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## MC Mohali under fire over 'selective' lifting of green waste, dry leaves

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** The Mohali Municipal Corporation has come under fire for its 'selective' lifting of green waste from colonies and parks of the cities. The agitated residents have accused the civic body of only lifting green waste from the areas of the selected elected councilors while neglecting the rest of the areas. A resident of Phase 2 said that despite paying taxes, we can't expect our roads to be clean. "The government collects taxes from the people in all the way they can, we are paying heavy amount of taxes for almost everything but the authorities have failed to provide to even basic facilities to its residents". "While the Municipal Corporations of the various cities in the South are coming up with creative ways to manage and treat green waste and use it as compost, our city MC does not even have resources to lift the green waste, dry leaves accumulated outside houses and on roadsides," expressed another senior resident. "The civic body should guarantee the collection of green waste from all areas, streets, and houses, and transport it to designated sites for composting. If the civics body does not create designated



sites, people will not have any option but to burn green waste,"

he added. Residents suggested that

elected representatives should work collectively and find the permanent solution to the problems being faced by the residents of Mohali despite of paying heavy taxes. When The Aman Sandesh Times team contacted the Municipal Corporation (MC) Sanitary Inspector Surinder, he flatly refused and showed his inability to lift green waste from the area and added that there are no trolleys to collect garbage and stated that MC does not have a designated place to dump green waste so they are helpless to provide any solution to clear heaps of green wastes lying in and around the residential areas. Green Waste Green waste is compostable, meaning it can be broken down naturally and used to create compost. Composting green waste helps reduce the amount of waste sent to landfills, lowers greenhouse gas emissions, and produces a nutrient-rich material that can be used to improve soil health in gardens and agricultural settings. Properly managing green waste contributes to more sustainable waste management practices and promotes environmental health.

## PM Modi interacts with beneficiaries of free electricity scheme in Gujarat

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Gandhinagar :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi today interacted with the beneficiaries of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijlee Yojna, a free electricity scheme, in Gujarat's capital city, Gandhinagar. He arrived at the Shalin-2 society at around 10 am and interacted with people from several households who have installed solar panels on their rooftops as part of the scheme launched on February 29 with an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore. Prime Minister Modi spent around 20 minutes at the residential complex in what was his first trip

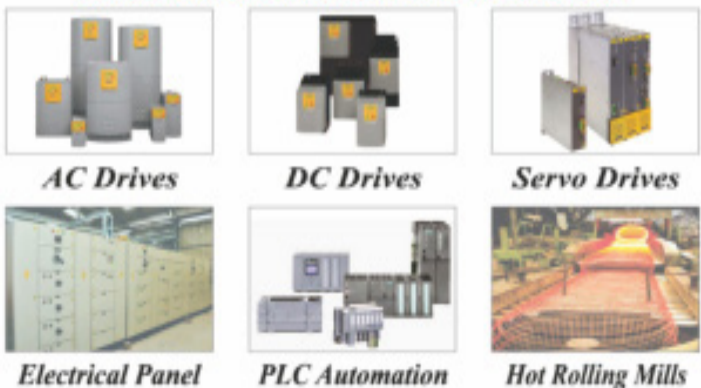


to his home state after the Lok Sabha elections. The PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijlee Yojna is a scheme initiated by the Centre that aims to provide free electricity to one crore households that choose to install rooftop solar

panels. Following his interaction, PM Modi inaugurated and attended the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) at Mahatma Mandir in Gujarat. Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel were also present. Prime Minister Modi will later in the day inaugurate and lay the foundation stone for various development projects worth over

Rs. 8,000 crores. These projects cover roads, energy, housing and more. Later in the day, he will also flag off the country's first Vande Bharat Metro between Bhuj and Ahmedabad. Furthermore, he will flag off Vande Bharat trains on routes including Kolhapur-Pune, Pune-Hubballi, Nagpur-Secunderabad, Agra Cantt to Banaras, Durg-Visakhapatnam and the first 20-coach Vande Bharat train from Varanasi to Delhi. Notably, Prime Minister Modi is on a three-day visit to Jharkhand, Gujarat and Odisha.

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# Who will succeed Arvind Kejriwal as Delhi Chief Minister? Top contenders

## THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced that he would step down from the top post after two days and asserted that he would return as Chief Minister only when the people give him a "certificate of honesty".

Addressing Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leaders and workers, Arvind Kejriwal also ruled out his party colleague and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, who is also accused in the liquor policy case, from being his successor. Kejriwal said he and Sisodia would return to their respective posts "only after people say we are honest".

After Arvind Kejriwal's surprise announcement, here are some of the likely contenders for the Chief Minister's post in Delhi.

Known for her dynamic approach to policy reforms and her advocacy on social issues, Atishi was the most visible AAP leader after Arvind Kejriwal was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 21 in the Delhi liquor policy case.

She has been playing a crucial role in the functioning of the Delhi government since Arvind Kejriwal's arrest and is in charge of 14 departments, the highest among Cabinet ministers. Key ministries that she looks after are Education, Finance, Planning, PWD, Water, Power and Public Relations.

Atishi has also served as the chairperson of the standing committee on education of the Delhi Assembly. Her strong



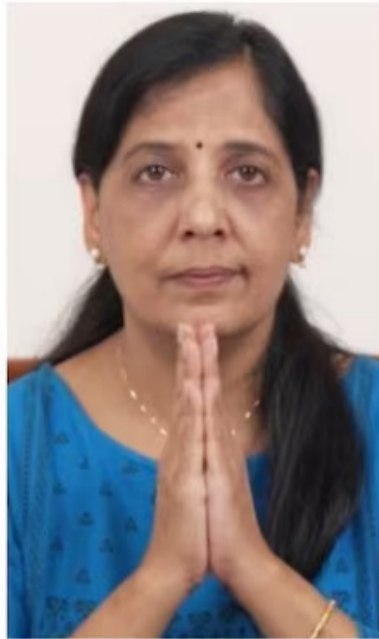
oratory skills make her one of the frontrunners for the chief ministerial post.

### GOPAL RAI

Known for his grassroots work and extensive experience within AAP, 49-year-old Gopal Rai is a seasoned politician with a background in student activism, and has long been a key player in Delhi's political landscape.

He is a Cabinet Minister for Environment, Forest and Wildlife, Development and General Administration Department. He was once shot in the arm during a campaign and had been partially paralysed.

Gopal Rai is known for his deep



connection with Delhi's working-class communities. His background in labour rights and his efforts to address environmental issues resonated with a broad spectrum of voters.

His hands-on experience in dealing with the city's pressing issues, from pollution control to labour welfare, makes him one of the contenders for the Chief Minister.

### KAILASH GAHLOT

Kailash Gahlot has been a prominent figure in Delhi's political scenario, known for his work as the Transport Minister. Under his leadership, the Delhi government made substantial strides in improving the city's transport infrastructure, including the expansion of bus services, the introduction of electric buses, and efforts to enhance road safety.

Being a Cabinet minister, the 50-year-old AAP leader has demonstrated strong administrative



capabilities and his ability to manage large-scale projects and navigate bureaucratic complexities would be beneficial for effective governance.

Being one of the seniormost leaders in the party, Kailash Gahlot could be offered the chance to become the Chief Minister.

### SUNITA KEJRIWAL

Sunita Kejriwal, a former Indian Revenue Services (IRS) officer like her husband, served in the Income Tax Department for over two decades. She was a prominent face in AAP's Lok Sabha campaigns in Delhi, Haryana and Gujarat.

She regularly appeared at press conferences and read out Arvind Kejriwal's messages to the people in the same chair her husband used to sit and deliver his video speeches. She also participated in Opposition INDIA bloc's rallies in Delhi and Ranchi and frequently slammed the BJP for targeting her

husband.

Being a former bureaucrat, Sunita Kejriwal has expertise in handling bureaucratic processes and understanding complex public systems that would be beneficial in managing Delhi's multifaceted challenges.

However, her non-political background and constitutional constraints could cause hindrances to her becoming the Chief Minister. As Sunita Kejriwal is not a member of AAP, she should first join the party and contest on one of the seats and get elected as an MLA within three months if she occupies the top post.

But, given the uncertainty of Delhi's political scenario and with Assembly elections scheduled for February 2025, it would be a challenge for the Election Commission to hold bypolls around this time. Moreover, the AAP would be wary of the Opposition's possible attacks on the party over family-driven politics if Sunita Kejriwal gets the chief ministerial post.



Atul Sharma



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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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<h3>Cancer</h3> <p>(June 21 - July 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for those venturing out to have fun. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Time spent with relatives will be to your advantage. You will know today that the love of your partner is truly soulful for you.</p>	<h3>Leo</h3> <p>(July 23 - Aug 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Smile as it is best antidote for all your problems. Money gains from unplanned sources brighten up your day. Romantic feelings will be reciprocated today. Keep your ears and eyes open when interacting with important people - as you could pick up a valuable tip.</p>	<h3>Virgo</h3> <p>(Aug 23 - Sep 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Those who still haven't received their salaries can get worried regarding money matters, and ask any of their friends for a loan. Visiting guests occupy your evenings. Your love will reach a new height.</p>
<h3>Libra</h3> <p>(Sep 23 - Oct 22)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. With the help of your siblings, today you will attain monetary benefits. Seek advice from your siblings. People close might take undue advantage of you- if you behave extra generous.</p>	<h3>Scorpio</h3> <p>(Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Maintain your mental health-which is prerequisite for spiritual life. Mind is the gateway of life because everything whether it is good/bad comes through mind. It helps in solving life problems and endows one with requisite light.</p>	<h3>Sagittarius</h3> <p>(Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Smile as it is best antidote for all your problems. If you feel that you do not have enough money, then seek the advice from an elder regarding money management and savings. Your compassion and understanding will be rewarded.</p>
<h3>Capricorn</h3> <p>(Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Blood pressure patients should be extra careful about their health while travelling in a crowded bus. The economic side is likely to strengthen. If you had lent money to a person, you are expected to get that money back today. Devote your spare time in selfless service.</p>	<h3>Aquarius</h3> <p>(Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel. Be careful not to get roped into dubious financial deals. By overcoming differences with family members- you will easily accomplish your goals. New partnership would be promising today.</p>	<h3>Pisces</h3> <p>(Feb 19 - Mar 20)</p> <p><b>Sep 17th 2024 :</b> Health related problems might cause discomfort. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation-which will also bring you financial gains. An old friend may call on you in the evening and brings in nostalgic memories. Good day for retailers and wholesalers.</p>

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## 2.03.54.350 voters set to participate in Hry Assembly Elections on October 5

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Pankaj Agarwal today disclosed that a total of 2,03,54,350 voters will be able to exercise their franchise in the upcoming General Election 2024 for the 15th Haryana Legislative Assembly, scheduled for October 5. To facilitate the voting process, 20,629 polling booths have been established across the state.

Women enrolled more than men as new voters

Agarwal said that following the final publication of the voter list on August 27, Form-6 submissions were accepted until September 2, 2024. This led to the addition of 1,29,392 new voters to the list, comprising 64,031 men, 65,352 women, and 9 third-gender individuals. Consequently, the total number of



registered voters in the state now stands at 2,03,54,350.

There are 8,821 voters above 100 years of age in the state. The Chief Electoral Officer provided detailed demographics of the voter base, stating that out of the total 2,03,54,350 voters, there are 1,07,75,957 men, 95,77,926 women, and 467 third-gender voters.

List: CEO

Agarwal informed that the voter lists are available on the department's website ceoharyana.gov.in

Apart from this, voters can check their name in the voter list by calling the voter helpline number - 1950. It is mandatory to be listed in the voters list for casting the vote in the election.

Among these, there are 5,24,514 young voters aged 18 to 19, 1,49,142 persons with disabilities voters, and 2,31,093 voters aged 85 years or above. Remarkably, there are 8,821 voters above the age of 100, along with 1,09,217 service voters.

Every Voter Must Check Their Name in the Voter

## NSUI constitutes new Mohali unit

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : In a significant move towards strengthening the National Students' Union of India (NSUI) in Punjab, Isherpreet Singh Sidhu, the President of NSUI Punjab, has announced the formation of a new NSUI unit in Mohali.

This newly established team, consists of dedicated and dynamic individuals who are set to drive positive change among the youth in the region.

Jashanpreet Singh Mandher has been appointed as the President of the Mohali unit, with Sehaj Baidwan taking on the role of Vice President. Jaskaran Bhangu will serve as the General Secretary, and Navjot Singh Saini has been designated as the Secretary.

This core team reflects the NSUI's commitment to empowering young leaders who will work tirelessly to motivate and uplift the youth in Mohali.

Speaking on the occasion, Isherpreet Singh Sidhu stated, "The formation of this new unit in Mohali is a crucial step in our mission to build a robust network of young leaders across Punjab. Our primary goal is



to empower the youth, giving them the tools and opportunities they need to excel and contribute to society."

Following the setup of this new team, NSUI Punjab will undertake an Awareness Campaign addressing the pressing issue of the drug menace in Punjab. Recognizing the severe impact that drug addiction has on the state's youth, Isherpreet Singh Sidhu has prioritized this campaign to combat the growing crisis.

"The drug menace is a grave threat to our future generations. Through this campaign, we aim to reach out to as many young people as possible, educating them about the dangers of drug abuse and inspiring them to choose a path of growth and development," Sidhu added.

As Isherpreet Singh Sidhu

congratulated the new members of the Mohali unit, he emphasized that this is just the beginning of NSUI Punjab's efforts to uplift the youth. He reaffirmed NSUI's commitment to continue working relentlessly for the betterment of young individuals across the state, ensuring they have the support and resources they need to thrive. "This initiative is not just about creating new units; it is about creating a movement that will resonate across the state, guiding our youth towards a brighter future," he said.

The newly formed NSUI unit in Mohali marks a pivotal step in the ongoing mission to empower the youth of Punjab, and with strong leadership at its helm, it is poised to make a significant impact in the region.

## "No democracy in BJP.": Pb Minister Cheema as Anil Vij stakes claim for Hry CM post

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : After senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Anil Vij staked claim for the position of the Chief Minister ahead of the Haryana Assembly polls, Aam Aadmi Party leader and Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema said that the BJP was a party of dictatorship and that democracy had long gone from the party.

Cheema said that the BJP had always kept the people who have won the most time at the back and had those candidates the Chief Minister who have won just once.

"I can understand that inside the BJP there is no democracy. For selecting the Chief Minister or giving the ticket, there is no democracy in the BJP. They have always kept



said that this move was to show that people have the highest power in democracy.

He further said that by doing this, Kejriwal is asking the people to vote for him if they think that he is innocent or otherwise vote for someone else.

"The nation knows that the BJP filed a fake case against Arvind Kejriwal and sent him to jail. Now the court has granted him bail. The people have the highest power in democracy... And now, Arvind Kejriwal will go among the people and ask them if I am innocent, then vote for him; otherwise, vote for someone else. He has become an example in politics among the people. He has worked for the poor. His respect has been increased," Cheema added.

candidates who have won the most at the back and have made those candidates Chief Ministers who have won just once. It is a party of dictatorship, and democracy has long gone," Cheema said.

He further asserted that the people of Haryana have already decided and that the BJP will lose in the upcoming Haryana Assembly polls. Speaking on Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's resignation statement, Harpal Singh Cheema

## Anindita Mitra assumes charge as Secretary Cooperation. MD of Pb State Co-operative Bank

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Anindita Mitra on Monday assumed the office of Secretary Cooperation and Managing Director The Punjab State Co-operative Bank, today. A 2007 batch IAS officer, Mitra has rendered services as DC SBS Nagar and Hoshiarpur, Director food and civil supplies, Director Public Relations and Commissioner of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh



After assuming the charge of office, Mitra said that the focus

would be to further strengthen the cooperative movement in the state. She said that there is a huge scope of well-being of every strata of society, especially the farmers and weaker section through the cooperative sector. Mitra said that no stone will be left unturned to fulfill this noble task under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### WHO CARES...?

## Stray Cows continue to rule the streets

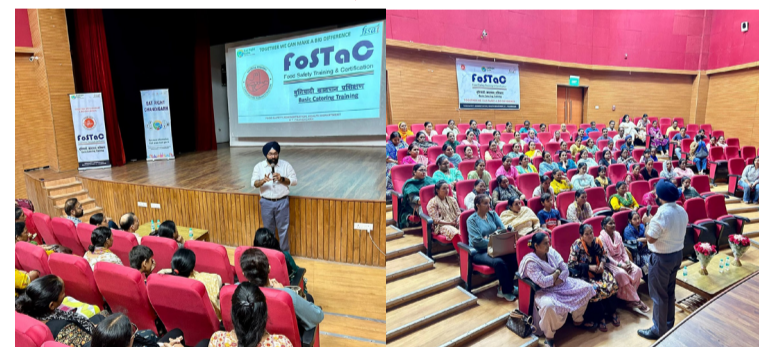


### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Due to the slow pace of implementation of the animal birth control programme for stray dogs in the city, their population has doubled in the last five years posing a threat to citizens. These Cows that were earlier found in large numbers near meat stalls, garbage dumps, and in residential areas. Nowadays they are seen across the city and in public places in large numbers. Citizens wanted the programme to be expedited by increasing the number of doctors, and extending the facilities at the post operative centre. Residents claim that they have been spotting stray puppies in the area. "It is concerning. Some dogs chased children on their way to school. We are terrified after hearing incidents of dog bites and attacks in the city," residents said. As stray dog attacks increase, the Centre has decided to reach out to the States, local self-governments (LSGs) and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) on implementing the new set of Animal Birth Control Rules prepared by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry recently. Notified on March 10 last year, the Rules put the onus of maintaining and controlling the population of stray dogs on LSGs and RWAs. Talking to sources Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), S.K. Dutta, said the Rules of 2001, based on the Prevention of Cruelties to Animals Act, 1960, were amended to "adopt humane procedures for controlling stray animal population through open methods of surgeries and operations". The decision is also based on several Supreme Court judgements, Dr. Dutta said. "Local bodies were not following the 2001 Rules. We got

a number of complaints on cruelty to animals and other malpractices. After reviewing these Rules, the Ministry, in consultation with AWBI, revised these Rules and notified it on March 10, 2023," he said. The Ministry has requested all Chief Secretaries and State government departments to ensure proper implementation of these new rules. Sources added that nature of the dogs should be considered while dealing with complaints about man-animal conflict. "No court allows relocation of dogs. Dog is a territorial animal. They cannot be kept in closed confinement and they will be more furious if we do so. Animal welfare activists who go for feeding dogs face harassment at some places. So, we have framed a set of actions to be followed by RWAs and LSGs. It is elaborated in the new set of rules," he said. The new Rules prescribe that Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes for sterilisation and immunisation of stray dogs are to be carried out by LSGs. The Ministry is also concerned about complaints of cruelty involved in carrying out ABC programmes. "By effective implementation of these Rules, ABC can be conducted by local bodies which will help in reducing stray dog population while addressing animal welfare issues. This is for birth control as well as maintenance of stray animals. The Rules want the RWAs to designate feed spots for dogs which shall be far from children play areas, entry and exit points, staircase or in an area which is likely to be least frequented by children and senior citizens. Dr. Dutta said if garbage is managed at the source, stray animals can also be managed. But Who Cares???

## Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has launched the FoStAc



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, New Delhi, has launched the FoStAc (Food Safety Training and Certification) programme aimed at training Food Business Operators (FBOs) involved in the manufacturing, distribution, storage, retail, and wholesale of food products intended for human consumption. As part of this initiative, FBOs are provided with essential training to ensure the maintenance of food safety, hygiene, and sanitation standards. Additionally, cooks and helpers engaged in preparing and serving meals under the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) programme are also required to undergo training. The Food Safety Administration of the Health Department, U.T. Chandigarh, has been appointed as a FoStAc Training Partner by FSSAI, and the Designated Officer has been certified as a FoStAc trainer. This will enable them to offer free training under the FoStAc

Basic Catering Programme to Food Business Operators. During the 5th State Level Advisory Committee for Safe Food & Healthy Diets, chaired by Sh. Ajay Chagti, IAS, Secretary Health-cum-Commissioner Food Safety, it was decided that the Food Safety Administration of U.T. Chandigarh would train and certify all 900 MDM workers involved in food preparation and serving in government schools across Chandigarh, under the FoStAc programme initiated by FSSAI, Government of India. On January 16, 2023, the first batch of 100 MDM workers received training at the Auditorium of the Government Multispecialty Hospital, Sector-16, Chandigarh. The training programme was inaugurated by Dr. Suman Singh, Director of Health & Family Welfare, U.T. Chandigarh. Dr. Suman Singh praised the efforts of the Food Safety Department and encouraged participants to fully utilize the knowledge gained from the training, applying it diligently in their day-to-day work to ensure the highest standards of food safety.

"Seek professional psychiatric assistance": Congress leaders slam BJP's Ravneet Bittu over his "terrorist" remark on Rahul Gandhi



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh** : Leader of Opposition in Punjab, Partap Singh Bajwa, condemned remarks made by Union Minister and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Ravneet Singh Bittu on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on Sikhs in the USA. Bajwa said that it is deeply concerning that a minister, who draws a salary funded by taxpayers, fails to comprehend the constitutional values he is sworn to uphold.

"His derogatory remarks demonstrate not only a profound lack of education and understanding of parliamentary principles but also an appalling disregard for responsible public conduct," he said. "It appears that Bittu has completely lost his sense of reason, and perhaps it would be prudent for him to seek professional psychiatric assistance. His inability to win public trust has long been evident, yet he continues to draw a ministerial salary. Perhaps those funds could be better utilised in addressing what seems to be a deeper mental affliction. Such a baseless accusation is not merely a lapse in judgement; it is a clear manifestation of a troubling disconnect between his speech and reasoning," Bajwa added.

The Congress leader, further urged the Government of India to take note and to ensure that those in positions of power, respect the dignity of the Constitution and the office they hold.

"Ravneet Singh Bittu's irresponsible comments are an affront to democracy and cannot be excused as mere lapses in judgement," Partap Singh Bajwa added. Congress leader Sandeep Dikshit slammed the Union Minister over his controversial remarks and said that his political career in the Congress was also a mess.

"We can only pity such people. His political career in Congress was also a

mess. He used to praise Rahul Gandhi, and now, after resigning from Congress and joining the BJP, he is showing his loyalty to the BJP party," Dixit said.

Congress leader Tariq Anwar said, "Ravneet Bittu has just joined the BJP from the Congress party and he wants to prove that he follows the ideology of BJP and is anti-Rahul Gandhi.

That's why he is making these kinds of absurd statements." Launching a blistering attack on Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu said that the former is not an Indian and is the country's number one terrorist whom the agencies should catch.

"Rahul Gandhi is not an Indian, he has spent most of his time outside. He does not love his country much because he goes abroad and says everything in the wrong way. The people who are most wanted, separatists, and experts in making bombs, guns, and shells, have appreciated what Rahul Gandhi has said.

The enemies of the country who try to blow up planes, trains, and roads, are in support of Rahul Gandhi. Rahul Gandhi is the country's number 1 terrorist. The biggest enemy of the country whom the agencies should catch is Rahul Gandhi today," he said.

In another remark, Bittu said that Rahul Gandhi is trying to break a religion abroad, saying that wearing a kada, the turban is not allowed in India.

"The Gandhi family under a conspiracy raped our mothers and sisters in the streets. Bullets were fired at the Golden Temple. Thousands of innocent people were killed. Why are they teasing Sikhs? What do they want to do? He is speaking the language of terrorists like Pannun who are sitting abroad. I will speak the same when he is sitting in front of me in the parliament," he said.

## Dushyant Chautala's mother likens rebel Anoop Dhanak, who joined BJP, to 'snake'



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : Naina Chautala, former MLA of the Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) and mother of Haryana's ex-Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, slammed BJP leader Anoop Dhanak for quitting JJP just days ahead of the October 5 Assembly polls and called him a "black cobra (snake)."

While inaugurating the campaign office of JJP candidate Krishan Gangwa in Adampur, she said, "We gave Anoop love and respect, but even a two-faced snake is better than him. At least with a snake, you know where it will strike. God gave Anoop the face of a black cobra, and he turned out to be just that — a cobra. He sold out like cattle at a market."

Elected as a JJP candidate in the 2019 Haryana Assembly elections, Dhanak served as a Minister of State in the coalition government between the JJP and BJP. His allegiance to the Chautala family, especially Ajay Chautala and Dushyant Chautala, initially seemed unwavering. He was among the earliest supporters of Ajay Chautala when the JJP was established in December 2018, following a split from the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD).

However, in a sudden shift ahead of the 2024 Assembly polls, Dhanak submitted his resignation from the JJP

and joined the BJP, which had given him the ticket to contest upcoming polls from the Uklana constituency in Hisar district.

Naina Chautala also voiced her dissatisfaction with former JJP allies who have now aligned themselves with political rivals. She emphasised that the JJP had actively worked to elevate leaders from backward and scheduled castes, such as Dhanak, by providing them with leadership opportunities.

She added, "We left no stone unturned in giving respect to the SC and backward classes. We even made Anoop Dhanak a state minister. But no one wears a sign on their forehead that says they will stab you in the back. When someone stands with us, they are ours."

Urging JJP supporters to campaign against Dhanak, she stated, "I remember seeing him when his sandals had holes in them, and today he walks with his head held high. If you have any relations in Uklana, I urge you to campaign against him and make sure he is defeated, so he knows the consequences of betraying the Devi Lal family."

Elections for Haryana's 90 Assembly seats are slated to be held on October 5, the results of which will be declared on October 8.

## Will not distribute a single bottle of liquor to get votes: Prem Garg, AAP candidate from Panchkula

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Panchkula** : Prem Garg, AAP candidate from Panchkula, assured people that he will not distribute a single bottle of liquor to get votes in the ensuing Haryana Assembly elections.

Prem Garg who is a Lord Krishna devotee and has been associated with ISKON Temple shared that he is a pure vegetarian and never consumes tea, coffee, liquor, cigarette, egg, or meat products. Strengthening infrastructure, improving civic amenities, cleaning roads, and upgrading and beautifying public spaces are among the key promises of Senior leader Prem Garg has made to the people of Panchkula.

Prem Garg who has been in practice as a Chartered Accountant (CA) in Panchkula for the last 40 years shared his vision of for Panchkula, particularly the upliftment of Rajiv Colony, Woodanpur, Ashiana Complexes,



Khargmangoli colonies.

Garg also promised to resolve issues of stray animals, bad roads, garbage collection, and garbage dump at Jharmajri, Stilt +4 construction, improving schools, health infrastructure, cleanliness in the city, providing playgrounds, swimming pools for

children of city and villages, etc.

"Everyone who knows me will vouch for my honesty, integrity, and devotion to Lord Krishna. I seek your wholehearted support so that we can win this election. Please ask all your family and friends to vote and support me. With your support, I can only assure you, that Haryana Assembly will have

the highest qualified BCom FCA, LLb, member having a vision and impeccable integrity. One honest MLA will be more valuable than all other routine politicians. Your faith in me will never go to waste," Prem Garg told voters.

## India launches 'Operation Sadbhav' to provide humanitarian assistance to Typhoon Yagi-affected countries

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : India has launched Operation Sadbhav to extend humanitarian aid to the nations affected by Typhoon Yagi, specifically Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam.

In response to the devastating impact of this significant storm, India has dispatched essential relief supplies to these countries, which are currently grappling with severe flooding following this year's most powerful storm in Asia.

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar informed that 10 tonnes of assistance, comprising dry rations, clothing, and medical supplies, have



been sent to Myanmar aboard the Indian naval vessel INS Satpura. Additionally, a military transport aircraft from the Indian Air Force is delivering 35 tonnes of aid to Vietnam and 10 tonnes of relief supplies to

Laos. The aid packages include generators, water purification equipment, hygiene products, mosquito nets, blankets, and sleeping bags.

India has been among the first nations to offer Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to countries in need. Operation Sadbhav represents a segment of India's extensive initiative to support HADR efforts within the ASEAN region, aligning with its 'Act East Policy.'

## 63 missing children continue to remain untracked in Chandigarh

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh** : As many as 63 children continue to remain missing and have not been tracked yet in Chandigarh. The details were revealed by the police and social welfare department during the Administrator's Advisory Council meeting.

Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India and former MP, while speaking to The Indian Express stated that the data pertains to 2021 to 2024 till date.

Jain, who heads the social welfare committee, said that he has asked the police to find the details of the missing children reports.

He told the committee "is liaising with the parents of the missing children to ascertain the reasons for missing so that appropriate action may be taken with coordination of the police department". As per details, of the total missing children, six are males and 57 are females.

"Though the police says that of the cases involving females, these are those where some have married, but I have asked them to bring in all of their addresses to verify and check on ground if the claims are true. We will also be speaking to the parents if there



was any sort of pressure," Jain added. According to details, in 2024 till date 125 children went missing, of which 100 have been traced and 25 continue to remain untracked. In 2023, as many as 186 children went missing, of which 162 were traced, while in 2022, as many as 155 children went missing of which 148 were traced. In 2021, as many as 159 children went missing of which 152 were traced.

The police department informed that they made efforts to trace the mentioned missing children. According to directions, a special drive for door-to-door survey was also conducted by the team of anti-human trafficking unit on a regular basis to know the current

status of the missing/kidnapped children.

This unit conducts operation 'Muskaan' every year. During this operation, 15 teams of police officials visit children's shelter homes of various states, i.e., Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Delhi, UP and other neighbouring states.

Further, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Chandigarh Police also organises awareness camps regarding human trafficking and on various issues related to children, at different places of Chandigarh, like, markets, schools, bus stands, railway stations and colonies.

"If we see from 2021 till date 2024, there are 625 children that went missing, of which 562 were traced and others continue to remain missing. It is a serious matter. We have our meeting with the social welfare committee in October. We have sought details of the claims by the police that some of the children went by themselves," Jain added.

## Jalandhar Commissionerate Police arrested 4 persons along with 10 kilos of heroin

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh** : Dealing a major blow to the cross-border drug network, the Jalandhar Commissionerate Police busted an international drug racket and seized 10 kg of heroin and arrested four persons. This information was shared by DGP Punjab. He wrote on his social media account



that drones were used to

smuggle drugs from Pakistan. The accused were related to smugglers based in Pakistan. Earlier, a person was caught with 1 kg of heroin and drug money worth Rs. 4 lakh.

## Aishwarya Rai wins Best Actress at SIIMA 2024. Aaradhya takes pics of mother's win

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chennai : Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and daughter Aaradhya Bachchan turned up in blingy outfits at South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024, which was held in Dubai on September 15. She won the Best Actress in a Leading Role (Critics) for her performance in director Mani Ratnam's Ponniyin Selvan: Part 2. As she went on-stage to receive the award, Aaradhya captured the moment on her phone. Aishwarya and Aaradhya left for Dubai and received a warm welcome on September 15. Later that evening, the mom-daughter duo walked the red carpet. Aishwarya took selfies with her fans who gathered outside the venue.



Aishwarya won the Best Actress in a Leading Role for Ponniyin Selvan: Part 2. She received the award from director Kabir Khan. What caught everyone's attention was when Aaradhya captured the moment on her phone. She looked beautiful in a black and silver ensemble. Aishwarya and Aaradhya were seated next to Chiyaan Vikram. For the unaware,

the two were paired opposite each other in Ponniyin Selvan 2. Aishwarya Rai played two roles in Ponniyin Selvan 2 - as Nandini and Mandakini Devi. The film is based on the popular Tamil literary novel of the same name, written by Kalki Krishnamoorthy. On the work front, Aishwarya Rai is yet to announce her upcoming project.

## Aamir Khan to produce Imran Khan's romantic-comedy for Netflix

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Actor Imran Khan, who was last seen in Katti Batti, is all set to make his comeback with a romantic comedy for Netflix. It has been reported that the upcoming project will be produced by his uncle and actor Aamir Khan. According to a latest report by Filmfare, Imran Khan's comeback project will be backed by Aamir Khan's production company, Aamir Khan Productions. Further details about the film have not been disclosed yet. Earlier, in an exclusive chat with India Today Digital, Imran Khan opened up about his break from acting and plans for a comeback. The actor took a hiatus from the film industry in 2015, during which he faced personal



struggles and mental health challenges. When asked about what he had been working on, Imran said, "I don't have a clear answer to that. It's not for lack of trying. I'm having these conversations with writers, directors, and producers. I'm trying to find something that really sparks." He continued, "I guess at this

point, two stories have kind of resonated with me, which I'm developing with the directors, but they're not close to a full project yet. So, I don't have a proper film that I have signed or a show that I have signed that I'm committed to yet." Imran's last film was Katti Batti, co-starring Kangana Ranaut.

## Partial Lunar Eclipse: These cities will see rare Supermoon event



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : A partial lunar eclipse is set to grace the night sky on September 17-18, 2024, coinciding with the Full Harvest Moon.

A partial lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth moves between the Sun and the full Moon, but they are not precisely aligned. During this event, only a portion of the Moon's visible surface enters the darkest part of Earth's shadow, known as the umbra.

The eclipse will begin with a penumbral phase at 6:11 am IST on September 18, where the Moon will start to enter the Earth's outer shadow, creating a subtle shading effect.

The partial eclipse will commence at 7:42 am IST, when approximately 8% of the Moon will be obscured by the Earth's darker umbral shadow, giving the appearance of a small "bite" taken out of the lunar surface.

The peak of the eclipse will occur at 8:14 am IST, and the partial phase will conclude by 8:45 am IST. The entire event will last for about 4 hours and 6 minutes, with the partial phase lasting approximately 1 hour and 3 minutes.

### WHY IS THIS ECLIPSE RARE?

This eclipse is particularly special as it occurs during a "supermoon," when the Moon is at its closest point to Earth in its orbit, making it appear larger and brighter than usual.

Observers will also be treated to the sight of Saturn, which will be positioned near the eclipsed Moon, providing a stunning backdrop for skywatchers.

Lunar eclipses are safe to view with the naked eye, though binoculars or telescopes can enhance the experience. For those unable to observe the event in person, several online platforms will offer live streams.

### THESE CITIES WILL SEE RARE PARTIAL LUNAR ECLIPSE

This celestial event will be visible across a vast swath of the globe, including North America, Europe, Africa, and parts of South America and Antarctica.

The cities include Ankara, Sofia, Detroit, London, Athens, Cairo, Guatemala City, Paris, Havana, Rome, Rio de Janeiro, Madrid, Johannesburg, Brussels, San Francisco, Budapest, Lagos, Washington DC, Santiago, Los Angeles, São Paulo, Moscow, Berlin, Lisbon, Amsterdam, New York, Bucharest, Mexico City, Chicago, Buenos Aires.

### WILL PARTIAL LUNAR ECLIPSE BE VISIBLE IN INDIA?

India will see only the penumbral phase of the partial lunar eclipse. However, it will be affected by the morning Sun, making it invisible in the country.

This is the last lunar eclipse of 2024.

### It's story

## The Bear and the Two Friends

Two friends were walking through the forest. Since it was dangerous, they promised to stay close to each other. They see a bear approaching them. One friend scurries up a tree, leaving the other one behind. The other friend decided to pretend to be dead. The bear approached him, smelled his ear and then left. The friend in the tree climbed down and asked the other friend what the bear had told him. He replies, "The bear simply advised against believing a false friend."



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## India sees healthy 8 pc increase in overall rainfall, positive for inflation outlook

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** India saw a healthy 8 per cent increase in overall rainfall above the long-term average (till September 13) as average retail prices of vegetables and milk cooled down, a report showed today. Cumulative weekly rainfall was 14 per cent above the long-term average (as of September 11).

With overall sowing nearly completed, the focus will now shift towards the harvesting season, as per the 'Indian Rainfall Tracker' by Emkay Global Financial Services.

The total area under sowing (109.2 million hectares) is higher (2 per cent YoY) than last year (as of September 6).

This is mainly due to healthy sowing for most major food crops -- rice (41.0 million hectares), pulses (12.6 million hectares), coarse cereals (18.9 million hectares), and oilseeds (19.2 million hectares), said the report.

Overall area under sowing is at 99 per cent of normal area sown, compared with 98



per cent at the same point in 2023.

According to the report, prices have softened in recent weeks due to higher supply, but are expected to remain stable at current levels until the harvest brings more supply to the markets.

The overall basin-wise reservoir levels are in a healthy position and are above the long-term average and last year's levels.

According to Aditi Gupta, Economist at Bank of Baroda (BoB), most regions of the country have received normal to above normal rainfall which has also translated into an improvement in reservoir storage.

Kharif sowing has shown a steady improvement with acreage 2.2 per cent higher than last year. Pulses and paddy have shown the maximum improvement.

Overall, cumulative rainfall this year remains much higher so far at 817.9 mm, compared with 684.6 mm last year.

"The trajectory of the monsoon has evolved broadly in line with IMD's projections. This should be positive for the inflation outlook," said Gupta in the latest BoB update.

## Mukhtar Ansari died of heart attack, not slow poisoning

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Gangster-turned-politician Mukhtar Ansari died of a heart attack, a report by the District Magistrate (DM) of Uttar Pradesh's Banda district said, reaffirming the findings of the post-mortem report.

Ansari died of a cardiac arrest at a hospital in Banda in March this year at the age of 63. A five-time MLA from the Mau Sadar seat, he was in jail in Uttar Pradesh and Punjab since 2005. He had over 60 criminal cases pending against him.

Ansari was sentenced in eight cases since September 2022 by different courts in Uttar Pradesh and was lodged in the Banda jail, where he died in March this year.

After the death of the gangster-turned-politician, his family alleged that he died due to a "slow poisoning" in Banda's District Jail.

Mukhtar Ansari's son Umar Ansari



claimed that his father was subjected to "slow poisoning" in prison, and also demanded that his post-mortem be conducted by AIIMS doctors in Delhi and a magisterial probe of the death.

Speaking to the media, Umar Ansari said his father was given poison through the food served to him, which led to his death. After the accusation, a probe was ordered

by the District Magistrate of Banda, which confirmed that Ansari died after suffering a heart attack in jail. The DM's report has been sent to Uttar Pradesh's secretariat for necessary action.

According to sources, during the probe, the samples of salt, jaggery, and chickpeas found in Mukhtar Ansari's barrack were sent for forensic examination, which did not confirm the presence of any poisonous substance.

Statements by security personnel who were deployed in Mukhtar Ansari's barracks, the doctors from the jail, Banda Medical College who treated him, and the panel of doctors who conducted his post-mortem, were also recorded during the probe, and it rejected claims of "slow poisoning".

## Railways Job Alert: Recruitment in 11,558 Non-Technical Popular Categories: Read details

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has officially announced the highly anticipated recruitment notification for the Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) positions.

The RRB NTPC 2024 recruitment drive encompasses a wide range of posts suitable for both graduate and undergraduate candidates. These posts include but are not limited to Junior Clerk cum Typist, Accounts Clerk cum Typist, Commercial cum Ticket Clerk, Goods Guard, and Station Master.

The last date to apply online is 13 October 2024. To apply visit website: <https://www.rrbcdg.gov.in>.

A total of 11,558 vacancies are expected to fill for Graduate Posts Chief Commercial cum Ticket Supervisor, Station Master,



Goods Train Manager, Junior Account Assistant cum Typist, Senior Clerk cum Typist, and Undergraduate Posts such as Commercial cum Ticket Clerk, Accounts Clerk cum Typist, Junior Clerk

cum Typist and Trains Clerk.

Candidates interested in applying for the RRB NTPC 2024 must meet the following educational qualifications: Undergraduate Posts: Candidates must have completed a minimum of 12th (+2 Stage) or its equivalent examination. Graduate Posts: Candidates must hold a university degree or its equivalent from a recognized institution. It is important to note that candidates awaiting the results of their final examination are not eligible to apply for this recruitment drive.

**Age Limit**  
Undergraduate Posts: Candidates must be between 18 and 30 years of age as of July 1, 2024.

Graduate Posts: Candidates must be between 18 and 33 years of age as of July 1, 2024.

## Amazon, Flipkart and major smartphone brands face antitrust heat

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The convenience of online shopping has changed the way we buy products, but it has also raised questions about fair competition.

Amazon and Flipkart, along with major smartphone brands like Samsung and Xiaomi, are now facing antitrust scrutiny, reported news agency Reuters.

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has found that these companies have been involved in exclusive product launches on their platforms, which may have restricted competition and harmed smaller businesses.

Samsung, Xiaomi, and other smartphone makers have allegedly colluded with Amazon and Walmart-owned Flipkart to launch products exclusively on their platforms, a violation of India's competition laws. A report by the CCI, as seen by Reuters, highlights that this practice not only hurt smaller players but also gave an unfair advantage to certain sellers and products.

The CCI's investigation into Amazon resulted in a 1,027-page report, which claims that the Indian units of Samsung, Xiaomi, Motorola, Realme, and OnePlus were involved in exclusive phone launches in coordination with Amazon and its affiliates, breaking competition laws.

Similarly, a 1,696-page report on Flipkart states that brands like Samsung, Xiaomi, Motorola, Vivo, Lenovo, and Realme engaged in similar practices on Flipkart's platform.

The involvement of major smartphone brands in this case could lead to increased



legal and compliance issues for them. G.V. Siva Prasad, the additional director general of the CCI, noted that exclusivity in business goes against free and fair competition and is not in the best interest of consumers.

Although these findings are not yet public, Reuters was the first to report the accusations of anticompetitive behaviour by these smartphone companies, which are detailed in the CCI's reports dated August 9. While Xiaomi declined to comment, other smartphone makers, Amazon, Flipkart, and the CCI have not responded to requests for comments so far. The reports from the CCI also mentioned that Amazon and Flipkart attempted to downplay the allegations, but the investigation found that exclusive launches were quite common on both platforms. This practice has been a concern for years, with small retailers arguing that their businesses have been harmed as customers preferred shopping for exclusive models online. Counterpoint Research data shows that

Samsung and Xiaomi together hold nearly 36% of the Indian smartphone market, with Vivo holding 19%. India's e-commerce sector is growing rapidly, with the market expected to reach over \$160 billion by 2028, up from Rs 57-60 billion in 2023, according to consultancy firm Bain.

The findings of the investigation could be a significant blow to Amazon and Flipkart, especially in India, a key market where they have already faced criticism from small retailers. The CCI report also noted that these e-commerce giants used foreign investments to offer discounted services like warehousing and marketing to select sellers, further tilting the playing field. Some smartphone makers, including Xiaomi, Samsung, OnePlus, Realme, and Motorola, have been instructed to submit their financial statements for the past three fiscal years to the CCI, according to a document from August 28.

This move is part of the ongoing investigation, which started in 2020 following a complaint by an affiliate of the Confederation of All India Traders, a retailer association representing 80 million members.

Indian research firm Datum Intelligence estimates that 50% of smartphone sales in 2023 took place online, a significant increase from 14.5% in 2013. Flipkart held a 55% share of the online smartphone market, with Amazon controlling 35%.

## Hindu means the most generous, one who embraces all: RSS chief

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Jaipur :** RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat said being Hindu means to be generous and show goodwill to everyone, regardless of their religious beliefs, caste or dietary practices.

In a release in Hindi, he said the Hindu society is the "karta-dharta" of the country. "If something goes wrong in this nation, then it affects the Hindu society because it is the karta-dharta of the nation but if anything good happens in the country, it adds to the glory of Hindus," he said.

Bhagwat explained that what is commonly referred to as the Hindu religion is, in essence, a universal human religion.

"It embodies a global ethos focused on the well-being of everyone. To be Hindu means to be the most generous person in the world, one who embraces all, shows goodwill towards all, and descends from noble ancestors," he said.

"Such a person does not use education to sow discord but to share wisdom, does not use wealth for indulgence but for charity and employs power to protect the vulnerable," Bhagwat said.

Anyone who lives by these values and culture can be considered a Hindu, regardless of whom they worship, the language they speak, their caste, region or dietary practices, the RSS chief said.

Bhagwat noted that while the Sangh was once not known by many, it is now widely recognised and respected even by those who might outwardly oppose it.

"Despite their objections, they secretly acknowledge its significance. Therefore, it is now crucial to safeguard Hindu



religion, culture and society to ensure the comprehensive development of the nation," he said.

Bhagwat called on RSS volunteers to embody and promote five key principles: social harmony, environmental stewardship, family values, self-awareness and civic discipline. He also expressed concern over the decline of family values, which he attributed to the misuse of social media.

He believed it was causing the younger generation to rapidly lose touch with traditional values.

Bhagwat also laid emphasis on the need for families to come together regularly to strengthen their bonds and preserve cultural values and suggested that families should gather once a week to engage in religious activities and share a meal.

Bhagwat planted a sapling in Matru Van Park in the Alwar city. Union environment minister Bhupendra Yadav, state environment minister Sanjay Sharma and others accompanied him who came to Alwar.

Yadav, who is MP from Alwar, said Matru Van is being developed to increase green cover on the lines of PM's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.

## Infosys to boost LIC's digital transformation journey

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Bengaluru :** IT services major Infosys today announced a collaboration with the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India to further enhance its digital transformation.

As part of the collaboration, Infosys will spearhead LIC's digital transformation initiative called DIVE (Digital Innovation and Value Enhancement), enabling the creation of the 'NextGen Digital Platform', which will focus on delivering seamless omni-channel engagement and data-driven hyper-personalised experiences to LIC's customers, agents and employees.

"It will not only enhance our operational capabilities, but also enable us to cater to our vast customer, agent and employee base with newer, more personalised experiences. We are committed to leveraging the latest technologies that Infosys has to offer," said Siddhartha Mohanty, CEO and MD, LIC.

Infosys will provide LIC with turnkey system integration services using AI capabilities from Infosys Topaz and DevSecOps services from Infosys Cobalt. Infosys Cobalt is a set of services, solutions, and platforms for enterprises to accelerate their cloud journey, while Infosys Topaz, an AI-first offering suite,



enhances Cobalt with generative AI (GenAI) capabilities.

Salil Parekh, CEO and MD, Infosys, said that by leveraging their extensive experience in digital transformation initiatives and prowess in AI and Cloud, "we aim to equip LIC with a robust digital infrastructure that will deliver superior customer engagement, enhance operational efficiency and enable rapid market responsiveness".

Through this collaboration, "we are confident that LIC will be uniquely positioned to offer unparalleled service and value to their stakeholders," said Parekh.

The 'NextGen Digital Platform' will also serve as an open platform, enabling swift integration with fintech companies and Bancassurance partners.

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## Joe Biden "relieved" that Trump safe after "assassination attempt: no place for political violence"

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Washington : Following an alleged assassination attempt on former US President Donald Trump, President Joe Biden expressed relief that his predecessor was unharmed and asserted that there is no place for political violence or any violence in the country. This comes hours after gunfire was reported near Trump's golf club in West Palm Beach. The former president's campaign declared him "safe" The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced on Sunday that it "is investigating what appears to be an attempted assassination," President Biden commended the Secret Service for their 'vigilance' and keeping the former president 'safe'.

He further said that one suspect has been held in custody and an active investigation is underway.

"I have been briefed by my team regarding what federal law enforcement is investigating as a possible assassination attempt of former President Trump today. A suspect is in custody, and I commend the work of the Secret Service and their law enforcement partners for their vigilance and their efforts to keep the former President and those around him safe," Biden said in a statement. He further said that he has directed his



team to ensure that the Secret Service has every resource, capability and protective measure to ensure Trump's continued safety.

"I am relieved that the former President is unharmed. There is an active investigation into this incident as law enforcement gathers more details about what happened. As I have said many times, there is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country, and I have directed my team to continue to ensure that Secret Service has every resource, capability and protective measure necessary to ensure the former President's continued safety," Biden added.

According to Bradshaw, a Secret Service agent 'engaged' with the individual after spotting a rifle barrel. According to an official, the individual,

who was subsequently placed under arrest, was 300-500 yards away from Trump, according to report. Notably, this is the second assassination attempt on Trump during this presidential campaign.

Trump was also the target of an attempted assassination at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

Trump was on stage at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania on July 13 when gunshots rang out and Secret Service agents stormed the stage.

Hours after the shooting, Trump said that the bullet pierced the upper part of his right ear. The FBI identified the shooter as Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, from Bethel Park, Pennsylvania.

Following the incident, Donald Trump said that he is absolutely "safe and well" and vowed that he will "never surrender." In a fundraising email, Trump wrote, "There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!" "Nothing will slow me down. I will NEVER SURRENDER! I will always love you for supporting me," he added.

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Washington : Following gunfire near his golf club in West Palm Beach earlier in the day, former President Donald Trump was declared 'safe' by his campaign, but the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced that it "is investigating what appears to be an attempted assassination," reported.

The former president was the target of an attempted assassination at a rally in Butler, Pennsylvania, two months before the afternoon incident at Trump International Golf Club in Florida, which raised questions about the US Secret Service.

During a Sunday press conference, West Palm Beach Sheriff Ric Bradshaw stated that the Secret Service had fired rounds around 1:30 pm ET. According to Bradshaw, a Secret Service agent 'engaged' with the individual after spotting a rifle barrel.

According to an official, the individual, who was subsequently placed under arrest, was 300-500 yards away from Trump, according to report. "We are able to catch a witness that came to us and said, 'Hey, I saw the guy running out of the bushes, he jumped into a black Nissan, and I took a picture of the vehicle and the tag,' which was great," Bradshaw said.

The Martin County Sheriff's Office took custody of the person. Soon after the news of the incident broke out, Trump assured supporters that he was safe.

"There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!" Trump wrote in a fundraising email .

Moreover, Trump's running mate, Ohio Sen. JD Vance, wrote on X later Sunday that the Republican presidential candidate is in "good spirits."

"I'm glad President Trump is safe. I spoke to him before the news was public and he was, amazingly, in good spirits," Vance said. Following the shooting incident near his Florida Golf Course on Sunday, former US President Donald Trump said that he is absolutely "safe and well". In



a fundraising email, Trump wrote, "There were gunshots in my vicinity, but before rumors start spiraling out of control, I wanted you to hear this first: I AM SAFE AND WELL!" "Nothing will slow me down. I will NEVER SURRENDER! I will always love you for supporting me," he said in the email.

The former president was playing golf at West Palm Beach's Trump International Golf Club. As per a reliable source, the course was immediately secured following gunshots in the vicinity. Soon after the incident took place, Trump ally Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, of South Carolina spoke with him, and said that he is "good spirits."

"Just spoke with President Trump. He is one of the strongest people I've ever known. He's in good spirits and he is more resolved than ever to save our country," Graham wrote on X.

Prior to this, the most recent assassination attempt on former US President Donald Trump took place at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania on July 13. Trump was on stage at a campaign rally in Pennsylvania's Butler before gunshots rang out and Secret Service agents stormed the stage.

Following the attack on Trump, the Secret Service agents surrounded the Republican candidate and escorted him off the stage, with blood visible across his face. Donald Trump said that the bullet pierced the upper part of his ear.

One of the rally attendees was killed, while two more were critically injured. The gunman was also killed by US secret service agents. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) had identified the gunman as Thomas Matthew Crooks.

## Ukraine supporter arrested for shooting at Trump

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Ryan Wesley Routh, a 58-year-old Democrat supporter, was arrested on Sunday after what the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) called an "apparent assassination attempt" against Republican candidate Donald Trump at his Florida golf course.

In an earlier interview, Routh had also claimed to be a strong supporter of Ukraine, and stated that he travelled to Kyiv to fight in the ongoing war against Russia.

Authorities recovered an AK-47-style assault rifle, a scope, two backpacks, and a GoPro device at the scene, Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw confirmed during a news conference. Officials stated that the gunman was approximately 300 to 500 yards (275 to 450 meters) away from Trump at the time of the incident.

The incident occurred just two months after an earlier assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, where former President Trump was shot in the ear during a campaign rally.

Routh, a North Carolina resident with an extensive criminal record, has been vocal about politics and has consistently



supported Ukraine, Democratic candidates and causes since 2019.

Earlier, in one of the interviews, Routh claimed that he initially went to Ukraine at the start of the war with Russia to "fight" to support the Ukrainians. He stated that after reaching Kyiv he helped in recruiting people to participate in the Russia-Ukraine war.

"We need everyone here fighting... that's why I'm in Kyiv, so every project that I promote is about getting people here to support the Ukrainians," he stated.

He attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and later relocated to Hawaii around 2018, according to media reports.

The 58-year-old was reportedly a supporter of both Vivek Ramaswamy and Nikki Haley in the upcoming elections before they decided to drop out.

In one of his posts, he urged them to not drop their names from the 2024 presidential race: "You cannot quit. Why? You must stay on the ballot until the end. You must fight. Keep giving speeches and push all the way to Election Day, no matter the outcome. Do not give in. Join Nikki and keep working. Never give up," he wrote, encouraging the former presidential candidate.

In a post on X from April 22, he slammed Trump, emphasising, "Democracy is on the ballot, and we cannot afford to lose," a similar slogan commonly used by President Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris.

Routh, in his social media post, urged President Biden, 81, who was then running for reelection, to centre his campaign on preserving "America's democracy and freedom." He accused Donald Trump of seeking to "enslave Americans under a master."

## Three soldiers killed in Houthi surprise attack on Yemen

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Sanaa : At least three soldiers were killed and five others wounded when the Houthi group launched a surprise attack in the southern Yemeni province of Dhale, a government military source told.

The Houthi group, which controls several northern provinces, launched an artillery and rocket attack early Sunday morning against a government military position in the Bab Ghalaq area in Qataba district, northwest Dhale province, the source told news agency on condition of anonymity.

The fatalities included the commander of the military position, Lieutenant Colonel Mohammed al-Hamidi, said



the source.

The Houthi group has not commented yet.

Another fighting between the soldiers and the Houthis in the adjacent

province of Lahj left two soldiers killed and five others wounded, according to government military sources.

The clashes followed a period of relative calm on the front lines since April 2022, when the United Nations announced a truce that lasted six months.

Yemen has been mired in a civil war since late 2014 when the Houthi group seized control of several northern provinces, forcing the Yemeni internationally recognised government out of the capital Sanaa.

## 'Shogun' leads the pack at 76th Primetime Emmy Awards with 18 wins

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Los Angeles : The historical drama television series 'Shogun' dominated the 76th Primetime Emmy Awards as it registered a total of 18 total Emmys this year (14 at the Creative Arts Emmys, 4 during the main ceremony including the Best Drama Series, Lead Actress in a Drama Series, Lead Actor in a Drama Series and Directing for a Drama Series. This marks the most for any single season of a TV series in history, and the first ever for a non-English show to win the Primetime Emmy for Best Drama Series.

It defeated shows like '3 Body Problem', 'The Crown', 'Fallout', 'The Gilded Age', 'The Morning Show', 'Mr. & Mrs. Smith' and 'Slow Horses' in the Best Drama Series category.

Showrunner Justin Marks said during his acceptance speech for the best drama award, "You guys greenlit a very expensive, subtitled Japanese period



piece whose central climax revolves around a poetry competition. I have no idea why you did that, but thank you for your faith in this incredible team".

The series is based on James Clavell's eponymous novel, and is a retelling of the Emmy-winning 1980s NBC miniseries set in 1600 feudal Japan. The series follows the collision of two men from different worlds, John Blackthorne, a risk-taking English sailor

who ends up shipwrecked in Japan, a land whose unfamiliar culture will ultimately redefine him, and Lord Toranaga, a shrewd, powerful daimyo, who is at odds with his own dangerous political rivals; and Lady Mariko, a woman with invaluable skills.

It stars the legendary Japanese actor Hiroyuki Sanada as Lord Yoshii Toranaga, who is a descendant of the Minowara clan which once ruled over Japan as shoguns.

The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards, hosted by Dan Levy, Eugene Levy, were held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles, California.

Indian viewers can watch Primetime Emmys on Lionsgate Play.

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## 100 days of Modi 3.0: Health cover to all above 70 years. 75K new medical seats



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** In the first 100 days of its third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government has rolled out several schemes to boost the healthcare sector such as providing health cover to all senior citizens aged above 70 years, and adding 75,000 new medical seats.

About 4.5 crore families, including 6 crore senior citizens will benefit from the health coverage of Rs 5 lakh to all senior citizens aged 70 and above, regardless of their income.

The move rolled out under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) comes as India's elderly population is projected to double by 2050, and will increase the demand for geriatric care.

In his address to the nation on Independence Day, PM Modi promised to create 75,000 more medical seats in the next five years, from the current over one lakh in the country.

The addition will make the healthcare system more effective and help reduce foreign dependence in medical education. Emphasising the vision of 'Swasth Bharat' (Healthy India) for 'Viksit Bharat 2047', the government introduced the Rashtriya Poshan Mission.

The flagship programme of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) aims to

improve the nutritional status of children, pregnant women, lactating mothers, and adolescent girls.

Further, the U-WIN portal has been launched to digitise routine immunisations, and the National Medical Commission is developing a centralised doctors' repository.

In a bid to tackle the burden of sickle cell disease, the government launched a special campaign to raise awareness about the genetic blood disorder among women, adolescent girls, and tribal communities.

In the Union Budget 2024-25, the government exempted customs duty on three cancer drugs -- Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib, and Durvalumab -- to reduce the financial burden of people suffering from cancer and also to facilitate accessibility.

The government also slashed the GST rate from 12 per cent to 5 per cent on these three cancer medicines.

Under the PM E-DRIVE scheme, an electric ambulance facility has been rolled out with an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore.

Digital Healthcare: The 'Scan and Share' feature on the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) has also been launched to provide a 4 crore out-patient registration facility.

## Maharashtra Assembly polls likely by November second week

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai :** Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said the state assembly polls are expected to be held in the second week of November and seat-sharing among the ruling allies would be finalised in the next 8 to 10 days.

A two-phase poll would be preferable for the 288-member state assembly, Shinde said in an informal chat with mediapersons at his official residence 'Varsha' in Mumbai.

The Mahayuti government, comprising the Shiv Sena led by Shinde, BJP and the Ajit Pawar-headed NCP, was focusing on development and welfare measures and was getting good response from people, he said.

"Elections are likely in the second week of November. A two-phase election would be preferable. Merit and good strike rate will the criteria for seat-sharing among the Mahayuti allies," the CM said.



The seat-sharing will be finalised in 8 to 10 days, he added.

Shinde said he can see support for the government among women and asserted his was a government of the common man.

"We have struck a balance between development and welfare schemes," he said.

The appointment letters have been given to 1.5 lakh youth for jobs under the skilled training programme for which they will get a stipend from Rs 6,000 to Rs 10,000. The target is to cover 10 lakh youth, the CM said.

Shinde said 1.6 crore women have so far got financial assistance under the government's Ladki Bahin scheme.

"We plan to reach out to 2.5 crore women," he said.

At present, women beneficiaries of the government's flagship 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana' get Rs

1,500 per month. Shinde also said his government aims to make Mumbai slum-free and ensure affordable housing for all. All government agencies, like the Maharashtra Housing and Area Development Authority (MHADA), the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra (CIDCO) and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA), have been roped-in for the redevelopment of slums, he added.

## PM Modi, President Murmu, Rahul Gandhi extend greetings on occasion of Milad-un-Nabi

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended wishes on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi TOday.

In a post on X, PM Modi said, "Eid Mubarak! Best wishes on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi. May harmony and togetherness always prevail. Let there be joy and prosperity all around."

Similarly, President Droupadi Murmu while extending the greetings urged the people to pledge to adopt Prophet Muhammad's teachings and work towards the country's development.

"On the auspicious occasion of Milad-un-Nabi, the birthday of Prophet Muhammad (S.A.W.),



I extend my best wishes to all my countrymen, especially my Muslim brothers and sisters. Prophet Muhammad has presented the ideal of a human society based on equality. He has also taught to walk on the path

of truth with patience," the president said in her post.

"On this occasion, let us all take a pledge to adopt these teachings and work continuously for the development of the country," the post read.

Lok Sabha LoP and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi also extended extended greetings on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi.

In a post on social media platform X, Rahul Gandhi wrote, "Eid Milad-Un-Nabi Mubarak to all. May this auspicious occasion bring peace, joy, and compassion to our hearts and homes. Wishing everyone happiness and prosperity."

## Vande Metro train renamed as Namu Bharat Rapid Rail

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The much-anticipated Vande Metro train has been renamed as Namu Bharat Rapid Rail hours before its inaugural run today, Railway Ministry sources said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the country's first Namu Bharat Rapid Rail today. According to the Railway Ministry, the train will enhance connectivity between Bhuj and Ahmedabad and will cover 359 km in 5.45 hours.

For the public, the regular service will start on September 17 from Ahmedabad. The total journey will cost Rs 455.

"The ministry has decided to rename Vande Metro to Namu Bharat Rapid Rail," citing the Railway Ministry. While the other metros cover only



short distances, Namu Bharat trains will connect the heart of Ahmedabad with its peripheral cities, the Railway Ministry sources added.

Featuring 12 coaches with seating for 1,150 passengers, the Rapid Rail offers a host of innovative features, it said. "With ergonomically

designed seats, fully air-conditioned cabins and modular interiors, it definitely proves to be superior to other metros," Railway Ministry sources said.

A significant upgrade, according to the Ministry, from traditional suburban trains and metro coaches is its modular design that includes ejector-based vacuum evacuation toilets.

"The train offers faster journeys between mid-distance cities. Its rapid acceleration and deceleration contribute to efficient travel while driving cabs at both ends eliminates turnaround time," it added.

## 5 activists arrested for allegedly throwing stones at mosque

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Bengaluru :** Five pro-Hindu activists, affiliated with the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), were arrested for allegedly throwing stones at the Badriya Mosque in Katipalla, located on the outskirts of Mangaluru, Karnataka.

The attack occurred on the eve of the Eid-e-Milad festival around 10:30 pm when four miscreants on two bikes threw stones at the mosque, shattering its windows.



Local residents gathered near the site, and police were deployed to maintain order. The Mangaluru Police Commissioner

confirmed the arrests and stated that the situation remains peaceful and under control, though further investigation is ongoing.

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