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## Industrial area shut as traders go on two-day strike

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The business in the Industrial area remains shut as traders went on a two-day strike against the Chandigarh UT administration.

The Vyapari Ekta Manch announced a complete shutdown of the Industrial area on September 12 and 13.

The protesting traders gathered with their luxury cars to beg for the cancellation of the notices.

The protesting traders said that while the governments of Haryana and Punjab are urging traders and industrialists



to expand their business in the respective

states but Chandigarh Administration is 'hell-bent' on increasing troubles for them.

The traders have threatened that they will symbolically hand over the keys to their business premises and vow to leave Chandigarh.

On September 13, the traders planned to approach the administration with the collected alms and the notices, pleading for their cancellation. The administration will be urged to revoke the notices using the amount collected through these alms.

## Huge quantity of arms & ammunition recovered in J&K's Kupwara

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Srinagar :** Security forces have recovered a huge quantity of ammunition and explosives in Jammu and Kashmir's Kupwara district, the Army said in a statement today.

"Based on specific intelligence inputs, a joint operation by Army and Jammu & Kashmir Police was launched in Keran Sector, Kupwara... Searches in the indicated area have led to the recovery of a very large cache of arms, ammunition and explosives, including AK 47 rounds, hand grenades, RPG rounds, material for Improvised Explosive Devices and other war-like stores," said the Army, adding that the seizures were made.

The statement further added that the recovery was significant considering the current security situation and upcoming important events in the union territory.

"The intelligence tip-off was from a special election observer deployed in J&K and has possibly helped avert a major incident in North Kashmir... The security forces are ever committed to keeping the environment stable and peaceful, in the region," the statement further mentioned.

This comes just a day after two terrorists were killed in an encounter between security forces and terrorists



in the Basantgarh area in Jammu & Kashmir.

There have been a series of encounters between terrorists and security forces across Jammu and Kashmir in the recent past in which many terrorists and their commanders have been eliminated even as Pakistan is trying to step up infiltration at the LoC and send a consignment of weapons before the winter sets in and snow closes the passes.

There have been several instances of weapon dropping by drones from Pakistan near the International Border in Jammu for terrorists operating in the UT.

The BSF has recovered several weapon caches in the recent past and foiled the designs of terrorists and their handlers across the border.

## "Shameful": Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka on Attack of Army officers, Rape of Friend

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the ruling BJP on Thursday over the assault of two Army officers, and the gang-rape of their female friend, in Madhya Pradesh's Indore this week.

Mr Gandhi said the horrific incident was "enough to shame the entire society" and lamented the "almost non-existent" law-and-order situation in BJP-ruled states. "... the negative attitude of the BJP government to crimes against women, which are increasing daily, is extremely worrying."

"The audacity of the criminals is a result of the total failure of the administration and the unsafe environment in the country... this is a restriction on the freedom and aspirations of the daughters of India," Mr Gandhi said on X.

"Both society and the government should be ashamed and think seriously - how long will they turn a blind eye to the responsibility of protecting half the population of the country!"

Ms Gandhi Vadra, his sister, called the gang-rape and the discovery of the junior officers' friends' body - naked on a highway - "heart-wrenching". "The Prime Minister talks big about women's safety... but women across the country are waiting for a serious effort. When will this wait end?"

"Every day 86 women become victims



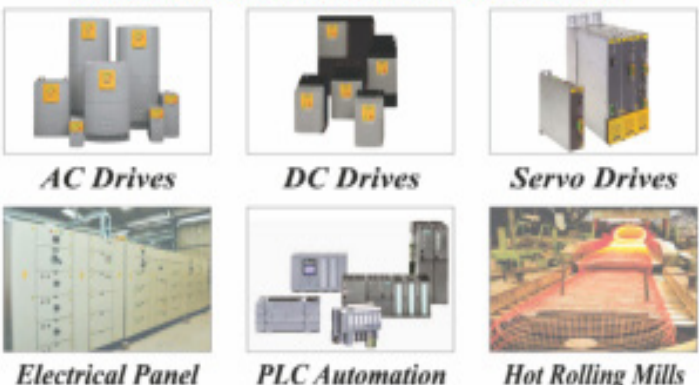
of rape and brutality in the country. From home to outside, from road to office, women are not safe anywhere. Half of the country's population is not only unsafe, but due to such brutality, the morale of crores of women is broken every day."

The Congress' state unit has also launched a broadside at Chief Minister Mohan Yadav, with Jitu Patwari accusing the government of failing to "create fear among criminals". Mr Patwari also referred to the rape-murder of a junior doctor at the RG Kar Hospital in Bengal's Kolkata.

"When your eyes well-up over the rape of a student at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, why don't you feel sad, Chief Minister, for this rape in Indore... the 'cleanest' city of our country? If this is not jungle raj then what is it?" the Congress leader asked.

The two Army officers, and two female friends, were assaulted late Tuesday by a gang of eight men, only two of whom have been arrested so far.

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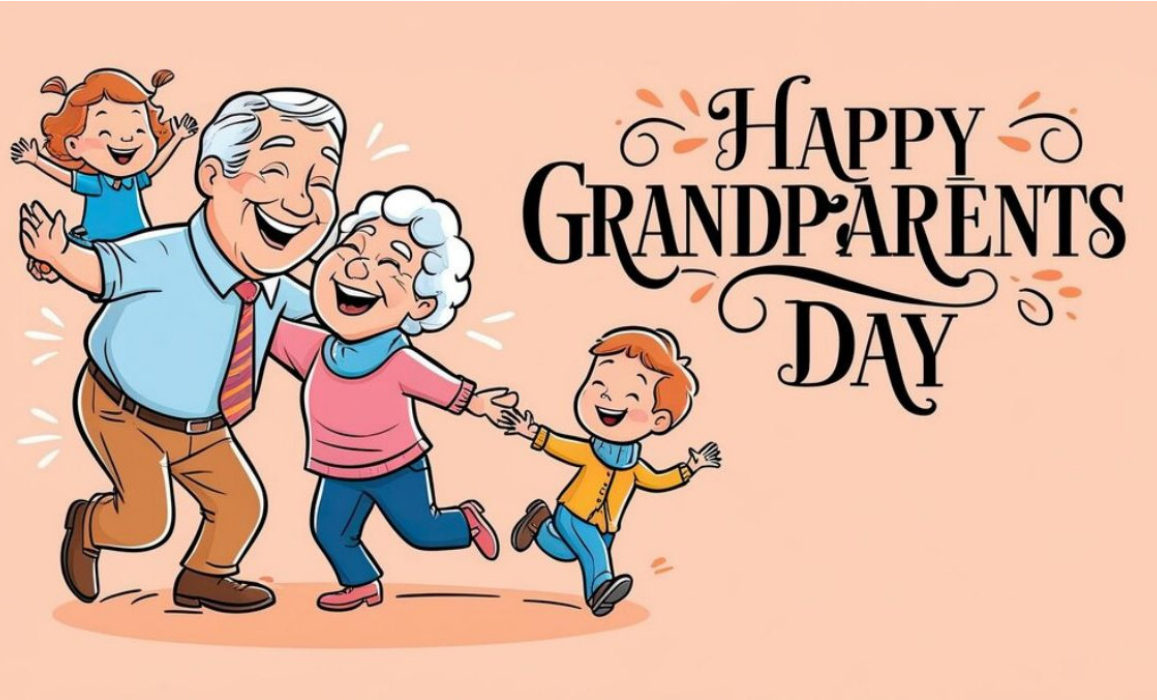
# Grand parents day

## THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Grandparents Day is a heartfelt celebration dedicated to honoring and appreciating the invaluable role that grandparents play in our lives. Established in the United States in 1978, it is observed on the first Sunday after Labor Day, typically falling in early September. The day serves as a meaningful opportunity to acknowledge the love, wisdom, and support that grandparents provide, as well as to strengthen family bonds and celebrate multi-generational connections.

The origin of Grandparents Day traces back to the efforts of Marian McQuade, a West Virginia housewife, who advocated for a national holiday to honor grandparents. McQuade's vision was to highlight the significant contributions of grandparents to their families and communities. Her persistence and dedication eventually led to the official recognition of the holiday, which now resonates with families across the country.

The essence of Grandparents Day lies in recognizing the profound impact that grandparents have on the lives of their grandchildren. Grandparents often serve as pillars of wisdom, offering guidance and advice drawn from their rich life experiences. They frequently play a crucial role in nurturing and supporting



their grandchildren, providing a sense of stability and continuity within the family. This day is an opportunity to express gratitude for their unwavering love and dedication.

Celebrations of Grandparents Day can take many forms, depending on family traditions and individual preferences. One of the most cherished ways to celebrate is by spending quality time together. This could involve a visit, a special outing, or even a virtual gathering if distance is a factor. Engaging in activities

that grandparents enjoy, such as cooking, gardening, or simply sharing stories, helps to create lasting memories and strengthen familial bonds.

Another meaningful way to celebrate is through the creation of personalized gifts. Family members might consider crafting a scrapbook, photo album, or digital slideshow featuring cherished moments and milestones. Personalized gifts, such as custom-made jewelry or artwork, can also serve as lasting tokens of appreciation. These gestures not only honor grandparents but also preserve the family's collective history.

Writing heartfelt letters or cards is another tradition that can be deeply meaningful. In a world dominated by digital

communication, a handwritten note expressing gratitude and love can be a treasured keepsake. This simple act allows family members to articulate their feelings and recognize the special place grandparents hold in their lives.

In addition to these personal touches, Grandparents Day can also be an occasion for broader family gatherings. Organizing a family picnic, a barbecue, or a potluck meal provides an opportunity for relatives to come together, celebrate, and enjoy each other's company. Such gatherings not only honor grandparents but also reinforce the importance of family unity and tradition.

Grandparents Day is not just a celebration but a reminder of the

importance of intergenerational relationships. It emphasizes the value of preserving family traditions, sharing stories, and learning from the experiences of those who came before us. By acknowledging and celebrating grandparents, families can foster a deeper appreciation for their heritage and ensure that the bonds of love and connection continue to thrive across generations.

In summary, Grandparents Day is a heartfelt occasion to honor and appreciate the integral role that grandparents play in our lives. Through acts of love, thoughtful gestures, and quality time, families can celebrate the wisdom, support, and enduring affection that grandparents offer. This special day not only pays tribute to grandparents but also strengthens the fabric of family life, ensuring that the legacy of love and connection endures for generations to come.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
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Birth Date  
13th Sep

**Born on 13th Sep :** 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.

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<p><b>Aries</b> (March 21 - April 19)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Some family members could irritate you by their envious behaviour. But no need to lose your temper otherwise situation could go out of control. Remember what can't be cured must be endured.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b> (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Too much worry and stress could cause hypertension. Improvement in finances will make it convenient for you to make important purchases. The family's situation won't be normal as you think.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b> (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Spend some time with close friends in order to relax. Those who are associated with the milk industry are likely to benefit financially today. An unexpected message from a distant relative brings excitement for the entire family.</p>
<p><b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Take physical education along with mental and moral only then all round development is possible. Remember a healthy mind always remains in a healthy body. A new financial deal will get finalized and fresh money rolls in. Opportunities for a romance are apparent- but will be short lived.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b> (July 23 - Aug 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Blessings of a saintly person will give peace of mind. You should value time and money or else the upcoming time will be full of troubles and challenges. Visit to a religious place or to a relative seems likely on your cards. Unnecessary suspicion and doubt spoils the relationship.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b> (Aug 23 - Sep 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> A friend may test your open mindedness and tolerance power. You should be careful not to surrender your values and be rational in every decision. Even if you keep tackling money issues throughout the day, you are likely to attain profits in the evening.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b> (Sep 23 - Oct 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Someone you live with will be highly irritated with your recent actions today.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Travel for some prove hectic and stressful-but financially rewarding. A lack of communication with someone you care will leave you depressed. Erratic behaviour of your darling might make your mood upset.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> In case you have been feeling frustrated recently- you should remember that right actions and thoughts today will bring much needed relief. Financial hassles seem to get over as your parents extend support.</p>
<p><b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Your short temper could put you in some more trouble. Your idea of saving money for yourself can be accomplished today. Today you will be able to save appropriately. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Do not waste your energy in unnecessary thinking impossible rather use it in a right direction. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - Mar 20)</p> <p><b>Sep 13th 2024 :</b> Your fondest dream will materialize. But keep your excitement under control as too much happiness may cause some problems. You are going to be absorbed in romantic thoughts and past dreams. Your communication skills would be impressive.</p>

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## Shaheed Bhagat Singh's statue at Mohali International Airport to be unveiled on Sep 28: CM Mann

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Chandigarh :** Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann said that on September 28, the statue of Shaheed Bhagat Singh will be dedicated to the people that has been installed at the Mohali International Airport. Shaheed Bhagat Singh's birthday is on September 28. Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann reviewed the ongoing works with the officials of the



PWD department today in a meeting.

Mann said, "On the occasion of Bhagat Singh Ji's birth anniversary on September 28, this magnificent statue will be dedicated to the people... which will remind the airport visitors of the sacrifices of these martyrs."

## ED's entry in Majithia case is to grant him clean chit as he has good ties with PM Modi - AAP

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Chandigarh :** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has raised concerns about the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) involvement in the drug case related to Shiromani Akali Dal (Badal) leader Bikram Majithia. Senior AAP Punjab spokesperson Neel Garg alleged that the ED's investigation is aimed at giving Majithia a clean chit due to his close ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP. Garg asserted that while Majithia may expect relief from the ED, the state government's Special Investigation Team (SIT) will continue its investigation



independently. The SIT is committed to uncovering the truth and ensuring that all culprits are punished. The final challan will be presented as soon as the investigation concludes. Garg emphasized that gangsters, mafia, drug smugglers, and corrupt individuals are enemies of

Punjab, and the AAP government is dedicated to taking equal action against all such figures. He denied any allegations of vendetta politics, affirming that the government is focused on addressing wrongdoing and will persist in its efforts. "The Aam Aadmi Party government is committed to making Punjab drug-free. Anyone responsible for the drug crisis in Punjab will face strict punishment", said the AAP leader.

## Flow at normal level. no need to panic. DC to Residents

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mohali :** In the wake of heavy rainfall in the higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh resulted in some elevation in water levels, yesterday, Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain asked the Drainage Department Officials for continuous monitoring of the Bhankarpur gauge of Ghaggar river. The Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain further said that the residents residing on the banks of Ghaggar need not panic as the Administration is observing the situation continuously and now the



water level that was measured at 5 feet yesterday has receded to normal. She said that as per the reports

gathered from the Drainage officials the increased level of water flow has not caused any damage in the area. DC Jain said that the Sub Divisional Magistrate Himanshu Gupta and Drainage Officials have been asked to keep extra care in flood-prone areas of Ghaggar falling in Derabassi Sub Division. She said that in case of any emergency, district control room number 0172-2219506 can be contacted immediately which works round the clock.

## 296 drug smugglers booked and arrested in 211 cases

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mohali :** In consonance with the commitment of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann to make Punjab drug-free and as per the guidelines of Director General Police, Punjab Gaurav Yadav, a special campaign has been launched by Punjab Police in Ropar range from June 17, 2024, to eradicate the drug menace. So far, 296 drug smugglers have been booked and arrested in 211 cases in the Ropar Police Range. Mrs Nilambari Jagdale, DIG, Ropar Range said that during this crusade launched against drugs, 211 cases were registered against 296 drug smugglers in Ropar, Mohali and Fatehgarh Sahib districts falling under Ropar Range. Giving details of the recovered contrabands, she said that about 381 kg 770 grams of poppy, 441 kg 167-gram opium, 13 gram 10 mg smack, 963-gram drug powder, 14507 drug pills, 1 kg 746-gram Charas, 1 kg 397 gram 75 mg heroin, 50 drug vials, 61 kg 347 gram Ganja, 3281 drug injections and Rs 3,95,450-drug money etc. have been recovered.



She further informed that apart from this, cases have been sent to the competent authorities to freeze property worth Rs 42 lakh. However, property worth Rs 1.34 lakh has been attached. According to the DIG, the accused in NDPS cases who failed to appear in the respective courts after jumping bail, necessary action is being taken to get their bail cancelled. She said that in the latest case registered on 10 September 2024, an accused Sanjay Kumar alias Sanju son of Ram Babu resident of House No. 389 was arrested by the police party led by Sukhwinder Singh

SI InCharge Range Anti-Narcotics cum Special Operation Cell Range Ropar Camp at Mohali. A resident of Vikas Nagar, Moli Jagra Chandigarh, Sanjay Kumar came on motorcycle number CH-01-CF-5745 to Nau Gaja Pir, Saini Vihar Phase-1, Baltana Wali Street while supplying drugs. During the search in the presence of DSP Jaspinder Singh Gill, 50 drug vials, 2120 drug capsules, 6470 drug pills, 36 drug injections and Rs.20,000/- drug money was recovered from him. A case under the NDPS Act No. 403 dated 10-09-2024 dated 10-09-2024 A/D 22/61/85 at Police Station Zirakpur. During interrogation, he disclosed that a case under the 22 NDPS Act had already been registered against him at Sector 39 Chandigarh. Mrs Nilambari Jagdale, IPS, DIG, Ropar Range said that the crusade against the drug menace will continue.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### Who CARES...?

## Broken sign boards a common problem in Mohali



**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mohali :** Whenever we enter a city, sign boards are installed at the entry point of the city from which people can estimate the facilities and conditions in the city just by looking at the conditions board. Damaged direction signboards at various locations such as Spice Light Chowk is hassling commuters and may also fall any day, in Mohali, which is adjacent to Chandigarh, the conditions of sign boards is very bad. "The damaged signboard is made up of a heavy iron that has been torn out and is hanging onto the road. Another worry is that it could fall and cause an accident. If this leads to the loss of life or property, who will take responsibility for it? The question arises that how will the Municipal Corporation which cannot fix the sign board, complete the work of providing basic facilities to the general public like roads,

drains, cleanliness. Due to the absence of these boards in the city, people face many problems. The commuters from outside, who are not familiar with the area, had trouble locating their position. The situation has been causing troubles to people for a long time. The condition of road signs is similar in Mohali. The authorities concerned are not doing anything to get the boards repaired for the convenience of the public who pays taxes. Most of the city's infrastructure is badly maintained and is in dire need of repair or restoration — many such facilities are also creating tiresome hassles or risks for citizens. Mohali residents are demanding that the authorities concerned should take an immediate action to restore the board, and take heed of their numerous complaints. **But Who CARES???**

## NGO Tammana celebrates its 16th Anniversary and honours its community heroes.



**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mohali :** NGO Tammana, a leading non-profit organization dedicated to multiple social causes, including health, education, women and child welfare, environment conservation and others, celebrated ASHIA-16 - meaning 'life and hope' as part of its 16th anniversary celebrations in Mohali recently. The members celebrated the anniversary dressed up in pink, in the theme of 'Sweet Sixteen' for its 160th Event. The event was initiated with the traditional lamp lighting ceremony done jointly by its Founder, the youngest, the oldest and eldest member of the team. The cake cutting ceremony was sponsored by BK Confectionery, Sec-15, Chandigarh while Games like Tambola, fun walk and dance brought much fun to the event.

The highlight of the evening was the Annual Awards ceremony, recognizing members who demonstrated exceptional commitment towards the NGO's cause. The award categories included the Seven Star Awards, Superstar Awards & more. Experience certifications were made for yearly milestones for various members, their contribution to the NGO and society as a whole was appreciated. Naveen Pabreja bagged the Title 'Tammanaite of the Year 2024' Award. Through dedication, innovation, and the unwavering support of member volunteers, associates and donors, NGO Tammana has been at the forefront of working for the upliftment of the community for 16 years, and this milestone celebration was a testament for the same.



## AAP leader Prem Garg files his nomination from Panchkula



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader Prem Garg, filed his nomination from Panchkula constituency. Prem Garg was accompanied by Chandigarh Mayor Kuldeep Singh, Dr. Harmeet Singh Chugh, his wife Anita Garg and other Aam leaders. Aam Aadmi Party announced its sixth list of 19 candidates for the upcoming

Haryana Assembly elections on Thursday, bringing the total number of declared candidates to 89. The deadline for filing nominations is today, September 12. Voting for the 90-member Haryana legislative assembly is scheduled for October 5, with vote counting to occur on October 8.

## Protesters, cops clash in Shimla during protest over illegal mosque construction



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Shimla :** Commercial establishments were closed in many parts of the Himachal Pradesh capital on Thursday in support of protesters who have been demanding the demolition of illegal portions of a mosque in the densely populated Sanjauli area. However, state-run transport and private buses and trains were plying. Government offices and educational institutions were also functioning normally. The shutdown call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. was given after scores of protesters, who were demanding the demolition of illegal portions of a mosque, took to the streets and clashed with the police on Wednesday, breaking barricades during the protest. Most of the private hotels, restaurants and shops were shut as the trade unions participated in the shutdown. Shimla Beopar Mandal president Sanjeev Thakur said there was a complete shutdown in the town as the traders joined the protest. A spokesperson for the state police told that six police personnel were injured in separate incidents at Sanjauli. While five of them received initial medical treatment and were subsequently discharged from the hospital, one woman constable remains admitted at the Indira Gandhi Medical College and Hospital (IGMCH). She has sustained a fracture in the lumbar vertebrae and is currently undergoing treatment, said the spokesperson. Reports indicate that Shimla-like tension is also prevailing in Mandi and Bilaspur towns, where Hindu outfits have been demanding the demolition of unauthorised mosques that have been mushrooming up in recent years. The outfits argue that the population of

the Muslims in the state is less than two per cent of the total population of over 68 lakh and question the funds they are getting to set up places of worship at several places. A day earlier, carrying the Tricolour and raising slogans like 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' and 'Hindu Ekta Zindabad', the protesters, largely locals, marched towards Sanjauli to lodge their protest and demand the demolition of a portion of the five-floor mosque. Police had to use mild lathi-charge and water cannons to disperse the crowds as they tried to remove the barricades at the Dhalli tunnel. Later, they staged a sit-in protest, blocking the road leading to Sanjauli and dispersed. "Our only demand is demolition of the unauthorised disputed structure and to protect the demography of the state," a protester told. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has appealed to the people not to give the issue a political colour and to maintain law and order. Hindu organisations have been demanding the demolition of unauthorised constructions in the mosque and the registration of outsiders coming to Himachal Pradesh. The protesters have also been demanding that the antecedents of local Muslims be verified by the police as they suspect some of them to be Rohingyas or Bangladeshis. The Shimla Municipal Corporation Commissioner's court on Saturday heard the matter relating to illegal portions of the mosque and listed it for the next hearing on October 5. It asked the Waqf Board and the mosque committee to explain how it became a five-storey structure from just one floor earlier.

## Grenade blast at ex-cop's house in Chandigarh. 1 arrested, 2 suspects on the run

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Police in Chandigarh have arrested one person in connection with a suspected grenade blast at the house of a retired police officer in the city's upscale Sector 10 area. The police have also announced a reward of Rs 2 lakhs for two other suspects in the case. The incident took place at around 5.30 pm on Wednesday and due to the impact of the blast, windows and flower pots were damaged, the police said in a statement. Three people arrived at the scene in an autorickshaw shortly before the explosion. The blast was loud enough to be heard even from far away. According to the sources, the attackers had conducted surveillance of the house just two days before the grenade attack. A CCTV camera captured the moment when the explosion



occurred. In the footage, an autorickshaw is seen speeding away, narrowly dodging a car from the opposite direction before making a swift turn. Soon after receiving the news, the Chandigarh Police, along with the forensic experts from the Central Forensic Science Laboratory (CFSL), had reached the scene and started to collect evidence and ascertain the nature of the explosive. From the CCTV cameras nearby the explosion site, the photos of the suspected attackers have been captured.

The police are suspecting the involvement of a group operating from outside the country. According to the sources, Khalistani terrorist Rinda, currently based in Pakistan, is suspected of involvement in the grenade attack case. In 2023, a plan was devised to target a retired police officer residing in the bungalow. The attackers had begun reconnaissance to execute their plot, but before they could carry it out, the Punjab Police arrested two shooters connected to Rinda, causing the plan to fail.

## RPF seizes 4.9 kg gold worth Rs 4.5 crore from 4 passengers

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ferozpur :** During routine checks for the Assembly Elections-2024, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) at Ambala Cantt seized 4.9 kg of gold valued at ₹4.5 crores. The operation was led by IPF Jawed Khan, who along with his team, inspected train no. 13006 and recovered the gold from four passengers. A case was registered under section 146 of the Railway Act at the Ambala Cantt RPF post.



The Income Tax authorities were notified, and Northern Railway's PCSC visited the site to oversee the seizure and valuation process. This is one of the largest gold seizures by the RPF in Northern Railway

Earlier this week, the Agartala GRP (Government Railway Police) and RPF (Railway Protection Force) conducted a joint search operation based on secret information at the Agartala railway station and seized 100

bottles of Eskuf cough syrup, which were likely being transported from outside the state via train.

The seized items were marked as unclaimed and confiscated, as the authorities have not yet identified the individuals responsible for the illegal consignment.

The Agartala GRP has launched an investigation to determine the ownership of these contraband substances. The market value of the seized Eskuf cough syrup is estimated to be Rs 21,120, according to police.

## Internal Smart India Hackathon 2024 organised

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** To showcase the exceptional technical skills and innovative spirit of students, CGC Jhanjeri organized Internal Smart India Hackathon. The event showcased the exceptional technical skills and innovative spirit of the students. The hackathon attracted 75 teams, comprising approximately 450 students, who presented a diverse array of innovative ideas. A distinguished panel of judges, including Mr. Vardaan, CEO of Skill to Education; Mr. Gaurav Madaan, CTO of Niwi.ai; and Prof. Ati Priye, CEO of the Incubation Center at CGC-J, meticulously evaluated the projects. Following a rigorous review, 30 teams were selected to upload their



presentations to the SIH portal. Among the top five teams recognized for their exceptional ideas, the first three positions were secured by Lovedeep Singh's team, Divyansh Dhiman's team, and Deepika's team, respectively. A female team member from the first-place team also received a job offer, highlighting the career-enhancing opportunities presented by the hackathon. A cash award of ₹2000, was generously provided by

Gaurav Madaan and awarded to a team nominated by the judges. The event concluded with enthusiastic feedback from participants and praise from faculty for the students' creativity and dedication. The Internal Smart India Hackathon at CGC-Jhanjeri has demonstrated the institution's commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and technological excellence. Arsh Dhaliwal Informed that this hackathon reaffirms CGC-Jhanjeri's vision of creating a nurturing environment where students are encouraged to tackle real-world problems, develop cutting-edge solutions, and prepare for future careers in technology and entrepreneurship.

## Chandigarh Police announces cash reward of Rs 2 lakh for information on grenade blast suspects

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**Chandigarh :** A day after a low-intensity blast occurred at a house in Sector 10, the Chandigarh Police has announced a reward of Rs 2 lakh for anyone providing information leading to the arrest of the other two suspects involved in the incident. The incident damaged windows and flower pots in a residential area. "Chandigarh Police announces a reward of Rs 2 lakhs for providing any information leading to the arrest of other two suspects involved in the blast case at sector 10. In the clue of said two suspects' persons, information can be given on Police control room no. 0172-2749194 or 112 and WhatsApp no 9465121000,"



Police said in a statement. According to officials, a probe into the incident is underway, with forensic teams gathering evidence at the scene. One person has been arrested in connection with the blast. The auto-rickshaw used by the accused reportedly has been seized.

Chandigarh SSP Kanwardeep Kaur stated that the explosion occurred at around 6 pm, damaging windows and flower pots in a residential area. "There was a minor pressure-type explosion that broke some windows and some flower pots. All of the evidence is being gathered now that the CFSL team has arrived. The probe is in progress," told SSP.

SSP added that the complainant saw two people close to the house who were reportedly hurling grenades at the location.



## Housefull 5: Jacqueliene Fernandez, Chitrangadha Singh and others join the franchise

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**New Delhi :** The much-anticipated comedy franchise 'Housefull' is back with a bang, and the lineup for 'Housefull 5' has just been announced. Producer Sajid Nadiadwala has revealed the leading ladies for the upcoming film, featuring a star-studded cast including Jacqueliene Fernandez, Nargis Fakhri, Sonam Bajwa, Chitrangadha Singh, and Soundarya Sharma.

Set to be directed by Tarun Mansukhani, Housefull 5 promises to deliver another laughter-filled ride. Akshay Kumar will return as part of the core cast, and the film is expected to bring even more high-energy entertainment when it hits screens on June



6, 2025. Apart from Akshay Kumar, the film will also feature Sanjay Dutt, Riteish Deshmukh and Abhishek Bachchan. Producer Sajid confirmed the news of the new entrant on Instagram. His production house shared a picture of the actor and wrote, "NGEFamily is thrilled to announce

@duttсанjay is joining the #Housefull5 family! Looking forward to another exciting journey filled with madness (sic)." Fans are eagerly awaiting this installment, which is set to continue the signature chaos and comedy that has defined the Housefull series.

## Actress Neeru Bajwa launches trailer of her upcoming movie "Shukrana"

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Renowned Punjabi Actress Neeru Bajwa today launched the trailer of her upcoming movie "Shukrana".

The movie will be released in the Cinema on September 27, 2024. Shukrana also stars Punjabi actors Jass Singh Bajwa and Amrit Mann. Originally Neeru Bajwa's much-anticipated film "Shukrana" was supposed to be released on November 15, 2024, but now it will be released on September 27, 2024.



### It's story

## The Dog At the Well

On a farm lived a mother dog and her pups. The mother dog warned her pups to never play near the well. However, one curious puppy decided to peek over the well. He saw his own reflection in the well and assumed it was another dog. He started barking at his reflection as he thought the other dog was imitating him. He jumped into the well to fight the other puppy, only to realise that there was no other puppy. He kept on barking till the farmer came and saved him. The puppy never went back to the well again.



## How can India reach World Test Championship 2025 final at Lord's



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**New Delhi :** After a month-long break from international cricket, India will begin their big home Test season, starting September 19. This would be a really crucial phase for India in the ongoing World Test Championship cycle as they would take part in 10 Test matches. The Rohit Sharma-led team is currently at the top of the points table with a healthy percentage of 68.52% of possible points. They remain as one of the top contenders to reach the final at the Lord's Cricket Ground in July next year.

To keep their percentage above 60, having qualified for the WTC 2023 final with 58.8, the Indian team need 63 more points. This could be achieved with five wins and a draw. Meanwhile, six wins would further lift the percentage to 64.03. In order to match their current score i.e. 68.52%, they will need seven wins, which will lift their overall percentage to 69.3. India's best possible finish could be 85.09%.

India in WTC 23-25 cycle so far In the current WTC cycle, India have been impressive, having secured six wins from nine matches to be the top-ranked team. They kicked off the new WTC cycle with a 1-0 win against West Indies with the 2nd Test resulting in a draw due to rain. Next, they toured South Africa for a 2-match Test

series and faced a significant challenge as they lost the Test opener. However, they made a remarkable comeback in the final Test to level the series 1-1.

India vs Australia could be finalists decider

India continued their home domination when they hosted England, having trumped their Bazball approach with a 4-1 win. After losing yet another opening Test, India made a roaring comeback to seal the series. India will be playing their remaining 10 Tests this year, which are also the most for any team in the cycle. They would be hosting Bangladesh for a 2-match Test series, followed by a 3-match contest against New Zealand at home. However, their biggest challenge would be the Border Gavaskar Trophy series, where they will face Australia in a 5-match Test series, who are another formidable opponent to reach the final yet again.

The outcome of this series could ultimately determine which teams claim the coveted top two spots. The rivalry between the two teams has been top-notch with India retaining the Border Gavaskar Trophy since 2017, having won the series in their last two outings in Australia and two series at home. Meanwhile, it was Australia who prevailed in the high-stakes games, having beaten India in the World Test Championship final in 2023.

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## Am fighting battle which Omar, Mehbooba can't: Engineer Rashid

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**Srinagar :** After getting interim bail from a Delhi court, Lok Sabha member Engineer Rashid reached J&K's Srinagar today and started his campaign for the Assembly elections right away. He hit out at Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti who have been alleging that Rashid has a pact with Centre.

As he came out of the Srinagar International Airport, Rashid bowed his head on the road as a gesture of thanksgiving to Allah for being able to touch the soil of his home place after remaining in Tihar Jail for five years.

Engineer Rashid was granted interim bail by the Patiala House court till October 2 so that he could participate in the poll campaign for his party, the Awami Itihad Party (AIP).

Talking to reporters here, Rashid said, "This is my land".

When asked about the allegations levelled against him by Omar



Kashmir' through their votes", he said. Rashid left for Baramulla district where he will address a gathering later in the day.

The additional sessions judge, Chander Jit Singh while granting bail to him said in the court, "You will have to

Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti that he has been released by the BJP-led Central government to cut into the vote bank of the National Conference (NC) and the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), he said: "I am fighting the battle which Omar and Mehbooba can't fight."

"My fight is much bigger than these two. I want self-respect, peace with dignity and not the peace of the graveyard. I will fight for my people who punctured Prime Minister Narendra Modi's claims of 'Naya

surrender on October 3". Soon after his release in Delhi on Wednesday, Rashid alleged National Conference's Omar Abdullah and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti have "destroyed" Kashmir.

Engineer Rashid fought Lok Sabha elections from Tihar Jail and he defeated former J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah by over two lakh votes while Sajad Lone of the Peoples Conference (PC) finished third in that election.

## Central team continues visit to flood-hit

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Vijayawada :** The Inter-Ministerial Central Team continued its visit to flood-affected districts of Andhra Pradesh for the second day today.

The team will visit NTR and Guntur districts today to assess the damages caused by recent heavy rains and floods.

The team will be divided into two groups to visit the affected areas in the two districts.

On the first day of their two-day visit to the state on Wednesday, the team visited Krishna and Bapatla districts. Krishna District Collector D. K. Balaji briefed them on the damages caused by heavy rains and floods.

The Collector told the team that agriculture and allied sectors, highways, irrigation, electricity and rural water supply departments suffered a loss of Rs 1,200 crore.

The team met the Collector and officials of various departments to apprise itself of the losses incurred by various sectors.

This group led by Anil Subrahmanyam, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs also included Rakesh Kumar, Chief Engineer, Union Road, Transport



and Highways Ministry, Regional Office, Vijayawada and SVSP Sharma, scientist, National Remote Sensing Centre, ISRO, Department of Space. The Collector, through a PowerPoint presentation, explained the damage caused by the rains and floods. He said heavy rains, massive inflows into Krishna river from upstream, overflowing of Budameru rivulet and breaches resulted in huge losses.

The Central team was told that 11.43 lakh cusecs in Krishna river in September 2024 was the highest in history. The river received 10.94 lakh cusecs in 2009 and 10.61 lakh cusecs in 1903.

The Central officials were informed that Budameru, which caused havoc

in the neighbouring NTR district, flows to a length of 56 kilometres in Krishna district. The rivulet brought 45,000 cusecs of flood water inundating low-lying areas and crops.

After the meeting, the Central team, along with the District Collector and Machilipatnam MP Vallabhenni Balasowry, saw a photo exhibition on damages by floods.

Earlier, the team visited Gudivada constituency in Krishna district to assess the damages. The team members saw the damaged bridge on Budameru and the fish ponds. It also saw drone visuals of the damaged crops.

Before embarking on the visit to affected districts, the six-member team had a meeting with state government officials.

The team was informed that as per the preliminary estimate, the state suffered a loss of Rs 6,880 crore.

The officials said that about 10.32 lakh people were affected by floods in 32 wards and 161 village secretariats.

The state government opened 246 relief centres and shifted 45,855 people from flood-affected areas.

## Trainee Army officers robbed, women friend gang-raped

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**Indore :** Two young army officers were brutally assaulted and their one female friend was gang-raped at gunpoint in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. The incident reportedly occurred late evening. The group was attacked when they were out on a night trip to Jam Gate, about 50 kilometers from Indore.

The two officers, who are training at the Mhow Army College near Indore, had gone with two women friends to a spot near the firing range at Chhoti Jam in the afternoon.

At around two in the morning, a gang of six to seven individuals approached close to the picnic area on Mhow-Mandleshwar road and began beating up a female



The woman and the other cop, who were on a hilltop, arrived at the scene upon hearing the commotion.

The attackers also asked another officer to bring Rs 10 lakh in ransom. The officer reportedly used this chance to inform his seniors in Mhow who, in turn, alerted the police.

friend and one of the officers who were seated in the car.

As per the police complaint filed by one of the officers, the attackers held the pair they had attacked in the car hostage at gunpoint.

A police team was dispatched to the area, but by then, the attackers had escaped the area. Following a medical examination at Mhow Civil Hospital, it was confirmed that one of the women was raped.

## Police, CRPF recover grenades in Assam's Dibrugarh

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**Dibrugarh :** In a joint search operation, Assam Police and the Central Reserve Police Force recovered two grenades in Dibrugarh on Thursday. Assam Director General of Police GP Singh said that by recovering the grenades, the security forces had foiled a plan of violence in Upper Assam.

"Plan of violence stymied in Upper Assam. Two grenades recovered in Dibrugarh," Singh posted on X.



The police said that based on reliable information, a police team led by Additional SP (HQ) and 171st Battalion of the CRPF personnel launched a joint search

operation today at around 2:00 AM near Jyotioni Gaon, Khatkhathi under the jurisdiction of Moran Police Station.

The search operation resulted in the recovery of two green colour bottle grenades kept hidden beneath a large Pipal tree.

"The grenades were seized in the presence of the available witnesses. Other necessary legal formalities are being taken accordingly," the police added.

## Embraer eyes India for supply chain expansion for aircraft manufacturing

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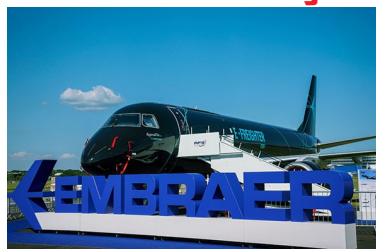
**Bengaluru :** Embraer, a global aerospace company, is looking to expand its supply chain in India. Embraer's Executive Vice-President of Global Procurement and Supply Chain, Roberto Chaves, said that India has a robust aviation and defence industry, and Embraer sees strong viability for manufacturers and systems developers in India to be key suppliers to Embraer.

Embraer recognises the country's robust aviation and defence industry and sees potential for Indian manufacturers to become key suppliers for its defence, commercial aviation, and executive jet businesses, he said. "A high-level delegation from Embraer is concluding a visit to India this week as it evaluates the expansion of its supply chain into the country. Embraer foresees potential suppliers across its defence, commercial aviation and executive jets businesses for areas such as aerostructures, machining, sheet metal, composites, forgings, wire harness, and hardware and software development, recognizing that aerospace engineering capabilities are clearly present and available in the country. The visit comes amidst burgeoning relations between Brazil and India," as per a statement from Embraer.

"India has a robust aviation and defense industry, and we see strong viability for manufacturers and systems developers in India to be key suppliers to Embraer," said Roberto Chaves, Executive Vice-President of Global Procurement and Supply Chain at Embraer.

"We are driven by a common vision, which is to drive the aviation capabilities of Brazil and India to greater heights, and to deliver value to our customers around the world," he added.

India is a strategic market for Embraer in all its business segments. The Embraer footprint in the country



surpasses 44 aircraft, including customers in Commercial Aviation, Executive Jets and Defense & Security. In particular, the Indian Government and Indian Air Force operate a fleet of 5 Embraer VIP jets and 3 EMB 145 AEW "Netra" military aircraft, respectively.

"One of Embraer's key future opportunities in India is the Indian Air Force MTA (Medium Transport Aircraft) program, in which Embraer is well-positioned to offer the best in class, modern C-390 Millennium transport aircraft in partnership with the very reputed Indian company Mahindra. The two companies announced their partnership back in February 2024," the statement added.

Embraer sees India as a key partner in the region and expects, together with Mahindra, to implement an extensive local supply chain program. This initiative may include an assembly line for the C-390 in India, when selected for this program. Tied with a local long-term support program offer, Embraer and Mahindra aim to fulfill the expectations of the "Make in India" initiative of the Indian Government.

"A global aerospace company headquartered in Brazil, Embraer has businesses in Commercial and Executive aviation, Defense and Security, and Agricultural Aviation. The company designs, develops, manufactures, and markets aircraft and systems, providing Services and Support to customers after-sales," the Company said.

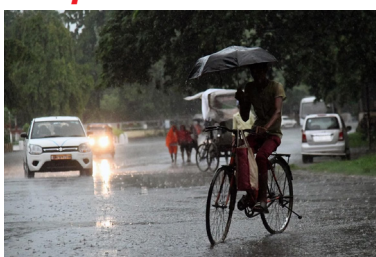
## IMD predicts heavy rainfall across India next 4 days

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**New Delhi :** India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast extremely heavy rainfall over the East, West, Northeast, and Central regions of the country during the next four days.

MD predicted heavy rainfall over Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh today. Heavy rainfall is also expected in Bihar, Odisha, Jharkhand Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura tomorrow.

The weather agency said, fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall is very likely over



Central India, Konkan, Goa and Gujarat during the week. Meanwhile Delhi and its adjoining areas are witnessing light to moderate rainfall since late at night. The rainfall also affected traffic movement in the national capital this morning.

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## Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori dies at 86

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**Lima** : Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori died at the age of 86 in Lima "after a long battle against cancer," confirmed his daughter and political leader Keiko Fujimori. "Our father, Alberto Fujimori, has just departed to meet the Lord," Keiko wrote on X. Hours before his death, the spokesperson for the Fuerza Popular party, Miguel Torres, said that the former president was in a "delicate" state and going through "a difficult time," reports news agency Fujimori, who served as Peru's President from 1990 to 2000, was released from prison last December, where he was serving a 25-year sentence for crimes against humanity.



During the war on terrorism in Peru, he played a crucial role against the

Shining Path and Tupac Amaru leftist rebels. This conflict resulted in more than 69,000 deaths and 21,000 disappearances from 1980 to 2000, with the majority of the victims being civilians, as reported by a government truth commission. Fujimori, who was of Japanese descent, was famously called 'el Chino', or the Chinese man by many Peruvians. Following his demise on Wednesday, his supporters gathered outside his home and started chanting, "El Chino did not die! El Chino is present!" Notably, last month, his daughter announced that Fujimori would run for President again in 2026.

## Indian-origin Israeli soldier killed in vehicle-ramming attack near West Bank

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**Jerusalem** : A 24-year-old Indian-origin Israeli soldier from the Bnei Menashe community was killed in a vehicle-ramming attack close to the West Bank's Beit El settlement, community members said today. Staff Sergeant Geri Gideon Hanghal was a resident of Nof HaGalil and a soldier in the Kfir Brigade's Nahshon Battalion, the Israeli Army said. Community members that they were "in shock at the news of the loss of a young life" near Asaf Junction. Footage from the scene of the attack showed a truck with a Palestinian licence plate veering off a busy highway and barrel full speed into an Israel Defence Forces (IDF) guard post adjacent to a bus stop before coming to a halt. The suspect was named by Israeli security sources as 58-year-old Hayil Dhaifallah, from the central West Bank town of Rafat. Sergeant Hanghal's funeral will be held today, they said. Hanghal immigrated to Israel from the northeastern part of India in 2020. Some 300 Bnei Menashe youngsters are said to be doing Army duty during the current war, most of them serving



in combat units. The Bnei Menashe, hailing from India's north-eastern states of Manipur and Mizoram, are believed to have descended from the Israelite tribe of Menasseh, one of the "lost tribes" of ancient times. Shlomo Amar, Sephardic Chief Rabbi, declared them descendants of Menasseh in 2005 paving the path for their immigration to Israel as members of a "lost tribe". Some 5,000 members of the Bnei Menashe community are said to have immigrated to Israel, including almost 1,500 in the past five years. Another 5,500 still live in India and are waiting to immigrate. Nof HaGalil Mayor Ronen Plot was quoted by Ynetnews as saying, "The

city of Nof HaGalil mourns and grieves the loss of Staff Sgt. Hanghal. Gideon was a member of the Bnei Menashe community, which is very dear to my heart—good, humble and patriotic people." The attack follows a series of attempted suicide bombings and shooting incidents emanating from the West Bank and claimed by Islamic Hamas. Hamas on October 7 last year launched an attack on Israel, leading to the ongoing war in Gaza. Israel has said that it is stepping up its counter-terrorism operations in the West Bank claiming that Iran-backed groups are smuggling weapons into the area from Jordan and trying to carry out attacks in Israeli territory. The Palestinian health ministry in the West Bank on Wednesday said that five Palestinians were killed in an Israeli airstrike in Tubas overnight. Another two people were injured by Israeli fire, one critically, as troops raided Tubas and the neighbouring town of Tammun.

## North Korea fires 'unidentified ballistic missile' towards East Sea- Seoul

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**Seoul** : North Korea fired an unidentified ballistic missile towards the East Sea today, News Agency reported, citing South Korea's military. Giving no further details about the same, South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff stated that the analysis of the incident is underway. Pyongyang last launched a ballistic missile on July 1, News Agency reported. North Korean leader Kim Jong-un has called for the development and production of more "suicide drones" to enhance war preparedness, amid tensions brewing in the Korean peninsula. South Korean news outlet had previously reported that Kim had on August 24 overseen a performance



test of various drones. It cited a report by the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) about the North Korean Supreme Leader supervising test organised by the Drone Institute of the Academy of Defence Sciences. During the testing, the drones flown

along preset courses destroyed designated targets. The drones have the ability to attack enemy targets on the ground, in air and in the sea. Kim was quoted by KNCA as saying that it was necessary to develop and produce more suicide drones "to be used in tactical infantry and special operation units, as well as strategic reconnaissance and multi-purpose attack drones." The North Korean leader also raised the need for proactively introducing artificial intelligence technology into the development of drones.

## EV firm Ather Energy saw its losses grow 22 pc to Rs 1.060 crore in FY24

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**New Delhi** : Electric vehicle (EV) company Ather Energy, aiming to raise more than Rs 3,100 crore via its initial public offering (IPO), saw its losses widen 22 per cent to Rs 1,060 crore in FY24, as its operating revenue declined 1.5 per cent to Rs 1,753.8 crore (year-on-year) in the last fiscal. The electric two-wheeler firm spent Rs 2,674.2 crore in FY24. As per its draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filed with the markets regulator SEBI, the revenue decline was due to reduction in the subsidy provided by the government. "As a result of the reduced subsidy, our customers faced an increase in the retail price of our E2Ws ranging from Rs 20,434 to Rs 30,285. This contributed to a slight decrease in our revenue from operations," said the company.



Ather Energy had clocked 335 per cent growth YoY in its operating revenue to Rs 1,780.9 crore in FY23. In FY24, the EV firm spent the largest portion of its total expenses on the cost of materials consumed, which increased 2.7 per cent YoY to Rs 1,579.2 crore. The company's total employee benefit expenses went up 10.3 per

cent to Rs 369.2 crore in FY24, from Rs 334.8 Cr in FY23. As per Ather's DRHP, its IPO will comprise Rs 3,100 crore worth of fresh issue and an OFS (offer for sale) component of 2.2 crore equity shares. The funds raised will be used to establish a new electric two-wheeler manufacturing facility, along with boosting research and development. Last month, Ather Energy secured \$71 million led by the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF), taking its valuation to \$1.3 billion and making it a new unicorn. With this, the company managed to raise over \$125 million in the last three-four months.

## Donald Trump vs Kamala Harris 2.0? Fox News renews offer for second debate

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**New Delhi** : After the first US presidential debate on September 10, Fox News has formally renewed its offer to host a second debate between Vice-President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump. The network has proposed holding the debate in October. Vice-President Kamala Harris has expressed her readiness for a second presidential debate against former President Donald Trump, while Trump has remained noncommittal to another showdown. In a letter sent to both campaigns, Fox News Media executives Jay Wallace and Jessica Loker reiterated their offer, suggesting Bret Baier, host of "Special Report", and Martha MacCallum, executive editor and anchor of "The Story with Martha MacCallum", as moderators. The letter said, "re-upping its proposal. As the Harris Campaign has stated, the American people will have another opportunity to see both on stage in October." Earlier, Fox News Media sent formal letters to the Harris and Trump campaigns proposing a presidential debate on September 17 in Pennsylvania. **KAMALA HARRIS READY, TRUMP REMAINS UNCERTAIN** Vice-President Harris has expressed her readiness for a second debate. "Vice President Harris is ready for a second debate. Is Donald Trump?" Kamala Harris campaign wrote on X. "Under the bright lights, the American people got to see the choice they will face this fall at the ballot box: between moving forward with Kamala Harris or going backwards with Trump," her campaign added. Former President Trump, however, has not yet confirmed his participation in a second debate. "We're looking at it, but you know, when you win, you don't really necessarily have to do it a second time. So we'll see. But I thought we had a great debate last night," Donald Trump told Fox Media after the debate.



When Fox News asked if he would agree to a second debate and what rule changes he would want, Trump replied, "Well, you know, when you don't win, it's like a fighter. When a fighter has a bad fight, gets knocked out or loses the fight, the first thing he says is, 'We want a rematch.' So we won the debate according to every poll, every single poll. I think that, are we going to do a rematch? I just don't know. We'll think about it." Trump did leave open the possibility of participating in another debate, including one proposed by NBC on September 25. "I would do NBC. I'd do Fox too... But right now we have to determine whether or not we even want to do it," he said. **FOX NEWS PROPOSED SIMILAR RULES FOR SECOND PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE** Fox News' proposed criteria and format are similar to those used in the CNN debate in June -- where Donald Trump and Joe Biden faced off, with Biden's performance widely criticised, leading to him dropping out of the race -- and ABC debate -- where Kamala Harris was widely seen to have outperformed Trump. Fox News has suggested a 90-minute debate with two commercial breaks, with only Baier and MacCallum asking questions. Podium placement and the order of closing statements would be decided by a coin flip, and candidates would stand behind podiums without props or pre-written notes. As the US presidential election approaches, the next debate is scheduled for October 1 between the vice-presidential candidates -- JD Vance and Tim Walz.

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## Senior citizens aged 70 and above to get free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh in India: Here's how

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**New Delhi :** The Union government has approved health coverage for everyone who is 70 and above under the national insurance scheme Ayushman Bharat.

This is expected to ease the anxieties of India's growing aging citizens, who find it difficult to manage their disease burden given the high cost of medical care, drugs, and therapies without a social security net.

This aims to benefit approximately 4.5 Crore families with six (6) crore senior citizens with 5 Lakh rupees free health insurance cover on a family basis.

With this approval, all senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status would be eligible to avail the benefits of AB PM-JAY.

The eligible senior citizens would be issued a new distinct card under AB PM-JAY. The senior citizens of age 70 years and above belonging to families already covered under AB PM-JAY will get an additional top-up cover upto Rs 5 lakh per year for themselves (which they do not have to share with the other members of the family who are below the age of 70 years).

All other senior citizens of the age 70 years and above will get a cover upto Rs 5 lakh per year on a family basis. Senior citizens of the age 70 years and above who are already availing benefits of other public health insurance schemes such as Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS), Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS), Ayushman Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) may either choose their existing scheme or opt for AB PM-JAY.

It has been clarified that senior citizens of 70 years and above who are under private health insurance policies or Employees' State Insurance scheme will be eligible to avail benefits under AB PM-JAY.

AB PM-JAY is the world's largest publicly funded health assurance



### AYUSHMAN BHARAT PRADHAN MANTRI JAN AROGYA YOJANA

All senior citizens of the age 70 years and above irrespective of their socio-economic status would now be eligible for free treatment worth ₹5 lakh under the scheme

scheme which provides health cover of Rs. 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to 55 crore individuals corresponding to 12.34 crore families.

All members of the eligible families irrespective of age are covered under the scheme. The scheme has covered 7.37 Crore hospital admissions including 49 percent women beneficiaries. The public has benefited to the extent of over Rs. 1 Lakh crore under the scheme.

The expansion of cover to senior citizens of the age of 70 years and above was earlier announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi in April 2024.

The AB PM-JAY scheme has witnessed continuous expansion of the beneficiary base. Initially, 10.74 crore poor and vulnerable families comprising the bottom 40% of India's population were covered under the scheme.

Later, the Government of India, in January 2022 revised the beneficiary base under AB PM-JAY from 10.74 crore to 12 crore families considering India's decadal population growth of 11.7 % over 2011 population.

The scheme was further expanded to cover 37 lakh ASHAs/AWWs/AWHs working across the country and their families for free healthcare benefits.

Taking the mission ahead, AB PM-JAY would now provide free healthcare coverage of Rs 5 lakh to all citizens of the age-group of 70 years and above across the country.

## Row over PM Modi attending Ganpati Puja celebrations at Chief Justice's home

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**New Delhi :** A controversy erupted after Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended Ganpati Puja celebrations at the residence of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, with the Shiv Sena (UBT) suggesting that it might raise doubts about judicial impartiality in the minds of the people. Hitting back at the opposition, the BJP said PM Modi's visit was restricted to Ganpati Puja celebrations, and it was a "part of our culture".

The row started after Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut said a "custodian of the Constitution" meeting politicians could raise doubts in the minds of people.

He also advised CJI Chandrachud to recuse himself from the case where the Uddhav Thackeray camp had challenged the Maharashtra Speaker's decision to recognise the Eknath Shinde-led faction as the real Shiv Sena.

"Our case of Maharashtra... the hearing is going on before CJI Chandrachud, so we have doubts if we will get justice because the PM is the other party in the case. The Chief Justice should distance himself from this case because his relation with the other party in the case is openly visible. Will CJI Chandrachud be able to give us justice in such a situation?" Raut said.

In a post on X, the Rajya Sabha MP listed recent cases where the Supreme Court has not given a favourable ruling for the Opposition. Raut mentioned the top court's suo motu cognisance of the Kolkata rape-murder case and the bail hearing of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.

"One should understand the chronology to understand all such cases," Raut tweeted.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi also took potshots at the judiciary.



"After the festivities are over, hopefully the CJI will deem fit and be slightly freer to conclude the hearing on Maharashtra and the blatant disregard of Article 10 of the Constitution in Maharashtra. Oh wait, elections are round the corner anyway, it can be adjourned for another day," Chaturvedi tweeted. On Wednesday, the Prime Minister participated in the Ganpati Puja festivities at Chandrachud's residence in Delhi. The Chief Justice and his wife, Kalpana Das, were seen welcoming Modi, who wore traditional Maharashtrian attire for the occasion.

### 'RECKLESS BID TO UNDERMINE CJI'S CREDIBILITY'

In a sharp retort to the opposition's allegations, Shiv Sena MP Milind Deora said casting such "baseless aspersions" on the highest court was a "dangerous precedent".

"This reckless attempt to undermine the credibility of the CJI by the opposition is not only irresponsible but also damaging to the institution's integrity," the former Congress leader said.

Calling the remarks by the opposition "unfortunate", Deora said, "Those seeking to tarnish his (Chandrachud) legacy and credibility are showing poor judgment and acting against the nation's best interests.

BJP's national secretary (organisation), BL Santhosh,

also attacked the Opposition for politicising the Prime Minister's visit to the CJI's residence.

"Civility, cordiality, togetherness, co-travellers in nations journey are all an anathema to these left liberals. Also, it was not socialising but a devoted Ganapathi Pooja is very hard to digest. SCBA (Supreme Court Bar Association) is not a moral compass. Take a deep breath once," Santhosh tweeted.

His post was a response to senior advocate Indira Jaising, who said in a post on X that the SCBA should condemn PM Modi's visit. "Chief Justice of India has compromised the separation of powers between the executive and judiciary," Jaising tweeted.

Reacting to Santhosh, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh said the BJP leader's statement made it clear that the saffron party uses "worship for political gains".

Hitting out at the "Congress and communist ecosystem", BJP IT cell chief Amit Malviya recalled the time when the then CJI attended the Iftar party hosted by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"The entire Congress and Communist ecosystem is in a twist after PM Modi attended Ganpati Poojan at CJI DY Chandrachud's residence. The same suspects held it as an epitome of secularism when Dr Manmohan Singh hosted Iftar parties and then CJI would attend," he tweeted.

## Six members of family injured in roof collapse

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**New Delhi :** Six members of a family were injured today when the roof of their two-storeyed house collapsed due to heavy rain in Uttar Pradesh's Aligarh district.

The incident occurred in Zaidpura village under the Tappal police station area, as intense rainfall lashed the district.

Brajesh, the local Community Health Centre in-charge, arrived at the scene with an ambulance to help the victims. Among those trapped were three children and two women. All six were rescued and taken to the hospital, where the condition of a woman was stated to be critical, prompting her transfer to JN Medical College.

Circle Officer Varun Kumar Singh confirmed the incident, stating, "This



incident is related to the Tappal police station in Aligarh district. Due to heavy rainfall in the village, a house collapsed, resulting in injuries to six members of a family. Five people were successfully treated and have returned home. The police are investigating the matter."

In response to the severe weather conditions, the District Magistrate of Aligarh, Vishakh, issued an advisory on Wednesday and ordered the closure of

all schools in the district for a day. Heavy rain over the last 24 hours severely disrupted daily life.

According to District Basic Education Officer Rakesh Kumar Singh, a holiday has been declared for all schools from nursery to class 12 today, as rainfall and thunderstorms are predicted in the region. The order applies to

all government, non-government, and private schools.

Residents were advised to remain cautious and follow any further advisories as the region continues to experience severe weather conditions. Meanwhile, a wall of Rupam Cinema collapsed on Vrindavan road due to heavy rain. The incident occurred in the Govind Nagar police station area, resulting in injury to one person.

## Rain lashes Delhi, several parts of North India to get heavy rain till September 14

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**New Delhi :** Several parts of Delhi and NCR (National Capital Region) woke up to rain today. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted more rain until Friday and issued a yellow alert for the city. According to the IMD, a combination of factors is likely to keep Delhi wet. It may cause waterlogging, especially in low-lying areas, and possible traffic disruptions. The IMD has predicted more rainfall accompanied by gusty winds reaching speeds of 30 kmph for the national capital.

Besides Delhi, Haryana, west Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, and northern Madhya Pradesh are likely to get rain between September 11 and September 14, said IMD. IMD has forecast heavy to very heavy rain with extremely heavy rain at isolated places over west Uttar Pradesh, heavy rain at isolated places over Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and west Rajasthan, and heavy rain at



isolated places over Uttarakhand, east Uttar Pradesh, and east Rajasthan for today.

A depression that formed over the Bay of Bengal and has now settled over Northwest Madhya Pradesh and adjoining southwest Uttar Pradesh is one of the factors for the downpour.

The IMD said that the system is under continuous surveillance. "Depression over Northwest Madhya Pradesh and adjoining southwest Uttar Pradesh (UP) near latitude 26.3°N and longitude 78.2°E, close to Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), about 100 km south of Agra

(UP). To move slowly north-northwestwards during next 24 hours.

System is under continuous surveillance of Doppler Weather Radars at Delhi and Lucknow," IMD posted on X on Thursday. The IMD has also provided a regional forecast for northwest India.

According to their prediction, "fairly widespread light/moderate rainfall is very likely over Uttarakhand, East Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh; isolated to scattered rainfall over the remaining region during the week."

"Isolated very heavy rainfall is very likely over Uttarakhand, West Uttar Pradesh, and East Rajasthan during September 11 to 13, and Haryana on September 12. Also, isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over Uttarakhand and Haryana during September 11 to 14, and Uttar Pradesh, East Rajasthan during September 11 to 15," it said.

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