

WEATHER

FORECAST

Generally cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers

SUNRISE: 5:35 am

SUNSET: 7:20 pm

TEMPERATURE

DELHI

Max: 35°C Min: 27°C

GURUGRAM

Max: 34°C Min: 27°C

FARIDABAD

Max: 34°C Min: 27°C

NOIDA

Max: 31°C Min: 26°C

HELPLINE

Emergency response: 112

Women Helpline: 1091

Special cell (Northeast): 1093

Missing person: 1094

Vigilance: 1064

Senior citizens: 1291

Cyber complaints: 1930

Traffic issues: 1095



Cybercrime on the rise, 79 fall prey every day in Gurugram

SANJAY YADAV

GURUGRAM, JULY 17 Cybercrime cases are on the rise as more than 79 people in Gurugram fall victim to cyber frauds every day. As many as 11,195 cybercrime complaints have been filed in the five months of the year (January to May).

The cyber criminals defrauded around Rs 80 crore in these past five months. In the first five months of last year, this figure was close to Rs 18 lakh. The local police said that they are working on both prevention and detection.

A senior police officer said that a new trend has started in cybercrime cases. While banking fraud, fraud through social networking sites like Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and Twitter and website-hacking cases are common, cyber criminals now focus on task fraud through work from home.

To offer quick money through tasks like sharing and liking videos in the beginning and later, asking victims to invest money in tasks, they dupe people. People — in the



A cyber awareness session organised by the Gurugram police. FILE

WORRYING TREND

	2022*	2023*
Complaints	5,249	11,195
FIR registered	33	198
Number of arrests	116	290
Amount defrauded	₹18 cr	₹79 cr
Foreigners arrested	1	21

*January to May

greed of quick money — land into the net easily. Nowadays, most cases being reported relate to task frauds.

According to police data in these five months, a total of 11,195 complaints regarding cyber crimes were registered. Last year, in the same duration, 5,249 complaints were

registered.

While 198 cases were registered this year, 33 cases were registered last year. In the five months of last year, the police arrested 116 cyber criminals, but this year, the police have arrested 290 cyber criminals, including 21 foreigners.

"In the main cases now, task fraud, work from home, sextortion, duping through matrimonial sites, fake ads and other banking frauds like KYC, increasing of credit limit, fraud on pretext of electricity bill are trending. Nowadays, cyber criminals offer work from home and good return on investment. People have also become aware and immediately report these to cyber crime police stations," said Raj Kumar Yadav, cyber security officer.

While cyber criminals defrauded a total of Rs 79,98,03,299, the police recovered Rs 2,90,12,137; 340 Euros and \$2,000 from the accused in these five months.

"Cyber crime concerns awareness. We have conducted 73 training sessions and 119 awareness programmes to educate the general public to save them from cyber crime. We have arrested 290 cyber criminals in these five months. More than 170 raids were conducted outside Haryana and 68 raids were conducted within Haryana," Siddhant Jain, DCP (cyber) told *The Tribune*.

SC asks CM, L-G to rise above bickering over DERC chief's post

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NEW DELHI, JULY 17

As appointment of a new Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) Chairperson continues to hang fire, the Supreme Court on Monday asked Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena to rise above political bickering and finalise the name of the power regulator after discussing names of former judges for the post.

"Should everything work through the modalities of the Supreme Court? Can the L-G and the government sit down and decide on the name for Chairperson of DERC? They're constitutional functionaries. They have to rise above political bickering... They have to give an agreed name... If both of them sit together and talk to each other, I am sure this can be resolved," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud who headed a three-judge Bench.

The Bench — which also included Justice PS Narasimha and Justice Manoj Misra — asked senior counsel AM Singhvi for

SIT TOGETHER & TALK

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the Delhi Government and senior counsel Harish Salve for the L-G to apprise Kejriwal and Saxena of the court's advice and posted the matter for consideration on Thursday.

The Delhi Government has challenged the appointment of former Allahabad High Court judge Umesh Kumar as the DERC Chairperson. The L-G appointed him as the new DERC Chairperson after the promulgation of an ordinance in May that gave wider powers to him in such appointments.

Apart from Justice Kumar's appointment as DERC Chairperson, the Delhi Government has also challenged Section 45D of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023 which enabled the L-G to appoint the DERC Chairman.

On July 4, the top court had

put on hold the administering of oath of office to Justice Kumar as it agreed to examine the constitutional validity of a provision of the Centre's recent ordinance governing appointments such as that of the DERC Chairperson. It had also issued notice to the Centre and Delhi Lieutenant Governor on Delhi Government's challenging the June 22 notification appointing Justice Kumar as DERC Chairperson.

Earlier, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal approved the appointment of Justice Rajeev Shrivastava (retired) as the next Chairperson of the DERC. However, the file was returned by L-G Vinai Saxena with a recommendation to consult the Delhi High Court Chief Justice for the appointment. Later, the Delhi Government approached the top court on April 12, blaming the Lieutenant Governor for delaying the appointment.

3 get life imprisonment for shooting woman

GURUGRAM, JULY 17

The court of Additional Sessions Judge Sunil Kumar Dewan today sentenced three convicts to life imprisonment for shooting a 65-year-old woman, Sudha, over a land dispute. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1 lakh each on the convicts. In default of the payment of fine, they will have to under-

go additional imprisonment of a year. The convicts have been identified as Fazilpur resident Krishan, Dinesh, alias Monu, and Rohtak resident Dinesh, alias Danny, and a minor.

The FIR was registered in the Sector 56 police station on July 16 in 2017 for attempt to murder. Later, Section of murder was added. — OC

Yamuna again on rise; not a threat, says govt

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NEW DELHI, JULY 17

After a drop, the water level in the Yamuna river is rising again. The water level in Yamuna rose from 205.52m on Sunday to 205.94m on Monday evening. It is expected to cross 206m by Monday night.

Delhi minister Atishi said rainfall in some areas of neighbouring Haryana was causing the slight increase in the water level. Quoting the Central Water Commission, Atishi said they expect the level to reach 206.1m by tonight.

Atishi said that people in Delhi were not in danger because of it. But she appealed to people staying at relief shelters not to return

home till the water level gets below the danger mark - 205.33m.

Notably, the river reached an all-time high of 208.66m at 6 pm on July 13, flooding low-lying parts of the city.

"All Delhi government departments have been instructed to constantly monitor the situation in the aftermath of flooding in the national capital," Delhi Health Minister Saurabh Bhardwaj said.

He also said that cases of conjunctivitis and skin allergy were mostly being reported from relief camps set up in various parts of Delhi.

Bhardwaj said that the risk of vector-borne diseases such as dengue, chikungunya and malaria has also increased. "Although there is no visible



People stand in a queue to collect food at a relief camp in New Delhi on Monday. MANAS RANJAN BHUI

trend of these diseases currently, the Delhi Government has already taken proactive measures to address the situation," said Bhardwaj.

Bhardwaj, on Monday, visit-

ed Swami Dayanand Hospital in Shahdara and Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital in Khichripur. He directed officials to admit patients with symptoms of dengue,

chikungunya and malaria from the relief camps to the Disaster Management Ward built at the hospital campuses where their condition could be monitored.

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Arms suppliers arrested with 15 pistols in Delhi

NEW DELHI, JULY 17

Three men were arrested with 15 pistols in their possession meant to be supplied to criminals here, the police said on Monday.

The accused have been identified as Prashant Meena, 21, and Kamal Meena, 27, both residents of Dholpur in Rajasthan, and a 23-year-old Gagan Saraswat, who is from Mathura in UP, they said.

Nine semi-automatic pistols with 18 magazines and six single-shot pistols were seized from them, they said. — PTI

G'gram varsity ex-dean held for sexual harassment

GURUGRAM, JUNE 17

Dr Dhirender Kaushik, who was the Dean of the pharmaceutical wing of Gurugram University, was arrested today. He was booked for the alleged sexual exploitation of a woman assistant professor on April 29 and was since absconding, said the police.

On Monday afternoon, Dr Kaushik visited the university campus and the police was informed about it. A team led by inspector Suman Sura, SHO of Women Police Station, Sector 51, conducted a raid, but the accused managed to leave the university. The police team finally nabbed him while he was moving about in a car.



Dr Dhirender Kaushik

"The accused had earlier filed an anticipatory bail petition in a city court, which was rejected. We are questioning him and he will be produced in a court tomorrow," said Virender Vij, DCP traffic, and crime against women.

As per a complaint filed by the assistant professor, she was repeatedly abused and molested by Dr Kaushik since Janu-

ary 2023. She would avoid him many times, and he tried to humiliate and harass her.

"On April 21, he came to my class and started shouting at me for no fault of mine. He again pressured me to bow down to his sexual desires. He also issued a memo to me for switching my lecture timings. Once, I got 15 minutes late due to a traffic jam. Thereafter, Dr Kaushik repeatedly tried to physically abuse me. When I threatened to lodge a complaint, he said nobody can touch him," read the complaint.

On April 28, he summoned her to a clerk's room on the first floor without assigning any reason and started shout-

ing at her. He allegedly threatened to get her services terminated. She then finally approached the police.

An FIR was registered against Dr Kaushik under Sections 354-A and 506 of the IPC on April 29.

On behalf of the accused's lawyer, an anticipatory bail petition was filed in the court on June 14, arguing that he had been implicated. Opposing the application, it was argued on behalf of the prosecution that the accused tried to delete the footage of the CCTV camera installed on the campus. After listening to both sides, the court of Additional Sessions Judge Tarun Singal rejected the bail plea. — OC

Nuh girls to press for women's varsity as CM visits town today

SUMEDHA SHARMA

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GURUGRAM, JULY 17

With CM Manohar Lal Khattar slated to visit Nuh tomorrow, thousands of girls want him to grant their long-pending wish — a women's university.

The girls of over 300 villages supported by the local panchayat have already moved the PMO and Haryana CM seeking realisation of 'Beti Padhao' (teach the girl child) in an area that requires it the most.

Nuh district figures amongst one of the most backward districts of the country with poor female literacy rate. Due to conservative background, sending girls to coeducational institu-



TOWARDS ENPOWERMENT: Girls and women from 300 villages attend a meeting in Nuh.

tions or away from homes are still taboo. This leads to over 60 per cent of girls dropping out after school and not pursuing graduation.

So, the women — hailing from over 300 villages — have no joined hands and demanded a university. The girls have even

approached the local panchayats that too are convinced about the demand. They have taken up the cause and written to the PMO, seek-

ing help.

"My cousin, whose father is a lawyer in Nuh town, scored way less than me in graduation. But she was sent to AMU. Going there is a complete no in our village. I am meritorious and ambitious. I want to pursue PhD but with no access to post-graduation, I won't be able to do it. It's a sad truth but here in Nuh, graduation is just a way to get dowry reduced. Having a university in Nuh will change the scenario for women. We are going from panchayat to panchayat seeking support to get the CM and PM to fulfil our demand," says Rubika of Jalal Ferozpur.

Social activists and founder of 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign Sunil Jaglan is spear-

heading the cause. Jaglan says that Nuh is the district where 'Beti Padao, Beti Bachao' is most required.

"The women here are amongst the most backward and need maximum support. If this wish is granted, it will revolutionise the entire district. We have been writing to PMO and CM and hope for support," says Jaglan.

The girls are getting support from local women Sarpanches. "Getting an educated woman Sarpanch, even a matriculate, has changed the fate of many villages. Imagine what we can get when our girls become post-graduate. We are striving to get higher education for our daughters," adds Arsina, Sarpanch of Muradbad.