Three people were in the lift. The injured—Ashish and sister Minakshi—were taken to a nearby hospital. Ashish suffered scratches, "Chugh said. After lunch, six of my family members got into the lift. The inquest has been registered. Further investigation is in progress. Though the incident happened swiftly, we have received complaints from residents alleging that the lift’s maintenance is shoddy. It seems the lift crashed because of a voltage fluctuation or a fault in the lever, an official, begged to differ. "It was a glitch, a few days ago. It is an ongoing maintenance problem," an RWA official said. The lift is taken to the basement. Soon, smoke filled the lift. We pressed the button but none responded. The lift descended steadily till the second floor. Then it picked up speed and went on to the basement. We managed to get out of the lift. The incident sparked a war of words between the residents’ welfare association (RWA) and the builder of the complex. "The builder is responsible for the RWA, said the contractor for maintenance, who was present at the site. "The builder has been resisting that," a police officer said. "They are not fulfilling their responsibility to the RWA. But the RWA is not responsible for the maintenance, they have to do that."

The Delhi government will be ‘power island’ by January 2013. The Despatch Centre will have the CCGT (20MW). Bawana CCGT (600MW), BTPS-Dadri-Jajjhar-Pragati (2,315MW), and various others will be operational by January 2013. This will help Delhi to be ‘power island’ much before mid-2013 deadline. Hospitals and the airports will be the first to get the services. The facility will ensure uninterrupted power supply to essential services such as Delhi Metro and other experiments.

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IN THE early 1500s, when Italian traveller Ludovico di Varthema reached West Asia, he decided to head southeast from Persia. Varthema reached Diu in 1506 and journeyed through the western coast — Kutch, Chaul, Goa, Mangalore, Kozhikode and Kochi.

This venture became a part of his travelogue — Itinerario di Ludovico di Varthema Bolognese (Itinerary of Ludovico di Varthema) — that was published in Rome in 1550. It is one of the earliest European accounts of India.

The book has come to Delhi for the first time — and currently being displayed at an exhibition titled ‘Voyages to India of Ludovico di Varthema’ at National Archives of India. The exhibition is part of the 12th Italian Language Week in the World.

It was inaugurated on Wednesday by Musherul Hasan, member of National Commission for Minorities, and Eugenio Lo Sardo, Director of Archivio di Stato di Roma (State Archive of Rome).

The exhibition is a collaboration between National Archives of India and Istituto Italiano di Cultura, New Delhi. It comprises excerpts of Varthema’s book with illustrations.

“The book has come to Delhi for the first time. It is displayed at an exhibition, titled ‘Voyages to India of Ludovico di Varthema’, at National Archives of India. The exhibition will be on till October 31. It was an immensely successful travel book of love, princes, sex and conversations in India. Now, the book has 47 editions in 20 different languages," said Sardo, who played a big part in bringing Varthema’s work to India. Sardo gifted a reprint of the first edition to Hasan.

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He witnessed various events including the Battle of Diu (1500) between the Portuguese and Turks. Most of his observations, however, are about society and people.

In Karnataka, for instance, he wrote about the practice of sati and noted that women were forced into the practice.

He also wrote about converted communities such as “Melakkar Jews” and “Melakkar Christians”, and spices, elephants, crops, gods, weddings, caste and social systems.

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