee" refers to "the person to whom such apartment has been allotted, sold or otherwise transferred by the promoter." Legal experts say this definition plays a significant role in identifying the rightful holder of an apartment in any residential project.

"This clause ensures that whether the apartment is booked through allotment, purchased outright, or received through another legal means, the person in possession has clearly defined legal rights," said a senior real estate lawyer.

The term "promoter" refers to the developer or builder responsible for constructing and marketing the apartment. The Act mandates promoters to transfer possession to the allottee, adhere to project deadlines, and provide all legally required documents. In return, allottees are expected to fulfil their responsibilities, including timely payment of dues and adherence to community regulations.

Under the law, an allottee enjoys several rights, including:

- Legal possession of the apartment upon completion,
- Access to project-related information
- Right to seek compensation in case of delays or discrepancies,
- And the right to participate in resident associations or societies post-possession.



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Prateek Edifice Residents Engage in जनसंवाद with Noida Authority: A Step Towards People-Centric Governance

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Noida : Noida, August 30, 2025 — In a significant move towards fostering participatory governance, residents of Prateek Edifice, Sector 107, Noida, came together for a जन संवाद (public interaction) with the Additional Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) of Noida Authority, Vandana Tripathi, IAS. Held at Club Edifice, the event was marked by active participation from residents and the Apartment Owners Association (AOA), making it a powerful example of collaborative governance.

Direct Dialogue, Tangible Assurances : The जन संवाद was not just a listening session—it served as a practical platform for residents to voice their civic and infrastructure concerns directly to senior officials. One of the major issues discussed was the delay in property registries. Addressing the concern, ACEO Tripathi assured that a large number of registries had already been processed and that the remaining would be expedited, with the AOA

Focus on Infrastructure and Safety

Residents also brought attention to several infrastructure and maintenance needs, including:

- Installation of CCTV cameras and streetlights on the service lane
- Drain cleaning and revival of the green belt
- Regular maintenance and repair of service roads
- Removal of illegal encroachments
- Ensuring adequate Ganga water supply
- Curbing unauthorised construction behind the society



working closely with the Authority to resolve pending cases.

IFMS Refund and Builder Accountability: A key financial grievance raised during the interaction was the delayed refund of the Interest-Free Maintenance Security (IFMS), still partly held by the builder. The AOA informed that although Rs. 1 crore was recently released, a significant amount remains pending due to unresolved ownership issues around commercial

shops within the society. Tripathi committed to reviewing the matter in detail and coordinating with relevant stakeholders for a fair resolution. The ACEO gave firm assurances of support in addressing these concerns. She emphasized the Authority's commitment to taking strict action against illegal modifications in flats and unauthorized occupation of common facilities, reinforcing the importance of lawful housing management.

Amrapali Platinum Horror : When Innocence Meets Negligence in Noida's High-Rises

Noida, In a city celebrated for its glittering skyline and modern high-rise living, a chilling accident has exposed the hidden dangers residents face daily. At Amrapali Platinum Society, Sector 119, Noida, a routine evening turned into a nightmare when a young girl returning from tuition was struck on the head by a falling brick from the 25th floor.

Precautions That Must Be Taken

For Builders & Authorities:

- Conduct structural safety audits every 2–3 years.
- Install protective nets/scaffolding during construction or repair.
- Enforce strict penalties for negligence leading to accidents.

● Issue public safety advisories for residents when repair work is ongoing.

For RWAs & Maintenance Agencies:

- Regularly check balconies, grills, and plaster for cracks.
- Ensure timely repairs and not delay maintenance work.
- Keep clear communication with residents about risks.
- Put up warning signs and cordon off unsafe zones until repairs are done.

For Residents:

- Avoid walking directly beneath towers during repair or windy weather.
- Report cracks, loose plaster, or hanging grills immediately to the RWA.
- Teach children to stay away from tower edges and unsafe zones.

Cooperate with RWAs in safety audits and preventive measures.

From Teen Talent to Senior Champions: UPA Independence Cup Showcases Pickleball's Rising Popularity in Noida

The inaugural UPA Independence Cup Pickleball Tournament brought together over 100 players of all ages at Noida's newly launched PicklePlay arena in Sector 121, transforming the venue into a vibrant hub of energy, competition, and community spirit. Organised by the Universal Pickleball Association, the

tournament featured 150 matches across 11 age categories, with participants ranging from under-14 juniors to 60+ veterans. With a total prize pool of Rs. 66,000 and Rs. 6,000 awarded to winners in each category, the event underscored the sport's growing popularity & inclusive appeal.



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RWA Elections Held in Sector Beta-1 : Clear Guidelines Ensured Fair Voting Process

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Noida: The Residents Welfare Association (RWA) elections for Sector Beta-1 were successfully conducted on Sunday, August 31, at the Community Centre (Barat Ghar), Block-B. Voting took place between 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM, with residents turning up in good numbers to cast their votes and choose their new representatives. To maintain transparency and order, the election committee had laid out strict guidelines, which were implemented effectively throughout the voting process.

Guidelines That Governed the Voting

- Eligibility Based on Ownership
- Only residents with valid ownership proof were allowed to vote.
- Tenants and non-owners were not permitted to participate.
- Accepted Ownership Documents
- Voters were required to bring a Lease Deed cum Registry, along with a photocopy of the same.

Identity Verification

- An Aadhaar Card was mandatory for all voters.
- A photocopy of the Aadhaar Card had to be submitted at the time of voting.
- Voting Rights for Multiple Property Owners
- Residents owning two properties in the sector were allowed to cast two votes, one per property.

Peaceful and Fair Elections

Election Officer Harendra Bhati had earlier appealed for cooperation, and residents responded positively.


“We thank all residents for their support in following the rules. The elections were conducted smoothly and fairly,” Bhati said after the voting concluded.

The peaceful and well-organized elections were a testament to the importance of grassroots democracy and the role of RWAs in managing community affairs, from civic infrastructure to daily maintenance. The results of the election are expected to shape the direction of development and administration within Sector Beta-1 over the coming term.


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When Citizens Lead : ATS HomeKraft Nobility Residents Launch Monthly Cleanliness Drive in Greater Noida West

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Greater Noida West: In a powerful display of civic responsibility, the residents of ATS HomeKraft Nobility Society in Greater Noida West have launched a monthly cleanliness drive, turning their frustration with local authorities into a grassroots movement for a cleaner, healthier community.Faced with persistent issues such as open drains, scattered garbage, and an overall neglected environment, the residents had repeatedly approached civic authorities. But with little to no response and growing concerns about public health—especially for children and senior citizens—they decided to take matters into their own hands.

A United Community Takes Charge

What began as a response to inaction has evolved into a symbol of community spirit. In their first drive, residents of all ages—from



children to senior citizens—joined hands with the society’s housekeeping staff to clean drains and clear the surrounding areas.

“Cleanliness is the key to health and a happy life. If the system fails, it is our responsibility to step forward,” said Azeem Khan, a resident of ATS HomeKraft.

This is not a one-time event. The residents have pledged to continue the cleanliness campaign every month, ensuring their neighborhood stays hygienic, safe, and livable.

Gulshan Mall Fined ₹10 Lakh for Waste Mismanagement in Noida Cleanliness Crackdown

Noida: In a major action under its ongoing cleanliness drive, the Noida Authority has imposed a Rs.10 lakh fine on Gulshan Mall for serious violations of Solid Waste Management (SWM) norms. The penalty follows an inspection that uncovered multiple lapses in how the mall handled its daily waste, marking one of the strictest enforcements yet against a bulk waste generator (BWG) in the city.

Key Violations Uncovered : The inspection, led by Indu Prakash Singh (Officer on Special Duty) and Gaurav (Project Engineer), highlighted several issues:

- **Lack of Waste Segregation:** Waste was not being properly sorted at the source, violating SWM guidelines that require segregation into wet, dry, and hazardous categories.
- **Unauthorized Disposal:** The mall’s waste was being handed over to unauthorized collectors, who were found to be dumping it openly by the roadside, a practice deemed illegal and environmentally harmful.
- **Inadequate Infrastructure:** There were insufficient dustbin arrangements, and the mall lacked proper systems for storage and transportation of collected waste.
- **Plastic Ban Violation:** Shopkeepers inside the mall were also found using single-use plastic bags, in direct defiance of Noida’s complete ban on such materials.

More Than Just Sanitation

The initiative goes beyond garbage removal. It is a call to action for other housing societies and communities to become proactive stakeholders in civic management. Residents hope their efforts will serve as a model for others, proving that collective willpower can achieve what bureaucracy often delays. The campaign reflects a growing trend of citizen-led urban transformation, where people aren’t just demanding change—they’re becoming the change themselves.

A Ripple Effect in the Making

With increasing urban challenges and overstretched municipal systems, the story of ATS HomeKraft Nobility shows how self-driven civic participation can lead to real and immediate impact. This initiative serves as a timely reminder: a cleaner tomorrow begins with the steps we take today. When communities unite with purpose, they not only solve problems but also inspire others to follow suit.

Authority Issues Strict Warning : Despite repeated reminders, awareness drives, and workshops for bulk waste generators, officials said Gulshan Mall failed to comply with basic waste management responsibilities. As per the SWM Rules, 2016, BWGs are legally required to ensure segregation at source, on-site processing wherever possible, and handing over waste to authorized collectors only. The fine was accompanied by a strict directive for immediate compliance, with a warning that further violations could lead to more severe penalties or action.

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A Game for All Generations : The tournament was more than just a sporting contest—it was a celebration of unity through sport. Whether it was

teens taking their first steps into competitive sports or seniors defying age with skill and enthusiasm, pickleball proved to be a common ground for all. Chief Guest Mahesh Chauhan, President of BJP Noida, lauded the event’s spirit and even joined the players on court. “This game is unique because it connects people of all ages. I appeal to Noida residents to adopt it not just for competition but as a fitness activity,” said Chauhan.

Om Pawar, an 18-year-old prodigy from Delhi, impressed with his dominance:

- Gold in Open Men’s Singles
- Silver in Open Men’s Doubles (with Rakesh Bansal)
- Silver in Open Mixed Doubles (with Sonia Kaur)

“I started playing pickleball at the age of 8, introduced by my parents. My dream now is to win at national and

Star Performers The Steal Show

Several players stood out for their exceptional performances: Prabhat Mani Vats, UPA’s Honorary Secretary, was named Player of the Tournament with two golds and one silver:

- Gold in 35+ Men’s Doubles (with Tarun Goswami)
- Gold in 50+ Split Age Mixed Doubles (with Vibha Chaudhary)
- Silver in 35+ Mixed Doubles (with Aditi Joshi)

international levels,” said Pawar. Sandeep Jain (64) partnered with Jaswinder Singh to win Gold in the 50+ Men’s Doubles, proving that passion for sport knows no age.

“The beauty of this sport is its inclusivity—families can play together. I congratulate UPA for such a professional tournament,” Jain remarked.

Winners’ Highlights

- **Open Men’s Singles:** Om Pawar (Gold), Janith Madhok (Silver)

- **Open Women’s Singles:** Ama Goswami (Gold), Manasha Malhotra (Silver)
- **Open Men’s Doubles:** Ishan Premwani & Pritam Sharma (Gold)
- **Open Women’s Doubles:** Divya Tandon & Jyoti Kandhari (Gold)
- **Open Mixed Doubles:** Ishan Premwani & Alka Kansal (Gold)
- **35+ Men’s Singles:** Apoorv Vats (Gold)
- **50+ Men’s Singles:** Jaswinder Singh (Gold)
- **50+ Men’s Doubles:** Sandeep Jain & Jaswinder Singh (Gold)

Pickleball’s Growing Momentum in India

Since its inception in October 2022, the Universal Pickleball Association has been instrumental in promoting the sport across Uttar Pradesh. With new courts emerging in Noida and the Delhi-NCR region, pickleball is fast evolving from a niche activity to a mainstream fitness and sporting pursuit. As the UPA Independence Cup concluded with cheers, handshakes, and heartfelt camaraderie, one message rang clear—pickleball is here to stay, connecting generations, communities, and champions in one inclusive court.

Paras Tierra passes a no-confidence motion against the AOA board

Noida: The General Body Meeting (G.B.M.) of the Paras Tierea Apartment Owners Association (AOA) located in Sector 137 of Noida was held today, August 31, 2025, in the presence of police forces. The meeting started at 10:30 AM, with more than 134 members present, including the current board. The meeting was chaired by the current president Vikrant Mahajan; however, the atmosphere became tense due to unsatisfactory responses to serious questions raised by the members, ultimately leading to a vote of no confidence against the board. Key issues raised in the meeting Demand for the resignation of the board concerning the brawl incident at the GBM on July 20, 2025. Demand for withdrawal of false police cases against six AOA members. Discontent over the lack of decisive GBM meetings in the last 9 months and no proposals being passed. Illegal extortion through the Xenius App without proposals (for facade and lift modernization). Allegations of unilateral agreements and decisions made to benefit the builder. Secretive sale of the society’s scrap. No concrete solutions to electricity and water problems. Accusation against board member Vishal Ghai of avoiding action on serious electricity theft allegations.

Monsoon Season Triggers Spike in Typhoid and Hepatitis A Cases Across Cities

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Noida: With the onset of the monsoon season, health officials have reported a significant rise in typhoid and hepatitis A infections, linked primarily to contaminated drinking water and unhygienic food consumption. Medical experts warn residents to exercise caution and follow strict hygiene practices to prevent these serious illnesses.

Why Are Typhoid and Hepatitis A Cases Rising?

The monsoon rains often lead to flooding and waterlogging, causing sewage and drinking water supplies to mix in many areas. This contamination creates an ideal environment for the bacteria *Salmonella typhi* (causing typhoid) and the hepatitis A virus to spread rapidly.

Dr. Anjali Verma, an infectious disease specialist at Noida General Hospital, explained, “During monsoon, the risk of waterborne diseases spikes

Precautionary Measures Recommended

Health authorities emphasize the importance of the following steps during the rainy season:

- Drink only boiled or filtered water.
- Avoid street food and consume freshly cooked meals.
- Wash hands thoroughly with soap before eating or cooking.
- Ensure fruits and vegetables are cleaned properly.
- Get vaccinated for hepatitis A if possible.



dramatically. Contaminated water and improperly washed or stored food act as vehicles for these infections.”

Symptoms and Impact : Typhoid symptoms include prolonged high fever, weakness, stomach pain, headache, and loss of appetite. If untreated, it can cause serious complications. Hepatitis A often starts with fatigue, nausea, abdominal discomfort, and jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). It affects liver function and requires medical attention.

“Both diseases are preventable with proper hygiene and early medical

intervention,” Dr. Verma added. Municipal officials have ramped up water quality monitoring and sanitation drives to minimize contamination risks.

Government and Community Actions : In response to the rising cases, local bodies in Noida and neighboring areas have launched awareness campaigns about waterborne diseases. Free medical camps have been set up to provide testing and treatment facilities. Resident Sanjay Mehta said, “We are cautious this year and making sure to boil water and avoid street vendors during the rains.”

Hearing Loss : India’s Silent Epidemic Demands Urgent Public Health Attention

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Noida News: Hearing loss is emerging as one of India’s most overlooked yet rapidly growing public health issues. Often dismissed or diagnosed too late, this "silent epidemic" affects millions across the country, with health experts now calling for urgent action in the form of mass awareness campaigns, universal screenings, and accessible hearing care services.

Over 63 Million Indians Affected

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), approximately 6.3% of India's population — around 63 million people — suffer from significant hearing impairment. Despite this staggering figure, the issue remains under-recognized and underreported. Experts warn that without stronger intervention strategies, these numbers are set to rise steeply, affecting not only the elderly but also newborns, children, and working-age adults. Globally, more than 466 million people currently experience disabling hearing loss, a number projected to nearly double by 2050. India contributes significantly to this burden, with over 100,000 babies born every year with some form of hearing impairment.

Government Measures and Their Limitations

: The Government of India has introduced several initiatives, including the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Deafness (NPPCD), which now operates in over 580 districts. The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK) also supports early identification of birth defects, including hearing loss. Additionally, the WHO, in collaboration with state governments, has launched school-based screening initiatives that have shown promising results in cities like Mysuru. However, experts argue that while the groundwork exists, implementation is often inconsistent and poorly monitored.

Key Challenges Identified

- Hearing health professionals and advocacy groups highlight several reasons for the crisis:
- **Lack of Early Screening:** India lacks a universal screening system for newborns and school-aged children, often delaying diagnosis until symptoms become severe.
- **Cost and Accessibility:** Hearing aids, cochlear implants, and specialist consultations remain unaffordable for large sections of the population, with limited insurance coverage.
- **Social Stigma:** Many individuals with hearing impairment face discrimination or isolation, leading to poor mental health and reduced quality of life.
- **Noise Pollution:** Increasing urbanization and exposure to high-decibel environments — including traffic, construction, and loud music — contribute significantly to early onset hearing issues.
- **Shortage of Trained Professionals:** A limited number of audiologists and ENT specialists further delay timely diagnosis and intervention.

The Way Forward: What Experts Recommend

To tackle this growing crisis, audiologists, NGOs, and public health officials recommend a multi-pronged approach: Mandatory newborn and school screenings across all states.

- Public awareness campaigns to reduce stigma and promote early diagnosis.
 - Subsidized or free access to hearing aids and assistive devices.
 - Training more audiology professionals to serve both urban and rural populations.
 - Incorporating hearing care into primary healthcare to reach underserved communities.
- Dr. Meenakshi Sharma, an ENT surgeon based in Delhi, stated, “Hearing loss should be treated with the same urgency as vision loss or heart conditions. We need to normalize hearing checks the way we do eye exams.”

Daily Yoga : A Natural Boost for Lifestyle and Metabolism, Say Experts

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In a world dominated by fast food, sedentary habits, and high stress, experts and fitness enthusiasts are turning to an ancient remedy with proven results: daily yoga. More than just a fitness trend, regular yoga practice is being hailed as a powerful tool to enhance metabolism, improve mental health, and transform daily lifestyle. Doctors, wellness coaches, and yoga instructors across India are encouraging people of all ages to incorporate yoga into their daily routines—not just for flexibility or weight loss, but to bring long-term balance to both body and mind

Yoga’s Role in Improving Metabolism

Metabolism refers to the rate at which the body burns calories for energy. Slow metabolism can lead to fatigue, weight gain, digestive issues, and other health problems. “Certain yoga asanas like Surya Namaskar, Bhujangasana, and Naukasana directly stimulate the thyroid gland, liver, pancreas, and digestive organs, which are crucial for maintaining metabolic balance,” said Dr. Priyanka

Arora, a holistic wellness expert based in Noida.

Unlike high-impact workouts that can be harsh on the joints, yoga offers a gentle yet effective way to regulate hormones, increase circulation, and improve digestive fire, all of which help boost metabolic activity.

More Than Just Physical Fitness

Apart from metabolism, daily yoga has been linked to improved sleep, reduced anxiety, better posture, and enhanced lung capacity. According to a 2025 wellness survey conducted by the National Institute of Naturopathy, over 60% of daily yoga practitioners reported improved energy levels, better food choices, and reduced reliance on medication after just three months of consistent practice. “Yoga brings discipline into your life. It teaches mindfulness, which naturally helps people control cravings, reduce emotional eating, and sleep better—factors that all contribute to a healthier lifestyle,” noted Ankit Sharma, a certified yoga instructor in Greater Noida.



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Samsung Launches Galaxy Book5 in India : Affordable AI-Powered Laptop with Premium Features

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Gautam Buddh Nagar: Samsung has launched its latest laptop, the Galaxy Book5, in India, bringing cutting-edge AI features and powerful performance at an affordable price point. The launch marks the company’s efforts to make advanced computing more accessible to Indian consumers, especially students, professionals, and hybrid workers.

The Galaxy Book5 was officially unveiled this week as part of Samsung’s growing laptop ecosystem, powered by Intel’s new Core Ultra processors with built-in AI capabilities. It is designed to offer premium features, productivity tools, and long battery life without a hefty price tag.

Samsung’s Vision for Accessible AI Computing : According to Samsung India, the launch of Galaxy Book5 aligns with its goal to democratize AI-powered productivity. The device’s Neural Processing Unit (NPU) allows users to experience faster, on-device AI

Key Specifications and Features

- **Display:** 15.6-inch Full HD anti-glare screen, with optional AMOLED panel for select variants.
- **Processor:** Available in Intel Core Ultra 5 and Ultra 7 variants, offering up to 40% better performance and energy efficiency.
- **AI Tools:** Equipped with Galaxy AI eatures such as AI Photo Remaster, Transcript Assist, and Circle to Search to enhance productivity and creativity.
- **Battery:** 61.2Wh battery with up to 19 hours of video playback, making it ideal for on-the-go use.
- **Ecosystem Integration:** Seamless connectivity with other Samsung Galaxy devices through Multi Control, Quick Share, and Second Screen features.
- **Security:** Comes with built-in Samsung Knox for enterprise-level protection.

Pricing & Availability

Galaxy Book5 is available in two variants:

- **Core Ultra 5 model:** ₹77,990
- **Core Ultra 7 model:** ₹87,990

Samsung has also launched premium models in the same series: Galaxy Book5 360 (convertible): ₹1,14,990
● **Galaxy Book5 Pro:** ₹1,31,990
● **Galaxy Book5 Pro 360:** ₹1,55,990

Buyers can avail up to ₹10,000 cash-back, 24-month no-cost EMI, student discounts, and bundled offers like discounted Galaxy Buds3 Pro.



computing without relying on cloud connectivity. This not only boosts speed and security but also helps conserve battery life. “With the Galaxy Book5, we are making powerful AI computing

accessible to more people. It offers everything today’s users need – power, portability, intelligence and seamless Galaxy ecosystem connectivity,” said a Samsung India spokesperson at launch.

Reliance Jio Unveils AI-Powered Smart Eyewear ‘JioFrames’ at AGM 2025

Noida : In a significant expansion of its consumer tech portfolio, Reliance Jio has officially entered the smart eyewear market with the launch of ‘JioFrames’, a pair of AI-powered smart glasses unveiled during the company’s 48th Annual General Meeting (AGM). The device is positioned to rival Meta’s Ray-Ban smart glasses and is designed with a strong focus on Indian users and real-world utility. The announcement was made by Akash Ambani, Chairman of Reliance Jio Infocomm, who described JioFrames as “a hands-free, AI-powered companion designed for the way India lives, works, and plays.”

Key Features of JioFrames:

- **Multilingual AI Assistant:** Supports multiple Indian languages, making interaction seamless for users across linguistic backgrounds.
- **Built-in Camera:** Allows users to take HD photos and videos and livestream content, which is backed up on the Jio AI Cloud.
- **Hands-Free Calling & Audio:** Open-ear speakers let users make calls, listen to music or attend meetings while remaining aware of their surroundings.
- **Real-Time Translation:** Facilitates live translation between Indian languages—a major boost for cross-regional communication.
- **AI-Powered Assistance:** Includes features like recipe guides, book summaries, travel suggestions, and

more for daily support.
● **Fitness & Wellness Tools:** Offers tracking and AI-generated wellness suggestions.
While the company has not disclosed the official price or retail availability, interested customers can sign up on the JioFrames portal to receive updates.

A Part of Larger AI Ecosystem

JioFrames is one of several AI-driven products revealed during the AGM, reflecting Reliance’s growing investment in artificial intelligence. Other launches included:
● **Riya:** A voice-based AI assistant for entertainment.
● **JioPC:** An affordable AI-powered computing solution.
● **JioLens and JioStar:** New AI-enabled platforms for content and productivity.

Industry Response & Outlook : With the introduction of JioFrames, Reliance has sent a strong signal about its commitment to integrating AI into daily life, particularly tailored for the Indian market. Analysts see this as a strategic step to tap into the growing wearables sector while bridging the tech accessibility gap in India. As AI-driven wearables gain traction globally, JioFrames could emerge as a locally designed, affordable alternative that brings smart technology closer to the average Indian consumer.

VinFast VF6 & VF7 to Launch in India on September 6 : Vietnam’s EV Giant Enters Indian Market

Noida: Vietnamese electric vehicle manufacturer VinFast is set to officially debut in India with the launch of its two electric SUVs — the VF6 and VF7 — on September 6, 2025. This move marks a significant milestone in India’s EV journey, as VinFast expands beyond Vietnam to tap into the rapidly growing Indian electric vehicle segment.
The launch will take place just months after VinFast inaugurated its first manufacturing facility in India, located in Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu. With an initial investment of \$500 million, the plant is part of a broader \$2 billion commitment to the Indian market.

What to Expect from the VF6 and VF7
VinFast VF6
Segment: Compact electric SUV
Battery: 59.6 kWh
Range: Up to 480 km
Power: 174–204 bhp
Features: 12.9-inch touchscreen, panoramic sunroof, vegan leather interiors, Level 2 ADAS, dual-zone climate control
Expected Price: ₹20–25 lakh
VinFast VF7
Segment: Midsize electric SUV
Battery: 70.8 kWh
Range: Up to 450 km (FWD) and 431 km (AWD)
Power: 201–350 bhp
Features: 15-inch display (in higher variant), Level 2 ADAS, HUD, wireless charging, premium cabin
Expected Price: ₹25–30 lakh

Both vehicles are designed with an India-centric

approach, offering high range, modern features, and competitive pricing.
Local Manufacturing, Jobs & Dealers : VinFast’s Tamil Nadu plant is expected to initially produce 50,000 units annually, with scope to increase production up to 150,000 units. The facility will also generate approximately 3,500 jobs, aligning with the Indian government’s Make-in-India initiative. VinFast has already onboarded 13 dealer groups, aiming to open 35 dealerships across 27 cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, and Chennai.
Pre-Bookings Open: Pre-bookings for the VF6 & VF7 began in July, with a Rs. 21,000 fully refundable token amount. Both SUVs will be delivered from the end of 2025 in a phased rollout.
Strategic Move into Competitive EV Segment: With the VF6 and VF7, VinFast is entering a competitive landscape currently dominated by Tata Motors, Mahindra, Hyundai, and MG. The VF6 will compete with the upcoming Tata Curvv EV and MG ZS EV, while the VF7 will take on the Mahindra XUV.e8 and Tata Harrier EV.
Launch Day Anticipation : All eyes are now on September 6, when official pricing and delivery details will be revealed. With its premium features, aggressive pricing, and strong backing, VinFast aims to become a serious player in India’s EV revolution.

for departures and Rs. 420 for arrivals (taxes extra). The airport operator had asked for these charges to be applicable for the first three years, but AERA has cleared them only for the opening year (FY26) and will review later.
Passenger Projections: About 60 lakh flyers are expected this fiscal. Of this, 94% will be domestic passengers (around 57 lakh), and the remaining 3 lakh are expected to be international. By FY29, this capacity will rise to 1.7 crore.
With more terminals and runways planned, the airport is projected to become India’s largest, handling 12 crore passengers per annum—making it one of the busiest airports globally.



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