



## CHANDIGARH

Petrol / Ltr. Rs: 94.24/-  
Diesel / Ltr. Rs: 82.40/-  
LPG Rs: 812.50/-

## PANCHKULA

Petrol / Ltr. Rs: 95.85/-  
Diesel / Ltr. Rs: 88.67/-  
LPG Rs: 829.50/-

## MOHALI

Petrol / Ltr. Rs: 96.96/-  
Diesel / Ltr. Rs: 87.26/-  
LPG Rs: 812.50/-

## GOLD & SILVER

Rates per gram

24 CARAT GOLD	22 CARAT GOLD
₹73,500/-	₹69,200/-
SILVER	₹90/-

## SUNDER JEWELLERS

SCO 94, Sec. 35-C, Chandigarh  
Phone: (172) 2813902, 5088902



## MOHALI WEATHER 10:30 AM

Temperature 32°C

Sunset: 7:30 PM

Sunday, 30.06.2024  
Sunrise 5:24 AM (IST)

Next Full Moon  
21 July 2024  
Next New Moon  
05 July 2024

## Delhi court reserves order on CBI plea seeking judicial custody of CM Kejriwal in excise policy case



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A court here reserved its order today on the CBI's plea seeking 14-day judicial custody of Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in an excise policy-linked corruption case. Kejriwal was produced in court by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after the expiry of his three-day custodial interrogation. Special Judge Sunena Sharma reserved her order on the plea seeking jail for the AAP

chief. The Delhi chief minister was arrested by the CBI in connection with irregularities in his government's excise policy. On March 21, he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money-laundering case linked to the now-scrapped policy. He was granted bail by a trial court that was stayed by Delhi High Court.

## NEET-UG paper leak case: CBI conducts searches at 7 locations

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The CBI was conducting searches at seven location in Gujarat in the NEET-UG paper leak case, officials said today. They said the operation began in the morning at the premises of suspects spread across four districts -- Anand, Kheda, Ahmedabad and Godhra. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Friday arrested the principal and the vice-principal of a school in Jharkhand's Hazaribagh and a journalist of a Hindi newspaper in connection with the National-Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test - Undergraduate (NEET-UG) paper leak, officials had said. Ehsanul Haque, the principal of Oasis School, was made the city coordinator of Hazaribagh for the medical entrance exam conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on May 5, they said. Vice-principal Imtiaz Alam was designated as the NTA's observer and the centre coordinator for Oasis School, the officials said, adding that the CBI was also questioning five more people from the district in connection with the leak. Jamaluddin Ansari, the journalist, was arrested for allegedly trying to help the principal and the vice-principal, the officials said today. The CBI has registered six FIRs



in the NEET-UG paper leak case, which include its own FIR on a reference from the Union education ministry and five from the states where it took over the investigation. The probe agency has taken over one case each in Bihar and Gujarat and three in Rajasthan. NEET-UG is conducted by the NTA for admissions to MBBS, BDS, AYUSH and other related courses in government and private institutions. This year's exam was conducted on May 5 at 4,750 centres in 571 cities, including 14 abroad. More than 23 lakh candidates had appeared for the test. The first CBI FIR was registered on June 23, a day after the ministry announced it would hand over the probe into the alleged irregularities in the conduct of the exam to the central agency.

## AAP holds protest near BJP's headquarters. demands Delhi CM Kejriwal's release



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** AAP leaders and workers held a protest near the BJP's headquarters on DDU Marg to demand the release of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently in CBI custody. Kejriwal was arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in connection with the Delhi government's excise policy. On March 21, he was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in a money-laundering case linked to the now-scrapped policy. He was granted bail by a trial court that was stayed by Delhi High Court. The protesters assembled at the AAP office close to the BJP headquarters on DDU Marg and raised

slogans against the saffron party while demanding Kejriwal's release. They also carried placards against the "misuse" of central agency and for ending "dictatorship". According to a senior police officer, arrangements were made to stop the protesters from marching towards the BJP headquarters since no permission was taken for the protest. Barricades have been put up and paramilitary personnel deployed at the site to stop the protesters, the officer said. If required, the protesters might be detained as Section 144 of the CrPC has already been imposed at DDU Marg, he added.

## Om Birla's comments on Emergency not apt. don't suit stature of Lok Sabha Speaker- Sharad Pawar

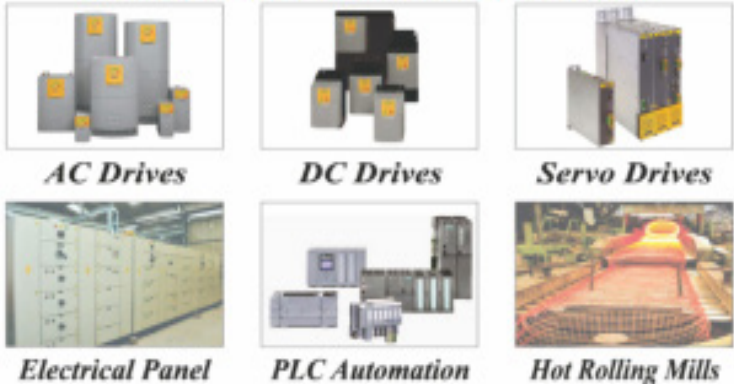
### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Kolhapur :** NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar today said the reference to Emergency made by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in his speech was not apt and did not suit the stature of his post. Addressing reporters here, Pawar also said the sops announced in the budget presented by his estranged nephew and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, was just an effort ahead of the state assembly polls to project that they are doing something massive. Soon after his election as Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla on Wednesday set off a firestorm by reading out a resolution condemning the imposition of Emergency as an attack on the Constitution by the then prime minister Indira Gandhi. Referring to it, Pawar said, "The speaker's reference to the Emergency in his address did not suit the stature of the post. It has been 50 years since the Emergency, Indira Gandhi is no longer alive. So why is the speaker bringing up this issue now?" "Is it the role of the speaker to make a political statement? We think his statement was not apt. The President's speech also had a brief mention of this issue. That was also not necessary," he said. On Rahul Gandhi taking the Leader of Opposition's post, Pawar said the party with the most number of MPs in the Opposition gets to decide the Leader of Opposition. "The MPs of the Congress decided to make Rahul Gandhi their leader. In one way, this is a representation from the new generation with a background in politics, and a willingness to put in tremendous effort. I am sure he will shine," he said. Pawar hit out at the BJP, saying that before making statements on Congress-mukt Bharat, the BJP should take note of how many seats it had before the Lok Sabha polls and how many it has after this election. "The BJP does not have a majority in Par-



liament. Without Nitish Kumar and Chandrababu Naidu, they would not have formed a government. Regardless of how much they try to hide it, the truth is clear - they do not have a clear mandate from the people of India," the veteran leader claimed. On the state budget, he said, "What kind of a budget was this? Free education to girls, Rs 20,000 rupees for each 'dindi' (group) of the Pandharpur wari (pilgrimage) - everything was out in the public before it was presented in the Vidhan Bhavan. It has two meanings - the tradition of keeping the budget under wraps has not been maintained and none of the provisions presented in the budget will see the light of day. This budget has been presented keeping in mind the assembly elections due in 3 months. There is no budgetary provision for the promises made in the budget. How can I spend Rs 100 when I have Rs 70 in my pocket? This budget is only meant to show that we are doing something massive, but I am sure that people will not believe this, he asked. Speaking on the speculation that MLAs from the Ajit Pawar faction returning back to his party, Pawar said, "(Party's state unit chief) Jayant Patil and others are aware of this. I have not met anyone in person. Let's see who comes. Do you have a list of names?"

## ENGINEERING YOUR SUCCESS



**Wonder Systems India Pvt Ltd.**  
Cell : +91-98140-12597, 92166-12597  
Plot No. E-192, Indl. Area, Sec. 74, SAS Nagar, Mohali - (Pb)  
E-Mail : ks@wondersystemsindia.com  
www.wondersystemsindia.com

For our valuable Readers, If you want to share any News, Information, Grievances, or inputs etc with us, please send us on our

Whatsapp Number: 8968900999

or send an e-mail to: theamansandeshtimes@gmail.com

Note: Your name and identity will be kept confidential if you wish for.

Amarjit Singh  
075890-90001  
093161-30691

Jasvinder Singh  
98148-39124

## Bajaj Associates (Regd.)

PROPERTY & INVESTMENT CONSULTANTS  
(GMADA APPROVED)

Office : S.C.F. 28, Phase 5, Near Punjab & Sindh Bank  
S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali) - 160059 (INDIA)  
Tel : 0172-2260750, 2226643

E-mail : bajajassociates@yahoo.com



## T20 World Cup: What happens if rain washes out India vs South Africa final in Barbados?

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

India are set to play South Africa in the final of the T20 World Cup 2024 today, 29 June. The match is expected to be affected by rain in Barbados, much like it was against England in the semi-finals at Guyana. The International Cricket Council had 250 minutes of added time reserved for the semi-final because the match did not have any reserve day attached to it. But what about the final? What is going to happen if rain washes out play on 29 June at Kensington Oval, Barbados? The match is expected to begin at 10:30 AM local time, but the game is expected to be heavily curtailed by rain. As per the ICC guideline for the game, the added time is set to remain the same as the semi-final of the tournament. Meaning that a full game can happen even after a 4-hour 10-minute delay from the start time. In Indian Standard time, this means that a full 20 overs per side game can begin at 12:10 AM.

The ICC rules state that the aim for the organisers will be to finish the game today itself, even if the final is not a full 20-over game.

"If play is interrupted on the scheduled day, the umpires shall use the available extra time and, if necessary, reduce the number of overs to try to achieve a result on that day. In making their decisions in relation to ground, weather and light, the umpires shall aim to maximise play on the sched-



uled day of the match in order to achieve a result on that day, as if there was no Reserve Day available," the ICC guidelines state.

A result can only happen if both teams play a minimum of 10 overs each. If the rain does not allow play to happen at all, then the match will be shifted to Sunday, 30 June.

"Each team must have had the opportunity to bat for a minimum of ten (10) overs for a result to be achieved. If play

has not resumed by the cut-off time required to allow the minimum number of overs to be bowled to achieve a result on the scheduled day, play shall be abandoned for the day and the Reserve Day shall be used to either complete or replay the match," ICC guidelines state.

In case the final between India and South Africa is interrupted midway due to rain, then the ICC has a choice of extending the match to the next day. A full game of 20 overs will happen if the match is stopped before the first ball of the second innings is bowled.

However, if the first over of the match is bowled in the second innings, then the DLS

rules will apply.

"If the Reserve Day is used to continue an incomplete match the Reserve Day shall be used. On the Reserve Day, play shall recommence under the same assumption that the last ball was bowled on the scheduled day. The match starts when the coin toss takes place and teams are exchanged. If the toss occurs on the scheduled day and there is no play thereafter, the result of the toss and the named teams shall be carried through to the Reserve Day," the ICC states.

Example 1: Match starts at 20 overs per side and there is an interruption at 9 overs. Overs are reduced to 17 overs per side and play is about to resume.

Before another ball is bowled it rains and play is abandoned for the day. As the match did not resume under the revised overs, the match should continue on the Reserve Day at the original 20 overs per side with the overs reduced if necessary during the Reserve Day.

Example 2: The same start as in example 1 i.e. match starts at 20 overs per side and there is an interruption at 9 overs. Overs are reduced to 17 overs per side and play is about to resume. This time, play starts and after an over has been bowled it rains and play is abandoned for the day. As the match has resumed, it is continued on the Reserve Day at 17 overs per side with the overs further reduced if necessary during the Reserve Day.

The ICC in its guidelines clearly mentions that they want to finish the final on Saturday, even if it is going to be a rain-curtailed match, affected by the DLS rules. But do not be surprised if the ICC decide to shift the match, 30 June due to a rain delay.



Astro Speak by:  
**Rajesh Kumar**

Birth Date  
**30th June**

**Born on 30th June:** They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality. They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime. This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been. The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

**WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.**

## DEV BHOMI SOLAR SOLUTIONS

Solar Water Heating System, Solar Street Lights, Solar Inverter, Others S.P.V. Systems & Fabrication works

E-139, Industrial Area, Phase-7, S.A.S. Nagar, Mohali - 160055  
[devbhomisolar@gmail.com](mailto:devbhomisolar@gmail.com), [dpsharma5248@gmail.com](mailto:dpsharma5248@gmail.com)

**DP SHARMA**  
**98557-25248**  
**84270-06368**



**Atul Sharma**

 <b>Aries</b> (March 21 - April 19) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Outdoor activities will be tiring and stressful today. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially. Relatives from distant place would contact you today. You can spend a good time with your mother today.	 <b>Taurus</b> (April 20 - May 20) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You can give new heights to your business today. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home.	 <b>Gemini</b> (May 21 - June 20) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Do not eat exposed food as it can make you sick. Your unrealistic planning will lead to paucity of funds. Organize your day carefully- Talk to people you can trust to seek their help. Music of love is heard by those who are into it all the time. Today you will hear that music, which will forget you all the songs of this world.
 <b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 22) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Self-improvement projects will pay off in more than one way- You will feel better and confident about yourself. Your dedication and hard work will get noticed and will bring some financial rewards for you today. Sudden romantic encounter are foreseen today.	 <b>Leo</b> (July 23 - Aug 22) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Tension at home would make you angry. Suppressing them would only increase physical problem. Get rid of it with physical activity. It is better to leave the irritating situation. Period of tension may prevail but family support will help you. Your life-partner had never been so wonderful than today.	 <b>Virgo</b> (Aug 23 - Sep 22) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Avoid high calorie diet to keep yourself fit and fine Even if you keep tackling money issues throughout the day, you are likely to attain profits in the evening. A close relative might demand more attention but would be supportive and caring. Even today you'll feel the same way.
 <b>Libra</b> (Sep 23 - Oct 22) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. Unexpected bills will increase financial burden. Your ability to impress others will bring rewards. You will make your life worth by forgiving your beloved for her past indifference.	 <b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Today you are under magic spell of hope. Don't spend too much on entertainment or cosmetic improvement. A dispute is likely to occur between family members regarding money matters. You should advise all family members to be clear about finances and cashflow.	 <b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Don't allow unwanted thoughts occupy your mind. Try to remain calm and tension free that would enhance your mental toughness. Any uninvited guest can come into your house today, but his/her luck can benefit you financially. You need to be patient with children or those who are less experienced than you are.
 <b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Some of you might be forced to make important decisions today which might make you tensed and nervous. You'll come to understand the fact today that investing often proves to be very beneficial for you, as any old investment made by you an offer profitable returns.	 <b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb 18) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Today you will have ample of the time to do things to improve your health and looks Money position improves as delayed payments are recovered. Visit a relative who has not been keeping to well. Today, you and your love partner will delve into the ocean of love, and will experience the high of love.	 <b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - Mar 20) <b>June 30 th 2024 :</b> Avoid a serious attitude to life Involving yourself in large group will be highly entertaining- but your expenses will take an up-trend. Health of your parents requires extra attention and care. Avoid a hasty step in love. Travelling will not bring immediate results but will lay down good foundation for future benefits.

# WE ARE HIRING

**EXPERIENCED & FRESHERS**

**CONTENT WRITERS  
 REPORTERS | ANCHORS  
 VIDEO EDITORS | CAMERAMAN**

**GOOD SALARY**

**MUST BE FLUENT IN ENGLISH, HINDI, PUNJABI**

**APPLY NOW**

**SEND YOUR CV TO**

**[theamansandeshtimes@gmail.com](mailto:theamansandeshtimes@gmail.com)**

**+91 89689 00999**

**F-78, PHASE 7, INDUSTRIAL AREA, MOHALI, SAS NAGAR**



## 1st Inter Academy Badminton Tournament organized

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** 1st Inter Academy Badminton Tournament is being organized by Badminton Smashers Academy at Swami Ram Tirtha Public School Phase 4 Mohali. In this tournament players from several Badminton Academies are participating. The tournament is being held in both Individual and Team Events in categories – Boys Under 12, Boys Under 16, Girls Under 12, Girls Under 16, Boys Double Under 12 and Double Boys Under 16, Girls Double Under 12 and Double Girls Under 16. Certificates and medals are being given to all participants. Coaches from all participating academies congratulated all the prize winners and extended his gratitude to the referees and the parents of all participants for their enthusiastic participation and meticulous preparation. Atul Sharma Chief Editor The Aman Sandesh Times, while speaking about the tournament said, this tournament highlighted the up-



coming talent, with several young players making their mark and demonstrating potential for future competitions. Throughout the event, participants displayed remarkable sportsmanship, making the tournament a true celebration of the sport. The tournament has set a high stan-

dard for future events, and Badminton Smashers Academy is committed to continuing its support for games and fostering talent in the sport. Plans are already underway for the next event, promising even greater excitement and participation. Final matches in all categories are scheduled to be held tomorrow.

## CBSE Workshop held at Gian Jyoti School

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Gian Jyoti global School, Phase 2 organized CBSE Workshop on focusing on educating parents about the education system at its campus. Around 60 teachers from various schools of Mohali and its adjoining areas participated in various activities to learn how to enhance the students improve upon their skills in Team Work. Various agendas like Problem solving, Empathy, Creativity, Self Expression, Negotiation, Communication, Goal Setting, Self Confidence, Self Reliance, Following Rules and Social Interaction were deliberated at the moment. Key note speaker at the moment was Anjali Sharma, Principal of St. Soldier International School and Shivali Sharma from Gobindgarh Public School. It was a Capacity Building Programme on Life Skills. Anjali Sharma provided an overview of the current education system and discussed the holistic development of students. Shivali Sharma empha-



sized the importance of parental involvement and shared strategies for effective communication between parents and teachers. Gian Jyoti, Principal Gian Jyoti Global School, delivered a vote of thanks, expressing her gratitude to the resource persons and the attending teachers for their enthusiastic participation. She emphasized the importance of such workshops in enhancing the educational experience

for both educators and students. while speaking Gian Jyoti said that we aimed at enhancing teaching and research capabilities of educators. Such program enables the participants to develop competence in general management, understand recent advances in management research, and learn to improve pedagogies, effective presentation techniques, and behavioural skills to be an effective faculty.

## Educators from various schools attended the session

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Brookfield International School, Siswan road hosted a Capacity Building Program for teachers on National Curriculum Framework – Foundational Stage, organized by CBSE. The noted resource persons for the day's workshop were Jasjeet Kaur Jaggi, Director Principal of Silver Wings Universal School and Anuja Sharma, Principal of DAV Model School, Sector 15 Chandigarh. Both resource persons vibrant energy sought to empower teachers with latest tools and strategies and also equipped the foundation educators with the scope and expanse of competencies that need to be multifold and unique to enable holistic development. Around 60 educators from various schools attended the session. The workshop also aimed to provide educators with time-sensitive and cost-effective activity-based practices that can be easily integrated into their classrooms. The workshop was lively and engaging, highlighting the value of activity-based learning, especially in early school. It explored the idea of "Panchakosha Vikas," which highlights the five



stages of a child's development, including the physical, emotional, intellectual, social, and spiritual phases of growth. The programme highlighted how educational activities should be in line with these developmental phases and offered insightful information on how to foster competencies through interesting activities like problem-solving, critical thinking, creativity and social interaction. The practical aspect of this workshop was what distinguished it. Teachers actively participated in the practical exercises including "Greetings," "Paper Crush Ball," and "Pocket Train," Role Play, Portrait Activity, Circle Time, Finger Puppet, Reading Library, Twist the fairy tales and rhymes in today's context, doing away with gender prejudices.

These exercises not only introduced a fun factor but also provided real-world illustrations of how interactive exercises can dramatically improve learning. This event also aimed to enhance teachers' understanding of the NCERT's National Curriculum Framework for School Education, aligning with the new school education structure of '5+3+3+4', which replaces the traditional '10+2' format. President of School Manav single added that Brookfield International School remains committed to provide quality education and continuous professional development for its educators, staying at the forefront of educational advancements.

## Indian Army D5 Motorcycle Expedition Flagged off

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ambala :** A Team of 16 riders, a part of D5 Motorcycle expedition traversing along the Ambala, Amritsar, Jammu, Srinagar onto Kargil War Memorial, Drass was flagged off from Ambala Cantonment by Lieutenant General Rahul R Singh, General Officer Commanding, Kharga Corps today morning. The expedition team which was flagged in at Ambala Cantonment a day prior on 28 June, 2024 by Major General Anoop Shinghal, General Officer Commanding, Deep Strikers Division will now ride to Amritsar (Punjab). Indian Army's D5 (Dinjan, Dhanushkodi, Dwarka, Delhi and Dras) Motorcycle Expedition to commemorate 25th Anniversary of 'Kargil Vijay Diwas - Indian Army's victory over Pakistan' in the 1999 'Kargil War'



was earlier Flagged-off on 12 June 2024 from three corners of the country from Dwarka (West), Dhanushkodi (South) & Dinjan (East). The three teams consisting of total 32 riders in a display of indomitable spirit of Kargil War Heroes in their hearts, after traversing through the vast expanse of the country congregated at Delhi and were flagged off by General Manoj Pande, ADC, Chief of Army Staff from at National War Memorial, Delhi on 27 June, 2024.

The riders beyond Delhi are traversing in two teams with 16 riders each are through two different routes, one along Zojila, Sarchu, Nyoma axis and other through Ambala, Amritsar, Jammu, Srinagar route will reach Kargil War Memorial at Drass on 08 July 2024. At each halt the riders in commemorative events will interact with Veer Naris, veterans, awardees & local community to spread the spirit inclusiveness & patriotism.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### WHO CARES...?

Mohali city continues to remain neglected



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali:** Large quantities of tree leaves and branches can be seen scattered all over the city, covering roads, blocking gullies and clogging drains. Heaps of sand deposited along medians and sides of most of stretches are a common sight in Mohali city. Sources in MC office say lack of sand sweeping vehicles and fewer sanitary workers employed for clearing the sand are to blame for the worsening situation. As per the study Municipal Corporation need more sanitary workers as many commuters have been complaining about sand heaps and dry leaves being lying unattended for long time and added the sand can be swept as part of night cleaning work. Experts while sharing information said Manual sweeping is a menace. If roads are swept physically, it sends dust already settled on the ground back into the air. This proves to be counter-productive, even if we sprinkle water on the streets. The practice should either be put on hold or mechanical sweepers procured soon. Motorists have been facing problems of dust on city roads and streets and several were ending up with complaints of

red and burning eyes, sneezing, cough and allergies. The bad road conditions also were to blame for the dust. "If the roads are in good condition, then even the effort to sweep them also will be more fruitful." But Who Cares??? The National Green Tribunal has directed all municipal corporations and local bodies in NCR and other cities where air quality is 'poor' to ensure that water is sprinkled on roads before sweeping them. A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Goel said the water used should be from sewage treatment plants and not fresh water. "We direct all the Municipal Corporations/Local Bodies in NCR where air quality levels are normally non-compliant and other cities with the air quality 'poor' and above to take necessary steps to ensure sprinkling of water before sweeping of roads," the bench said. It also directed them to take further steps of planting of grass/raising small herbs and shrubs on the sides of the pavements/road shoulders and on open dusty areas, including the areas on the sides of the pavements/right of way.

Water everywhere, Delhi turned into a 'river' after a few hours of rain.

Earlier they were worried about water. now they are worried about water





## 8 years-old boy dies of electrocution. PSPCL officials booked for negligence



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ludhiana :** In a tragic incident, eight-year-old Divyanshu, a resident of Chauri Sadak died after he suffered electric shock while standing in the waterlogged street near his house on Friday. It was suspected that naked hanging wires were submerged in the stagnant rainwater which resulted in the child getting electrocuted.

After the accident, the family had taken the boy to a hospital but he was declared brought dead by the doctors. Later in the night, the family kept the body of Divyanshu on road and held a protest seeking registration of a case against the negligent PSPCL officials. As per the information, Divyanshu was enjoying himself in the rain yesterday when his parents sent him to a nearby shop to buy cheese. When he was wading through the rainwater, he suddenly suffered electric shock and fell unconscious. Divyanshu's sister Sneha said that her brother's birthday falls on June 28 and a day before his birthday, her brother got electrocuted. PSPCL officials must be held responsible because the electricity poles had naked hanging wires which caused current to flow in the stagnant water resulting in the child's loss of life, she said and demanded that the police register a case against senior officials of PSPCL for committing this gross negligence. Deceased boy was student of first standard, his father a rickshaw-puller. Yesterday at night, when the family was staging a protest on road in front of the PSPCL building in Daresi with Divyanshu's body, and demanding action against the PSPCL officials, Assistant Commissioner of Police Akarshi Jain had immediately reached the spot to meet the bereaved

family. The police officer made efforts to convince the protesting family to shift the body to Civil Hospital but the family was adamant that strict action should be taken against the careless officials. The protest lasted for two hours.

Social activists Sacha Yadav, Ashok Thapar, Tribhuvan Thapar etc had also arrived to support the family. The social activists said that three people had died due to electric shock in a single day in the city which included Divyanshu, a married woman and one more person. The promises that the government had made to the people after coming to power have all fallen flat, they claimed.

Instead of giving free electricity to the people, the government should provide electricity at Rs 2 per unit, so that other works of the department can be done from the revenue collected by Powercom. The department also needs to recruit linemen so that faults like naked wires can be rectified on time, they said.

Meanwhile, the residents while condemning PSPCL officials, alleged that many a time, complaints regarding naked hanging wires were lodged but no official came to rectify them. The city still has many spots where such wires invite mishaps and the department should step up and cover these wires failing which more people may lose their lives during the monsoon season.

SHO, Police Division No. 3, Amritpal Sharma said that a case of causing death by negligence was today registered against the unknown PSPCL officials. These officials would be identified and further action would be taken as per law.

## On day one, monsoon pours misery: debris, sludge damage buildings, vehicles



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Shimla :** The first rainfall of the monsoon season has set alarm bells ringing in Shimla. Following heavy rain for over three hours last night, muck and debris entered a couple of buildings and washed away a retaining wall in the lower Mehli locality of the city.

In Malyana, the other peripheral area of the city, three vehicles were buried under the debris. The villagers had to dig out the vehicles from underneath the debris this morning.

The state capital and its surrounding areas received heavy rains; Shimla received 84.3 mm of rain. In Mehli, rainwater and muck entered houses due to the clogged drain along the road. The rainwater rushed onto the road and then, about half a kilometre down the road, the sludge flowed down the slopes into the houses, about 500 m from the road.

"At midnight, we found the balcony of our house covered with sludge and debris. The lower floor was filled completely with muck. We were scared for our lives," said Pushpa Thakur, who has a flat

in the building. "And now look at the debris, where are we going to dump it?" she said, pointing towards a massive heap of rubble.

Kuldeep Singh, whose building was also hit by sludge, said debris had entered their buildings about 10 days ago as well following rainfall in Shimla. "We filed a complaint with the Municipal Corporation and the Public Works Department (PWD) about the problem, but no one paid heed. The agencies kept shifting the onus to each other," he lamented. "It's only when we blocked the road for traffic this morning that administration officials came here," he added.

Malyana residents said that the Public Works Department had dumped debris along the road and the entire muck came down following heavy rain last night, burying three vehicles. "The debris came down at night. Besides damaging vehicles, our natural source of water was also destroyed. The PWD has dumped their debris on the hill slopes," said Kuldeep Thakur, a resident of Malyana.

## AAP holds protest against Delhi CM Kejriwal's arrest

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The Punjab unit of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) today held a protest in Jalandhar district against the arrest of party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal by the CBI.

Several senior state party leaders, including some ministers and MLAs, slammed the Centre over Kejriwal's arrest and accused it of trapping him in "false" cases.

The protesters also burnt the effigy of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, condemning the BJP-led government at the Centre for putting the Delhi chief minister behind bars. Carrying placards that read "stop misuse of ED and CBI" and "release Kejriwal", the AAP protesters raised slogans against the Union government at the protest site.

Kejriwal was on Wednesday arrested by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the Delhi government's excise policy case. He was earlier granted bail by a trial court against a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

A day after his arrest, the AAP had an-



nounced that it would hold a nationwide protest on June 29.

Several ministers, including Balbir Singh, Gurmeet Singh Khuddian, Lal Chand Kataruchak, Kuldeep Singh Dhaliwal, and MP Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer and several MLAs took part in the protest. AAP's candidate for Jalandhar West assembly bypoll Mohinder Bhagat was also present.

Addressing a gathering of protesters, minister Dhaliwal slammed the BJP-led government and alleged the voice of democracy

was being "suppressed".

He accused the BJP of trapping the AAP national convener in "false" cases.

"What happened in the last few days had never happened in the history of the country," said Dhaliwal, referring to Kejriwal's arrest and called it a "shameful act".

"You can keep Kejriwal in jail but you cannot imprison his thinking," he said. "Until Kejriwal comes out, our fight will continue," he added.

Health Minister Balbir Singh claimed Kejriwal was put behind the bars despite the central agencies not being able to find a money trail and with no recovery of money.

"He is the party national convener and became Delhi's chief minister with a big mandate," Singh said while strongly condemning the arrest.

Hayer, the newly elected MP from Sangrur, questioned the CBI action against Kejriwal, saying he was arrested when a trial court granted him bail in a money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam being probed by the ED.

## Chandigarh Administration puts demolition of furniture market on hold

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The demolition of the furniture market located on the government land in Sector 53 and 54 has been put on hold after shopkeepers filed their replies. The Land Acquisition Officer (LAO) had issued notices to the shopkeepers of the furniture market by which they were asked to vacate the site by June 28.

In response to the notices, a delegation of the Furniture Market Association met Deputy Commissioner (DC) Vinay Pratap Singh on June 25. After hearing their grievances, the DC asked them to file their individual replies to the LAO before June 28, failing which demolition would be proceeded ex parte.

The delegation requested the administration to offer them an opportunity to buy shops in the upcoming Bulk Material Market in an open auction. They said till the auction was conducted, they might be charged rent for the area encroached upon by them, as assessed by the Administration.

The LAO confirmed that he had received replies from many shopkeepers and these were being examined on merit. A decision on the demolition schedule will be taken after examining the replies as per rules at an appropriate level, he added.



The DC said the demolition would be scheduled immediately after a decision on the replies was taken by the competent authority.

The demolition was planned for any appropriate day after June 28, he added. He again reiterated that the furniture market had been running illegally on the government land and the UT Administration was duty bound to get the encroachments removed.

The Deputy Commissioner clarified that the Administration was the absolute owner of that land at Badheri village.

On June 22, the Land Acquisition Department had issued a notice to the

furniture market, directing the shopkeepers to demolish their shops and vacate the government land within a week.

In the notice served on the shopkeepers, the department has clarified that the land was acquired by the Chandigarh Administration in 2002 and forms part of Badheri village.

Despite efforts by the shopkeepers to seek stay order from the High Court, all petitions were disposed of last year. The court upheld the Administration's right to reclaim the land, having already compensated the original landowners. As per the notice, the shopkeepers were instructed to dismantle the illegal structures and restore the land to its original state by June 28.

The delegation requested the Administration to offer them an opportunity to buy shops in the upcoming Bulk Material Market in an open auction. They said till the auction was conducted, they might be charged rent for the area encroached upon by them.

## First session of BJP executive meeting begins in Panchkula

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The first session of the BJP's extended state executive meeting to discuss strategy for the Haryana Assembly elections due later this year began in Panchkula today.

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the BJP's election in-charge for Haryana, co-in-charge Biplab Kumar Deb, Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, his predecessor and Union minister Manohar Lal Khattar and senior leader Saudan Singh were present during the session at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will chair the meeting during the afternoon session, a BJP leader said. Besides preparing the outline for the elections, Shah will infuse fresh zeal and enthusiasm in the party workers, the leader added.

Shah will also give tips to the party workers and share his roadmap and guidance for the polls, said the leader.

Senior state-level BJP leaders, office-bearers and around 4,500 party workers from all 90 Assembly con-



stituencies are attending the meeting.

The first session of the extended state executive meeting was attended by Rajya Sabha member Subhash Barala, Lok Sabha MPs Naveen Jindal and Dharambir Singh, Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, former MP Kuldeep Bishnoi, senior leaders OP Dhankar, Ram Bilas Sharma, ministers Mool Chand Sharma, JP Dalal, Kanwar Pal and Aseem Goel, MLAs, former ministers and other leaders.

The party organised an exhibition at the venue, highlighting the state government's initiatives and schemes, including the abolition of

minimum monthly charges for domestic electricity consumers and providing minimum support prices on 14 crops.

Chief Minister Saini claimed the public was happy with the government's

achievements and schemes and had made up its mind to bring the BJP back.

Alleging that the Congress spread lies during the Lok Sabha election campaign, he said the grand old party's politics of falsehood and greed had been exposed.

Saini had claimed that the Congress would try to confuse the voters by coming up with "new lies and deceit" during the Assembly election campaign as well.

All party workers should go to the public and tell them that the Congress' aim was not to serve them but to assume power by lying, he had said.

## Chandigarh travel agents told to submit documents

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The UT Administration has directed all foreign travel/visa agents operating in the city to submit their complete antecedents to the office of Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) of the area concerned within four weeks.

According to the orders issued by District Magistrate Vinay Pratap Singh, some travel agents are involved in fraudulent activities and cheating people on the false pretext of arranging their visa or managing their affairs relating to sending them abroad. They get published mislead-



ing advertisements in leading newspapers and dupe the innocent people of Chandigarh and neighbouring states. After sometime, they close their

offices in the city. The orders shall also be applicable to coaching institutes of IELTS, ticketing agents and general ones.



## Bollywood film producer Vashu Bhagnani owes over Rs 65 lakh to crew members

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai :** Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) president BN Tiwari has said veteran film producer Vashu Bhagnani owes over Rs 65 lakh to crew members who worked on three of his films 'Mission Raniganj', 'Ganapath' and 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. Bhagnani's company Pooja Entertainment owes Rs 33.13 lakh to director Tinu Desai, who helmed their 2023 film, 'Mission Raniganj', Tiwari said on Friday. The movie was headlined by Akshay Kumar.

The production house owes Rs 31.78 lakh to over 250 set workers who worked on movies like 'Mission Raniganj', Tiger Shroff's 'Ganapath' (2023), and Akshay Kumar and Shroff's 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan' (2024), Tiwari added.

Bhagnani remained unavailable for comment.

In a complaint filed on March 19 to Indian Film & Television Director's Association (IFTDA), Desai said he worked on 'Mission Raniganj' from February 2022 to October 6, 2023 (the release date of the film). The



amount to be received as per the contract was Rs 4,03,50,000. He has only received Rs 3,70,36,092 so far.

"A written complaint was filed by the director of 'Mission Raniganj' regarding non-payment of his dues of Rs 33.13 lakh from Bhagnani last year in March. We've been following up with Pooja Entertainment but still they haven't made the payment. The company have said they will clear the dues in July," Tiwari told PTI.

Desai declined to comment when contacted by PTI.

According to FWICE president, IFTDA has written multiple letters to Pooja Entertainment but they kept delaying the payment.

"In February, they sought time to pay citing Jackky Bhagnani's wedding via an email dated February 20, 2024 to IFTDA. Later, they didn't reply. After FWICE wrote them a letter in March 2024, Pooja Entertainment again sought time to make the payment saying they would do so after the release of their film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan'. Again that has not happened," Tiwari said.

## Vicky Kaushal, Triptii Dimri film will tickle your funny bone

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The much-anticipated trailer for the upcoming film 'Bad Newz,' featuring a star-studded cast including Vicky Kaushal, Triptii Dimri, and Ammy Virk, has finally been unveiled. Directed by Anand Tiwari, the film promises to be a laugh riot.

The trailer for 'Bad Newz' dropped today, June 28. The trailer begins with Triptii's character discovering she is pregnant. However, there's a twist - she has no idea who the father is. This leads to the introduction of the two male leads: Vicky Kaushal's Akhil and Ammy Virk's character. Eventually, as the trailer progresses, we realise that Vicky and Ammy are both the fathers. The burning question then becomes - who will Triptii Dimri's character choose to marry?



Commenting on his role, Ammy Virk shared, "It has been a great experience working with Vicky and Triptii. I am sure our hilarious 'kalesh' on screen will be loved by the audience. I cannot wait for everyone to experience such a fun-light hearted comedy." 'Bad Newz' marks the second collaboration for Vicky

and Anand, who previously worked together on the latter's directorial debut, 'Love per Square Foot' (2018), which also featured his wife, Angira Dhar.

Alongside Vicky, Triptii and Ammy, the film also features Neha Dhupia in a pivotal role. 'Bad Newz' will hit the theatres on July 19.

## IND vs SA Prediction, H2H, pitch conditions and who will win?

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Emotions will run high on Saturday when a fearless India, desperate to end the ICC title drought, battle a resolute South Africa, on the cusp of history, in the final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024 in Barbados. This high-stakes encounter promises nothing short of thrilling drama and nail-biting excitement as both unbeaten teams aim to lift the coveted trophy.

Rohit Sharma's Indian team knows better than most that it all comes down to this—the final. They were in the World Test Championship final in 2021 and 2023 and lost both encounters. They reached the ODI World Cup final and lost. The results and performances leading up to the summit clash do not matter as the final is a blank slate. The team aims to erase the painful memory of November 19, 2023, when a crowd of over 100,000 in Ahmedabad was left disappointed by Australia's triumph under Pat Cummins. A victory would also serve as a perfect send-off for outgoing coach Rahul Dravid, who experienced heartbreak in the Caribbean during the 2007 ODI World Cup as India's captain but now stands on the brink of a remarkable farewell as coach.

For India, the quest to reclaim the T20 World Cup title they last won during its inaugural edition in 2007 has been a long journey marked by near-misses. Since their last ICC triumph at the Champions Trophy in 2013, India's passionate fanbase has yearned for new silverware. The Men in Blue came close on several occasions, including finals in 2014 and semi-final finishes in 2016 and 2022. Heartbreak was especially poignant last year when the team reached the final of a home ODI World Cup unbeaten, only to fall short at the ultimate hurdle. Saturday offers them a golden opportunity to heal those wounds and break a barren streak in global events. Meanwhile, South Africa is scripting its own story. This is the first time the Proteas have advanced to the final of a men's World Cup, in either the ODI or T20 format. Known for their "chokers" tag due to numerous heartbreaking semi-final exits—five times in ODI World Cups and twice in T20 World Cups—South Africa aims to redefine this narrative. Their sole ICC title triumph came with the inaugural Champions Trophy in 1998, but this year's resilient performances have edged them closer than ever to a long-awaited World Cup title.

South Africa would want to shed the C-tag and winning their first-ever World Cup final will go a long way in helping them do so. Aiden Markram has not been as flamboyant as a Faf du Plessis or a Graeme Smith, but he has with him one of the most well-rounded Proteas squads that don't rely on one or two big names. Having seen more heartbreaks than India in the past, it's South Africa who should be able to play with the 'nothing-to-lose' attitude. But it's easier said than done. If Aiden Markram manages to step on the podium to collect the trophy on Sunday, it will be a seminal moment in South African cricket history - a day that might unlock a serial champion trait.

There is a high chance of rain on Saturday, but the ICC has scheduled a reserve day for this crucial match. It's a contest of high stakes, storied histories, and soaring aspirations. As the cricketing world watches with bated breath, one thing is certain: Saturday's match will guarantee a new chapter in the legacy of both teams, and only one will emerge victorious, lifting the much-coveted ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2024.

Virat Kohli vs Kagiso Rabada: Kohli's form has been lackluster, scoring only



75 runs in seven matches at an average of 10.71. He faces a tough challenge in Rabada, who has taken 12 wickets in eight matches with an impressive economy of 5.88. Rabada has dismissed Kohli four times in 13 T20I innings, conceding just 51 runs.

Rishabh Pant vs Keshav Maharaj: Pant has scored 171 runs in seven matches at a strike rate of 129, while Maharaj has taken nine wickets in the same number of matches. Pant, batting at No. 3, may face Maharaj early. Maharaj will need precision to counter Pant's unconventional shots, especially given Pant's vulnerability to the reverse sweep.

Jasprit Bumrah vs Quinton de Kock: De Kock, South Africa's top scorer with 204 runs in eight matches at a strike rate of 143, will confront Bumrah, who has 13 wickets in seven matches with an economy of 4.12. De Kock will need to be at his best to score against Bumrah and avoid losing his wicket.

Axar Patel/Kuldeep Yadav vs Heinrich Klaasen: Klaasen, known for his prowess against spin, has struggled in this World Cup with 138 runs in eight matches at a strike rate of 112. He will face Axar and Kuldeep, who have troubled batsmen with their precise lines and variations. Klaasen must regain his form to boost South Africa's middle-order performance.

India is set to stick with the same playing eleven, hoping for key contributions from Virat Kohli and Shivam Dube in the final. Kohli has had a quiet tournament, contrasting with his prolific IPL season, while Rohit Sharma has led by example and his innings will be crucial. Dube's performance against spinners Keshav Maharaj and Tabraiz Shamsi could be key. India's bowlers, both pacers and spinners, have been in top form heading into the final.

South Africa too might field an unchanged playing XI. They expect strong performances from openers Quinton de Kock and Reeza Hendricks, with de Kock capable of putting serious pressure on the opposition. Captain Aiden Markram and Heinrich Klaasen, known for their destructive hitting, need runs, especially against India's spin threat. While South Africa's pace attack has been impressive, its effectiveness in a day game remains to be seen. Shamsi and Maharaj are effective, but Indian batters are unlikely to be intimidated by them.

Given the upbeat mood amongst fans and experts following India's dominant victory over England in the semifinal in Guyana, Rohit Sharma and his team are seen as the overwhelming favorites. This confidence is well-founded, considering India's strong squad and the favourable Caribbean conditions.

"You know, I don't really believe in this 'Do it for somebody'. I love that quote about somebody asking somebody else, 'Why do you want to climb Mount Everest?' and he says 'I want to climb Mount Everest because it's there'. I want to win this World Cup because it's there. It's not for anyone, it's not for anybody, it's just there to win" India coach Rahul Dravid about the #DoltForDravid campaign.

### It's story TIME

## The Hare and the Tortoise

There was once a hare who was friends with a tortoise. One day, he challenged the tortoise to a race. Seeing how slow the tortoise was going,

the hare thought he'd win this easily. So, he took a nap while the tortoise kept on going. When the hare woke, he saw that the tortoise was already at the finish line. Much to his chagrin, the tortoise won the race while he was busy sleeping. There are a couple of moral lessons we can learn from this story. The hare teaches that overconfidence can sometimes ruin you. While the tortoise

teaches us about the power of perseverance. Even if all the odds are stacked against you, never give up. Sometimes, life is not about who's the fastest or the strongest; it's about who is the most consistent.



### ADMISSION OPEN

SESSION 2024-'25  
DAY CLASS TO CLASS IX



Kids 'R' Kids  
School

www.sjpresidiumchd.com

0172-5074951, 7347244242

Sector 42-C, Chandigarh



ENROLL  
NOW



## AAP protests Arvind Kejriwal's arrest. Atishi joins days after hunger strike

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The AAP held a protest outside the BJP office today against Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI in connection with a money laundering case linked to the now-scraped liquor policy.

All MPs, MLAs, councillors and workers from the party marched to the BJP office amid tight security. Several leaders were present, including minister Atishi, who was recently hospitalised after her health deteriorated during her hunger strike, wherein she demanded Haryana to release Delhi's share of water amid a water crisis in the city. A poster was set up outside the AAP office that read in Hindi, 'Stop misusing ED and CBI'. Other banners like 'Kejriwal ko riha karo (Release Kejriwal)' was also displayed by AAP leaders and workers during the protest.

The protest comes as the CBI is set to produce Kejriwal in court later today as his three-day custody comes to an end. Kejriwal, who was arrested by the central agency in the liquor policy case on Wednesday, will appear before the



Rouse Avenue court at 7 pm.

Kejriwal is already in Tihar Jail in connection with his alleged involvement in the money laundering case being probed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The Delhi liquor policy case involves alleged irregularities in the 2021-22 excise policy, including modifications, undue favours to licensees, and the extension of L-1 licences without prior approval. The CBI is probing corruption charges, while the ED is investigating the alleged money laundering

aspect.

In July 2022, Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena recommended a CBI probe into the AAP government's 2021-22 excise policy, alleging "deliberate and gross procedural lapses", according to an assessment report prepared by Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar.

Following the Home Ministry's directions for an inquiry into the matter, the CBI had in August 2022 registered a case against former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, three Delhi government officials, 10 liquor licensees and unknown others. According to the CBI's FIR, the named accused were instrumental in "recommending and taking decisions pertaining to excise policy for the year 2021-22 without the approval of the competent authority, with an intention to extend undue favours to the licensees' post tender".

## Opposition jabs Centre for running House after Congress MP faints

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Opposition accused the government of not showing any compassion and going ahead with the Rajya Sabha proceedings after Congress MP Phulo Devi Netam fainted in the Upper House during a protest by the Opposition members demanding a discussion on the NEET issue.

Opposition MPs walked out of the Rajya Sabha after the Chair refused to adjourn the house even after Netam, a member of the Upper House from Chhattisgarh, fainted due to high blood pressure. She was taken to Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and admitted to the ICU.

Senior Congress leader Jairam Ramesh said Netam was recovering from dengue when she fainted in the Rajya Sabha and that all Opposition MPs had gone to meet her at the hospital. According to the Rajya Sabha MPs, Netam's blood pressure had shot up to 214/140, which the doctor said was a "stroke level".

"Amidst all the chaos in the Rajya Sabha today because of the adamant refusal of the government to agree to an immediate discussion on NEET, NET, and other paper leak scandals, Congress MP Phulo Devi Netam, who is recovering from dengue, suddenly collapsed and had to be rushed to Ram Manohar Lohia hospital. We hope she recovers quickly. All INDIA MPs have gone to meet her," Ramesh tweeted.



Later, Netam told that she was doing fine and had fainted due to high blood pressure. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge, the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, met Netam at the hospital and was told that she was recovering.

Accusing the government of not respecting Opposition MPs, Kharge said, "There is no compassion for people. They (government) continued the House and did not come to see what happened."

"We also want to run the House, but what is their way of doing it? A member fainted, they did not even look at what was happening. They adjourned the house for a few minutes and yet did not express any concern over the incident," he added. "This is not the way a member should be

treated, the respect that should be given is missing and I condemn the attitude," he further said.

Congress leader Renuka Chowdhury said Netam had fainted while protesting and slammed the Rajya Sabha Chairman for continuing the House even after she had to be rushed to hospital.

"An MP fainted. The Parliament doctor saw her blood pressure was at a stroke level. Some MPs are going to the hospital to take care of her, but the House will go on with its proceedings. There is no value in the life of a person, be it an MP or a woman," Chowdhury said.

"Are they disposable commodities? They can run the House as and when they like. Is this democracy? Humanity and social decency says if a member has fainted, the MPs should accompany them. The House can run after that," she added.

DMK leader Tiruchi Siva said his party members were forced to walk out. "We gave notices under Rule 267 to discuss the NEET issue. But they didn't allow it. Opposition parties were raising slogans which is nothing abnormal. The ruling party did not yield to that. Phulo Devi suddenly fainted and even after that they continued the debate," Siva said.

## Miscreants attack police vehicle carrying accused

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Bengaluru :** Four policemen were injured after miscreants intercepted a police vehicle and attacked officers while they were taking an accused to the police station in Karnataka's Gadag.

The police officers, belonging to Gangavathi in Koppal district, were taking Amjad Ali, an accused individual, into custody. Ali's gang attacked the vehicle near a railway underbridge and shattered its window panes before fleeing with him, police said. The injured officers, ASI Shivasharana Gowda, Constable Mylarappa Sompura, Havaldar Marigowda Hosamani, and car driver Sharanappa Thimmanagouda, were admitted to a private hospital.

Police used a private vehicle to pick up Ali, a resident of Gadag,



when the incident occurred.

"The Gangavathi Shahara police had come here to take an accused into custody in connection with a crime. They picked him up and left from there, after which they were attacked by the accused's gang. They also broke open the window panes of the vehicle.

They managed to escape along with the accused," Gadag Superintendent of Police (SP) BS Nemagouda said.

"Four policemen suffered minor injuries. We will take action against all the accused as per the law based on their complaint," he added.

## Blast at firecracker factory. 4 killed. CM announces aid

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Virudhunagar :** Four people were killed after an explosion at a privately owned firecracker manufacturing unit in Tamil Nadu's Virudhunagar today.

The incident happened during the early hours today. Prima facie, the explosion was believed to be a result of mixing two or more chemicals. However, the exact cause could yet not be ascertained.

A part of the factory also collapsed due to the impact of the blast.

Another person who was in



the vicinity was injured, and buildings and rooms, earmarked for specific tasks involved in manufacturing processes, suffered damage, an official told news agency

PTI.

A team of fire and rescue services personnel arrived at the spot soon after receiving information about the explosion.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister MK Stalin expressed grief over the incident and announced Rs 3 lakh financial assistance to the families of the victims.

## Tejashwi Yadav's swipe over Bihar bridge collapse saga

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav was at his acerbic best as he tore into the Bihar government over the recent spate of bridge collapses in the state.

Taking to X, Yadav said in Hindi, "Congratulations! Due to the double power of the double engine government in Bihar, a mere 5 bridges have collapsed in just 9 days. The double engine NDA government comprising 6 parties, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, has sent auspicious and bright wishes of Mangalraj (good rule) to the people of Bihar on the collapse of the 5 bridges in 9 days."

His comments came in the wake of an under-construction bridge collapse in Madhubani district's Jhanjharpur, the fifth such incident in the past 11 days. The 77-meter-long bridge, under construction for the last two years and with an estimated cost of around Rs 3 crore, was being built under the Prime Minister's Rural Road Scheme by Bihar's Rural Development Department.

Mocking the Nitish Kumar government's claims of "good governance feats," the Leader of the Opposition in the state assembly added, "The self-proclaimed honest people are calling the thousands of crores of rupees being lost by the public due to the collapse of bridges as 'courtesy' rather than 'corruption.'"

With his tongue firmly in cheek, Yadav suggested, "Opposition leaders should resign after bridges are submerged in water."

In addition to the Madhubani incident, four other bridges have collapsed in the last 11 days, raising



serious questions about construction standards and oversight. On June 18, a bridge over the Bakra River in Araria, built at a cost of Rs 12 crore, collapsed.

This was followed by a four-decade-old bridge over the Gandak River in Siwan falling on June 22. A day later, on June 23, a bridge under construction in East Champaran, costing around Rs 1.5 crore, also collapsed, with locals blaming the use of sub-standard materials.

The most recent incident occurred on June 27, when a bridge over a small tributary connecting the Kankai and Mahananda rivers in Kishanganj gave way. A video capturing the bridge collapse also went viral.

In response to the series of collapses, the state government's rural works department held a review meeting earlier this week to assess the status of bridges and culverts across the state. Officials have been given a week to submit a comprehensive report.

The frequent bridge collapses have drawn sharp criticism from opposition leaders, who are calling for a fair investigation and appropriate action against those responsible.

## BSF seizes over 6kg of heroin in border

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Border Security Force (BSF) recovered over 6kg of heroin in Punjab's Amritsar district, officials said today.

According to officials, the seizure was made in two operations.

After observing drone movement and receiving specific information regarding the presence of narcotics, BSF personnel launched a search and recovered 6.130 kg of heroin.

"The first consignment of 560 grams was recovered from Mahawa village, and the second consignment of 5.570 kg from Kakkar village at 6.10pm on Friday, both in the Amritsar district," the BSF said in a post on X.

"Both consignments were dropped by Pakistani drones," it added.

The BSF had shot down a China-made drone along with a packet of 420g of heroin in the border area of Amritsar district on June 24.

"On June 24, during the morning hours, vigilant BSF troops on duty observed blinking light of a drone in the border area of Amritsar district. In immediate response, the



personnel carried out the drill to neutralise the drone and tracked its movement for an anticipated dropping area," the BSF said.

Further, an extensive search was conducted in the suspected area during the search operation, and at about 04.18am, BSF personnel recovered a drone along with a packet of heroin near Chaklabaksh village. The narcotics were wrapped in yellow adhesive tape and the packet was found attached to the drone with a metal ring. The recovered drone has been identified as a China-made DJI Mavic-3 classic, the BSF added.



DESTINATION  
THE ULTIMATE BEGINNING



CANADA

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

WANT TO

# STUDY IN CANADA

> UG AND PG COURSES WITH 6.0

> ALL PAYMENT AFTER VISA

↓

APPLY NOW

+91 9300270000

WWW.ULTIMATEDESTINATION.IN



S.C.O. 17, GROUND & 1ST LEVEL, PHASE-1, SAS NAGAR MOHALI - PUNJAB



## Rishi Sunak condemns racist slur from Reform campaigner

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak condemned the use of a racist slur against him by an anti-immigration Reform UK party campaigner and said such remarks hurt him and make him angry.

The campaigner's remarks came as the general election campaign in the United Kingdom entered its final week.

Some other campaigners made racist, homophobic and offensive comments in Clacton-on-Sea, eastern England, where Reform UK leader Nigel Farage is hoping to be elected as a Member of the Parliament.

One canvasser was heard using the racist slur about Sunak.

The supporter also described Islam as "the most disgusting cult" and called for Muslims to be kicked "out of mosques" and their places of worship turned into pubs.

Responding to the remarks, Rishi Su-



nak said, "My two daughters have to see and hear Reform people who campaign for Nigel Farage calling me an effing Paki. It hurts and it makes me angry."

"I think he has some questions to answer. And I don't repeat those words lightly."

"I do so deliberately because this is too important not to call out clearly for what it is," the British Prime Minister said.

Meanwhile, Farage, who campaigned

as a European parliamentarian for Britain to leave the European Union and now wants a freeze on immigration, called the campaigner's comments a "complete and total set-up". He suggested the canvasser, Andrew Parker, who was leafleting in Clacton last week, may have been paid to act in the video, possibly by opponents threatened by the party's popularity.

This was not the lone incident of Reform UK candidates making derogatory comments. Earlier, a string of such candidates had been ditched or suspended over allegations of offensive comments.

According to the anti-racism organisation Hope Not Hate, Reform UK has had to withdraw 166 candidates since the beginning of the year, many of whom have made racist or offensive remarks.

## Barack Obama defends Joe Biden. 'bad debate nights happen'

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Former US President Barack Obama (local time) backed his Democrat colleague and President Joe Biden following his subdued performance at the first presidential debate, which was marked by his stumbles and loss of train of thought. He said, although it was a "bad debate night" for Biden, the stakes remained high in the November 5 election.

Biden, 81, and his Republican rival, Donald Trump, 78, are the oldest candidates vying for the White House. Voters have raised concerns about age and mental health, particularly Biden's.

In a tweet, Obama, who served as the President from 2008 to 2017, said the election was a choice between "someone who has fought for ordinary folks his entire life and someone who only cares about himself".

"Bad debate nights happen. Trust me, I know. But this election is still a choice between someone who has fought for ordinary folks his entire life and someone who only cares



about himself. Between someone who tells the truth, who knows right from wrong and will give it to the American people straight and someone who lies through his teeth for his own benefit. Last night didn't change that, and it's why so much is at stake in November," Obama said.

During Obama's eight-year tenure, Biden served as the Vice President. Biden's verbal stumbles and occasionally meandering responses in the debate on Thursday heightened voter concerns that he might not be fit to serve another four-year term and prompted some of his fellow Democrats to wonder whether they

could replace him as their candidate for the presidential election.

On the other hand, Trump, who was the President from 2017 to 2021, put forward a series of falsehoods throughout the debate, while the

focus afterwards was squarely on Biden, especially among Democrats.

Despite a feeble debate performance that dismayed his fellow Democrats, Biden remained adamant, saying he intended to defeat Trump. The Democratic President, however, gave no signs he would consider dropping out of the race.

Vice President Kamala Harris admitted that while it was a "slow start" for Biden at the debate, she said at a rally in Las Vegas that "this race will not be decided by one night in June", The Associated Press reported.

## Gaza war protesters set off smoke bombs, clash with cops outside Biden fundraiser

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Protests by anti-Gaza war proponents against US President Joe Biden's fundraiser in Manhattan, New York turned violent on Friday, resulting in multiple arrests and clashes with police.

The event, held at the Hammerstein Ballroom, was disrupted by pro-Palestine protesters who marched from Madison Square Garden, setting off smoke bombs and leading to the arrest of at least 32 demonstrators, according to a New York Post report.

The protesters confronted police in riot gear on the sidewalk near the venue. Videos shared on social media showed the chaos, with police taking several protesters into custody through the smoke while others tried to intervene. Officers were heard shouting "Clear the block" as they attempted to control the situation. A scrum of demonstrators briefly occupied the lobby of the James A Farley Building before returning to the street.

The protesters, organised by pro-Pal-



estinian group Within Our Lifetime, raised 'Intifada' slogans and chanted, "Biden Biden, you're a liar. You set Palestine on fire." The group had stated on a flier that "genocidal politicians are not welcome in New York City."

At the fundraiser, over 640 donors gathered to hear Biden reaffirm his commitment to seeking a second term after a widely panned debate performance against Republican rival Don-

ald Trump. Ticket prices for the event ranged from \$250 to \$500,000, attracting notable figures like actors Billy Porter and Alan Cumming.

The demonstration in Manhattan was the latest in a series of protests and disruptions in New York City since the start of the Israel-Hamas war in October. Back in May, pro-Palestinian protesters took over the Manhattan Bridge, blocking traffic on the upper-level westbound lanes.

Pro-Palestinian groups have consistently demanded a ceasefire and an end to the killing of thousands of people in Gaza, often targeting high-profile events like the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

## Four dead, several injured after van crashes into New York nail salon

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A minivan ploughed into a nail salon in New York's Long Island, killing four people and leaving 10 others seriously injured.

The vehicle smashed through the Hawaii Nail and Spa store in Deer Park and came to a halt at the back of the salon, trapping several customers.

The impact of the crash was so much that the entire glass entryway was shattered, and the ceiling was ripped down, the New York Post reported.

The trapped customers were eventually rescued by Deer Park fire department personnel after cutting through rubble. One person had to be airlifted by a helicopter to the hospital. More than 150 firefighters and



emergency workers were deployed for rescue operations.

"There were people trapped, and we extricated them and transported everyone to area hospitals... It's horrible. It's horrible. It can be tough for the community," Deer Park fire department's assistant chief Domi-

nic Albanese told reporters.

The driver of the minivan was found in a semi-conscious state and has been admitted to a hospital.

The police said it was not immediately clear whether the crash was accidental or intentional, AP reported. The case is being investigated by detectives of the Suffolk County Police Department.

Eyewitnesses said the driver was swerving around cars before losing control and smashing into the nail salon.

## Xi Jinping invokes India's Panchsheel principles as he eyes Global South

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Beijing :** Chinese President Xi Jinping highlighted the relevance of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, which gained traction with the Non-Aligned Movement, to end the present-day conflicts and sought to expand influence in the Global South amid its tussle with the West.

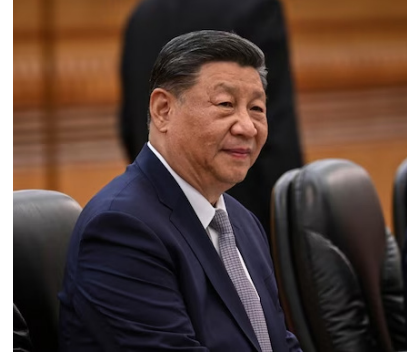
Xi, 71, invoked the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, termed as Panchsheel by India, at a conference here to mark its 70th anniversary and also sought to juxtapose them with his new concept of Global Security Initiative envisaging a shared future for mankind. The Panchsheel pointers were first formally enunciated in the Agreement on Trade and Intercourse between the Tibet region of China and India signed on April 29, 1954, according to the Ministry of External Affairs. The five principles formed part of the legacy of the then Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and his Chinese counterpart Zhou Enlai in their unsuccessful quest to find a solution to the vexed boundary issue.

"The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence answered the call of the times, and its initiation was an inevitable historic development. The Chinese leadership in the past specified the Five Principles in their entirety for the first time, namely, 'mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity', 'mutual non-aggression', 'mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs', 'equality and mutual benefit', and 'peaceful coexistence'," Xi said.

"They included the Five Principles in the China-India and China-Myanmar joint statements which jointly called for making them basic norms for state-to-state relations," Xi said at the conference where the invitees included former Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa and several political leaders and officials from various countries closely associated with China over the years.

The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence were born in Asia but quickly ascended to the world stage. In 1955, more than 20 Asian and African countries attended the Bandung Conference, Xi recalled in his address. The Non-Aligned Movement that rose in the 1960s adopted the Five Principles as its guiding principles, he said.

"The Five Principles have set a historic



benchmark for international relations and international rule of law," he said, highlighting their relevance to ending the present-day conflicts.

They fully conform with the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, with the evolving trend of international relations of our times, and with the fundamental interests of all nations, Xi said and sought to juxtapose them with his new concepts of Global Security Initiative (GSI) which advocates for joint security of nations and the 'Vision of Building a Community with a Shared Future for Mankind'.

Xi, who commenced his unprecedented third five-year term in power last year, has been advocating several initiatives, including his billion-dollar pet project the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), to enhance China's global influence.

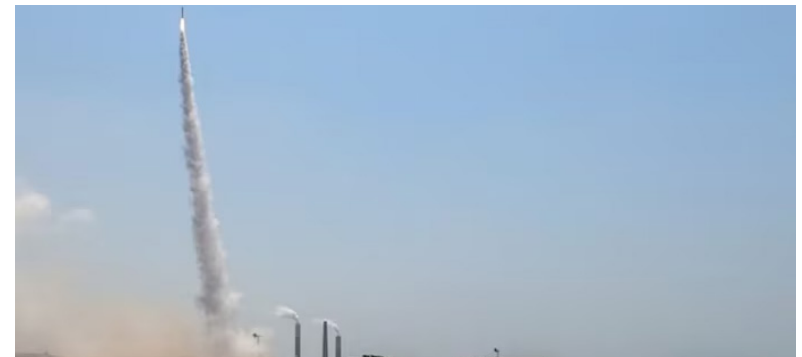
Under the BRI, Beijing has made huge investments in infrastructure projects in smaller countries which in subsequent years attracted allegations of debt diplomacy as many countries struggled to pay back loans taken from China.

Also, facing increasing strategic competition from the US and EU, China in recent years jostled with India and other developing countries to consolidate its influence in the Asian, African and Latin American countries, largely termed as Global South.

China will establish a Global South Research Centre to better support Global South-South cooperation, Xi said.

China will provide 1,000 'Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence Scholarship of Excellence', 1,00,000 training opportunities to Global South countries in the next five years, and also launch a 'Global South Youth Leaders' programme, he said.

## No slowdown in US aid for Israel. thousands of 2,000-pound bombs sent



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Washington :** The Biden administration has sent to Israel large numbers of munitions, including more than 10,000 highly destructive 2,000-pound bombs and thousands of Hellfire missiles, since the start of the war in Gaza, said two US officials briefed on an updated list of weapons shipments.

Between the war's start last October and recent days, the United States has transferred at least 14,000 of the MK-84 2,000-pound bombs, 6,500 500-pound bombs, 3,000 Hellfire precision-guided air-to-ground missiles, 1,000 bunker-buster bombs, 2,600 air-dropped small-diameter bombs, and other munitions, according to the officials, who were not authorised to speak publicly.

While the officials didn't give a timeline for the shipments, the totals suggest there has been no significant drop-off in US military support for its ally, despite international calls to limit weapons supplies and a recent administration decision to pause a shipment of powerful bombs.

Experts said the contents of the shipments appear consistent with what Israel would need to replenish supplies used in this eight-month intense military campaign in Gaza, which it launched after the Oct. 7 attack by Palestinian Hamas militants who killed 1,200 people and took 250 others hostage, according to Israeli tallies.

"While these numbers could be expended relatively quickly in a major conflict, this list clearly reflects a substantial level of support from the United States for our Israeli allies," said Tom Karako, a weapons expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, adding that the listed munitions were the type Israel would use in its fight against Hamas or in a potential conflict with Hezbollah.

The delivery numbers, which have not been previously reported, provide the most up-to-date and extensive tally of munitions shipped to Israel since the Gaza war began. Israel and Iran-backed Hezbollah have been trading fire since the start of the Gaza war, and concern is rising that an all-out war could break out between the two sides.

The White House declined to comment. Israel's Embassy in Washington did not immediately respond to a request for comment. The shipments are part of a bigger list of weapons sent to Israel since the Gaza conflict began, one of the US officials said. A senior Biden administration official on told

reporters that Washington has since Oct. 7 sent \$6.5 billion worth of security assistance to Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in recent weeks claimed that Washington was withholding weapons, a suggestion US officials have repeatedly denied even though they acknowledged some "bottlenecks".

The Biden administration has paused one shipment of the 2,000-pound bomb, citing concern over the impact it could have in densely populated areas in Gaza, but US officials insist that all other arms deliveries continue as normal. One 2,000-pound bomb can rip through thick concrete and metal, creating a wide blast radius.

Reuters reported that the United States is discussing with Israel the release of a shipment of large bombs that was suspended in May over worries about the military operation in Rafah.

International scrutiny of Israel's military operation in Gaza has intensified as the Palestinian death toll from the war has exceeded 37,000, according to the Gaza health ministry, and has left the coastal enclave in ruins. Washington gives \$3.8 billion in annual military assistance to its longtime ally. While Biden has warned that he would place conditions on military aid if Israel fails to protect civilians and allow more humanitarian aid into Gaza, he has not done so beyond delaying the May shipment.

Biden's support for Israel in its war against Hamas has emerged as a political liability, particularly among young Democrats, as he runs for re-election this year. It fuelled a wave of "uncommitted" protest votes in primaries and has driven pro-Palestinian protests at US universities.

While the United States provides detailed descriptions and quantities of military aid sent to Ukraine as it fights a full-scale invasion of Russia, the administration has revealed few details about the full extent of US weapons and munitions sent to Israel. The shipments are also hard to track because some of the weapons are shipped as part of arms sales approved by Congress years ago but only now being fulfilled.

One of the US officials said the Pentagon has sufficient quantities of weapons in its own stocks and had been liaising with US industry partners who make the weapons, such as Boeing Co and General Dynamics, as the companies work to manufacture more.



## Mahayuti copies Shivraj Chouhan's blueprint ahead of Maharashtra Assembly polls



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai** : In the aftermath of their Lok Sabha debacle, the Mahayuti government in Maharashtra has initiated a course correction ahead of the upcoming state elections. Following a strategy akin to Shivraj Singh Chouhan's successful tactics in Madhya Pradesh, the coalition is making populist announcements to appeal to key voter demographics.

Maharashtra's Finance Minister, Ajit Pawar, presented a budget focused on women, youth, and farmers, aiming to replicate the formula that helped Chouhan win the Madhya Pradesh assembly election.

Inspired by the 'Ladli Behna' Scheme launched in Madhya Pradesh in March 2023, the Maharashtra government has introduced a similar initiative. Under this scheme, economically disadvantaged women aged 21 to 60 will receive Rs 1,500 per month. The budget provision for this scheme is Rs 46,000 crore. Electricity bills for pumps used for irrigation will be waived. Farmers growing soybeans and cotton, who did not receive expected prices for their produce, will be compensated. The government will provide Rs 5,000 per hectare, up to two hectares.

During the Lok Sabha polls, farmers were seen to be notably upset with the Mahayuti alliance over a horde of issues they were facing, including delays in lifting the export ban on onions, which significantly impacted their earnings.

The government has now announced specific measures to support onion

farmers who have been particularly affected by the export ban.

Apart from this, to boost agricultural productivity, the budget includes the approval and initiation of 108 stalled irrigation projects.

The budget promises free education for women students, aiming to promote female literacy and empowerment.

The Mahayuti government is under pressure as Maharashtra's assembly elections are expected in October. The Lok Sabha elections saw Mahayuti reduced to just 17 seats, with the remaining seats won by the Maha Vikas Aghadi. The lack of new, appealing announcements in their campaign speeches was seen as a significant factor in their poor performance. This new budget aims to correct that by introducing fresh schemes to attract voters.

One of the most interesting aspects of this budget is the promise to implement these schemes from July, just days after their announcement. In contrast, the Ladli Behna scheme in Madhya Pradesh took three months to implement after its announcement.

The expedited timeline in Maharashtra presents a considerable challenge for the government. Maharashtra's financial health has been a cause for concern, with the state's budget already in deficit. Revenue receipts are low, while expenditure remains high, pushing the fiscal deficit to almost 3 per cent.

The impact of these new schemes on voters, given the state's strained finances, remains to be seen.

## Sonia Gandhi takes 'assault on Constitution' dig at PM over Emergency remarks

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : With the first session of Parliament witnessing fiery exchanges between the government and the opposition over the post of deputy Speaker and NEET issue, Congress leader Sonia Gandhi said it showed Prime Minister Narendra Modi "valued confrontation" even though he preaches the "value of consensus".

In an editorial in The Hindu, Sonia Gandhi said PM Modi was yet to come to terms with the Lok Sabha poll results that saw the NDA return to power with a weaker mandate.

"The Prime Minister continues as if nothing has changed. He preaches the value of consensus but continues to value confrontation," the Rajya Sabha MP said.

"The first few days of the 18th Lok Sabha have sadly been far from encouraging. Any hope that we might see a changed attitude has been dashed," she further said.

The chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party said the post of the Deputy Speaker in Lok Sabha should have been given to the opposition as per the convention.

"This perfectly reasonable request was found unacceptable by a regime that had not filled the Constitutional position of Deputy Speaker in the 17th Lok Sabha," she said.

While M Thambi Durai of the AIADMK, a BJP ally then, was the Deputy Speaker in the



first term of the NDA government, the post was vacant between 2019-24.

With the BJP going on the offensive against the Congress by raking up the Emergency, Sonia Gandhi said the issue was dredged up by the Prime Minister to divert attention from the assault on the Constitution.

Gandhi said it was "astonishing" that it was raked up even by the Speaker, "whose position is incompatible with any public political stance other than one of strict impartiality".

"It is a fact of history that in March 1977, the people of our country gave a categorical verdict on the Emergency, which was accepted unhesitatingly and unequivocally. That, less than three years later, the party that was humbled in March 1977 was returned to power, with a majority never achieved by Modi and his party, is also very much part of that history," she said.

The Emergency was also invoked by the President and the Vice President during their address to a joint sitting of Parliament, where they called it the "darkest chapter" and a "direct attack on the Constitution".

Hitting out at PM Modi for being silent on the NEET paper leak case, Sonia Gandhi said the scandal wreaked havoc on the lives of lakhs of our youth.

"The Prime Minister who does his 'Pariksha pe Charcha' has been conspicuously silent on the leaks that have devastated so many families across the country," she said.

The Congress MP underscored that the "professionalism" of educational institutions such as the National Council of Educational Research and Training, the University Grants Commission and universities have been "deeply damaged" in the last 10 years. The former Congress chief also attacked the Prime Minister for not visiting strife-torn Manipur since ethnic clashes broke out in the state in May 2023.

Hundreds of people have been killed and thousands dislocated due to the clashes between the Kuki and Meitei communities.

"Social harmony in this most sensitive state has been shattered. Yet, the Prime Minister has not found either the time or the inclination to visit the state nor to meet with its political leaders," Gandhi wrote.

## MK Stalin writes to PM Modi, seeks exemption for Tamil Nadu from NEET

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chennai** : After the Tamil Nadu assembly passed a resolution opposing the NEET exam, Chief Minister MK Stalin wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking exemption for Tamil Nadu from the test and also to do away with the system at the national level.

"I write this letter to once again reiterate our consistent demand to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET for admissions to medical colleges and also to do away with this system at the national level. It has been our considered view that the selection process for professional courses should only be through the 12th standard marks rather than through a separate entrance exam, which is an unwanted additional stress on students", Stalin wrote in his letter.

"In this regard, we have passed a Bill unconditionally in our Legislative Assembly to exempt Tamil Nadu from NEET and to provide medical admissions based on 12th standard marks. This has been sent for Presidential assent to the Government of India, but the assent is still pending", Stalin added, raising a concern.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) chief further said that the irreg-



ularities which have occurred during the recent NEET Examination have validated the Tamil Nadu government's opposition to it. He said that many other states have also started voicing their views on the need to do away with the existing selection process.

Stalin added that considering these aspects, the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly passed a unanimous resolution on Friday, June 28, 2024.

"We urge the Union Government to provide its assent to the Bill for exempting Tamil Nadu from NEET and also to amend the National Medical Commission Act to give up this selection process at the national level. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly Resolution and I look forward to your early intervention in this regard", Stalin concluded.

According to the resolution passed by the Tamil Nadu assembly, NEET damaged the chances of students from rural areas pursuing medicine and made school education useless, and snatched the right to allocate seats for students in medical colleges.

"NEET should be removed. Tamil Nadu should be given an exemption. The central government should approve the bill passed by the Assembly allowing Class 12 marks as a necessary qualification to pursue medicine," Stalin said after the passage of the resolution.

Additionally, MK Stalin has also written to the Chief Ministers of Delhi, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Punjab, Telangana and West Bengal, requesting them to consider passing a resolution in their respective state assemblies urging the union government to abolish NEET.

## 6 dead, power cuts, water supply disruption add to chaos



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : Delhi woke up to light rain today, a day after the national capital received the highest rainfall in a single day in June in 88 years, bringing the city to a grinding halt. With the monsoon arriving in the capital, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted light to moderate rainfall over the next five days, with parts of Delhi likely to witness heavy showers till July 1.

Several parts of the city continue to be waterlogged and many areas experienced prolonged power cuts as Delhi recorded 228.1 mm of rainfall in 24 hours on Friday. At least six people have died in rain-related incidents in Delhi, including two children who drowned in a rainwater-filled ditch.

For today, IMD has forecast thunderstorms with light to moderate intensity rain over parts of Delhi-NCR, including Dwarka, Palam, Vasant Vihar, Vasant Kunj, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Manesar.

Two boys, aged eight and 10 years, drowned while they were playing in a rainwater-filled ditch in Delhi's New Usmanpur area last evening. In another incident, an man drowned at a flooded underpass in Shalimar Bagh area.

Meanwhile, the bodies of three labourers trapped under the debris of an under-construction wall that collapsed in Vasant Vihar were taken out by rescue personnel on Saturday.

In a double whammy, water supply in several areas in Delhi has been affected due to a fault at the Chandrawal WW-II pump house following heavy rain. The Delhi Jal Board said the disruption in

water supply will persist on today too. Terminal-1 of Delhi airport will remain closed on Saturday, a day after a portion of a canopy collapsed, killing one person and injuring four others. All the flight movements have been shifted to Terminal-2 and Terminal-3.

The heavy rain also led to trees getting uprooted in many areas, causing damage to properties and cars parked in residential areas. In many residential areas, locals had to wade through waist-deep water to leave their homes.

In Delhi's Kishanganj, passengers stuck inside a bus under a flooded underpass were rescued by police and rescue teams. Visuals showed rescue personnel, wearing life jackets, wading through the water to take out the passengers.

The Delhi government has set up a 24-hour control room to monitor the waterlogging situation, minister Saurabh Bharadwaj has announced.

The MCD and PWD have installed mobile pumps in many areas to pump out water. Quick response teams have been formed to address waterlogging complaints.

Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena also took stock of the situation and directed officials to set up an emergency control room and deploy static pumps to address waterlogging.

The IMD said multiple large-scale monsoonal weather systems, supported by thermodynamic instability in the atmosphere, resulted in intense thunderstorms and heavy rain over Delhi.

## New dates announced for UGC-NET 2024, was cancelled day after exam was held

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : The National Testing Agency (NTA) announced new dates for the UGC-NET 2024 examination.

The exam will now be re-conducted between August 21 and September 4, an NTA notification issued on Friday said.

The UGC-NET June 2024 Cycle examination was earlier held in pen and paper (offline) mode. However, it will now be held in the Computer-Based Test (CBT) mode, the notification added.

Also, the date for a Computer Based Test for NCET 2024 will be July 10, 2024, while the Joint CSIR-UGC NET exam will be held from July 25 to July 27, 2024. Meanwhile, the All India Ayush Post Graduate Entrance Test (AIAPGET) 2024 will be held as earlier scheduled on July 6, 2024.



The UGC-NET-2024 exam for the selection of junior research fellows, assistant professors and PhD scholars was conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA) on June 18. The exam was held at 1,205 centres across 317 cities with over 11 lakh candidates tak-

ing part in the test.

However, the exam was cancelled a day later, with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan saying that the question paper was found to have been leaked on darknet.

The matter was then referred to the CBI for investigation.

## Wrong-side car collides head-on with another on Mumbai-Nagpur Highway, 7 dead

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai** : At least seven people were killed, while several others were critically injured following a head-on collision between two cars in Maharashtra's Jalna.

The accident happened at nearly 11 pm near Kadvanchi village.

The victims were residents of Malad (East) in Mumbai and Buldhana district, news agency PTI reported.

According to the details, the two cars collided as one of the vehicles was coming in the wrong direction to approach a fuel-refilling pump.

The impact of the collision was so severe that the MUV broke through the crash barrier and



fell off on the left side of the road. Local villagers and police rushed to the scene to rescue the persons trapped in mangled remains of the vehicles, an official told PTI.

Those injured were admitted to

a hospital. The police arrived at the spot soon after receiving information about the accident.

The road was cleared for traffic some time later.

The Samrudhhi Highway is a 701-kilometer

six-lane expressway connecting Mumbai and Nagpur.

The first phase of the highway connecting Nagpur to Shirdi was inaugurated in December 2022.