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Mobiles, 'zarda' pack of cigarette recovered

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Ferozepur : Despite of the tightened security measures, the smuggling of mobile phones and other contraband into Ferozepur Jail persists, undermining the very purpose of incarceration. In a recent incident, unknown individuals hurled packets containing 9 mobile phones, 19 sachets of zarda (chewing tobacco), and three cigarette packs over the jail's high perimeter walls. More than 350 mobiles have been recovered during the current year besides various other banned items.

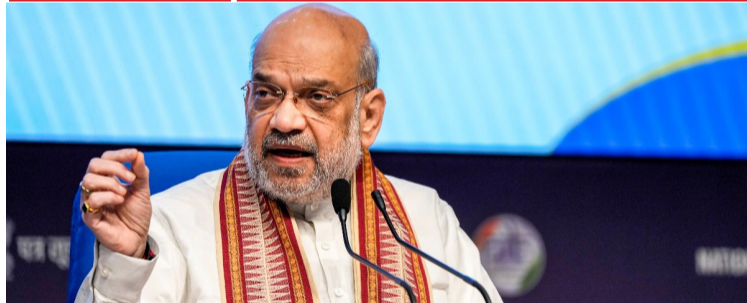
The ongoing recovery of prohibited items during random checks has raised serious concerns about the effectiveness of security protocols both inside and outside the jail premises. Urgent action is needed to curb these breaches and maintain the integrity of the correctional facility.

Authorities are exploring advanced measures to bolster



security, such as enhanced screening procedures, technology-assisted monitoring, and the deployment of drones for aerial surveillance around the prison perimeter. Improved staff training and integrity checks are also being considered to address this issue. Although follow-ups on such recoveries are typically scarce, particularly in non-high-profile cases, this incident has prompted the registration of a case under Sections 21 and 52A of the Prisons Act against unidentified individuals. Investigations are ongoing to identify and apprehend those responsible.

Govt aims to eradicate naxalism from India by March 2026: Amit Shah



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Union Home Minister Amit Shah has declared that the government is committed to eradicating Naxalism and its associated ideology from the nation by March 2026.

He made the statement while interacting with around 55 victims of Naxalite violence from Chhattisgarh at his residence in New Delhi today. He stated that the Centre

has effectively eradicated Naxalism throughout the nation, with the exception of four districts in Bastar.

The minister also appealed to Naxals to give up violence, lay down arms and surrender. He said that if Naxals don't listen to his appeal to give up violence, then the government will soon launch an all-out operation against them.

DC makes surprise check at MC office



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Zirakpur : DC SAS Nagar Mrs Aashika Jain today paid a surprise visit at the Municipal Office, Zirakpur to check the delivery of citizen services and disposal of their grievances and issues related to MC.

Deputy Commissioner who remained in the office for an hour, minutely inspected the working of each branch besides checking movement and attendance registers and directed the staff to maintain the movement register whenever they leave the office and mark their attendance before leaving for the field job.

"Besides, maintenance of records need to be improved. Movement register and attendance register have to be updated. Biometric has to be

installed", said DC Aashika Jain adding that we will have an active administrator office here to resolve grievances Which will report to her directly.

She also visited the various tables and staff deputed for resolving the public issues and interacted with the residents present there.

The Deputy Commissioner directed the EO and the entire staff to address the issues and grievances of the residents on priority besides disposing of the other service requests submitted by them within the timeline.

She appealed to architects to enter the phone number of applicants so that they can receive SMS and updated status of their files on enaksha portal.

Health Ministry asks for detailed report as Tirupati Laddoo Row Escalates

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Union Health Minister JP Nadda has asked Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu for a "detailed report" on allegations there was animal fat in ghee used to make laddoos offered as 'prasadam' to the deity at the Tirupati temple, and to crores of devotees who visit every year.

Food Minister Pralhad Joshi, meanwhile, called for a thorough inquiry. "Whatever the Chief Minister said is a matter of serious concern. A detailed enquiry is required and the culprit should be punished."

Mr Naidu's Telugu Desam Party this week cited a July report from a government-run lab in Gujarat that said samples of the ghee used when his rival - YSR Congress Party boss YS Jagan Mohan Reddy - was in power, contained traces of beef tallow, fish oil, and pig fat, or lard.

Chandrababu Naidu and his deputy, Jana Sena Party leader Pawan Kalyan, have ripped into the YSRCP, accusing Jagan Mohan Reddy of desecrating the temple and 'sanatan dharm'.

The Bharatiya Janata Party - allied with the TDP and Jana Sena at the centre - has been even more forceful in its criticism, with Union Minister and National General Secretary Sanjay Bandi calling it an "unforgivable sin". He also claimed a communal angle, alleging adulteration of



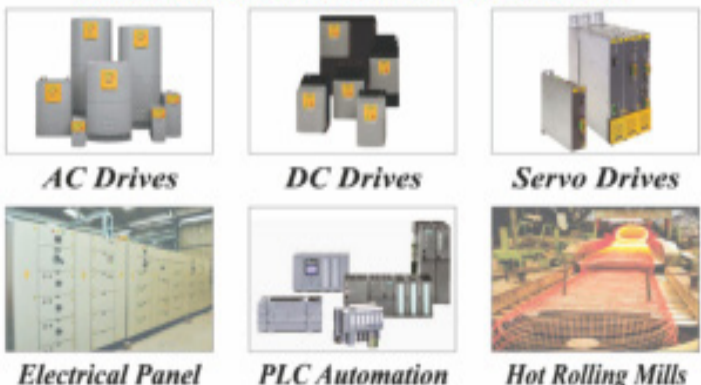
the ghee was because "few people from other religions (had been) inducted" into the board.

Bhanu Prakash Reddy, a BJP MP who was on the board of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam - the government trust that manages the Tirumala Venkateswara Temple and others in the state - also raged, demanding a police complaint be filed against the former Chief Minister.

The YSR Congress, meanwhile, has hit back hard against the flood of allegations. Rajya Sabha MP YV Subba Reddy, who was Chairperson of the TTD for four years, said it is "unimaginable to even say 'animal fat was used in consecrated food offered daily to the deity and in laddoos given to devotees'". Mr Reddy blasted the Chief Minister for the "heinous" claim.

Mr Reddy also declared that it was Chandrababu Naidu, in fact, who had damaged the sanctity of the temple, and affected crores of devotees, by making such outrageous comments.

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SpaceX 'forcefully rejects' FAA conclusion it violated launch requirements

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SpaceX said it "forcefully rejects" the Federal Aviation Administration's conclusion that Elon Musk's company failed to follow U.S. regulations during two rocket launches, alleged violations carrying \$633,000 in fines.

The FAA on Tuesday faulted SpaceX's actions ahead of launches in June and July of 2023 in Cape Canaveral, Florida, prompting Musk to call the fines politically motivated and threaten to sue to contest them.

Musk has chafed for years at what he sees as government inefficiency and has battled with federal regulators. SpaceX must obtain FAA signoffs for rocket launches and new technology.

Late Thursday Musk asserted FAA leaders attacked SpaceX "for petty matters that have nothing to do with safety, while neglecting real safety issues at Boeing. This is deeply wrong and puts human lives at risk."

Musk cited the NASA decision not to have astronauts return to Earth in Boeing's, Starliner spacecraft after a three-month test mission hobbled by technical issues. "Instead of fining Boeing for putting astronauts at risk, the FAA is fining SpaceX for trivia!" Musk wrote on X.



Neither the FAA nor Boeing responded to requests for comment about Musk's X post. David Harris, SpaceX vice president for legal, sent a letter on Wednesday to the leaders of two congressional committees that oversee the FAA, expanding on the company's objections and asserting its commitment to safety.

"SpaceX forcefully rejects the FAA's assertion that it violated any regulations," Harris wrote. The FAA, Harris wrote, was failing to "keep pace with the commercial spaceflight

industry" and suggested the fine may be the agency's response to increased congressional scrutiny of the FAA's oversight of the commercial space industry.

SpaceX said it has been clear for some time the FAA's commercial space office "lacks the resources to timely review licensing materials" and "mistakenly focuses its limited resources on areas unrelated to its public safety regulatory scope."

Asked about the letter, the FAA said it "does not comment on active enforcement issues."

In proposing the fines, the FAA said SpaceX failed to obtain approval to revise the communications plan related to its license for the June 2023 launch of a rocket carrying an Indonesian telecommunication

satellite. The agency said SpaceX added a new launch control room without approval and removed a mandatory phone call between the company, FAA and other launch staff concerning pre-launch readiness procedures.

SpaceX said the FAA failed to review changes in a timely manner before the launch even though the agency had advance notice of six weeks, and added that the changes it made were ones that did not require regulatory approval.

The FAA also said SpaceX used an unapproved network of propellant tanks that send fuel to the rocket before the July 2023 launch of a communications satellite for the company Echostar. SpaceX said the FAA subsequently approved the use

of this network of tanks for a subsequent launch and decided it would not impact safety.

SpaceX has 30 days to formally respond to the FAA.

In February 2023, the FAA proposed a \$175,000 civil penalty against SpaceX for failing to submit some safety data to the agency prior to an August 2022 launch of Starlink satellites. The company paid that fine, according to the FAA.

In September 2023, the FAA completed an investigation into SpaceX's April 2023 test launch of its giant Starship rocket, requiring the company to implement dozens of corrective measures.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump has said he would establish a government efficiency commission headed by Musk if he wins the Nov. 5 election.

Musk has endorsed Trump.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
21th Sep

Born on 21th Sep : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality.

They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime.

This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been.

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 Aries (March 21 - April 19) Sep 21th 2024 : Keep your poise as you are likely to confront some difficulties otherwise-it may put you in some serious trouble. Especially control your anger which is nothing but a short madness. You will have serious problems with your lover if you dictate what to do.	 Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Sep 21th 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. Visiting the house of close relatives can add to your financial troubles.	 Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Sep 21th 2024 : Avoid oily and spicy diet. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today. It is possible for your maternal uncle or maternal grandfather to help you financially. Your tears may be wiped by a special friend.
 Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Sep 21th 2024 : Don't depend on fate and try to improve your health as fortune is a lazy goddess which will never come to you. It is high time for you to control your weight and restart exercising to regain your health. You will also make important contacts through friends.	 Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Sep 21th 2024 : Outdoor sports will attract you-Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Those who were unnecessarily spending money till now will understand how hard it is to earn and save money, as sudden requirement amidst financial scarcity will arise. Your unnecessary finding faults in others could be criticised by relatives.	 Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Sep 21th 2024 : Try to get out of your office early for some recreation. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Rituals will be performed at home.
 Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Sep 21th 2024 : Unnecessary condemning yourself could lower spirit. Don't make investments in haste-Losses are certain if you don't look at investments from all possible angles. Relations with your spouse will get strained due to your over involvement at office work.	 Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Sep 21th 2024 : Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Monetary gains will be from various sources. Unexpected gifts and presents from relatives and friends. Marriage had never been so wonderful before than today.	 Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Sep 21th 2024 : It is high time for you to take the help of spirituality as it is the one of the best option to counterattack your mental stress. Meditation and yoga will enhance your mental toughness. You will make money if you put your savings into conservative investments.
 Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Sep 21th 2024 : Blood pressure patients could take the help of red wine to lower their blood pressure and keep cholesterol under control. It will further relax them. Today, investing in land or any property can be fatal for you. Avoid making such decisions as much as possible.	 Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Sep 21th 2024 : Be cautious while drinking and eating. Carelessness could make you sick. Certain important work will come to a halt due to bleak financial position. New relationship would be long lasting and highly beneficial.	 Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Sep 21th 2024 : Keep an eye on your weight and do not indulge in overeating. 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.

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GMADA owned land in Sector 77 turns into dumping ground

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Mohali : Residents of Judge, Officer Colony are upset, removing garbage themselves as GMADA carelessness has made living conditions like hell of the residents stated Deputy Mayor Mohali Bedi.

While taking note Deputy Mayor Mohali writes a letter to the Chief Administrator GMADA, Demanding immediate boundary.

Mohali Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi has written a letter to the Chief Administrator, GMADA requesting to construct a boundary wall by placing a barbed wire at the area in front of Sector 77 which has been cleared of slums, because people have made this place a dumping ground by throwing heaps of garbage and this is creating havoc for the people living in this vicinity. Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi reached the spot after getting information about the problems faced by the residents of Judge and Officer Colony in Sector 77 due to dumping of garbage here. He said that due to the carelessness of GMADA there will be repossession of illegal occupants. He said that a huge amount of garbage is being dumped here which gives bad smell and because of this the residents of Judge and Officer Colony are facing huge hardship.

Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi said that all the retired officers and senior citizens live here and they have built beautiful parks inside the society, but heaps of garbage are being thrown on this empty space outside the society. He said that the residents of the area have told



him that they themselves have brought JCB machines here and removed many trolleys of garbage, but people again fill the trolleys and dump the garbage here, due to which the disease can also spread here. They said that after no action from GMADA they have now decided to install the barbed wires here themselves. Bedi said that due to this garbage, a huge amount of flies and mosquitoes are also being produced here and diseases can spread due to this. He said that it is the primary responsibility of Gmada to establish a boundary here

close to Gurdwara Singh Shaheedan, so cleanliness is very important here. He said that he is very sad to see the situation here today. He demanded from the CA Gmada to take immediate action, and solve the problems of the residents, otherwise people will come to the streets and struggle against Gmada, which will be the responsibility of Gmada officials. Karamjit Singh Bedi, Judge and Officer Colony, Dr. Jagtar Singh, Kashmir Singh, RS Sachdeva, VP Gupta, LS Hundal, GS Bhatti and Lakhwal were also present.

Kejriwal should secure Hry's rightful water from Pb - Anil Vij

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Former Home Minister of Haryana, Anil Vij, raised a question about AAP National convener Arvind Kejriwal's campaigning in Haryana, and said that "Kejriwal should first secure Haryana's rightful share of water from Punjab."

He also commented on the BJP's manifesto, stating that, "BJP does what it says." Vij was replying to a question asked by media persons today.

"The Aam Aadmi Party's light has dimmed, what light will it bring to Haryana?" - Vij In Yamunanagar, Haryana, Delhi former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal is set to address a rally today. Commenting on this, Anil Vij took a jibe, saying, "Will Kejriwal give the people a government? First, let the Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab secure Haryana's rightful share of water, then talk about votes." He further added, "The Aam Aadmi Party was established in Delhi, and it lost all seats in the Lok Sabha in Delhi. The party's light has dimmed, so what light will it bring to Haryana?" The reality is that Congress didn't even



reward the Asian Games athletes - Vij Bhopinder Hooda had stated that during Congress's rule, young athletes were nurtured, but under BJP, youth became addicts. Responding sharply, former Home Minister of Haryana, Anil Vij, said, "These are just election gimmicks. The reality is that during their time (Congress tenure), the Asian Games were held, athletes won medals, and they (Congress) didn't even give them their rewards. The people then threw their government out." Vij further explained, "When the games were held during their time, they gave Sakshi Malik a cheque at the airport. This

is the difference between BJP and Congress."

"There is no party called Congress, it's just a collection of different factions" - Vij

Congress managed to convince the independent Congress candidate from Ambala City to withdraw their nomination, but they did not manage to convince the independent candidate from Ambala Cantonment. Commenting

on this, Vij said, "There is no party called Congress. There haven't been any elections in Haryana under Congress for 16 years. It's just a collection of different factions, who have fielded either direct or indirect associates in different places."

"All tasks have been completed and will continue to be" - Vij Regarding BJP's manifesto, former minister Anil Vij said that "BJP always does what it says, whether it was about abrogating Article 370 or building the Ram Temple, all tasks have been completed and will continue to be."

PIC OF THE DAY

Who CARES...?

No check on Garbage spread in open



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Mohali : Management of and disposal of waste continues to remain a major issue in Mohali and still seems to be unresolved on the ground level. Collection of separate dry and wet waste is mostly on papers. Residents said that for successful implementation of any scheme, the emphasis of the concerned authorities should be on surprise checking at site by senior officials on daily basis, but unfortunately it seems to be hard in Mohali as per present situation. Few days ago Mohali Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi threatened that if the garbage issue was not sorted out, he would go on a

hunger strike, unfortunately the situation continues to remain the same in the parts of Mohali especially opposite Homeland Flats near Sohana. The situation at several points in Mohali is that one can notice heaps of garbage, choked rainwater drains, uncut grass and tree branches lying in open adjoining to road sides and in parks. Team The Aman Sandesh Times found that people throw garbage in open spaces near their homes and observed that Supervisors should be strict with safai karamcharis. Garbage should be lifted every day from homes and roadsides. **But Who Cares???**

Special session on Mental Health and Well-Being for teachers held at Kids-R-Kids

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Chandigarh : In an initiative which aims to highlight the school's commitment to fostering a supportive and healthy environment for its educators, Kids 'R' Kids Secondary School recently hosted a special session on Mental Health and Well-Being for teachers.

In today's fast-paced and demanding educational landscape, teachers face numerous challenges that can impact their mental and emotional well-being. Recognizing the critical importance of mental health in the overall effectiveness and happiness of its staff, the school organized this session to provide valuable insights, strategies, and resources. The session was led by Dr. Prerit, an expert MPT Neurotherapist who brought a wealth of experience and knowledge, having worked extensively with educators to promote mental wellness and resilience. The program covered key topics such as:

Understanding the signs and symptoms of stress and burnout
Effective coping mechanisms and self-care practices
Building a supportive and positive work environment
Strategies for balancing work and personal life
Resources available for ongoing mental health support.
We believe that the well-being of our teachers is fundamental to



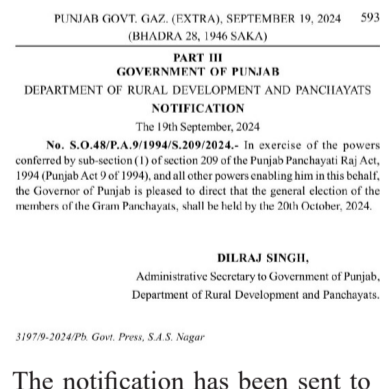
the success of our students and the school community as a whole; This session was an important step in ensuring that our educators have the support they need to thrive both professionally and personally. The event included interactive discussions, practical exercises, and opportunities for teachers to share their experiences and challenges. By the end of the session, participants had gained valuable tools and knowledge to enhance their mental health and well-being. Feedback from the attendees was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing appreciation for the practical advice and supportive atmosphere. The school plans to continue offering such Initiatives, reinforcing its dedication to the mental health and well-being of its staff.

Panchayat elections will be held in Punjab before October 20.

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Chandigarh : The elections to 13,241 panchayats across the state will be held before October 20. A notification to this effect was issued by the Punjab Rural Development and Panchayat Department late tonight.

"The Governor is pleased to direct that the general election of the members of the gram panchayats, shall be held by October 20, 2024," reads the notification.



The notification has been sent to

the State Election Commission by the department, which, in turn, will issue the schedule for the elections. The model code of conduct for the elections is expected to come into force this week itself.

Sources in the state government said the elections could be held in the second week of October. The poll to 150 panchayat samitis and 23 zila parishads will be held later.

Two men fire gunshot at the immigration and IELTS coaching center. demanded a ransom of 6crores

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : After the district police booked gangster Goldy Brar for demanding Rs 2 crore from Mohali-based businessmen, two men Thursday fired multiple gunshots outside an immigration centre on College Road at Derabassi.

The culprits handed over a letter to the coaching centre's employee demanding Rs 6 crore.

The area where the incident happened is not far from a police station. This is the second incident in the area.

Around two months ago, three men had fired outside a diagnostic centre in a similar fashion and demanded money. The culprits were captured on CCTV cameras and the police were identifying both the assailants.

According to the information available, the incident happened around 2 pm when two men with their faces covered came to Education Point, an immigration and



IELTS (International English Language Testing System) center on a bike. One man entered the building while the other kept waiting outside. "The man entered the building, gave a letter to a woman receptionist of the centre and came out. After that, the man who was waiting outside fired at least four bullets at the front glass of the centre. Another employee of the centre had a miraculous escape as bullets also

hit the inner wall of the centre," said a centre's employee.

The centre's owner, Harvinder Singh Bassi, said that he had been running the IELTS coaching centre and immigration firm for the past many years and he had no enmity with anyone. "At the time of the incident, I was also present inside the centre along with my wife. I never received any call about extortion in the past," Bassi said.

Mohali Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Deepak Parekh too visited the crime spot and said their teams were working on some leads.

The police registered a case and recovered a handwritten letter which is written in Hindi. The sender identified himself as Manjeet Singh, alias Guri, of Kheri Gujran village. He is lodged in Tihar Jail in New Delhi.

ECI reviews poll preparedness for Hry Legislative Assembly elections

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Chandigarh : To review the action taken on the directions of the commission issued to the authorities involved in the election process during its visit to the state of Haryana on August 12-13, 2024, a team of Senior officers from the Election Commission of India held a meeting today with Divisional Commissioners, IG Police range, Deputy Commissioners cum DEOs, Police Commissioners and SPs, General Observers, Police Observers from 11 districts regarding preparedness of ongoing General Election to Haryana Vidhan Sabha - 2024.

The team comprised Deputy Election Commissioner, Shri Hirdesh Kumar, Director Expenditure, Shri Pankaj Srivastava, Deputy Election Commissioner, Shri Sanjeev Kumar, and Principal Secretary, Shri S.B. Joshi. The meeting was held in the presence of Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Pankaj Agarwal.

The Commission led by Sh. Rajiv Kumar, Chief Election Commissioner had then taken the review of the administrative, logistics, law and order, and election-related arrangements with the Chief Electoral Officer and State Police Nodal Officer.

The commission had directed to ensure free and fair elections by maintaining good law and order. It had stressed to maintain good health of the electoral roll with the removal of dead and shifted voters.

Further, it directed to provide minimum assured facility at the polling booths along with a conducive environment to encourage voter turnout.

DEOs were directed to be equally accessible to all political parties and promptly resolve grievances related to various election-related activities.

In today's meeting, Shri Hirdesh Kumar, Deputy Election Commissioner reviewed the marking of electoral rolls, the time plan for preparing ASD (Absentee, shifted, Duplicate, or Dead) lists, distribution of voter lists, Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC) distribution and addressing any major complaint related to electoral rolls. He stated that the printing of pending EPIC cards should be pursued with the printer and the EPIC cards should be distributed by 30th Sep. The BLOs can be engaged to ensure the compliance of this task.

The marked lists should be prepared as per the instructions. Also, the copies of the electoral rolls handed over to the candidates should match with the marked electoral rolls.

The team emphasized the importance of ensuring that all polling stations are fully equipped with the necessary facilities.

He instructed District Commissioners-cum-DEOs and SPs to personally inspect polling stations to verify the availability of essential resources. The Commission emphasized that the Voter Facilitation Booths should be set up by the BLOs at each polling station.

Proper seating arrangements have to be made to facilitate the voters standing in queues.

The team cited the need for webcasting from all polling stations. To ensure better monitoring, cameras of high resolution should be used and they should be positioned in a way that covers the polling stations properly for effective surveillance.

At the same time, the secrecy of voting should not be compromised. The DEOs briefed the Election Commission regarding the setup of special model polling booths.

These include 'pink booths' staffed entirely by women employees, youth employees managed booths, and booths overseen by persons with disabilities (PWD) employees.

The police authorities briefed about the



security arrangements for ensuring a good law and order situation.

The team expressed its satisfaction over the deployment of the central forces and other security arrangements. However, it stressed immediate action for better surveillance of the border areas in coordination with the police of the neighboring states.

In another meeting with the enforcement agencies of the income tax department, SGST, CGST, State Police, Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Directorate of Enforcement, Narcotics Control Bureau, Civil Aviation, Customs, and State Transport, the team noticed that the seizures have been less compared to the recent Lok Sabha Elections.

It emphasized reworking the strategy and monitoring the working of different Flying Squad Surveillance Teams and Static Surveillance Teams. The police were asked to ensure the immediate placement of Mirror checkpoints as per the Police Manual of the commission.

The police authorities assured to take effective steps to enhance the surveillance and raise the seizures.

The commission at the same time cautioned not to cause unnecessary public inconvenience while performing these duties. For monitoring the cash flow the daily bank reports have to be scrutinized at the DEO level by placing some experienced persons on the task.

The authorities of other enforcement agencies like the excise and taxation department, RPF, GRP, income tax department, etc. were also encouraged and directed for better-coordinated efforts to control and curb the flow of cash, drugs, and illicit liquor.

The team also reviewed the preparations related to the counting centers, postal ballot papers, and training of the polling staff.

The DEOs were briefed on the above issues. The Chief Electoral Officer, Shri Pankaj Agarwal, informed that a centralized postal ballot collection center will be established in Karnal.

For home voting, provisions will be made for PwD voters and voters over the age of 85 by the concerned RO in the presence of a polling agent and the videography of the process will also be carried.

He stated that training of the election officials should be ensured, and another requirement such as transportation facility of PwD voters, 85 age plus voters should be ensured by the department wherever required.

The team further reiterated that maximum efforts should be made at the local level and the state level to enhance the voter turnout in these elections. He cited the recent good voter turnout in sensitive districts of J&K and said that the state should draw inspiration from that.

At the end of the meeting, he re-emphasized that all efforts should be made to ensure a free and fair poll.

The districts covered in the meeting included Panchkula, Ambala, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Karnal, Panipat, Kaithal, Jind, Fatehabad, Sirsa, and Hisar.

Snatching from teacher outside the school in Mohali

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Mohali : In front of Little Angel School located in Vasant Vihar Phase 1 of Dhakoli, two bike-riding robbers escaped after snatching a gold chain from a teacher. The snatching incident has been captured in CCTV camera and is going viral on social media. A woman named Sunita is a teacher at Little Angel School. When she parked his Activa in front of the school, two robbers riding a bike came from behind, one of whom got down from the bike and went near the woman and suddenly came back snatching the chain and the other person was sitting ready after starting the motorcycle.

Meanwhile, school guard Jagdish Kumar also tried to stop the robbers, but he gave a strong blow to the guard and made him



fall. Meanwhile, he sat on the back of the motorcycle and both of them fled away.

During this time, the mask worn by the person who committed

theft came off and his face was captured in CCTV. Such incidents happening openly in the city are in themselves raising a big question on the functioning of the police. Immediately after this incident, the victim Sunita lodged a complaint at Dhakoli police station.

A complaint of snatching has come from teacher Sunita. Investigation is being done on the basis of viral video on social media. On the basis of the complaint, case number 79 has been registered and investigation has been started. The accused are being identified on the basis of CCTV footage and will be caught soon.

"Empowering Communities through Health and Nutrition Initiatives"

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Chandigarh : In a series of impactful community initiatives, U.T. Chandigarh has successfully conducted various activities focused on health, nutrition, and well-being.

1. Youth Group Meeting on Water Conservation and Health A dynamic youth group meeting was held in Babu Dham, NGO Humanitarian Vision Foundation was also present. The event focused on promoting water conservation and the importance of healthy eating, encouraging young participants to adopt sustainable practices.

2. Celebration of Poshan Maah: In Maloya, a vibrant event celebrating the coming of age under Poshan Maah was organized, engaging children and women in activities that promote nutrition and health awareness.

3. Sports Day at Ramdarbar: Ramdarbar witnessed a lively Sports Day as part of Poshan Maah celebrations. Supervisor Manjit Kaur delivered an enlightening lecture on the significance of sports in life, followed by engaging games for



children aged 3 to 6 years.

4. Educational Lectures across 450 Anganwadi Centres: Comprehensive educational lectures were delivered across 450 Anganwadi Centres, covering essential topics such as the right age for schooling, cleanliness, nutrition for nursing mothers, iron-rich foods for pregnant women, appropriate marriage age, and food fortification.

5. Awareness Sessions on Immunization and Education: Targeted awareness sessions highlighted the critical importance of immunization, education, and Vitamin A doses for children, ensuring parents are informed about

their children's health needs.

6. Yoga for Physical Well-Being: All Anganwadi Centres hosted yoga sessions aimed at promoting physical fitness and overall well-being among participants, fostering a culture of health and mindfulness.

7. Home Visits for New Mothers: Dedicated home visits were conducted for mothers of newborns, providing personalized support and guidance to promote maternal and infant health. These initiatives reflect the commitment of U.T. Chandigarh to foster a healthier community through education, engagement, and empowerment.

North Zone Conference of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Org. on Sept 21

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Chandigarh : A conference of the office-bearers of the North Zone of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation, India, is scheduled to take place at Old Age Home, Sector-30, Chandigarh, on the 21st and 22nd of September 2024.

This significant event aims to energize and inspire office-bearers to actively contribute to the grand Centenary Celebrations of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba's birth, culminating on the 23rd of November, 2025.

The conference will be graced by Nimish Pandya, All India President, Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisations, alongside other National Coordinators.

Approximately 200 office-bearers from Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, Haryana & Chandigarh, Delhi, and Himachal Pradesh will participate, making this



a key moment in the spiritual journey of the North Zone.

The two-day event will feature a variety of spiritual and devotional activities. A serene meditation session at Sukhna Lake will commence the morning of 22nd September, followed by Nagar Sankirtan.

The evening of 21st September will be marked by a special

Bhajan Sandhya, offering devotees an opportunity to immerse themselves in the divine vibrations of sacred music.

"This conference will echo the timeless message of Bhagwan Sri Sathya Sai Baba: 'Love All, Serve All and Help Ever, Hurt Never. Swami has always emphasized that there is but one caste, the caste of humanity; one language, the language of the heart; one dharma, the dharma of love; and one God, who is omnipresent. As we prepare for the Centenary Celebrations, this gathering will serve as a spiritual beacon, uniting devotees in their collective resolve to uphold these values and spread the light of love and service throughout the world," read the press statement issued by the organisation.

Traffic advisory issued on account of Kalash Yatra

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Chandigarh : The Chandigarh Traffic Police issued an advisory asking commuters to avoid certain roads today that fall on the route of the Kalash Yatra.

"Today 'KALASH YATRA' will be held By Maha Sabha from Sheetla Mata Mandir Bank Colony Manimajra and back after passing through Shubash Nager, in front of Shiv Mandir, Shivalik Garden, PS- MM And Govt. School MM at 10:00 AM. Commuters are advised to adopt an alternative route, keep patience & co-operate



with police. Inconvenience is deeply regretted," issued Chandigarh Traffic Police.

3 killed, 2 injured in firing at liquor shop

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Sonipat : At least three people were killed and two others were injured in a firing at a liquor shop on Sonipat Road in Haryana, police said today. The firing incident took place late at night at Baliana Turn. The deceased were identified as Jaideep, Amit Nandal and Vinay, all residents of Bohar village.



The injured, identified as

Anuj and Manoj, were rushed to the trauma centre at Rohtak PGIMS and are admitted there. According to the police, the miscreants were on a bike and the firing was possibly due to a gang war.

An investigation into the matter is underway, they added. Further details awaited.

The Buckingham Murders box office Day 7: Kareena's film wraps up a slow first week

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New Delhi : Hansal Mehta's *The Buckingham Murders* finished its first week-run by collecting Rs 7.53 crore nett in India. The Kareena Kapoor Khan-starrer has remained a slow earner since the beginning and collected Rs 23 lakh nett on its first Thursday, reported the trade website Sacnilk. The film is now eyeing to cross Rs 10 crore nett by the end of its second weekend at the domestic box office.

The *Buckingham Murders*, released in the English language all over India, appealed to a niche audience despite receiving good reviews and positive word-of-mouth. The film is Kareena's maiden production and features her in an entirely de-glam avatar, as a cop solving serial murders in the UK.

Check the day-wise box office breakup of *The Buckingham Murders* after 7 days in India - nett collection (source: sacnilk)
Friday: Rs 1.15 crore



Saturday: Rs 1.95 crore
Sunday: Rs 2.15 crore
Monday: Rs 0.8 crore
Tuesday: Rs 0.75 crore
Wednesday: Rs 0.5 crore
Thursday: Rs 0.23 crore
Total: Rs 7.53 crore

The *Buckingham Murders* also faced tough competition from *Stree 2*, which has entered into its sixth

weekend but has been constantly performing to perfection at the box office. The horror-comedy has already crossed the benchmark of Rs 500 crore nett in India and is now looking at beating *Jawan*'s lifetime total of Rs 640 crore domestically.

Kareena's crime thriller also has a new competition in *Yudhra*, an action film starring Siddhant Chaturvedi and Malavika Mohanan, which hits the screens today, September 20. If the film receives even decent word-of-mouth, it will make things difficult for *The Buckingham Murders* at the ticket window.

The film also features Ranveer Brar, Rukku Nahar and Ash Tandon, among others. It is co-produced by Ekta Kapoor's Balaji Telefilms.

Rajasthan Royals Hire Another Ex India Coach Ahead Of IPL 2025 Auction



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Rajasthan Royals have appointed former India batting coach Vikram Rathour as the side's new batting coach. The move reunites Rathour, a former India opener and selector, with Rahul Dravid at the franchise, after their national team stints ended with a Men's T20 World Cup win in June this year. "It's a privilege to be part of the Royals family. The opportunity to work again with Rahul, and now with a talented group of young cricketers, is hugely exciting. I look forward to contributing to the team's vision and working toward our goal of developing top-class players for the Royals and for India which can help in winning championships," said Rathour in a statement issued by the franchise. Rathour played six Tests and seven ODIs for India before becoming the side's batting coach from 2019 to 2024. His tenure saw him batters like Rishabh Pant, Shubman Gill, Shreyas Iyer, Yashasvi Jaiswal, and KL Rahul gain prominence in the national team across formats. "Having worked closely

with Vikram for many years, I can confidently say that his technical expertise, calm demeanor, and deep understanding of Indian conditions make him a perfect fit for the Royals.

"Together, we've built a strong rapport, guiding India to key successes, and I'm thrilled to reunite with him. His ability to nurture young talent and elevate players' potential will be invaluable as we aim to further strengthen our squad and continue building a world-class team here at Rajasthan Royals," said Dravid, RR's head coach.

Prior to entering the Indian team as their batting coach in 2019, Rathour also served as a national selector for four years. He also coached Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in domestic cricket, and worked with Punjab Kings in the IPL too.

Recently, Rathour was a member of New Zealand support staff for the one-off Test against Afghanistan in Greater Noida, which ended without a single ball being bowled due to persistent rain and wet outfield.

Travis Head's career-best 154 not out takes Australia to comfortable win over England

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New Delhi : Left-handed opener Travis Head slammed a career-best 154 not out and lead Australia to a comfortable seven-wicket win over England in the ODI series opener at Trent Bridge. The win coming in Adam Zampa's 100th ODI appearance, where he took a three-fer, also propelled Australia to take a 1-0 lead in the five-match series.

Asked to chase 316 for victory by England, Australia chased down the total with six overs to spare, with Head's 154 not out off 129 balls – his sixth ODI century - laced with 20 fours and five sixes - becoming the highest individual score by an Australian men's player in England.

Marnus Labuschagne hit 77 not out off 61 balls with seven fours and two sixes, putting on a stand of 148 off just 107 balls with Head for the fourth wicket in an absolute run-fest at Nottingham.



The circumstances of Australia's win came amidst many on and off-field obstacles. Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood and Glenn Maxwell were unavailable due to illness, while debutant Ben Dwarshuis strained a pectoral muscle in the field after bowling only four overs for figures of 1-18.

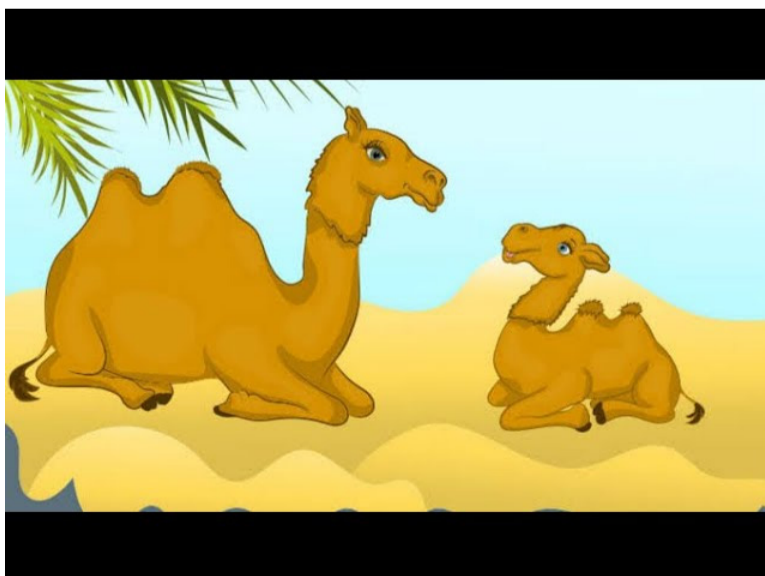
England opener Ben Duckett made a great impact with the bat through his awe-inspiring strokes before being tamely caught and bowled by Marnus Labuschagne for 95 (91).

Labuschagne went on to grab 3/39 in six overs, his best ODI figures, as he claimed stand-in English skipper Harry Brook (39 off 31 balls) and Jofra Archer (4) late in the innings. Will Jacks' 62 (56) and debutant Jacob Bethell's 35 (34) played roles in setting Australia a stiff target. In the chase, Head shared crucial partnerships of 76 with Steve Smith and 73 with Cameron Green before his match-winning stand with Labuschagne got Australia an easy win.

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The Camel And The Baby

A baby camel once asked her mother why they had humps, Around hooves, and long eyelashes. The mother explained that the humps could store water, the rounded hooves were to help them walk through the desert, and the long eyelashes protected their eyes from sand. The baby thought over this and then asked her mother if they have all these qualities for the desert, why are they in a zoo? The mother was dumbfounded.



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Will never happen again: Rajiv Memani on EY missing funeral of employee

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New Delhi : Ernst and Young India chairperson Rajiv Memani has expressed regret at no one from the company attending the funeral of its employee, who died allegedly due to excessive work pressure, calling it "alien to our culture". In a post on LinkedIn, Memani, who has faced massive backlash on social media over an alleged toxic work culture, said he was deeply saddened by the tragic demise of Anna Sebastian Perayil. "I have conveyed my deepest condolences to the family, although nothing can fill the void in their lives. I truly regret the fact that we missed being present at Anna's funeral. This is completely alien to our culture. It has never happened before; it will never happen again," Memani said. Memani also emphasised that he was committed to "nurturing a harmonious workplace" and would not rest until the goal was accomplished. "It has always been very important to us to create a healthy workplace, and we



attach the highest importance to the well-being of our people. I would like to affirm that the well-being of our people is my top-most priority and I will personally champion this objective," he said. Anna Sebastian Perayil, who joined E&Y in March, died on July 20. The incident came to light earlier this week after her mother Anita Augustine's open letter to the company, alleging that Anna succumbed to "work pressure", went viral.

Augustine claimed that no one from the company attended her daughter's funeral. "After her funeral, I reached out to her managers, but I received no reply. How can a company that speaks of values and human rights fail to show up for one of its own in their final moments?" she wrote in the letter.

Memani faced criticism on social media after he denied the claim that "work pressure" was behind the death of the Pune woman, according to an Indian Express report. As the issue gained momentum, the Centre launched a probe into the circumstances that led to the death of Anna. Minister of State for Labour Shobha Karandlaje said a thorough investigation into the allegations of an unsafe and exploitative work environment was underway.

Union Minister claims madrasas are threat to national security, foster terrorism

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Amravati : Union Minister and BJP leader Bandi Sanjay Kumar sparked controversy by making allegations against madrasas for fostering terrorism and posing a grave threat to national security. He made these remarks while unveiling a new hostel block for girls at Sri Vidyanaraya Avasa Vidyalayam in Telangana's Karimnagar district. He claimed that madrasas provide training to their pupils in making AK-47 rifles with the help of broomsticks. He slammed the state government for providing funds to such institutions, who are using the money to promote extremism. Addressing the gathering, the Union Minister stated, "In places like Hyderabad, Siddipet, or Karim Nagar, some madrasas are said to



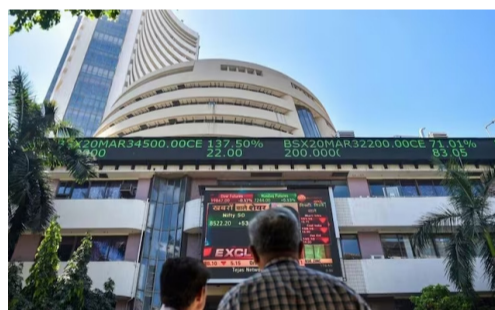
offer small sums of money, ranging from Rs 10 to 100, to their students. But what happens inside these madrasas? If you look at many of the wrongdoers in the world — the so-called 'bad guys' — when asked where they learned such things, many will point to a madrasa. Whether it's a bomb blast in America, Mumbai, or London, there's often a connection to

teachings from such institutions." "Yet, what does the government do? Instead of addressing this, it provides funds for these madrasas, under the guise of developing new technologies and educational programs," he added. Earlier in July, a row erupted in Uttar Pradesh after the opposition leader stated that the government did not honour meritorious students studying in madrasas as it did for toppers of Sanskrit and state board schools. BJP leader Mohsin Raza, in response to opposition demands, stated that no awards are given for "progress in religious education". "If such an award is to be given, then go to Saudi Arabia and get the award from there," Raza said.

Sensex jumps over 1,276 points to cross 84,400. Nifty nears 25,800

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New Delhi : Benchmark stock market indices surged sharply in early trade, marking a historic milestone as the S&P BSE Sensex crossed the 84,000 mark for the first time, while the Nifty50 reached a fresh all-time high. At 12:49 PM, the S&P BSE Sensex climbed 1,275.45 points to settle at 84,460.25, while the NSE Nifty50 gained 368.70 points, trading at 25,784.50. This positive momentum on Dalal Street follows a robust rally on Wall Street, buoyed by encouraging labour market data from the US and a larger-than-expected rate cut by the Federal Reserve. Market analysts had anticipated this upward trend ahead of today's market opening, citing the favourable global economic environment. The surge was broad-based, with most sectoral indices, including small-cap



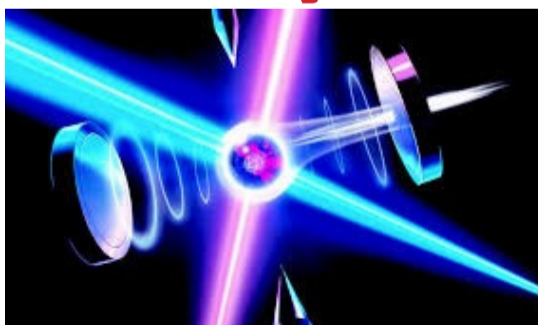
and mid-cap stocks, rebounding sharply as investor risk appetite strengthened. Nifty Auto and Nifty Metal stood out as top gainers, while Nifty Bank and Nifty Financial Services made significant contributions to today's rally. All sectoral indices were trading in positive territory, except for Nifty Pharma,

which experienced a marginal decline. The top five gainers on the Nifty50 included Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), JSW Steel, Coal India, Eicher Motors, and Maruti Suzuki. Conversely, the top losers were Grasim, Cipla, TCS, NTPC, and Axis Bank. The prevailing sentiment in the market reflects a growing confidence among investors. As the trading session progresses, analysts continue to monitor global cues and domestic economic indicators, which will be crucial in sustaining this bullish trend. With the Sensex and Nifty hitting new highs, the focus will now shift to earnings reports and future economic data to gauge whether this rally can be sustained in the coming weeks.

India to get Centre of Excellence in quantum and 6G technologies

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New Delhi : In an effort to bolster India's position in the sphere of quantum and 6G technologies, the Telecom Centre of Excellence (TCOE) India and Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) in Karnataka have joined hands to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) in quantum technology and related areas. The centre, headquartered at VTU-Visvesvaraya Research and Innovation Foundation (VRIF) Bangalore, aims to accelerate India's progress across these key sectors and is part of the 100-day programme, according to the Ministry of Communications. The CoE is designed on a hub-and-spoke model for innovation with VTU-VRIF and TCOE India serving as the central hub. According to the government, leveraging the intellectual and infrastructural strengths of VTU's 228 affiliated colleges, the CoE will act as a key facilitator in research and development. Through this model, the CoE will



streamline cutting-edge research, foster collaboration, and rapidly scale innovations across Quantum and associated 5G/6G Technologies. The hub will have vertical focussed innovation groups and get the best experts among the affiliated colleges, said the ministry. The centre will enhance synergy among key organisations working in telecom standardisation such as Telecom Engineering Centre (TEC) Bharat 6G Alliance, TSDSI, Academic Network and the startup ecosystem. It will empower over 400,000 students, more than 2,000 PhDs, and

numerous researchers across VTU's network to streamline R&D and drive the commercialisation of ground-breaking innovations. According to Ajai Chowdhury, Chairman, Mission Governing Board, National Quantum Mission, there are about 600 scientists and 50 startups working in quantum technology in the country. The country launched the National Quantum Mission in April 2023 to build capabilities in quantum-related science and technology. "As we started to work, we looked at how many scientists and PIs are working in this field and found that India had around 600 scientists and 40 to 50 start-ups in quantum technology," Chowdhury said last month. He added that the country is doing "tremendous amounts of work" in the sector.

Ajit Pawar Expresses Concern Over EY Employee's Death

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Mumbai : Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar has raised the cases of "young people dying due to stress", referring to the death of a 26-year-old Ernst & Young employee in Pune, allegedly because of extreme work pressure. Mr Pawar, who is the guardian minister of Pune, said in a post on X that he was saddened to learn about the death of the EY employee "due to stress". "The rising cases of young people dying due to stress need our attention. I hope Ernst & Young India will take corrective steps," he said. Anna Sebastian Perayil, who passed her CA exams in 2023, worked at the EY Pune office for four months before she died. Her mother this month wrote to EY India chairman Rajiv Memani flagging the "glorification" of overwork at the multinational consulting firm. The Ministry of Labour & Employment on Thursday said it is investigating the alleged "unsafe and exploitative work environment". The woman's father, Siby Joseph,



spoke to the media and said his daughter had to work through the night, till 12.30 am. "We advised her to quit, but she insisted that this stint would provide valuable professional exposure," he said. He said the issue of extreme work pressure was mentioned before the senior officials of the company, but no action was taken. After the matter went viral on social media, EY issued a statement saying it was deeply saddened by Anna Sebastian's tragic and untimely passing in July 2024. EY said it would continue to improve and provide a healthy workplace in its offices throughout the country.

Apple starts its iPhone 16 series sale in India. Long queues seen outside stores

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Mumbai : Apple unveiled the iPhone 16 series on September 9. Now, the tech giant has started selling the new-generation iPhones in India, and people are enthusiastic about purchasing them. Different outlets in the country are witnessing long queues. A visual from the company's store in Mumbai's BKC shows a large number of people gathered to buy the iPhone 16. A huge crowd gathered outside the Apple store at Mumbai's BKC. They looked excited to buy the new iPhone 16, which has some advanced features that make it user-friendly. iPhone 16 Pro and its larger counterpart, the iPhone 16 Pro Max. Both models boast Apple's largest-ever displays, with sizes extending to 6.3 inches for the Pro and an impressive 6.9 inches for the Pro Max. These devices also feature the thinnest borders ever seen on an Apple product and the advanced Always-On 120Hz ProMotion display technology. The iPhone 16 series comprise the iPhone 16 (base model), iPhone 16 Plus, iPhone 16 Pro, and the iPhone 16 Pro Max. The iPhone 16 Pro comes in an array of striking colours, including Dark Black Titanium, Bright White Titanium, Natural Titanium, and the new Desert Titanium. Notably, it promises the best battery



life ever seen in an iPhone, thanks to optimized power management and larger batteries. The camera system is equally impressive, with a 48MP fusion camera featuring a 2nd-generation quad-pixel sensor and zero shutter lag. The new 48MP ultra-wide camera and a 5x telephoto lens with a 120mm focal length enhance the photographic capabilities, while Camera Control offers versatile options for capturing the perfect shot. New photographic styles allow real-time adjustments to colours and shadows, making each photo unique. On the video front, the iPhone 16 Pro supports 4K120 capture, enabling cinematic-quality recording with frame-by-frame colour grading in Dolby Vision. The device also features enhanced spatial audio capture, offering an immersive experience when viewed with AirPods or Apple Vision Pro.

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Quad still focussed on maritime security- US

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Washington : The Quad group of India, Australia, Japan and the US may appear to have whittled down the security cooperation part of its remit but increased cooperation in maritime security had picked up pace out of public limelight as has defence cooperation bilaterally and multilaterally between them, the United States said ahead of a meeting of the leaders of the group here in the US.

A senior White House official, Mira Rapp-Hooper, who is with the National Security Council, said on Thursday at a news conference to preview the meeting, that the leaders could discuss Bangladesh developments as a "plan to focus on each neighbourhood in the region". US President Joe Biden is hosting a meeting with foreign leaders for the first time in his hometown



Wilmington, which Rapp-Hooper said, reflected how deeply invested the President is in the Quad personally. Biden will also meet the Quad leaders in separate bilateral meetings. This meeting of the Quad leaders was to be hosted by India, but because of scheduling issues India and the US decided to swap their turns. The US will host the summit now and India will take the US' turn next year.

Rapp-Hooper, who is a senior official in Biden's National Security Council, also said that the US sees India "as a leader within the Quad". "There is incredible defence cooperation amongst the US and Australia, US and Japan, US and India, increasingly among those countries themselves," Rapp-Hooper said in response to a question if the member countries should do more on security cooperation. "And the Quad, with a small Q, has a number of different other activities that we participate in, such as the annual Malabar exercise, which involves all four of our countries," she said. Rapp-Hooper was referring to a range of cooperation among the Quad countries as a counter-argument to criticism that member countries are whittling the security aspect of the cooperation.

"If Somebody breaks into my House. They're getting Shot": Kamala Harris

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Farmington Hills : Kamala Harris held a star-studded rally hosted by talk show legend Oprah Winfrey in a bid to bedazzle voters, as rival Donald Trump criticized Jewish Americans for not voting for him. Hollywood stars including Jennifer Lopez, Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts, Chris Rock, and Ben Stiller beamed in remotely to lavish praise via screens on the Democratic vice president.

Sitting on a chat-show style stage, Winfrey started by asking Harris about what seemed a sudden burst in confidence -- "a veil or something dropped" -- after she replaced President Joe Biden as nominee.

"We each have those moments in our lives when you have to step up," the 59-year-old Harris replied at the livestreamed "Unite for America" event.

The pair hugged as Harris arrived on stage at the rally in Michigan, one of the seven crucial battleground states that will decide the knife-edge November 5 election.

Harris urged Americans to unite against the "powerful forces that would try to divide us", represented by Republican former president Trump.

The Democrat then talked through her key campaign points, ranging from abortion to economy and immigration and gun control, as audience members told stories about their experiences.

Former prosecutor Harris also made a pitch to gun owners, a key part of the electorate in a country with more firearms than people, even as she called for an end to high-powered assault weapons used in a string of school shootings.

"I'm a gun owner too, if somebody breaks in my house they're getting shot," Harris said with a laugh, before adding: "I probably shouldn't have said that... my staff



will deal with that later." TV superstar Winfrey, who also spoke at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in August, said as she introduced Harris that she felt "hope and joy rising." Groups including "Swifties for Harris" (made up of fans of Harris-backing pop star Taylor Swift) and "Cat Ladies for Kamala" (women mocking comments by Trump's running mate J.D. Vance on childless people) tuned in remotely. The US election is effectively neck-and-neck as Harris and Trump try to eke out every vote with 47 days left until polling day. Harris got a boost from a New York Times/Siena poll showing her marginally ahead in Pennsylvania, perhaps the most crucial of all the swing states, but the survey also put her and Trump level nationwide. Her glitzy event contrasted with the darker tone taken by Trump at an anti-Semitism event in the capital, Washington. Trump spent much of time repeating his grievance over the fact that Jewish voters in the United States have historically leant towards the Democrats.

"If I don't win this election... in my opinion the Jewish people would have a lot to do with a loss," Trump said.

Accusing Harris of failing to back Israel after the October 7 attacks by

Hamas, Trump said that "more than any other people on Earth, Israel, I believe, has to defeat her."

Trump added that "any Jewish person that votes for her... should have their head examined." The Gaza war could be a crucial one in the election.

The US "Uncommitted" movement, which opposes the Biden-Harris administration's military and political support for Israel's war on Gaza, said on Thursday it would not be backing Harris in the election.

It also threatens Harris's narrow margins in Michigan, where there is a large Arab-American community against the war.

Harris's running mate Tim Walz meanwhile on Thursday met with the families of Americans held hostage by Hamas since the attack. He said after the meeting that Biden and Harris would "continue doing everything possible to bring them home."

Trump and Harris are also battling for support from US unions.

The powerful Teamsters union on Wednesday declined to endorse a presidential candidate, in a blow for Harris as it had a quarter century tradition of endorsing Democrats.

But Harris's campaign said however that local Teamsters branches representing one million people had since said they endorsed her.

India extends USD 50 million budgetary support to Maldives for another year

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Male : India has extended budgetary support to the Maldives government in the form of a rollover of the USD 50 million Treasury Bill for another year on the Maldivian government's request, the Indian High Commission in the Maldives announced.

At the request of the Maldivian government, the State Bank of India (SBI) has subscribed the USD 50 million government Treasury Bills (T-bills) issued by the Ministry of Finance of the Maldives for a period of one more year upon the maturity of the previous subscription on September 19, the Indian High Commission in the Maldives said in a press release.

This is the second rollover granted by the Indian government this year, following the first rollover of a USD 50 million Treasury Bill in May. The press release stated, "Earlier in May 2024, SBI had similarly subscribed a USD 50 mn T-bills under same mechanism, again on the request of the Government of Maldives."

These subscriptions have been made at the special request of the Government of Maldives as emergency financial assistance." In the press release, the Indian High Commission called the Maldives India's key maritime neighbour and an important partner under India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy.

The Indian High Commission in Maldives stated, "Maldives is India's key maritime neighbour and an important partner under India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and Vision SAGAR i.e. Security and Growth for All in the Region."

"India has assisted Maldives in times of need and the current subscription of T-bills along with Government of India's decision earlier this year, of extending special quota for export of essential commodities for Maldives by one more year reflect India's continued support to the Government and the people of the Maldives," it added.

Reacting to India's announcement, Maldives former Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid expressed happiness over New Delhi's decision to extend budgetary support to Male.

Calling India Maldives "time tested friend" and "unwavering ally," he expressed gratitude to India for its special consideration extended towards the people of his country.

In a post on X, Abdulla Shahid stated, "Delighted to hear that India has subscribed the USD 50 million T-Bills issued by the Government of Maldives for one more year, as emergency financial assistance. India continues to prove time and time



again, that it is a time tested friend, and an unwavering ally, despite this government's mismanagement of the economy and its questionable foreign policy. I thank India for its special consideration extended towards the people of Maldives. Friendly, cordial relationships with all countries are essential for progress and prosperity."

India's ties with the Maldives were strained after Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu took office. Shortly after he was sworn in, Muizzu stirred bilateral tensions by demanding the removal of approximately 88 Indian military personnel from the Maldives. These personnel were repatriated from three aviation platforms and replaced by Indian civilians by the May 10 deadline set by President Muizzu. Recently, Muizzu's government in the Maldives took a reconciliatory tone after ties between the two nations soured, leading to a diplomatic row in January after three Maldivian deputy ministers made derogatory comments against Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his pictures from the visit to Lakshadweep.

PM Modi had called for the Indian island cluster to be developed as a destination for beach tourism and promotion of domestic tourism. The matter snowballed into a major diplomatic row, with New Delhi summoning the Maldivian envoy and registering a strong protest against the viral posts.

Later, the three deputy ministers were suspended. Since January, many efforts have been undertaken by the Muizzu-led government in order to restore the relationship, which includes several high-level visits, including the President himself coming to India for the swearing-in ceremony of Prime Minister Narendra Modi or the visit of the Maldivian Foreign Minister.

Earlier in August, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar visited Maldives. During his visit to Male, Jaishankar signed MoUs on capacity building and inaugurated six High Impact Community Development Projects (HICDPs), according to a Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) release.

Qatar Airways bans passengers from carrying pagers, walkie-talkies on Lebanon flights

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Doha : Following the deadly blasts that killed at least 20 people, Qatar Airways has prohibited all passengers flying from Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY) from carrying pagers and walkie-talkies on board flights.

The airlines have announced that the restriction is applicable to both checked and carry-on baggage, in addition to cargo, and will remain in effect until further notice.

"Effective immediately: Following the directive received from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation of the Republic



of Lebanon, all passengers flying from Beirut Rafic Hariri International Airport (BEY) are prohibited from carrying pagers and walkie-talkies on board flights. The ban applies to both

checked and carry-on luggage, as well as cargo, and will be enforced until further notice," Qatar Airways posted on X.

Two waves of explosions occurred, killing 37 and wounding more than 3,000

people, according to Lebanese health authorities. The explosions involved large caches of walkie-talkies and pagers, which Hezbollah, the Iran-backed militant group, reportedly used in their operations.

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SC rebukes High Court judge over Pak comment on Karnataka locality



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New Delhi : The Supreme Court today took note of a controversial comment by a Karnataka High Court judge during a recent hearing and has sought a report from the state's Chief Justice.

Taking note of viral videos where Justice Vedavyasachar Srishananda can be heard calling a Muslim-majority area in Bengaluru "Pakistan", a five-judge Supreme Court bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud emphasised the need for maintaining judicial decorum.

During a recent hearing on a landlord-tenant dispute, Justice Srishananda called a Muslim-majority area in Bengaluru "Pakistan" and made a misogynistic remark involving a woman advocate.

A five-judge bench, led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and comprising Justices S Khanna, BR Gavai, S Kant, and H Roy, emphasised the necessity of establishing clear guidelines for constitutional court judges

concerning their remarks during court proceedings.

The bench stated that as social media is actively monitoring and amplifying courtroom proceedings, it is urgent to ensure that judicial remarks align with the decorum expected in courts of law.

"Attention has been drawn to media reports of the comments made by Justice... of Karnataka High Court during the court proceedings. We request the Karnataka High Court to submit a report after seeking instructions from the Chief Justice of the high court," Chief Justice Chandrachud stated.

Videos of Justice Srishananda have gone viral on social media. In one clip, the judge can be seen telling a woman advocate that she appears to know a great deal about the opposing party, suggesting she might even be able to identify the colour of their undergarments.

In another clip, the judge can be heard calling a Muslim-dominated locality in Bengaluru as "Pakistan".

'PM Modi graciously agreed...': India to host Quad Summit next year

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New Delhi : The Quad Summit is expected to take place in India next year, as mentioned by a Biden administration official, as well as the Ministry of External Affairs. India was expected to host the summit this year but the schedules of the leaders attending the summit did not permit so.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to attend the Quad Summit in the US this weekend. He will meet US President Joe Biden and could also meet Republican presidential candidate and former President Donald Trump.

"When we were planning for this year's Quad Summit, India was scheduled to host but as we looked at all four of these leaders' schedules, we became increasingly clear that the best way to make sure that they met and had the time they wanted to have these discussions would be this weekend here in the US," said Mira Rapp-Hooper, Senior Director for East Asia and Oceania, National Security Council.

"We do expect that next year the Quad Summit will take place in India. PM Modi graciously agreed to swap host years with us and we do expect all four Quad leaders to meet in India next year," she said.



The MEA had also stated that India will host the Quad Summit in 2025. "Following the request of the US side to host the Quad Summit this year, India has agreed to host the next Quad Summit in 2025," the MEA said.

Rapp-Hooper said that the US sees India as a leader within the Quad. "The best encapsulation of the way we think about India's role is captured in our Indo-Pacific strategy where we say that the US seeks India, which is increasingly a leader in the region and increasingly partners with the US. The Quad has been an ideal venue through which we can work together...it allows us to identify opportunities and priorities that not only matter to the US or its traditional allies like Australia and Japan but which really matter to India," she said.

PM MODI US TRIP

PM Modi will pay a three-day visit to the US beginning September 21 to attend the annual Quad Summit and address the 'Summit of the Future' at the UN General Assembly. Modi will also address a gathering of the Indian community in New York on September 22.

The two key engagements of the prime minister during the visit are expected to be his participation at the Quad Summit and the 'Summit of the Future'.

US President Joe Biden will host the fourth 'Quad Leaders Summit' in Wilmington, Delaware, on September 21. Besides Modi and Biden, it will be attended by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and his Japanese counterpart Fumio Kishida. PM Modi will address the 'Summit of the Future' at the United Nations General Assembly in New York on September 23. The theme of the Summit is 'Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow'. It will bring leaders from various countries to forge a new international consensus on how to deliver a better present and safeguard the future, according to the UN.

Mamata Banerjee slams Jharkhand for flooding in Bengal, closes border for 3 days

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Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee slammed the Jharkhand government and alleged that the flood situation in the state has risen since Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) is releasing water from its dam to save Jharkhand. She ordered the sealing of the interstate border and stated that the Bengal-Jharkhand border would be closed for three days.

Accusing the DVC of the "man-made" floods in Bengal, she threatened to sever all ties with the corporation.

She also accused the government of failing to conduct dredging at the DVC dams, which led to the release of water and caused flooding in several districts of West Bengal.

In order to monitor the flood situation, Mamata Banerjee visited Panskura in Purba Medinipur district and Udaynarayanpur in Howrah district. "This is not rainwater; this is water released by the government



organisation DVC from its dams. This is a man-made flood, and it's unfortunate. Why isn't the Centre dredging the DVC dams, where the water storage capacity has decreased by 36 percent? There is a larger conspiracy at play. This cannot continue, and we will start a major movement against this."

"The flood situation in West Bengal is because of DVC's unbridled release of water from its dams to save Jharkhand. We will not keep any ties

with DVC," she added. The Chief Minister alleged that there was a "well-planned conspiracy" to put Bengal in this situation.

"This has never happened before. I am in fear of what I have seen. We conduct meetings from time to time. I personally called the DVC chairman and requested him not to release too much water.

In north Bengal, floods occur due to water from Nepal and Bhutan, and in south Bengal, it is mainly due to the water released from Jharkhand," she said.

She claimed that the DVC has released 5.5 lakh cusecs of water this year, triggering a flood situation in Bengal.

"Yes, it rained for 4-5 days, but we could have handled that. We have adequate infrastructure," she said.

Supreme Court's YouTube channel hacked

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New Delhi : The official YouTube channel of the Supreme Court has been hacked. The channel has over



2 lakh subscribers and was used for live streaming of constitution bench cases and cases of larger public interest.

Biker dies after being hit by Car Driving on Wrong Side

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New Delhi : A biker has died after he was allegedly hit by a car driving on the wrong side of the road in Gurugram. The accident took place when the victim, identified as 23-year-old Akshat Garg, was riding his bike with his friends on the Golf Course Road in DLF Phase II.

The accused was arrested and was later released on bail.

The crash was captured on a GoPro action camera mounted on his friend's bike.

The video shows Akshat, a resident of Dwarka, Delhi, riding his bike wearing a helmet and gloves. He was



taking a slight turn when suddenly a Mahindra XUV 3XO driving on the opposite of the road appeared and crashed into him. The impact was such that he was thrown off his bike and landed behind

the car. According to reports, despite a rapid ambulance response, he could not be saved.

"In this matter, an FIR has been registered under relevant sections of BNS (Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita) and the accused has been arrested as per law," the Gurugram Police said.

The police also said that they have issued more than 16,000 challans for wrong-side driving in August, and that "strict action" will continue.



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