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02 Oct 2024

Punjab roadways workers announced to chaka jam



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New Delhi : Punjab Roadways Panbus/PRTC Contract Workers Union Punjab 25/11 conducted gate rallies at 27 depots of Punjab. Meanwhile, the leaders of the Punjab Roadways PRTC Contract Workers Union said that on September 25, a press conference will be held at Chandigarh to tell about the government's shortcomings. The employees announced that if the agreed demands

of the workers are not implemented, then there will be a complete chaka jam from October 21 and a dharna will be held in front of the Chief Minister's residence on October 22. The responsibility will be on the government and the management. During this period, if any by-election comes, then the union will oppose the government.

J&K youth now carry books and pens. not stones: PM on record voter turnout

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday praised the record voter turnout in phase 1 of the Jammu and Kashmir polls and stated that the people of J&K, infamous for throwing stones at the security personnel, now walk the streets with books and pens in their hands. Jammu and Kashmir saw a voter turnout of 60.21 per cent in the first phase of polling for the Assembly election - the highest in the past seven elections. Emphasising the role of Kashmiri Pandits in advancing Kashmiriyat, PM Modi highlighted the deep connection between the Pandit community and the region's heritage. However, he pointed out that the self-serving politics of three prominent dynasties, referring to the National Conference, PDP and Congress, in Kashmir, has led to the displacement of Kashmiri Hindus from their homes. In his address, PM Modi also drew attention to the hardships faced by Sikh families in Kashmir, who have similarly endured violence and atrocities. He accused the three political families of being complicit in acts of injustice against both the Kashmiri Hindu and Sikh communities, suggesting that their actions and those of their associates have contributed to the suffering and displacement of these groups over the years.



Reflecting on the transformation of Lal Chowk in Srinagar, PM Modi stated that once it was a place that symbolised danger for those attempting to hoist the tricolour flag. In a veiled dig at the former Union Home Minister and senior Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde, PM Modi stated that for years, visiting Lal Chowk was fraught with fear, as people hesitated to enter the area due to safety concerns. Earlier this month, while launching his memoir in Delhi, Shinde stated that he used to feel scared of venturing out in Kashmir while he held the post. "Before I became the Home Minister, I visited him (educationist Vijay Dhar). I used to ask him for advice. He advised me not to roam around but to visit Lal Chowk (in Srinagar), meet people and go around Dal Lake," Shinde stated.

BJP reacts to Pak backing Congress alliance's decision on Article 370 restoration



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New Delhi: BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawalla attacked Congress after Pakistan Minister Khawaja Asif said that they back the Congress-National Conference alliance's decision to restore Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir. He questioned, "Why does terror state Pakistan endorses Congress?" The BJP said, "This is not the first time the Congress-

National Conference are singing the tunes of Pakistan. Rahul Gandhi is the first one to utter statements in sync with Pakistan's statements on Article 370 for the sake of elections." "Would Pakistan and the National Conference now allow foreign powers to intervene in India's matters?" the BJP spokesperson questioned.

Government probing EY India employee's death due to 'excessive workload'

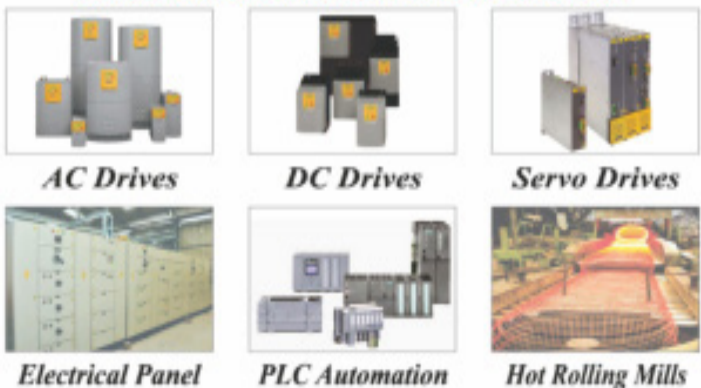
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New Delhi : The Centre today said it was investigating the circumstances that led to the death of a 26-year-old chartered accountant with Ernst and Young India, allegedly due to excessive work pressure. The incident has led to a massive outrage on social media after a gut-wrenching letter written by the Pune woman's mother to the head of Ernst & Young India went viral. Minister of State for Labour Shobha Karandlaje said a thorough investigation into the allegations of an unsafe and exploitative work environment was underway. "Deeply saddened by the tragic loss of Anna Sebastian Perayil. We are committed to ensuring justice and the Labour Ministry has officially taken up the complaint," Shobha Karandlaje said in a post on X. The minister was responding to a post by BJP leader Rajeev Chandrasekhar, who called the woman's death very sad and "disturbing at many levels". The former Union Minister also sought a probe into her family's allegations of an exploitative work environment at Ernst and Young India. Anna Sebastian Perayil, who joined E&Y in March, died on July 20 while undergoing treatment at a Pune hospital.



She was admitted after she complained of exhaustion. The incident came to light earlier this week after a letter written by her mother Anita Augustine to EY's India head went viral. In the letter, the Pune woman flagged how her daughter was allegedly under extreme work pressure, which in turn affected her health and ultimately led to her death. She also mentioned that no one from E&Y attended her daughter's funeral. Anita Augustine also said her daughter's managers were "relentless" and the long, excruciating hours eventually took a toll. In a statement, E&Y India assured the company would work towards providing a healthy workplace.

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Amazon River is drying: What's going on with the largest river in the world?

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The Amazon River basin is experiencing an unprecedented drought, with water levels plummeting to historic lows across the region.

This environmental crisis is affecting navigation, wildlife, and local communities while raising alarm about the accelerating impacts of climate change.

The Amazon River holds the record for the largest volume of water it carries. It originates in the Peruvian Andes, 5,598 meters above sea level, starting as a small tributary called the Carhuasanta, just 192 km from the Pacific Ocean where it once flowed.

About one-sixth of the world's freshwater that reaches the oceans passes through the Amazon's 320-km-wide delta as it empties into the Atlantic.

The river's size changes with the seasons. In the dry season, it spans 4 to 5 km in width, but during the wet season, this can swell to 50 km. At peak flow, the river's



current can reach speeds of 7 kmph.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE AMAZON RIVER?

In Tabatinga, a Brazilian town bordering Colombia, the Solimoes River, a major tributary of the Amazon, has reached its lowest level on record, Reuters reported.

Further downstream in Tefe,

a branch of the Solimoes has completely dried up, transforming once-navigable waterways into expanses of sand.

The severity of the situation is highlighted by the state of Lake Tefe, where over 200 freshwater dolphins perished during last year's drought. The lake has now dried up entirely, depriving the endangered pink dolphins of a crucial habitat.

Greenpeace spokesperson Romulo Batista emphasised the critical nature of this year's drought, noting that several months have broken

last year's records. The drought's effects extend beyond the rivers, parching vegetation across Brazil and fueling wildfires that have engulfed South American cities in smoke.

The drought's impact is particularly evident in Manaus, the Amazon's largest city. Here, where the Solimoes join the Rio Negro to form the Amazon River proper, water levels are approaching the record low set in October last year.

Indigenous leader Kambeba told Reuters that the situation has worsened compared

to the previous year, with drought conditions arriving earlier.

This environmental crisis points to the immediate and intensifying effects of climate change. As Batista pointed out, "Climate change is no longer something to worry about in the future... It's here and it's here with much more force than we expected".

As the Amazon basin grapples with this severe drought for the second consecutive year, concerns are mounting about the long-term implications for the region's ecosystem, biodiversity, and the communities that depend on these vital waterways.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
20th Sep

Born on 20th 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.

The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

Sep 20th 2024 : For a contented life improve your mental toughness. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. Friends will come to your aid if needed. You will make your life worth by forgiving your beloved for her past indifference.



Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

Sep 20th 2024 : Involve yourself in paying some sport as it is the secret of perpetual youth. Any negligence in the workplace or business can cause you financial loss today. Don't make hasty decisions that you will regret later in your life.



Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

Sep 20th 2024 : Stress need not be ignored. It is rapidly becoming an epidemic as serious as tobacco and alcohol. Today you can invest your money in religious activities, and most likely to incur mental peace and stability.



Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

Sep 20th 2024 : Your tremendous effort and timely support by family members would bring desired results. But keep working hard to maintain current spirit going. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially.



Leo

(July 23 - Aug 22)

Sep 20th 2024 : Health remains perfect. You will possess a desire to earn quick money. You should avoid controversial issues that could cause arguments with loved ones. Avoid raising controversial issues, if you happen to go on a date today. You will use your hidden qualities to make the best of the day.



Virgo

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Sep 20th 2024 : Motivate yourself to be more optimistic. It increases confidence and flexibility but at the same time prepare it to leave negative emotions like fear hatred jealousy revenge. Those who invest their money in the stock market can suffer losses today.



Libra

(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Sep 20th 2024 : Chances of your recovering from physical illness are high which will enable you to participate in sports competition. Any of your movable property can get stolen today. Hence, you need to take good care of them.



Scorpio

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Sep 20th 2024 : If you feel overly stressed-spend more time with children. Their warm embrace/cuddle or even an innocent smile would lift you from your woes. Married natives of this zodiac sign are likely to attain monetary benefits from their in-laws' side today.



Sagittarius

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Sep 20th 2024 : Avoid high calorie diet and stick to your exercise. Money will help you remain afloat during dark times in life. Hence, consider investing and saving your money from today, or else troubles can occur. Go out in the evening with friends- as it will do lot of good.



Capricorn

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Sep 20th 2024 : You will have to make important decision today- which will make you tensed and highly nervous. A neighbor of yours may come to ask you for a loan today. You are advised to check their credibility before lending money, otherwise there can be money loss.



Aquarius

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Sep 20th 2024 : Your mind will be receptive to the good things. Money position improves as delayed payments are recovered. Unexpected guests crowd your place in the evening. You are likely to be misunderstood in lover affair.



Pisces

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Sep 20th 2024 : Ruffle of temper could lead to an argument and confrontation. You will make substantial gains if you invest on long-term basis. An unexpected news from a distant relative brightens up your day. Your beloved today would like to say his/her mind rather than listening to you.



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BMW all set to manufacture its parts in Punjab: CM Mann

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Chandigarh : Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann informed that BMW is all set to manufacture its parts in Punjab.

He said that in this regard, today, BMW officials held a meeting regarding the investment in making vehicle parts, and there was a detailed discussion about the investment in Punjab. Mann said, "It was decided



to set up a BMW parts manufacturing plant at Mandi Gobindgarh in Punjab where Hundreds of crores will be invested and thousands of youths will also get employment. I will

start it in the next month." Mann added, "They appreciated Punjab's pro-investment policies. We are continuously moving towards our mission of colorful Punjab."

Immediate Action Plan for Effective Solid Waste Management in Panchkula

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Panchkula : In a bold and immediate step towards improving Panchkula's waste management, Prem Garg, AAP candidate for the Vidhan Sabha election, has assured residents of a new approach to address the pressing issue of solid waste disposal. His commitment focuses on curbing the waste inflow at the "Jhuriwala dumping site" and improving the overall waste management system in Panchkula.

Key Initiatives by Prem Garg:

1. *Direct Unloading of Small Vehicles into Larger Containers:*
2. *Establishment of Multiple Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs):*



Recognizing the need for decentralized waste management, Mr. Garg has prioritized the construction of "MRF Centers" in multiple locations across Panchkula. These centers will play a crucial role in reducing the amount of garbage reaching Jhuriwala, thus bringing substantial relief to the trans-Ghaggar sectors and nearby villages.

on Jhuriwala and improve overall waste handling, Mr. Garg has assured that he will work closely with the government to secure *10 acres of land* for the establishment of a *Solid Waste Management Plant* away from residential areas.

4. *Segregation of Waste at Source:*

Mr. Garg emphasized the need for efficient waste segregation at the household level. He pledged to implement a system where waste will be separated at homes, ensuring smoother recycling and processing. With these initiatives, *Prem Garg* is committed to transforming Panchkula into a model town for waste management in Haryana. He seeks the support of the people, ensuring that under AAP's governance, Panchkula will emerge as one of the most environmentally friendly and sustainable cities in the state.

Rotary Mohali Midtown hands over 20 RO systems to government Schools

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Mohali : The Rotaract Club of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women, sector 26, Chandigarh under Rotary Chandigarh Midtown, proudly conducted its Installation Ceremony, celebrating the transition of leadership and commencement of a new term. Outgoing president Shreya Batra delivered an inspiring speech, reflecting on the club's success in community service and fundraising projects over the past year. Incoming president Diksha shared an ambitious vision for the upcoming year, focusing on leadership development and expanding community impact through diverse initiatives. The event was graced by the



faculty, students, and distinguished guests, including Rotarians Rtn. Nitin Kapur, Rtn. Salil Chopra, Rtn. J.S Bawa Sir, Rtn. Pradeep Sisodiya, Rtn. Nandita Sisodiya, Rtn. Kulbir Bhatia, DRR Shashank Kaushik, Rtr. Aman Garg, Rtr. Diya, Rtr. Manu Gupta, Rtr. Manpreet, Rtr. Rishabh Singh who expressed their appreciation for the club's commitment to service.

Principal, Dr. Jatinder Kaur applauded the efforts of Rotaract Club in-charges Ms. Sukhdeep Kaur and Dr. Anju Bala for their dedication to nurturing young leaders. The evening also included a ceremonial oath-taking by new members, reaffirming their commitment to the values of Rotaract.

70 Donors donate Blood at GCCBA50

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Chandigarh : The NSS Units of Government College of Commerce and Business Administration, Sector 50, Chandigarh, organized a successful Blood Donation Camp today, under the leadership of Principal Dr.Jyoti Seth and Dean Mr. Amarpreet S. Sijher. Collaborating with the Blood Donation Society, Red Ribbon Club, Red Cross Chandigarh, Vishvas Foundation, and Government Medical College and Hospital, the camp aimed to promote voluntary blood donation and dispel related myths. Approximately 100 donors registered, resulting in the collection of 70 units of blood.



Dr.Jyoti Seth encouraged faculty, NSS volunteers, and community members to participate in this noble cause and expressed appreciation for the donors' contributions. She presented certificates and gifts to participants, who also received refreshments from Vishvas Foundation. Additionally, a blood

stem cell donation camp was held in collaboration with DATRI and supported by Mr. Amit Kumar from the Socialgram Foundation. Dr. Seth extended her gratitude to the staff of Government Medical College and Hospital and Vishvas Foundation for their vital roles in organizing the event.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who CARES...?

Goods carrier truck gets stuck as road caves in



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Mohali : A goods carrier loaded truck got stuck on a road in the Industrial Area, Phase-1 Mohali as the corner of a road caved in. The truck driver told the team The Aman Sandesh Times that the truck got stuck on the road when he tried to moved the truck to the side while giving way to a vehicle coming from the opposite side. Truck driver said "I received no help during the night so I was left with no option but to stay stuck here. The concerned department should look after the

conditions of the road as the lack of it can lead to major accidents and loss of life," the truck driver said. Manholes lying unattended in Industrial area The commuters of Industrial Areas have also complained of manholes lying unattended for a week now. "They should at least install sign board for the commuters and pedestrians to be aware of open manholes in the area," told the commuters. **But Who Cares???**

Seminar on asthma in Mohali: 30% of patients in India are affected by respiratory disease. 10% get proper treatment.



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Chandigarh : With an estimated 1.5-2 crore asthma patients, at least one in every 10 asthma patient globally lives in India." Speaking during a patient awareness seminar to create awareness on childhood and adult asthma at LIVASA Hospital, Mohali, Dr Suresh Kumar Sharma, director pulmonology said asthma affects 30 million Indians, and ironically less than 10 percent of patients receive proper treatment. Myths prevent taking proper advice from a qualified pulmonologist or chest specialist, he maintained. Dr Sonal consultant pulmonology said, "Asthma is genetic, lifelong, worsened by dust, smoke, stress, potentially

causing fatal attacks. Symptoms of Asthma Include shortness of breath, coughing, wheezing and chest tightness," "Asthma is considered the most common chronic disease among children and is prevalent in all countries, whether they are developed or underdeveloped. In fact, over 80 per cent of asthma deaths, according to the World Health Organization occur in low and lower-middle-income countries," Asthma can be allergic, non-allergic, late onset, cough variant and obesity associated. Depending upon the type of asthma, the treatment in the form of immunotherapy, biologicals etc along with inhaler are advised, said Dr Goyal.

Pb CM under observation at Delhi's Apollo Hospital, doing fine



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New Delhi : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, who was admitted to Delhi's Apollo Hospital is under observation and is doing well, according to hospital sources. The Hospital sources told that CM Mann came for a routine checkup and was doing fine. However, it is unclear when he will be discharged. There has been no official statement either by the party or the government about CM Mann's condition. Meanwhile, Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Singh Majithia alleged that Chief Minister Mann had consumed liquor illegally during a chartered flight from Delhi to Chandigarh due to which he fell on the tarmac after alighting from the aircraft. He demanded an appropriate probe into the case. Talking to the media in Patiala, Majithia claimed, "The Chief Minister partook liquor along with his OSD during the flight from Delhi to Chandigarh." Stating that the Chief Minister was taken back to Delhi in a chartered plane which he described as a criminal waste of state resources, Majithia said, "The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government must explain why he was not admitted in any hospital in Chandigarh or Punjab? The reason is simple. If the Chief Minister had been admitted to any state hospital, the

truth would have come out that he had fallen under the influence of liquor." The SAD leader said in a statement that this was not the first time the Chief Minister had made a spectacle of himself under the influence of liquor. He said earlier CM Mann was de-boarded from a Lufthansa flight because he was inebriated. The Opposition also took a jibe over the tall claims of the AAP governments in Punjab and Delhi for the best state-run hospitals and clinics. "Yet when it comes to their own health, CM Mann opts for a private hospital in Delhi! The hypocrisy is staggering. It's clear now that these so-called 'champions of the common man' have been misleading the public with their tall claims," Punjab Congress leader Partap Singh Bajwa wrote on X. While Bajwa prayed for his swift recovery, he noted, "As he (Mann) grapples with recurring health issues, including those affecting vital organs like the liver, it's a stark reminder that while his personal health is crucial, Punjab's health has deteriorated beyond repair under his leadership. A sensitive border state like ours demands full strength -- physical, mental, and political," the Leader of Opposition in the Punjab Assembly said.

Union FM Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launches NPS Vatsalya Scheme



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Chandigarh : The scheme will serve as a 'Gullak' for the students and secure their future said Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. Students from 75 locations joined the main launch in New Delhi via virtual mode. Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. As part of the launch in New Delhi, NPS Vatsalya events were also organised simultaneously at nearly 75 locations throughout the country, that joined through video conference. The event in Chandigarh was held at two locations at New Public School, Sector 18 and also at Government ITI College at Sector 28 today, where the students joined the live event from Delhi through virtual mode. As the event was focussed at children, a magic show and a nukkarak natak were also held for engaging the children prior to the programme. Senior Manager, Mr Piyush Walia facilitated the event from Lead District Manager Office of Punjab National Bank, Chandigarh at New

Public School, Sector 18 and Hari Singh Gumra, Chief Lead District Manager Chandigarh arranged the live telecast of the event at Government ITI College at Sector 28, Chandigarh. About the Scheme: NPS Vatsalya will allow parents to save for their children's future by investing in a pension account and ensure long-term wealth with the power of compounding. NPS Vatsalya offers flexible contributions and investment options, allowing parents to make investment of Rs. 1,000 annually in the name of the child, thus making it accessible to families from all economic backgrounds. This new initiative is designed to start early in securing financial future of children, marking an important step in India's pension system. The Scheme will be run under the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). The launch of NPS Vatsalya highlights the Government of India's commitment to promote long-term financial planning and security for all. It's a big step toward making India's future generations more financially secure and independent.

Criticism of other parties must be limited to their policies: Hry CEO

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Chandigarh : The Election Commission of India has issued detailed guidelines outlining what political parties and candidates can and cannot do during the campaign for the Haryana Assembly Elections 2024. These guidelines must be followed until the election process is complete. Haryana's Chief Electoral Officer, Pankaj Agarwal, emphasized that all parties and candidates must be given equal access to public spaces such as grounds and helipads. Criticism during the election should only target the policies, programs, track records, and work of political parties and candidates. Local police authorities must be informed of any meetings, and proper permissions for the time and location of such meetings should be obtained well in advance. Agarwal added that any restrictive or prohibitory orders in place at the proposed meeting venue must be respected. Likewise, permission must be obtained for the use of loudspeakers or any other facilities at these meetings. Police assistance should be sought to manage individuals causing disruption or disorder during gatherings. He also stated that the timing, route, and location of any election procession should be finalized in advance with permission from the relevant police authorities. It is mentioned that the procession must be without hindrance to traffic. Cooperate with Election Officials to ensure peaceful and orderly poll



The Chief Electoral Officer urged political parties and candidates to cooperate with election officials to ensure peaceful and orderly voting. All political workers must wear badges or identification cards, and unofficial identity slips issued to voters should be printed on plain white paper without the party name, symbol, or candidate's name. Apart from this, restrictions on vehicle movement during the campaign period and on election day must be strictly followed. Any complaints or issues related to the conduct of the election should be reported to the Election Commission's observers, the Returning Officer, the Zonal/Sector Magistrates, the Chief Electoral Officer, or the Election Commission of India. Agarwal stressed that all orders and guidelines issued by the Election Commission, Returning Officers, or

District Election Officers concerning various aspects of the election must be strictly adhered to. After the campaign period ends, any person who is not a voter, candidate, or election agent must leave the electoral constituency. No Appeals can be made based on caste or communal sentiments. Agarwal said that no official work should be linked to election campaigns or activities, and no financial or other inducements should be offered to voters. No appeals should be made based on caste or communal sentiments. Additionally, no activities should be conducted that may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension among various castes, communities, religious, or linguistic groups. Religious places cannot be used for election campaigns. Agarwal further noted that religious places like temples, mosques, churches, or gurudwaras cannot be used for election propaganda, including speeches, posters, or music related to elections. Moreover, public meetings or processions organized by other political parties or candidates should not be disrupted. Posters put up by other political parties or candidates should not be removed or defaced. The Chief Electoral Officer further clarified that loudspeakers on vehicles should not be used between 10 PM and 6 AM.

PAU organizes training on reducing post-harvest losses and food wastage

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Ludhiana : The Department of Processing and Food Engineering, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), conducted a series of two trainings on "Reducing Post-harvest Losses and Food Wastages" in collaboration with the Skill Development Centre, PAU; and the Punjab Agricultural Management and Extension Training Institute (PAMETI), PAU Campus, Ludhiana. Both trainings were held under the aegis of the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Post-harvest Engineering and Technology. A total of 39 participants attended the training, which focused on tutorials, exposure visits and hands-on training. Dr MS Alam, Principal Scientist and Scheme In-charge of AICRP on PHET, in his introductory address, gave an overview of use of agro-processing complex to combat post-harvest losses.



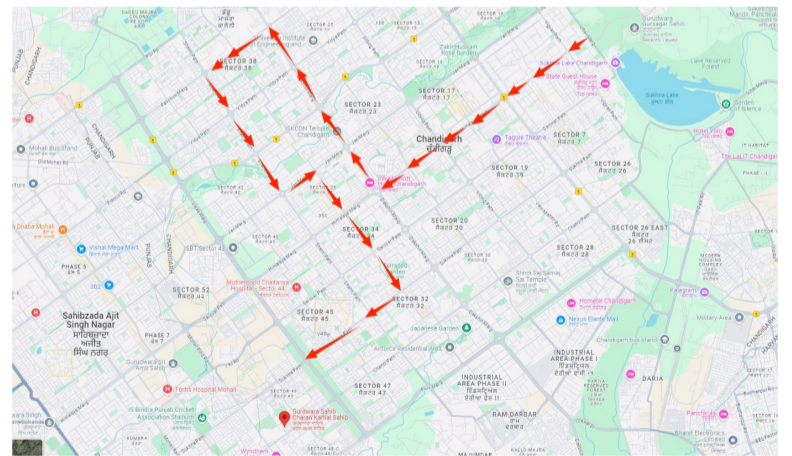
Dr Alam emphasized the concept of agro-processing complexes in getting quality products, reducing post-harvest losses, generating employment for the rural youth and promoting diversification in agriculture, besides improving their economic and social status. He also encouraged the trainees to adopt honey processing at a domestic scale and use the facilities in the department for exploring livelihood opportunities in the agro-processing

sector. Dr Sandhya, Senior Scientist, demonstrated the techniques that involved the reduction of post-harvest losses and food wastages of food grains and highlighted the machines developed in the department. Dr Manpreet Kaur Saini, Entomologist, apprised the trainees of effective storage techniques for grains to avoid economic losses due to insect pests. Dr Rohit Sharma, Scientist, conducted an exposure visit for the trainees to all the developed technologies in the department to combat food losses and wastage. Dr Surekha Bhatia and Dr Gagandeep Kaur, Food Microbiologist, shared information on quality management to reduce post-harvest losses of agricultural produce.

Nagar Kiran in Chandigarh: Traffic police issues advisory

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The Chandigarh Traffic Police issued an advisory asking commuters to avoid certain roads today that fall on the route of the Nagar Kiran procession. Today "Nagar Kirtan" will be held By Shriomani Sant Khalsa International Foundation from Gurudwara Gursagar Sahib Near Lake To Chamkaur Sahib After Passing Through Sec-4/5 Turn, Sec-4/5-8/9 Chowk, Press L/P, Bus Stand Chowk, Piccadilly Chowk, Kishan Bhawan Chowk, Batra Chowk, Sec-25/38 L/P, Sri Santar Sahib Gurdwara-38, Shahpur Chowk, Sec-37/38-40/41 Chowk, Sec-36/37-41/42 Chowk, Atawa Chowk, Sec-35/36 Small Chowk, Right Mkts. 35, Sec-34, Sec-33, Sec-32/33 Small Chowk, Sec-32/33-45/46 Chowk,



Sec-45/46-49/50 L/P, Sec-49/50 L/P, Gurudwara Charan Kamal Sahib And Enter In Mohali. Commuters are advised to adopt an alternative

route, keep patience & co-operate with police. #inconvenience is deeply regretted #WeCareForYou," issued Chandigarh Traffic Police.

Foreign cigarettes worth more than 25 lakh rupees were recovered from four air passengers

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Amritsar : The custom department has seized foreign cigarettes worth more than 25 lakh rupees from four or six passengers from Cambodia at the local airport. These passengers had arrived here from Cambodia via Kuala Lumpur since last night. The official said that 37,400 cigarettes worth Rs 6 lakh 35 thousand were recovered from Ravi Kumar and more than 38 thousand cigarettes worth Rs 6 lakh 52 thousand from



Puruthi Anuj were recovered.

More than 37 thousand cigarettes worth 6 lakh 35 thousand rupees were recovered from Ravi Kumar's belongings. And more than 37,000 cigarettes worth Rs 6 lakh 39,000 were recovered from Robin Arora. All the foreign cigarettes are of one brand.

Salman Khan's Father Salim Khan gets fresh threat

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Mumbai : Bollywood actor Salman Khan's father Salim Khan today received a fresh threat when he was out for a morning walk.

According to sources, when Salim Khan was out for a morning walk with Salman Khan, a man and a burqa-clad woman, on a scooter, came to him and issued a threat citing gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's name. "Should I send Lawrence Bishnoi?" the burqa-clad woman said to Salim Khan when he was sitting on a bench.



After the threat, the Mumbai Police was alerted, following which a probe was launched. Earlier in April this year, two bike-borne men fired multiple rounds outside Salman Khan's in Mumbai's Bandra. Nobody died or was injured in the incident.

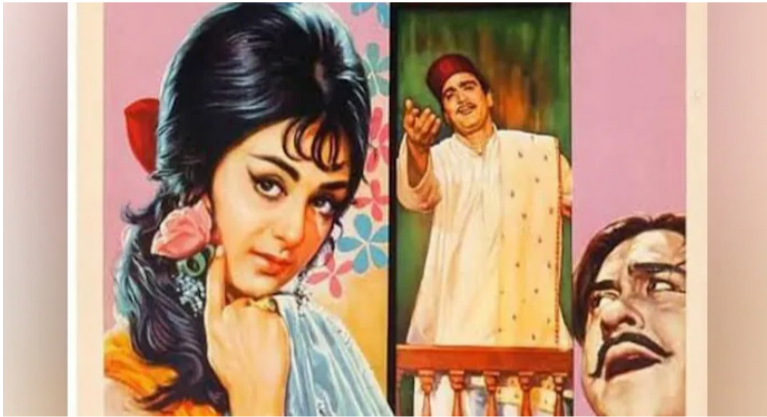
Saira Banu on Padosan re-releasing in theatres: New generation should experience

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New Delhi : Veteran actors Saira Banu, Sunil Dutt, Kishore Kumar and Mehmood's 1968 film Padosan has been re-released in theatres. Banu, who played the female lead in the film, wrote a long note on Instagram, recalling fond memories from the sets. She also promised fans that she would share more anecdotes from the film in her upcoming posts.

Saira Banu had taken a step back from films after marrying legendary actor Dilip Kumar. However, it was only after Mehmood persisted, that Banu decided to join the cast of Padosan. As the film re-released in theatres, Banu mentioned how the film is a "cherished piece of cinematic history" that the newer generation should watch. "I was thrilled to know that "PADOSAN", a film incredibly close to my heart, is being re-released in theaters. This movie is not only dearest to me but a cherished piece of cinematic history that I believe the new generation should experience. It's a brilliant showcase of exceptional artists brought to life by Dutt Saab, Mehmood Bhai, Kishore Ji, and many more (sic)," wrote Saira Banu.

She continued, "Reflecting on "PADOSAN", I feel blessed for the opportunity to have been a



part of it, especially given the circumstances at the time. After my marriage, I had taken a step back from my professional career, and it was only thanks to Mehmood Bhai's persistent persuasion and the considerate arrangements made to facilitate the shooting in Madras that I agreed to join the project. The film's cast, including the unforgettable Dutt Saab, who humorously questioned the departure from his usual glamorous roles, and the amazing Kishore Ji, made the experience truly memorable. The on-set laughter and camaraderie were so intense that at times, we had to pause filming because I couldn't stop laughing (sic)."

The veteran actor concluded her note with a promise, "It's heartening to see "PADOSAN" celebrated

once again, and I look forward to sharing more anecdotes about this remarkable film, which remains a highlight of my career and a joyous part of cinematic legacy (sic)." Padosan is a classic Bollywood comedy film released in 1968, directed by Jyoti Swaroop. The film revolves around the humorous rivalry between Bhola (Sunil Dutt), a simple, naive man, and his neighbour's music teacher, Master Pillai (Mehmood), as they both try to win the love of a beautiful woman named Bindu (Saira Banu). With its hilarious plot, memorable performances, and timeless songs like Mere Samne Wali Khidki Mein, Ek Chatur Naar Karke Sringar, Kehna Hai Aaj Tumse Ye Pehli Baar and Bhai Bhattar, the film has become a beloved classic in Indian cinema.

Find it amazing how easily India drops a Kuldeep Yadav: Sanjay Manjrekar



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New Delhi : Former cricketer and pundit Sanjay Manjrekar expressed his surprise at not seeing Kuldeep Yadav be a part of the lineup for the first Test against Bangladesh in Chennai on September 19, Thursday. India decided to go with an unusual combination in Chennai as they opted for 3 pacers and 2 spinners for the match at the Chepauk. Bangladesh would also adopt the same strategy as the pitch in Chennai was expected to support the pacers more. This meant that Kuldeep Yadav wasn't seen as an option for the match. Manjrekar didn't like the decision from India and expressed his bafflement on his official X account. The former cricketer said that he finds it amazing how India was able to drop a player like Kuldeep for the match.

"Find it amazing how easily India drops a Kuldeep Yadav," tweeted Manjrekar. **Why India decided to go with 3 pacers and not Kuldeep**

The pitch at the Chepauk stadium was similar to the one that was used in the IPL

2024 final. The curators have gone for a black soil pitch which would give more bounce and carry for the pacers. The overcast conditions on offer on day one would have also swayed the decision to go with 3 pacers for India.

Kuldeep's career has seen him being in and out of the Test team with India's frontline spinners being R Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja. Kuldeep played 4 matches in the Test series against England and had picked up 19 wickets and was also able to make some contributions with the bat. Bangladesh (Playing XI): Shadman Islam, Zakir Hasan, Najmul Hossain Shanto(c), Mominul Haque, Mushfiqur Rahim, Shakib Al Hasan, Litton Das(w), Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taskin Ahmed, Hasan Mahmud, Nahid Rana.

India (Playing XI): Rohit Sharma(c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Rishabh Pant(w), Ravindra Jadeja, Ravichandran Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah, Akash Deep, Mohammed Siraj.



The Four Students

Four friends who hated studying partied all night before their exams. They asked the Dean to give them a second chance by lying about their whereabouts.

They told the Dean they had gone to a wedding the night before, and on their way back, they had a flat tire, requiring them to push the car all the way back. The Dean agreed to let them take the test again. They studied



hard for the exam. On the exam day, they were made to sit in separate classrooms and were given only two questions: 1. Your name 2. Which tire of the car burst: a) Front Left b) Front right c) Rear left d) Rear right

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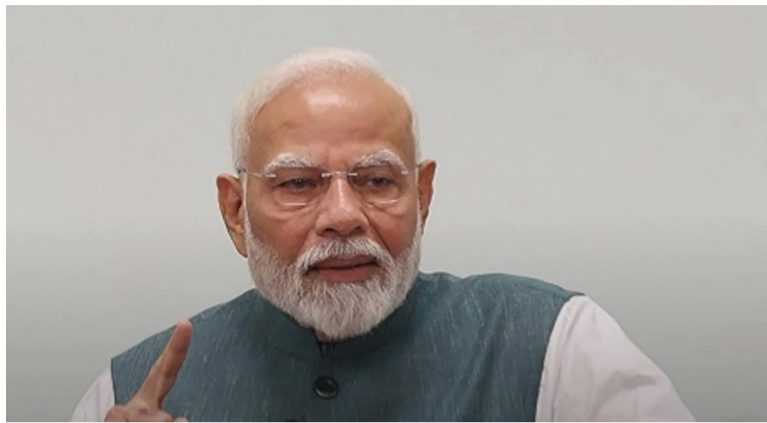


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PM Modi Urges People to Bid For Mementoes given to Him

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday urged people to bid for the mementoes he has received and which are now being auctioned, noting that their proceeds will be used for the 'Namami Gange' initiative. He said on X, "Every year, I auction the various mementoes I receive during the public programmes. The proceeds of the auction go to the Namami Gange initiative. I'm delighted to share that this year's



auction has opened. Do bid for the mementoes you find interesting!" Namami Gange is a government's initiative for conservation and rejuvenation of the Ganga river.

Case against Karnataka BJP MLA Munirathna. 7 others over alleged rape

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New Delhi : More trouble for Karnataka BJP MLA Munirathna as an FIR has been filed against him and seven others for allegedly raping a woman in a resort.

Earlier on September 15, Munirathna was sent to two-day police custody by a local court after he was arrested for allegedly



threatening a contractor against him and using casteist slurs

Boat carrying Trinamool MPs, MLAs overturns

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Kolkata : At least 13 people, including Trinamool Congress MPs, MLAs, and high-ranking officials, had a narrow escape when their boat overturned while inspecting flood-affected areas in West Bengal's Birbhum district. The incident happened when TMC MLA from Labpur, Abhijit Singh, party MPs, Asit Mal and Shamirul Islam, along with Birbhum's District Magistrate, Bidhan Roy, and other officials were on a boat inspecting the flood-affected areas of Birbhum's Balarampur and Labpur.

After the incident, the locals rushed to the spot and rescued the Trinamool MPs and local officials, who were not wearing any safety



jackets. Several districts in West Bengal have been witnessing a flood-like situation following heavy rain and a consequent rise in water discharge from barrages within a short period. According to state Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's advisor, Alapan Bandyopadhyay, at least two people have died as the flood-like

situation in several districts in the southern part of West Bengal remains grim following heavy rain and consequent rise in water discharge from barrages within a short span of time. Parts of Birbhum, Bankura, Howrah, Hooghly, North and South 24 Parganas, Purba and Paschim Medinipur, Paschim Bardhaman districts are inundated, Bandyopadhyay said. Due to heavy rainfall, 1,33,750 Cusec of water was released from Durgapur Barrage, 40,000 cusec from Kangsabati dam, 2,00,000 cusec from Maithon dam and 50,000 cusec from the Panchet Dam in the last 24 hours.

Navy aircraft makes emergency landing at sea after technical failure

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New Delhi : A High-Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft (HALE RPA), a drone leased by the Indian Navy, was involved in a controlled ditching off the coast of Chennai on Tuesday after encountering a technical failure. The aircraft, operating from INS Rajali in Arakkonam near Chennai, was on a routine surveillance mission when the malfunction occurred at around 2 pm.

Ditching means an aircraft performs an emergency landing on water if it is unable to reach the runway due to technical issues or unforeseen circumstances.

Despite attempts to resolve the issue mid-flight, the technical fault could not be rectified, prompting the crew to take decisive action. In order to prevent potential danger to populated areas, the aircraft safely navigated to a designated area over the sea, where it was deliberately ditched in a controlled manner.

The Navy confirmed that no injuries or damage to personnel or property occurred as a result of the ditching. The area of the incident was secured and an inquiry was initiated.



The Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) of the HALE RPA has been requested to provide a detailed report on the technical failure that led to the incident. Further updates on the investigation were awaited as the Navy works closely with the OEM to determine the cause and prevent future occurrences.

INS Rajali, located in Tamil Nadu's Arakkonam, is one of the Indian Navy's premier naval air stations. Known for housing a wide range of surveillance and reconnaissance assets, it plays a critical role in securing India's vast maritime borders, particularly in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR).

As the hub of the Navy's long-range maritime patrol operations, INS Rajali is equipped to support advanced aerial missions, including those carried out by High Altitude Long Endurance Remotely Piloted Aircraft (HALE RPA).

HALE RPAs, such as the ones leased by the Indian Navy, are crucial for extended surveillance missions. These drones are capable of staying airborne for over 24 hours, covering vast distances and high-altitude surveillance in real-time. Operating from INS Rajali, these RPAs are deployed on routine surveillance and intelligence-gathering missions across the IOR.

They monitor critical sea lanes, track vessel movements and help in maritime domain awareness. This ensures that potential threats, whether in the form of enemy submarines, hostile ships or illegal activities like piracy can be detected and addressed promptly.

Tax refund crosses Rs 2 lakh crore mark in FY25

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New Delhi : The income tax department's efficiency has rapidly increased in the last decade as refunds out of direct tax collection crossed the Rs 2 lakh mark in the financial year (FY) 2024-25, according to government data.

According to the data, direct tax collection in the current financial year (From April 1 to September 17) was Rs 9.95 lakh crore, up 16.12 per cent compared to the same period last year. Tax refunds also jumped during this period and have increased by 56.49 per cent to Rs 2.05 lakh crore compared to last year.

Securities Transaction Tax (STT) collection has increased to Rs 26,154 crore.

Advance tax collection has increased by 22.61 per cent on an annual basis to Rs 4.36 lakh crore. Advance personal income collection has increased by 39.22 per cent. There has been an increase of 18.17 per cent in corporate tax.

During the period, gross direct tax collection including refunds has increased by 21.48 per cent to Rs 12.01 lakh crore.

In the current financial year, the government has set a target of



collecting Rs 22.12 lakh crore from direct taxes (personal income tax, corporate tax and other taxes), which is about 13 per cent more compared to the last financial year.

According to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the average processing time of ITR has been reduced from 93 days in 2013 to 10 days now, thereby making refunds faster.

This has been achieved by the introduction of updated income tax returns systems and processes and simplification of the person tax regime over the years which has made filing tax returns easier.

The reason for the increase in direct tax collection is the strong GDP growth. The Indian economy grew at the rate of 8.4 per cent in the FY 2023-24. It is expected to grow at the rate of 7.2 per cent in FY 2024-25.

Sensex, Nifty at all-Time High as US Fed Announces Rate Cut

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Mumbai : Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty surged to their fresh record high levels in early trade today after the US Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate after more than four years.

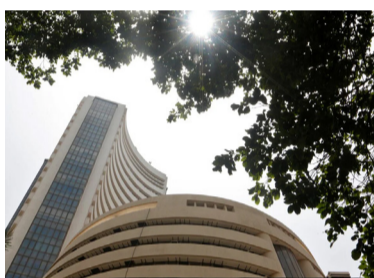
The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 735.95 points to scale a new all-time high of 83,684.18 in early trade. The NSE Nifty also surged 209.55 points to hit a fresh record peak of 25,587.10.

"The big Fed rate cut by 50 bps has the potential to take equity markets into a consolidation phase with an upward bias. The rate cuts by the Fed will pave the way for rate cuts in India, too," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services. More rate cuts are expected from the Fed, going forward, Vijayakumar added.

From the 30 Sensex firms, NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Motors, Tata Consultancy Services, Bharti Airtel, Tech Mahindra, Infosys and HDFC Bank were the biggest gainers.

Bajaj Finserv emerged as the only laggard from the pack.

In Asian markets, Tokyo, Shanghai and Hong Kong rallied while Seoul quoted marginally lower.



The US markets ended lower.

Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth ₹ 1,153.69 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

"The 50 bps rate cut is a bold stance by the US Fed to revitalise their subdued economy, which will in turn open the door for other global central banks, including RBI to kick-start the softer interest rate regime," Vijay Bharadia, Founder, Wallfort Financial Services Ltd, said.

Global oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.07 per cent to USD 73.60 a barrel.

The BSE benchmark dropped 131.43 points or 0.16 per cent to settle at 82,948.23. The NSE Nifty also declined 41 points or 0.16 per cent to close at 25,377.55.

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"Granting 35% fewer international student permits this year": Canada PM

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Canada : In a notable development, Canada has announced its intention to regulate its temporary resident population by decreasing the issuance of study permits to international students and imposing stricter criteria for work permit eligibility. "We're granting 35% fewer international student permits this year. And next year, that number's going down by another 10%. Immigration is an advantage for our economy — but when bad actors abuse the system and take advantage of students, we crack down," Canada Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. In light of the pressures associated with swift population growth, the



administration of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau is implementing further measures to decrease immigration. The Canadian government has declared its intention to reduce the number of foreign students admitted and to impose stricter

regulations on foreign workers beginning next year.

In 2025, Canada plans to decrease the issuance of international student permits by 10% compared to the current year's figures, with this cap remaining in effect through 2026. This change signifies a 36% reduction from the numbers recorded in 2023. Nevertheless, Universities Canada has reported that the nation is already likely to fall short of this year's target as a result of a decline in applications from international students.

Donald Trump blames radical left for assassination attempt, offers no evidence

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New York : Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump claimed he was being targeted by "radical left" forces and vowed to campaign with renewed purpose at his first full-fledged campaign rally since an alleged second assassination attempt.



"These encounters with death have not broken my will," he told a raucous crowd in Uniondale, New York, 30 miles from Manhattan. "They have only hardened my resolve."

Trump spoke at a Long Island sports arena packed with more than 10,000 supporters even though New York, which leans heavily Democratic, is not considered to be a competitive state in the Nov. 5 election. Local Democrats said they didn't mind having Trump in the region as it was keeping him from campaigning in battleground states set to decide the election outcome.

Trump wasted no time referencing the Sunday arrest of a gunman authorities allege planned to shoot Trump while he was golfing on his course in West Palm Beach, Florida. In July, another gunman wounded Trump as he gave a speech in Pennsylvania.

"God has now spared my life," Trump said. "Not once, but twice." Trump blamed a "violent, radical-left monster" for the alleged attempt on his life, and later used similar language to describe his opponent in the election, Democrat Kamala Harris.

Trump did not cite any evidence backing his claim that the "radical left" was responsible for the attempts on his life.

Ryan Routh, 58, has been charged with two gun-related crimes following his arrest on Sunday. Routh has mocked President Joe Biden on social media and suggested in a 2023 self-published book that he voted for Trump in 2016, but later wrote that backing

Trump was a "terrible mistake." Harris denounced political violence after the Sunday incident.

Trump thanked the Teamsters union, which earlier on Wednesday broke from a longstanding tradition of making an endorsement in the presidential race in what was a blow to Harris campaign. The Teamsters have endorsed every Democratic candidate for president since 2000. Trump attributed the decision to widespread support for him amongst the union rank-and-file. "This was a surprise," he said. Before Trump spoke, former New York mayor and Trump ally Rudy Giuliani took the stage and suggested to the crowd that Trump had been targeted by an assassin for his agenda. "No more attacks!" he exclaimed.

Trump was also on Long Island in a bid to bolster local candidates for the U.S. House of Representatives, chief amongst them Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, who spoke before Trump.

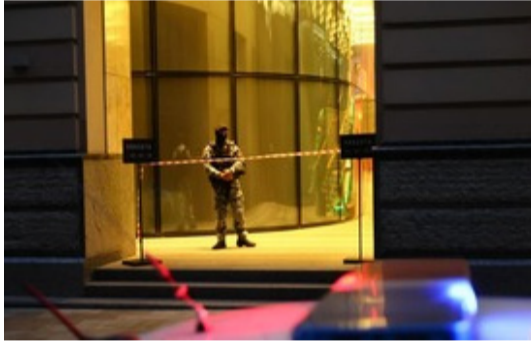
The New York suburbs are considered crucial to Republican hopes of holding onto control of the House. "We need to elect more Republicans up and down the ballot," Trump said.

Trump again brought up the situation surrounding a Haitian immigrant community in Springfield, Ohio, a small town that has been plagued by false rumors of pets being eaten and subjected to bomb threats. Trump, who has helped to amplify those rumours, said he would visit the city within two weeks.

Two dead, seven injured in shooting incident

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Moscow : Two people have been killed and seven injured in a shooting at the office of Russian online retailer Wildberries, according to the Russian Investigative Committee. According to preliminary information, a shooting took place at the Wildberries office located on Romanov Lane in Moscow, the investigative committee said. Seven people have been injured, including two law enforcement officers that arrived at the scene, reports news agency. Two people have died from their injuries, according to the investigative committee.



Wildberries, the largest online retailer in Russia, is owned by Tatyana Bakalchuk, a Russian entrepreneur as well as the retailer's founder and CEO, and owned by her husband Vladislav

Bakalchuk.

A group of 20 to 30 men arrived at the scene and began breaking windows at the entrance to the business center where the office was located, and gunfire erupted shortly after, reported. Almost 30 people have been detained as a result of the shooting, according to law enforcement.

A criminal case has been opened into the shooting, and investigators are currently working at the scene to establish the circumstances of the incident.

Boy, 10, stabbed to death on way to Japanese school in China's Shenzhen

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Tokyo : A 10-year-old boy enrolled in a Japanese school in Shenzhen, China, has died after being stabbed by an assailant on Wednesday, the Japanese government said.

The boy was stabbed on his way to school at about 8 am (0000 GMT) on Wednesday by the suspected 44-year-old assailant, who was arrested on the spot, according to Chinese authorities. The child died in the early hours of Thursday, Japanese foreign minister Yoko Kamikawa told reporters.

"This should never happen in any country. Particularly, I sincerely regret that this despicable act was committed against a child on his way to school."

Japan has asked China to provide a detailed explanation of the facts and to take strong safety measures, she



added. Authorities in both Japan and China declined to disclose the nationality of the victim, while the website of the Shenzhen Japanese School says it is for children of Japanese nationality. Japan does not recognise dual citizenship for adults. The attack took place near the school on the anniversary of an incident in 1931 that triggered war between China and Japan, a sensitive date at

a time when diplomatic relations are in danger of deteriorating.

It was the second such attack near a Japanese educational facility in China in recent months.

Japanese Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi declined to comment on any potential impact of the latest incident on bilateral ties.

In June, a man attacked a bus used by a Japanese school in the eastern city of Suzhou, resulting in the death of a Chinese national who tried to shield a Japanese mother and her child from the assailant.

A Chinese aircraft carrier entered Japan's contiguous waters for the first time, the latest in a string of military manoeuvres that prompted a protest from Tokyo to Beijing.

Coldplay to perform in Mumbai on January 18, 19 next year

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Mumbai : Known for belting out hits such as "Paradise", "A Sky Full Of Stars", "The Scientist" and "Fix You", British rock band Coldplay is set to take the stage in India's entertainment capital, Mumbai for the second time. They will be performing on January 18 and 19.

This is the second time that Coldplay, which consist of vocalist and pianist Chris Martin, guitarist Jonny Buckland, bassist Guy Berryman, drummer and percussionist Will Champion, will be performing in India, they last visited the country in 2016 when they performed in Mumbai as a part of the Global Citizen Festival.

The band will perform at the D.Y. Patil Sports Stadium in the Nerul area of Navi Mumbai as a part of the band's Music of the Spheres World Tour. It follows the sellout success of the band's summer 2024 European stadium shows and the announcement of eight new shows in the UK. Since kicking off in March 2022,



the Music Of The Spheres World Tour has sold over 10 million tickets across Europe, North America, Latin America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, making it the most highly attended tour by a group of all time. The tour is also travelling to Abu Dhabi, Seoul and Hong Kong between January and April of 2025. The set list for the band includes tracks like 'Yellow', 'The Scientist', 'Clocks', 'Fix You', 'Viva La Vida', 'Paradise', 'A Sky Full Of Stars' and 'Adventure Of A Lifetime' into the spectacular stadium show bursting with lasers, fireworks and LED wristbands.

Meanwhile, Coldplay's upcoming new album, 'Moon Music' is set to release on October 4, 2024, each LP is made from 100% recycled plastic bottles.

The band recently issued an update on their sustainability initiatives, revealing that, on a show-by-show comparison, the current tour has so far produced 59% less CO2e emissions.

Tickets for the band's Mumbai concert will go live on September 22, 2024 on BookMyShow. Coldplay's Music Of The Spheres World Tour in India is produced and promoted by BookMyShow Live.

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BJP Lists Abuses against PM after M Kharge Flags Barbs at Rahul Gandhi



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New Delhi : Two days after Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, flagging BJP leaders' objectionable remarks against Rahul Gandhi, BJP chief JP Nadda has shot off a letter to Mr Kharge, listing derogatory terms used by Congress leaders against the Prime Minister in the past.

Taking a swipe at Mr Gandhi, Mr Nadda wrote that the Congress has again tried to polish and relaunch a "failed product" that the people have rejected several times.

"Wasn't it Rahul Gandhi's mother Sonia Gandhi who used the derogatory expression 'maut ka saudagar' (merchant of death) for Modi? You and your party glorified such shameless statements. Had the Congress forgotten political decorum then?" asked Mr Nadda, also the Union Health Minister. Mr Nadda wrote that the country's oldest party has become a "copy & paste" party due to Mr Gandhi's pressure and has imbibed his ills.

Congress leaders, he wrote, called the Prime Minister "snake", "scorpion", "demon", "pickpocket", and "coward". "Even his parents were insulted," Mr Nadda added.

The BJP president accused Mr Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, of resorting to politics of reservation and caste and inciting people against each other. "Then he goes abroad and talks about ending reservation and snatching away rights of people from Dalit, backward classes and tribal communities," he wrote.

Addressing a gathering at a US university, Mr Gandhi said the Congress would think of scrapping reservations only when "India is a fair place", which, he said, is not the case right now. The BJP latched on to the remark and said the Congress leader's prejudice against

reservation is out in the open.

Mr Nadda said it is the Congress that has insulted Indian democracy the most. "The Congress imposed Emergency, backed triple talaq, defamed Constitutional institutions and weakened them."

What Mallikarjun Kharge Wrote To PM Earlier, in his letter to the Prime Minister, the Congress president had flagged a "series of objectionable, violent and indecent" remarks against Rahul Gandhi.

Listing the verbal attacks on Mr Gandhi, Mr Kharge pointed to Union Minister Ravneet Singh Bittu's "Number 1 terrorist" remark, Shiv Sena leader announcing ₹ 11 lakh for "anyone who cuts" Mr Gandhi's tongue and Delhi BJP leader Tarwinder Singh Marwah's threat that Mr Gandhi will meet the same fate as his grandmother and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

"Indian culture is known across the world for non-violence and love... Gandhiji made these standards a key part of our politics during the British era. After Independence, there has been a long tradition of respectable disagreement between the ruling party and the Opposition," the Congress chief wrote.

He added that crores of Congress workers are worried over the BJP leaders' verbal attacks on Rahul Gandhi. "It is because of such forces spreading hate that Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, Indira Gandhi and Rajiv Gandhi had to sacrifice their lives. This political conduct of the ruling party is the most indecent example in the history of democracy."

Mr Kharge requested the Prime Minister to enforce decorum and decency among BJP leaders. "There should be strict legal action for such remarks so that Indian democracy can be saved from decline."

21 houses of Dalits set on fire. Congress's jungle raj at NDA

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Patna : Over 20 houses were set on fire by miscreants in a Dalit settlement in Bihar's Nawada district allegedly over a land dispute. Police said 15 people, including the prime suspect, have been arrested even as the RJD and Congress called the incident another proof of "jungle raj" prevailing in Bihar.

Initially, it was reported that over 80 houses were gutted in the incident on Wednesday night, but police have put the number at 21. A large contingent of police has been deployed in the area to prevent any flare-up.

The villagers have alleged that the miscreants stormed into their settlement and thrashed several Dalit families. The houses were then set ablaze and shots were also fired in the air.

However, Superintendent of Police Abhinav Dhiman denied reports of aerial firing, saying no shells were found by the police. He also said that no one was injured in the incident.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar held a meeting with senior officials regarding the Nawada incident and directed the Additional Director General of Police (Law and Order) to personally visit the site and oversee the probe. A Special



Investigation Team (SIT) has also been formed to further investigate the matter. The government said strict action would be taken against the guilty and no one would be spared.

MAYAWATI, RAHUL GANDHI HIT OUT AT BIHAR GOVERNMENT

Tearing into the JD(U)-BJP government, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said the incident showed the dispensation's "utter indifference" towards Dalits and the deprived.

"Burning down an entire colony of Mahadalits in Nawada highlights the horrifying picture of injustice against the Bahujans in Bihar," Gandhi tweeted.

"Such anarchist elements find shelter under the leadership of the BJP and its

NDA allies. They intimidate and suppress the Bahujans so that they cannot even demand their social and constitutional rights... The silence of the Prime Minister is a seal of approval of this big conspiracy," he further said.

BSP chief Mayawati demanded strict action by the Bihar government against the culprits and financial support for rehabilitation of poor victims.

"The incident of burning down of many houses of poor Dalits in Bihar's Nawada by the goons and ruining their lives is extremely sad and serious. The government should take strict legal action against the culprits and also provide full financial help for the rehabilitation of the victims," Mayawati tweeted.

Former Bihar Deputy Chief Minister and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav said atrocities against Dalits wouldn't be tolerated and asked the Chief Minister to wake up from his "slumber" and break his silence.

"The Chief Minister of the third-largest party in Bihar has stopped speaking for months... the NDA is not concerned about Bihar but about criminals," he said.

Atishi to take oath as Delhi CM on September 21: AAP

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New Delhi : Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Delhi Chief Minister-designate Atishi will take the oath of office on Saturday, September 21, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) said today.

The announcement by the AAP came hours after Delhi's Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena proposed September 21 as the date for the swearing-in of Chief Minister-designate Atishi in a written communication to President Droupadi Murmu.

According to sources, AAP had initially decided that only Atishi would be sworn in. However, it was later decided that her council of ministers would also take the oath.

AAP leaders Gopal Rai, Kailash Gehlot, Saurabh Bharadwaj and Imran Hussain, who were ministers in the previous



Arvind Kejriwal government, will be retained and two party MLAs will also be inducted into the new Cabinet, sources added.

Atishi Marlena, the lone woman minister in the Delhi Cabinet, was unanimously selected for the Delhi Chief Minister's post by the ruling AAP

legislators, September 17.

The Kalkaji MLA, who holds the maximum portfolios in the AAP government, will take over from party chief Arvind Kejriwal with just months left for the Delhi Assembly election.

Several names were proposed to lead the Delhi government after Arvind Kejriwal announced his resignation following his bail by the Supreme Court in

connection with the alleged Delhi liquor policy scam.

Atishi, however, was the frontrunner for the top job as she had assumed a central role in the party after the arrest of Kejriwal and his former deputy Manish Sisodia in the liquor policy case.

Navy forms two task forces, approaches local industry for weapon requirements

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New Delhi : The Indian Navy has formed two task forces to reach out to the local industry to meet all its weapon and other critical requirements in a bid to boost indigenisation in its force under the Make In India initiative, officials said.

The task forces have been formed under the guidance of Navy chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, who is reaching out to the local industries to gather crucial information about their products and also to find ways of how they can build equipment and critical weapons for the maritime force.

The critical requirements of the force are discussed with the industry proactively and the way they can contribute to the requirements of the force, they said. Admiral Tripathi has been pushing to give more role to the local manufacturers and use their capabilities for meeting own requirements. Admiral Tripathi has also been visiting



the local industrial facilities with Navy teams to review their manufacturing facilities. The Indian Navy is leading the indigenisation campaign with all its warships and submarines except for two being built in the Indian shipyards only.

The Navy has plans to place orders worth lakhs of crores for the Indian industry and shipyards in the next few years, according to defence officials.

The immediate orders for the indigenous industry would be for Rs 1.6 lakh crore worth of submarines of different types to meet threats posed by China and Pakistan.

The Navy is also going to commission the last of the two warships being built in Russia in the near future with a focus on equipping them with indigenous systems and equipment.

The Tushil and Tamal class warships will be commissioned by February next year after delays caused by the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, officials said.

The naval force is also promoting Indian vendors in many of the contracts for large platforms and projects and also encouraging shipyards to influence smaller industry in them.

Employee fired for blaming rats for caving-in of portion of Delhi-Mumbai highway

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New Delhi : An employee who claimed to be a part of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway project was fired after he stated that rats were responsible for the caving in the portion of road in Rajasthan's Dausa district.

The employee, claiming to be the Maintenance Manager, was a junior employee of the firm, KCC Buildcon clarified the situation in a letter to the National Highway Authority of India (NHAI).

The firm stated that the comment was made by a junior employee who had no technical understanding regarding the project and confirmed that he had been terminated from the company. "The employee is not the maintenance manager; comments made were not based on technical understanding," the company stated in the letter.



"It's likely that a rat or some small animal dug a hole, allowing water to seep through."

Meanwhile, as per the project director of the expressway in Dausa, Balveer Yadav, the road caved in due to a water leak.

As soon as the contractor got information

about the matter, he immediately barricaded the area, and the pothole was repaired, Yadav said.

The Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, spanning 1,386 kilometers, is the country's longest expressway, designed to cut travel time between the two cities from 24 hours to just 12-13 hours.

The expressway traverses multiple states, including Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Maharashtra.

As of July 31, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari informed the Rajya Sabha that 80 percent of the project is complete, with at least one more year required for its full completion.



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