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## Union Minister Amit Shah slams Opposition. Rahul Gandhi pulls up BJP



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Top BJP leaders, including Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Home Minister Amit Shah, Smriti Irani, and JP Nadda, are set to campaign in Jammu's key Hindu-majority districts starting today. With polls approaching in BJP strongholds like Jammu, Samba, Kathua, and Udhampur, the party is pulling out all the stops. Yogi Adityanath will lead three

rallies, while Amit Shah is expected to make appearances at four locations. Meanwhile, Smriti Irani will address two public meetings. In a parallel push, Rahul Gandhi will be in Haryana today, rallying for Congress in Karnal and Hisar districts ahead of the October 5 Assembly polls. Stay tuned for latest updates regarding Haryana and J&K Assembly elections.

## Omar Abdullah senses defeat- Smriti Irani

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Jammu : Senior BJP leader and former Union Minister Smriti Irani said today that Omar Abdullah after sensing the mood of the people is now saying that his party, National Conference (NC), can form the government in alliance with Congress, a climb down from his earlier stance. Abdullah, earlier, was claiming that the NC will get a majority and form the government on its own in J&K. Addressing the media in Jammu, Smriti Irani said the BJP has said from day one that "we will form the government in J&K on our own while Omar Abdullah has shifted his stand from the earlier statement that the NC would form the government in J&K on its own." "He now says the NC will form the government in alliance with the Congress. Does he sense his defeat now?" Smriti Irani said in reply to a question. She said that the BJP has said in Parliament and through the Solicitor General in the Supreme Court that "we will restore statehood". "Congress says they will launch an agitation for statehood to J&K. It is only the BJP government at the Centre that can restore statehood and not the



Congress," she said. "On the issue of restoration of statehood, the Congress stand is of agitation while our stand is of restoration," she asserted. She said Rs 84,000 crore worth of investment has come to J&K after the abrogation of Article 370. "Rs 8,000 crore worth of financial help has been given to three lakh youths in J&K after the abrogation of Article 370. Through the J&K Reorganisation Act, one per cent reservation has been given to women. Seven lakh women of self-help groups have become Lakhpati Didis in J&K. We have promised to give Rs 18,000 to the eldest woman of every household once we form the government in J&K. Under Ujwala scheme, 1,17,000 households have been brought under this scheme. We have promised in our manifesto to give two LPG cylinders free to poor households," she said.

## Delhi CM Atishi No. 1, Arvind Kejriwal No. 41

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Newly appointed Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has been allotted the first seat in the Delhi Assembly according to the updated seating arrangement. Former Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal, who earlier occupied the first seat in the Delhi Assembly, has been allotted seat number 41. Atishi, who last week became Delhi's third female Chief Minister, earlier occupied seat number 19. The seat numbers of several Delhi ministers, including Saurabh Bharadwaj, Kailash Gahlot and Mukesh Ahlawat have been changed. The seat number of Vijender Gupta, the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly, has been changed from 94 to 100. Saurabh Bharadwaj, who, along with Atishi, became the face of the party during the Lok Sabha polls, has been allotted the second seat in the House. He earlier occupied seat number eight. Mukesh Ahlawat, who is a new inductee into the Delhi cabinet, has been given seat number 14. Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Mansih Sisodia, who was granted bail by the Supreme Court for his alleged role in the liquor policy case, has been allotted seat number 41. The new seating arrangement comes days after Atishi took charge as the Chief Minister of Delhi. The Kalkaji



MLA took charge of office on September 23. However, she refused to sit on the chair used by her mentor Arvind Kejriwal and placed it beside her own to reiterate her unwavering allegiance to the former chief minister. After assuming charge, Atishi said she would serve Delhi as its chief minister for four months like Ramayana's Bharat, who ruled Ayodhya in the absence of his elder brother Lord Ram by placing his 'khadaun' (wooden slippers) on the throne. "Today, I carry the same burden as Bharat did. Just as he placed Lord Ram's sandals on the throne and ruled, I will govern Delhi for the next four months with the same spirit," she had said. It remains to be seen if she occupies the first seat in the Delhi Assembly or leaves it vacant, similar to how she left Kejriwal's chair empty in the chief minister's office.

## BJP bats for One Nation One Election. Congress calls it weapon of mass distraction

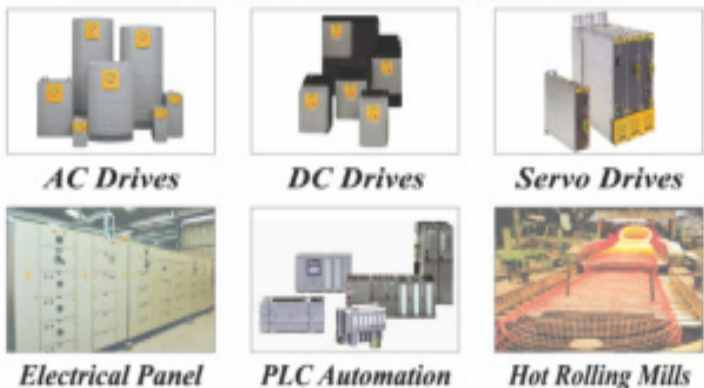
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New Delhi : One Nation One Election - the idea of holding simultaneous elections to the Lok Sabha and state Assemblies - will save manhours and ensure smooth implementation of policy decisions, the BJP said on Thursday. The Congress hit back, calling the move a "weapon of mass distraction" and a "hot air balloon that will lead to its natural death". Politicians from BJP and Congress and experts participated in the India Today Conclave Mumbai to express their views about the possibility of implementing One Nation One Election in the country. This comes days after the Union Cabinet cleared the proposal after a report from the high-level committee headed by former President Ram Nath Kovind was placed before the Union Cabinet. **BJP VS CONGRESS** During the conclave, BJP spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia vouched for the One Nation One Election, saying that it would save people time and allow them to vote at one time instead of twice. "The country is about governance and not about elections around the corner. Every year, five to six elections are held and policy decisions cannot be implemented smoothly because of the Model Code of Conduct that is in place," he said. "The Congress led by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi dismissed



opposition-ruled governments when the simultaneous elections were in place from 1951 to 1967," he added. Hitting back at Bhatia, Congress leader Supriya Shrinete called the move a "direct assault" on the Constitution and said it was a "hot air balloon that would eventually die a natural death". "This (One Nation One Election) will meet the same fate as the lateral entry bill and Waqf bill. I am fundamentally against this. This won't go through. You can not ensure Maharashtra and Haryana elections are held together and you are talking about One Nation One Election," she said. Shrinete accused the BJP of attempting to "paint us in oneness" and cited the country's diverse culture and number of languages spoken in various states. "We are united not because we all speak one language. We are one because we are diverse and united together," she said.

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# How to protect astronauts from radiation during trip to Mars?

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With the help of mannequins named Helga and Zohar and sensors placed inside a spacecraft, scientists have collected valuable data about radiation exposure for astronauts outside Earth's sheltering magnetic field and gained insights on how to better protect them in long space journeys like one to Mars.

Researchers have released initial measurements of radiation levels experienced inside NASA's Orion spacecraft during its 25-day uncrewed Artemis I mission in 2022 around the moon and back to Earth. Continuous radiation data was obtained using instruments including NASA's HERA and the European Space Agency's EAD sensors.

The danger posed by radiation is a major concern that must be addressed if astronauts are to carry out long-term missions beyond Earth's orbit. The Artemis program aims to return astronauts to the lunar surface this decade and establish a base there as a prelude to future human exploration of Mars.

Sources such as galactic cosmic rays and particles shot through space during solar flares may place astronauts at high risk for radiation sickness, increased lifetime cancer risk, central nervous system issues and degenerative diseases.

Helga and Zohar, designed to represent human female bodies, were in the Orion capsule as stand-ins for astronauts, with built-in sensors measuring radiation exposure for their skin and internal



organs. Zohar donned a radiation protection vest. Helga wore no protection.

"Helga and Zohar are 'radiation phantoms' - sophisticated mannequins that mimic the human body's response to radiation, equipped with sensors throughout to measure dose rates across various organs," said physicist Stuart George of the Space Radiation Analysis Group at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, one of the authors of the study published in the journal Nature, opens new tab.

"These phantoms were designed to

represent female bodies, as women typically have a higher sensitivity to radiation than men. The data collected from these phantoms provided valuable insights into how radiation is deposited across the body, particularly during the Van Allen belt transits and interplanetary flight," George added.

Two regions of radiation, called the Van Allen belts, surround Earth.

"Currently we are working on final data evaluation for Helga and Zohar, and the full data set will come out in the next months," including about the protection efficiency of Zohar's vest, said radiation physicist and study lead author Thomas Berger of the Institute of Aerospace Medicine at the German Aerospace Center in Cologne.

The areas inside the capsule

designed to have the most radiation shielding, including a "storm shelter" for astronauts during space weather events like solar flares, were found to provide up to four times more protection than the spacecraft's least shielded areas. This validated the design for future missions, Berger said.

Exposure inside Orion to galactic cosmic rays - energetic particles that traverse the universe - was about 60% lower than exposure measured aboard previous uncrewed interplanetary probes, showing the benefit of a spacecraft designed for radiation shielding.

"These interplanetary cosmic rays are interesting because they form the majority of the exposure for long-term spaceflights, so this measurement is important for long stays on the moon and future transits to Mars," George said.

Orion's orientation during flight affected radiation exposure, which dropped by half when the spacecraft made a 90-degree turn flying past the inner Van Allen belt.

"This is because the Van Allen belt radiation is quite directional, and the flip put more shielding into the path of the radiation," George said. Earth's magnetic field provides a protective envelope around the planet against space radiation. The International Space Station orbits within it. During the Artemis I mission, Orion traveled farther than any other spacecraft built for people, venturing well past the magnetic field.

"We have a lot of measurements for radiation exposure on crewed missions in low-Earth orbit, but very few for those out beyond the protection offered by Earth's magnetic field. Those we do have were performed by planetary science missions where the radiation shielding was very much lighter than on a crewed vehicle like those used for Artemis," George said.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date  
27 th Sep

**Born on 27 th 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.

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 <p><b>Aries</b> (March 21 - April 19)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. Even if you keep tackling money issues throughout the day, you are likely to attain profits in the evening. Health of an elderly person causes some worry. Change your nature of keep falling in love everyday.</p>	 <p><b>Taurus</b> (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Your mind will be disturbed with recent events. Meditation and yoga will prove to be beneficial for spiritual as well as physical gains. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today.</p>	 <p><b>Gemini</b> (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : In spite of your high spirits you will be missing someone who couldn't be with you today. Your money comes to your work only when you stop yourself from spending extravagantly, today you can understand this thing well.</p>
 <p><b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : You have to let go of the past if you wish to get out of the sentimental mood that grips you today. Although money is an important element for you, but don't become so sensitive towards it that it spoils your relationships.</p>	 <p><b>Leo</b> (July 23 - Aug 22)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Too much travel will put you on frenzy Avoid overspending and dubious financial schemes. Family obligations require immediate attention. Negligence on your part could prove costly.</p>	 <p><b>Virgo</b> (Aug 23 - Sep 22)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : You are likely to enjoy some sporting activity which will maintain your physical fitness. Today, you can face money-related issues, and ask your father or a father-like individual you cherish for suggestions. Let family tension not divert your attention.</p>
 <p><b>Libra</b> (Sep 23 - Oct 22)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Health should be given priority to social life. Unexpected bills will increase financial burden. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. You will find comfort in the arms of your beloved.</p>	 <p><b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Health needs care. Although your financial conditions will remain strong today, but you'll have to keep in mind not to overspend or spend on unnecessary things. Good time for entering a matrimonial alliance.</p>	 <p><b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>Sep 27th 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. Do not doubt the fidelity of your beloved.</p>
 <p><b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Share the family problems with your wife. Spend some amount of time for each other to rediscover and reaffirm yourself as a loving nurturant couple. Your children too will catch the vibrations of joys and peace harmony at home. Use your expertise to solve your professional blocks.</p>	 <p><b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Today you will be full of energy-Whatever you do- you will be able to do it in half the time you generally take. Today you can invest your money in religious activities, and most likely to incur mental peace and stability.</p>	 <p><b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - Mar 20)</p> <p>Sep 27th 2024 : Your sense of humour would help someone to encourage himself to develop this skill as you make him understand that happiness does not lie in possession of thing but is inside of us. Entertainment will be fun if it includes the whole family.</p>

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## SAD Postponed its ongoing 'dharnas' against AAP govt in view of panchayat elections

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**Chandigarh :** The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has postponed its ongoing 'dharnas' against the failures of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and its inability to deal with the drug menace as well as law and order in view of the forthcoming panchayat elections.



Disclosing this here, SAD elections.

Working President Balwinder Singh Bhunder said all dharnas, which were to continue till October 4, had been postponed as of now. He said party workers had appealed for this measure in view of the panchayat

## AAP's Prem Garg promises upgraded sports infrastructure, jobs to Panchkula youth

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**Panchkula :** At a time when youths from Punjab and Haryana are migrating for better opportunities abroad, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate from Panchkula Prem Garg is promising youth upgraded sports infrastructure and employment opportunities.



maintained public swimming pools," said Prem Garg stressing the importance of physical and mental well-being. Garg who is a Lord Krishna devotee and has been associated with ISKON Temple Panchkula should have at least one medical college and one University and growing industrial units. "Since the cost of an industrial plot in Panchkula is between 10-

20 crores, I believe that a cluster of villages with the help of incentives should set small units of industries that will help the youth to find jobs in their area. Rather than bringing people from outside to run these units, the village youth should be trained and provided jobs. This will provide jobs to 100s of youth directly and many others indirectly as transportation, supply, and import of raw material will be required to run these units," added Prem Garg. Haryana will go to the polls on October 5 and the results for both Haryana and JK will be declared on October 8.

## Dr Ankita Kansal Joins as Assistant Commissioner (General)

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** 2024 batch PCS officer Dr Ankita Kansal today joined as Assistant Commissioner (General) at District Administrative Complex, SAS Nagar. Before elevating to state civil services, she served as an Excise and Taxation officer since 2012 and as Assistant Excise and Taxation Commissioner later on.



She has done her MBBS as a 2009 pass out of Government Medical

College Patiala, she had a passion for public services to serve the people of Punjab. She said that being the PCS, it is her first posting and she will always remain dedicated to the work and duties assigned by the Deputy Commissioner Mrs Aashika Jain.

## Women will also be admitted to the de-addiction center

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**Chandigarh :** If everything goes according to plan, soon PGI North will be the first such hospital for women where female patients will also be admitted to the drug de-addiction center. Until now, drug addiction was seen only with the dead, but now in the changing times, women are also becoming victims. However, the number of women is less than that of men.



private hospitals more, because there are separate facilities. Professor Subodh BN says that the additional KDTC of Psychiatry has

seen an increase in the number of patients over the past few years. 4 thousand new cases are coming to the center every year. He said that a separate place is felt for PGI women. There is a need to increase the facility of 20 operational beds in the center to cater to the incoming female patients. Staff, faculty, nurses, support staff are required to start it. We have OPD at the center We are also planning to expand the hospital to provide new treatment facilities.

## Due to heavy rain, employees and school children were disturbed

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**Panchkula :** Due to the heavy rain in Panchkula, school children and employees had to face a lot of problems. At the T-point of Sector 16-17 Chowk, Tawa Chowk, Laver Chowk, Purana, Mazri Chowk, Sector-20, there was knee-deep water and people's vehicles got stuck in the water. The worst situation happened in the Housing Board houses of Sector-19. Where the water rose in people's houses. The people living in these two marla houses used buckets to take water out of their houses. Water



also overflowed in Kushalya Dam, Shiswan River and Ghaggar. Water was also running like canals on the gates of the housing

societies of Sector-20. The springs of society number 105, 106 and 107 were knee-deep in water. The rain drain coming from Manimajra washed away the garbage belongings of the garbage people living in Indran Colony and Rajiv Colony which they kept near the rain drain. The rain started in the morning and continued till afternoon.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### Who CARES...?

Flooded roads, potholes and drainage issues put people to a lot of inconvenience in Mohali



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Mohali The condition of the road leading to the Punjab Electricity Board Office located at Industrial Area Phase-1 has become so pathetic, the present situation is that now it has become difficult to pass through this road said IT Association Mohali President Pritpal Singh Dhindsa, who has to come here for his business daily. The workers, officers and people working in the electricity office say that thousands of people come to work here every day but the Mohali Municipal Corporation is paying no heed to improve the condition of this road which is full of potholes. The people coming to get work done in the electricity office say that they are facing difficulty in going to the office to get the electricity completed.

Along with this, the employees working in the office also have difficulty in commuting through this road. The condition of the road has been bad for a long time and now due to continuous rains in Mohali for two days, the potholes on the road have filled with muddy water. It is becoming difficult to get out of these pits as they are full of water. Large number of people come to the electricity board office daily to do their work, but due to the bad condition of the road, one or two people fall into the water every day and had demanded that the MC should recarpet this stretch of road on priority basis so that the commuters may feel safe to drive through the stretch. **But Who Cares??**

## Run for Heart Health will be organized by Grecian Park Hospital on Sep 29

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**Chandigarh :** In view of health-related issues assuming a critical proportion worldwide including India, a 5-km long 'Run for Heart Health' will be organized by Grecian Park Hospital in Mohali on Sunday, September 29, 2024, which is being celebrated as World Heart Day. Dr Harinder Singh Bedi, Director, Cardiac Sciences, Park Grecian Hospital and Dr. Neeraj Bhargava, Lab Director & Additional Medical Superintendent, Park Grecian Hospital held a press conference at Chandigarh Press Club here to share details of the pertinent activity being organised on the occasion of World Heart Day. A poster of the upcoming run was also unveiled at the press conference.



Dr Bedi said, "The run is aimed at creating awareness about heart diseases, especially their prevention. People should know how physical activities help keep our hearts healthy. For a good heart, one needs to manage stress, control BP, maintain ideal weight, have a sensible diet and do regular yoga."

The event is in sync with the theme of 'Use Heart for Action' supporting individuals to care for their hearts and take cardiovascular health seriously.

Dr Bedi added, "The run assumes significance due to the alarming situation related to heart health mainly among younger Indians. Every minute, four people die of a heart attack in India and the age group affected is usually 30 to 50 years. It is unfortunate indeed that according to the Global Burden of Disease (GBD) study, 25 percent of heart attack deaths in India occur in people below 40 years of age. This has been highlighted in recent times by well-known media and social site personalities being attacked by the disease."

While explaining the run's route Ashok Bedwal, CEO, Park Grecian Hospital, Mohali said that the 5-Km run would start at 5.30 am from Grecian Park Hospital, Sector 69, Mohali. The participants will make a U-Turn from DBU Chowk and

will finish the run at its point of origination - Park Grecian Hospital by 8.30 am. As many as 700 Prominent citizens of tricity, doctors, women, children and health enthusiasts are expected to take part in the run.

Dr Bedi informed that the run would be flagged off by Chief Guest Major General Mathews Jacob, VSM, Commandant, Command Hospital Western Command, Chandimandir, Deputy Commissioner, Mohali, Ms Aashika Jain(IAS); Mr Deepak Pareek(IPS), SSP, Mohali, and others.

Reflecting on the significance of running and its impact on the heart health, Dr Neeraj Bhargava, who is also an experienced marathon runner, said, "Daily running offers numerous benefits for heart health including improved cardiovascular fitness, strengthening of heart muscle, enhances the heart's efficiency in pumping blood, and even lowers blood pressure."

Dr Bhargava further said that running also increases the level of high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol - good cholesterol - and lowers triglycerides. "At the same time, running also helps burn calories, which can aid in maintaining a healthy weight, and reducing the risk of heart disease," he said.

In conclusion Dr Bedi said, "The global theme of World Heart Day - Action for Heart Health - highlights a shift from awareness to empowerment with a clear purpose and goal. There is also the two-way nature of action: efforts to influence policies and advocate for behaviour change and physical activity."



## 'Voter Information Slip' being issued for voter facilitation - Hry CEO

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Haryana's Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal, stated that 'Voter Information Slips' are being issued to provide voters information related to polling. The slip will include details such as the polling booth, serial no. of electoral roll, poll date and time, along with a QR code, but not the photograph of the voter.

Agarwal directed all District Electoral Officers and Returning Officers to ensure that the Voter Information Slip is distributed to all enrolled voters at least five days before the polling date i.e 30 September.

It was further clarified that the slip will not be accepted as proof of identity for voters.

Braille Voter Information Slips for Visually Impaired Voters

To make the electoral process more accessible for Persons with Disabilities (PWD) and ensure their active participation, the Commission will issue Braille Voter Information Slips along with the regular slips for visually impaired voters.

Additionally, to fulfill statutory requirements under Rule 31 of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, and to ensure accurate and proper information for voter awareness at each polling station, four standardized 'Voter Facilitation Posters' (VFPs) will be prominently displayed. These posters will provide details about the polling station, List of candidates, do's and don'ts, approved identification documents, and voting procedures.

Voter Assistance booths to be set up at polling stations

Agarwal added that Voter Assistance booths will be set up at polling stations,



staffed by BLOs and officers, to assist voters in locating their polling booth number and serial number in the electoral roll.

These Voter Assistance Booths (VABs) will be clearly marked with signs and positioned near polling centres to be easily visible to voters on election day. An alphabetical locator, generated from the ERO-Net, will be placed at the VAB to help voters easily find their names and serial numbers in the electoral roll. All women staff including the police and security officials at the polling station managed by women

To promote gender equality and enhance the role of women in the electoral process, at least one polling station in each assembly constituency will be managed entirely by women and PwD employees.

At these women-staffed polling stations, all election workers, including police and security personnel, will be women.

In addition, each assembly constituency will have at least one model polling station, showcasing local materials and art forms.

Agarwal also mentioned that each district will have at least one polling station managed by a team of the youngest eligible employees available in that district.

## Pb CM Bhagwant Maan admitted to hospital

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has been admitted to Fortis Hospital Mohali for routine health check-up. His health is fine now. He will be discharged from the hospital after some more necessary tests. After this news, people started praying for the Chief Minister's speedy recovery. However, as per the latest health update, CM Bhagwant Mann is in good health and will be discharged after completing necessary medical tests.

Shiromani Akali Dal leader Bikram Majithia posted on X (earlier Twitter) and wrote that Chief Minister Saab had to be



taken to the emergency Fortis Mohali late at night. Get well soon Bhagwant Maan ji. I hope all is well."

## Session on career counselling held at PAU

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ludhiana :** Under the aegis of the Directorate of Students' Welfare, a session on "Career Counselling and Resume Building" was organized by the University Counselling and Placement Guidance Cell, Punjab Agricultural University (PAU). Final year students of B.Tech.

(Agricultural Engineering) from the College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology were given tips for career choice, resume building and interview skills by Dr Khushdeep Dharni, Associate Director, University Counseling and Placement Guidance Cell.

Dr Dharni emphasized the need for acquiring the relevant skill set for enhancing employability and being job ready in the hypercompetitive world of job placements.

He shared valuable insights into building a resume and discussed



competing against self. Dr Nirmal Singh Jaura, Director of Students' Welfare, stated that the University was working on the all-round development of its students.

He lauded the efforts of Placement Cell for imparting vital insights to the students in wake of the forthcoming placement season.

Dr Satish Gupta, Coordinator of Training and Placement; and Dr Saurabh Ratra, Member of Training and Placement Team, College of Agricultural Engineering and Technology, were also present on the occasion. Later, Dr Gupta proposed a vote of thanks.

the components of a good resume in detail. Dr Dharni also stressed on the importance of being a team worker for winning a job position and climbing up the ladder of career progression in the corporate world. Continuous skill acquisition and honing was the key for building the resume, he observed, adding that the best form of competition was

## FIR against 2 veterinarians in case of death of cows



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**Panchkula :** The police have registered a case against a veterinary doctor and her helper for negligence after three cattle belonging to a gurudwara died and several others took ill due to their medication. The management of Kohni Sahib Gurudwara in Saketri village, in their complaint to the police, alleged that

they have around 40 buffaloes and cows in the gurudwara.

They were approached by local veterinary doctor Dr Sangeeta and her helper Jai Bhagwan, who vaccinated the animals for FMD (foot-and-mouth disease), after which all animals were taken ill, three cattle died, and others caught FMD.

## MP Kangana speaks on all issues. but never speaks about disaster - Minister Vikramaditya Singh



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**Shimla :** Himachal Urban Development Minister Vikramaditya Singh has targeted MP and actress Kangana Ranaut from Mandi seat in Himachal Pradesh. Vikramaditya Singh said, Kangana speaks on all issues, but does not speak about the people of her parliamentary constituency.

Minister Vikramaditya Singh said that there has been such a huge disaster in Himachal. Many people lost their lives. Till date, Kangana has not revealed to the public how much help she has brought from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for disaster relief. He said that Kangana Ranaut keeps speaking wrongly about Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Chief

Minister and Congress leadership. Despite being repeatedly stopped by the BJP high command, she continues to speak.

Reiterating his point, Vikramaditya said that Kangana has tarnished Sonia Gandhi's image. If Kangana does not apologize for this within a week, they will file a criminal defamation case. He said that Kangana says that whatever support the Himachal government gets from the Centre, the Congress government puts it in Sonia's lap. Actually, Kangana had said this during a program in Manali last week. Vikramaditya Singh said, Kangana is also insulting farmers and gardeners.

## Transformation possible only if AAP elected to power- Asha Pathania

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Shahbad :** Asha Pathania, AAP candidate from Shahbad, who is campaigning door-to-door, envisions transformation and development of every corner of Shahbad.

A former Professor, Asha Pathania shared that during the campaigning, she has been able to connect with the people more strongly.

"Shahbad residents want transformation and transformation can only take place when AAP comes to power," Pathania.



Pathania who for a long time has also been raising her voice against the rising drug menace said that eradication of drug abuse can make a notable change

in our society. "We can't let drugs destroy any more homes. AAP is the only solution to eradicate drugs from Haryana," she added.

## ITI Chowk jammed by farmers

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**Bathinda :** Today, the farmers gathered under the leadership of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Sidhupur staged a dharna at ITI Chowk in Bathinda and started raising slogans against the state government. The farmers allege that the administration and the government have kept silent about the demands of



the settler farmers who are struggling

to save their land at Ferozepur and the padding demands of the farmers belonging to Bathinda district, due to which the farmers have to come to the streets.

## ITI begins admission process for various trades

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**Kapurthala :** The admission process for the vacant seats in ITI Kapurthala in various trades at Kapurthala has been started on a "first come first served" basis, the last date of which will be 30 September 2024.

Giving more information in this regard, ITI. Principal Shakti Singh said that the institute is taking admission in the vacant seats in the trades of machinists, turners, welders, and woodwork technicians. People can take admission by paying the fee on the spot by approaching



the help desk set up for their convenience at Kapurthala. He said that these courses have been started keeping in mind the demand of the modern industry and

after acquiring the skills after the course, the trainees can secure their future by getting government jobs, multinational companies, abroad, and self-employment.

He said that the annual fee of these courses is Rs.3450/- which is taken in 4 installments. Scheduled caste students, whose parent's annual income is 2.50 lakhs or less than 2.50 lakhs, will get admission in Rs.100/- only and stipend will also be available as per rules.



## Arijit Singh reacts after security grabs female fan by neck at UK concert: Not fair

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** A new video from Arijit Singh's recent UK concert, where the singer takes a stand for a fan after security grabs her by the neck, is circulating on the internet. Arijit's gesture has won over fans on social media, with some hailing him as a "decent human being." In the video, a woman approaches the stage while Arijit is performing. As security tries to stop her, she tells them that the singer is calling her. The security guards still don't allow her to move forward and allegedly try to stop her by holding her by the neck. The commotion near the stage catches Arijit's attention. He says from the stage, "It's not fair to grab somebody like that" (gesturing towards the neck). He then requests people, "Guys, please sit down." Arijit also apologizes to the woman who was manhandled by security, stating, "I am really sorry, ma'am. I wish I was there to protect you, but I could not. Please sit down." Arijit's gesture earned him a loud cheer from the crowd as he



continued performing at the concert. As the video spread widely online, the singer was praised for standing up for his fan. One comment on the video read, "Such a decent human being, first and foremost Arijit Singh (sic)." Another fan described him as "mesmerising, humble, respectful." Earlier, another video from Arijit's UK tour emerged online, showing a fan placing food on the stage while he performed the title track of Ae Dil Hai Mushkil. As soon as Arijit

noticed the food, he picked it up and handed it to his security team. The singer apologised to the fan, explaining that he could not allow food on his stage because, to him, the stage was a sacred space. "I am sorry, this is my temple. You cannot put food here," he stated. Earlier, Arijit Singh was joined by British singer Ed Sheeran during his London show. Arijit also posted pictures of himself with Ed on social media and thanked him for attending.

## Women's T20 World Cup: Lisa Sthalekar backs India to at least reach semi-finals



**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** Former Australian captain Lisa Sthalekar reflected on India's chances in the Women's T20 World Cup 2024. Sthalekar said that she would expect India to reach at least the semi-final if not the final in the UAE. The 2005 World Cup, 2012 and 2013 T20 World Cup winner Sthalekar also backed Australia and England as hot favourites to reach the knockout stage in the lead up to the tournament. India will aim to end their wait for their maiden women's World Cup title, which remained elusive for them for years. "I can see Australia in the semifinals as they are aiming to win their fourth (title) in a row. England too had a strong pre-tournament build-up. India's chances are also very high and I expect them to be in the semifinals, if not in the finals," Sthalekar told a select group of journalists at the ABC - International Development's five-day cricket commentary and mojo programme at the Australian High Commission. **Australia's dominance in Women's T20 World Cups** Australia beat India in the Women's T20 World Cup 2020 at their home in final, followed by another win in the summit clash against hosts South Africa in 2023 to register third consecutive

triumph in the marquee tournament. While Australia mostly dominated in the women's T20 World Cup over the years having won it six times, England clinched the first-ever tournament in 2009. Sthalekar also hailed the depth and power that the Harmanpreet Kaur-led Indian side possessed, which made them one of the favourites for the women's T20 World Cup 2024. "India has got power, depth, decent bowlers and if their 4-7 number batters can score at a good strike rate, they will be in a good position. They need a good start from the openers." **"Fascinating to see how Jemimah performs"** Sthalekar was also looking forward to see Jemimah Rodrigues in the T20 World Cup after her impressive performance in the Women's CPL. She scored 104 runs in the tournament, including an unbeaten 59, which guided the Trinbago Knight Riders to the final. "Jemimah Rodriguez did well in the West Indies (in the CPL) recently. It will be fascinating to see how she performs in the WC," she said. "If any top order Indian batter scores a century or bowlers have a good day, they can take the game away," said the veteran.

## Kangana Ranaut's 'Emergency' can be released if certain cuts are made, court told

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut's film 'Emergency' can be released if certain cuts suggested by a panel are made, the Censor Board told the Bombay High Court on Thursday. The film's release - earlier scheduled for September 6 - has been hanging fire after protests by Sikh groups who allege that it misrepresents their community. The Censor Board's response came on a plea filed by Zee Studios, the co-producer of 'Emergency', seeking the release of the censor certificate for the film. Appearing for the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), advocate Abhinav Chandrachud told a bench of Justices BP Colabawalla and Firdosh Pooniwalla that the CBFC's revising committee suggested some cuts for the film. Advocate Sharan Jagtiani, appearing on behalf of Zee, got a document which showed about 11 modifications to be done in the film before it is released.



The 11 modifications suggested include some cuts and insertions to be done in the film. The filmmakers will now decide whether they will agree to these modifications or will challenge them. The High Court adjourned the matter to September 30. 'Emergency' is a biographical political thriller and delves into the life of late former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who imposed a 21-month Emergency period from 1975 to 1977. The film is written, directed and produced by Kangana Ranaut. On September 4, the Bombay High

Court refused to direct the CBFC to immediately issue a certificate for 'Emergency'. Sikh organisations raised concerns over the portrayal of their community and the accuracy of historical facts in the film. They have called for a complete ban of the movie. Calls for a ban have intensified after Kangana Ranaut's recent controversial comments regarding the farmers' protests and the now-withdrawn three farm laws. Her remarks have drawn rebukes from the BJP, forcing the actor-politician to take back her remarks.

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## The Milkmaid and Her Pail

**M**olly, the milkmaid's job was to milk the cows and sell the milk at the market. She started thinking about the things she would spend her money on. While walking to the market, she spotted a chicken and thought that she could earn more money by buying a chicken and selling its eggs. She started to think how jealous she could make the other milkmaid with all the things she could buy from the milk and egg money. She started to skip in excitement, and soon the milk spilled over. She went home with empty pails and no money. Her mother then reminds her that she shouldn't count her chicken until they hatch



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## PM Modi's visit to Pune cancelled due to heavy rain

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**New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi's scheduled visit to Pune in Maharashtra today to inaugurate a new corridor of the metro and launch several development projects valued at over Rs 22,600 crore has been cancelled due to heavy rain in the city.

The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a rain alert for Mumbai and Pune.

Heavy rain on last evening flooded several roads in Pune city. Vehicles moved slowly, leading to traffic jams in many parts.

The Pune district administration has also issued orders to keep schools and colleges shut today not only in Pune but also in the neighbouring Pimpri Chinchwad area.

In Mumbai, the torrential downpour claimed at least four lives. More rain has been predicted today with the authorities declaring schools and colleges shut as a precautionary measure.



areas notching over 150 mm and more than 200 mm till this morning.

The Prime Minister was to inaugurate the Pune Metro section from District Court to Swargate. The cost of the underground section is estimated at around Rs 1,810 crore.

Further, the Prime Minister was also to lay the foundation stone for the Swargate-Katraj Extension of Pune Metro Phase-1 to be developed at the cost of around Rs 2,950 crore. This southern extension of around 5.46 km is completely underground with three stations namely Market Yard, Padmavati and Katraj.

Apart from this, PM Modi was to lay the foundation stone for the Memorial of the Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule's First Girls' School at Bhidewada. He was later scheduled to address a rally at the SP College ground in Pune.

Sudden downpour, which caught lakhs of Mumbaikars hurrying home totally by surprise, saw three casualties, including a 45-year-old woman, Vimal A. Gaikwad, who drowned in an open drain in Andheri east MIDC area.

Another woman drowned near the Zenith Waterfalls in the Khopoli area of Raigad and two persons were killed in a lightning strike at Varap village in Kalyan town of Thane.

Some parts of eastern Mumbai were pounded with heavy rain -- Mankhurd 275 mm, Powai 260 mm, Vikhroli 230 mm, and many other

## Ex-Tamil Nadu minister Senthil Balaji gets bail, SC cites delay in trial



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Supreme Court today granted bail to former Tamil Nadu minister V Senthil Balaji in connection with a money laundering case, saying that stringent conditions on bail and delay in prosecution cannot go together.

A bench comprising Justices AS Oka and AG Masih put onerous conditions, while granting relief to Balaji, who was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in June last year in a money laundering case linked to a cash-for-jobs scam. "What we have said is that stringent and higher threshold of bail and delay in prosecution cannot go together. Bail has been granted, but there are very onerous conditions put in the bail," the bench said.

Balaji had approached the Supreme Court with his bail petition after the Madras High Court dismissed his plea on February 28.

The Supreme Court had reserved its verdict on August 12 after hearing submissions from Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, representing the ED, and senior advocates Mukul Rohatagi and Sidharth Luthra, appearing for Balaji.

The Madras High Court, while dismissing Balaji's bail plea, had said if he is let out on bail in a case of this nature, it would send out a wrong signal and be against larger public interest.

It had said since the petitioner was in custody for more than eight months, it would be appropriate to direct the special court to dispose of the case within a timeframe.

The High Court also ordered that the trial shall be conducted on a day-to-day basis in accordance

with the guidelines issued by the Supreme Court.

### MK STALIN WELCOMES VERDICT

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin welcomed the Supreme Court's judgment and accused the ED of being a "department of suppression of political opponents". "Even during the Emergency, no one was put in jail for so many days. Political conspiracies continued for 15 months. By arresting him and keeping him in jail, they wanted to break the resolve of my brother Senthil Balaji. I welcome Senthil Balaji, who is coming out of prison. Your sacrifice is great! Assurance is greater than that!" he tweeted.

On June 14 last year, the ED had arrested Balaji in a money laundering case linked to the cash-for-jobs scam when he was the transport minister in the earlier AIADMK regime.

The case is related to alleged irregularities in the appointment of bus conductors in the Tamil Nadu transport department and the appointment of drivers and junior engineers.

Eight months after his arrest, Balaji resigned from the Tamil Nadu Cabinet on February 13.

On August 12 last year, the ED had filed a 3,000-page chargesheet against Balaji in the case, alleging that the former minister had conspired with his brother and officials of the transport department to accept bribes from job aspirants.

On October 19 last year, the Madras High Court had dismissed Balaji's earlier bail plea. A local court had also dismissed his bail petitions thrice.

## Bengaluru murder: Suspect argued with victim before killing her, suicide note

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**Bengaluru :** The man suspected of murdering a woman whose chopped-up body was found inside a fridge at her home in Bengaluru was found dead in Odisha. A suicide note was found near the body of Mukti Ranjan Roy who had fled Bengaluru days ago, eluding investigators who had been closing in on him.

The note found near his body outlines a heated argument that allegedly took place between Mukti Ranjan and Mahalakshmi at her residence in Vyalikaval. The confrontation escalated when Mukti allegedly struck Mahalakshmi on the head, resulting in her death. The note further described a close relationship between the two.

Ranjan's body was found in Odisha's Bhadrak district. According to the police, he was found hanging, and a case of suicide has been filed at the Dushuri Police Station. Authorities recovered



particularly due to the gruesome nature of the crime.

The body of Mahalakshmi, 29, was found chopped into 59 pieces in a refrigerator in her residence on September 21.

She was killed using a sharp weapon, although police have yet to recover the murder weapon. Investigators from Bengaluru's Vyalikaval Police Station are now coordinating with authorities in Odisha to continue the investigation, especially in light of the new evidence found at the suicide scene.

The death of Mukti Ranjan has left several questions unanswered, but his apparent confession in the death note has provided crucial insights into the crime. Authorities are still working to confirm the details and uncover the full truth behind Mahalakshmi's murder.

several personal belongings at the scene, including his bag, laptop, and mobile phone.

Mahalakshmi, who worked at a mall in Bengaluru, was employed at the same store where Ranjan served as the manager. Her call records revealed frequent communication with Ranjan, which raised suspicion among investigators. Since the start of September, Ranjan had gone missing, and his phone was switched off, adding to the mounting suspicion against him.

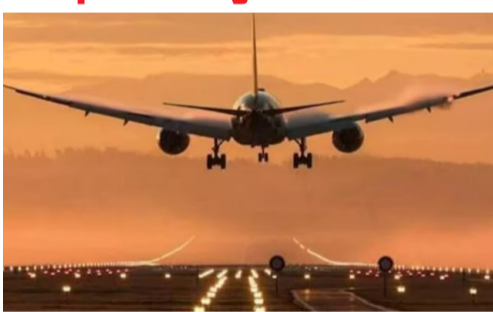
Mahalakshmi's murder sent shockwaves through the city,

## China-bound Iraqi Airways flight diverted to Kolkata after passenger falls ill

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Kolkata :** A China-bound Iraqi Airways flight from Baghdad was diverted to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata on last night as a passenger fell ill before it was expected to land.

The flight, which had 100 passengers and 15 crew members on board, was diverted to Kolkata just half-an-hour before it was scheduled to land in Guangzhou, after a passenger fell ill. The passenger, Dekan Sameer



Ahmed, fell inside the aircraft, following which it made an emergency landing at around

10.18 am. Upon landing at the airport, a medical team from the Airport Health Organization (APHO) responded to the incident and found that she didn't have a pulse. She was rushed to the nearest hospital and is being treated there.

The flight took-off from Kolkata at around 1.50 am today with 97 passengers.

## Sensex, Nifty hit record high as rally extends for 5th straight session

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**New Delhi :** Benchmark stock market indices opened today's trading session positively, extending the record run for five consecutive days.

The S&P BSE Sensex rose to an all-time high of 85,333.23 in early trade, while the NSE Nifty50 climbed to 26,056.

However, investors should note that both the benchmark indices traded marginally higher, while other broader market indices were mixed. The Nifty IT index was the top gainer among sectoral indices, while most others struggled for momentum.

The top five gainers on the Nifty50 were Maruti, Tata Motors, LTIM, Nestle India and Tata Consumer Products.



On the other hand, the top losers were Hero MotoCorp, ONGC, Power Grid, NTPC and Hindaalo. Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "There are no immediate near-term triggers that can take the market sharply up or down."

"Up moves may attract selling by FIIs who are likely to move some more money to China and Hong Kong since these markets are cheap and are witnessing an uptrend now. But FII selling is unlikely to push the market down significantly since the ample domestic liquidity can easily absorb such selling," he noted.

"A range-bound market is the near-term scenario and, therefore, the real action will be stock-specific," Vijayakumar said, adding that investors should give priority to safety and prefer largecaps since smallcap and midcap segments are overvalued.

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## Donald Trump's economic plan: Take away jobs, factories from allies and China

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**Washington :** The Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump outlined his economic plan: move jobs and factories from other countries to the US. The former president, who is in a very close race with US Vice President Kamala Harris for the keys to the White House, said he will bring a "manufacturing renaissance" to the country, if elected. How might he do that? By offering incentives to foreign companies to relocate to the US, titillating them with low taxes and minimal regulatory hurdles. "We will take other countries' jobs," Trump announced at a campaign event in Georgia. "We're going to take their factories." He told his supporters that if he was re-elected he would ensure an exodus of business from allies like Germany and South Korea, as well as global competitor China. He added that his planned incentives will only be enjoyed by companies who relocate to the US and hire American workers. And companies who do not want to relocate and export their goods to the US face high tariffs. Furthermore, the former president



promised US-based manufacturers tax breaks for research and development costs. He reiterated his promise to cut corporate tax from 21% to 15% for companies making their products in the country. He even promised to provide low regulatory zones on federal lands. Reuters reported that Trump's policies, experts believe, will lower government revenues and significantly spike the federal deficit. This was Trump's second major address related to his economic plans, and it came at a time when his race with Harris

hangs on a knife's edge. Numerous polls show both candidates in a very tight race leading up to the November 5 elections, especially in key battleground states like Georgia and Pennsylvania. Reuters reported that Trump, when it came to economic issues, held an 11-point lead over Harris in late July. According to a new poll by Reuters/Ipsos, released, that lead has been slashed down to a mere 2 points by Harris; 41% of voters surveyed believed Harris had a better approach to the economy and jobs, while 43% sided with Trump. Harris, too, revealed her plan to boost the economy and help the lower and middle class citizens dealing with high tax rates and expensive groceries. She proposed numerous tax breaks for them, along with tax credits for families with newborns, and credits to help reduce the cost of setting up small businesses.

## Author Jhumpa Lahiri declines award over New York museum's ban on keffiyehs

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Washington :** Pulitzer Prize winning author Jhumpa Lahiri declined to accept an award from New York City's Noguchi Museum after it fired three employees for wearing keffiyeh head scarves, an emblem of Palestinian solidarity, following an updated dress code. "Jhumpa Lahiri has chosen to withdraw her acceptance of the 2024 Isamu Noguchi Award in response to our updated dress code policy," the museum said in a statement. "We respect her perspective and understand that this policy may or may not align with everyone's views." Lahiri received the Pulitzer Prize in 2000 for her book "Interpreter of Maladies." The New York Times first reported the news. Across the world, in protesters demanding an end to Israel's war in Gaza have worn the black-and-white keffiyeh head scarf, a



symbol of Palestinian self-determination. Anti-apartheid South African leader Nelson Mandela was also seen wearing the scarf on many occasions. Israel's supporters, on the other hand, say it signals backing extremism. In November, three students of Palestinian descent in Vermont were shot in an attack. Two were wearing keffiyeh. Israel's ongoing assault on Gaza has killed tens of thousands and displaced nearly

everyone there. It followed a deadly attack by Palestinian Hamas militants on Israel on Oct. 7. Last month, the art museum - founded by Japanese American sculptor Isamu Noguchi - announced a policy prohibiting employees from wearing anything that expressed "political messages, slogans or symbols." Three employees were sacked. Other people in the United States have also lost their jobs due to their stance on the Israel-Gaza war. A New York City hospital fired a Palestinian American nurse in May after she called Israel's actions in Gaza a "genocide" during an acceptance speech for an award. Israel denies genocide charges brought by South Africa at the World Court.

## US: BAPS Mandir in Sacramento vandalised with anti-Hindu messages

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**California :** The BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in California was on Wednesday desecrated with anti-Hindu messages, the second such incident in the US in the past 10 days. The BAPS Public Affairs said their temple in Sacramento was desecrated with a "Hindus go back" message. "We stand united against hate with prayers for peace," the organisation said in a post on X. The Sacramento Police said that they were investigating "vandalism being classified as a hate crime" at the BAPS Hindu Temple in Mather. Police further stated that the accused also cut water lines at the property. Meanwhile, members of the Hindu community gathered at the temple following the incident for a prayer ceremony to promote "harmony". "Community leaders gathered for a heartfelt prayer ceremony at the BAPS Mandir in Sacramento, CA, following the desecration of the mandir. Inspired by Mahant Swami Maharaj, we remain



dedicated to promoting harmony and standing against intolerance. Together we will defeat hate," the organisation said while posting pictures on X. Indian-American Congressman Ami Bera reacted to the incident and called upon people to stand against intolerance. "There is no place for religious bigotry and hatred in #SacramentoCounty. I strongly condemn this apparent act of vandalism in our community. All of us must stand against intolerance and ensure that everyone in our community, regardless of faith, feels safe and respected," the Sacramento County representative said

on X. Notably, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Melville, New York, was vandalised earlier this month with hate messages inscribed on the driveway and the sign of the temple outside the gate. The Consulate General of India in New York had condemned act, calling it "unacceptable", following which the matter was also raised with US authorities. "Unfortunately, this is not an isolated incident. Similar acts of desecration have occurred at various Hindu Mandirs across North America," BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in New York said in a statement. A Hindu temple in California's Newark was vandalised last year. The Shri Swaminarayan Mandir Hindu Temple was vandalised with pro-Khalistani slogans, with the incident drawing widespread attention. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, while reacting to the incident, reiterated that extremists and separatists should not be given space.

## 4 people questioned so far over Lebanon exploding pagers- Taiwan prosecutors

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Taiwan :** Taiwan prosecutors said today that they have so far questioned four people as witnesses in their investigation into a Taiwanese company linked to pagers that detonated last week in Lebanon in a deadly blow to Hezbollah. Security sources said Israel was responsible for the pager explosions that raised the stakes in a growing conflict between the two sides. Israel has neither confirmed nor denied its involvement. How or when the pagers were weaponised and remotely detonated remains a public mystery and the hunt for answers has involved Taiwan, Bulgaria, Norway and Romania. Taiwan-based Gold Apollo said last week it did not manufacture the devices used in the attack, and that Hungary-based company BAC to which the pagers were traced had a licence to use its brand. Taiwan's government also said the pagers



were not made in Taiwan. A spokesperson for the Shilin District Prosecutors Office in Taipei, which has been leading the probe into Gold Apollo, said in addition to two people questioned last week it had also questioned one current and one former employee as witnesses.

"We are processing this case expeditiously and seeking resolution as soon as possible," the spokesperson added, declining to name the people questioned or say whether prosecutors planned to question further people. Last week, prosecutors questioned Gold Apollo's president and founder, Hsu Ching-kuang, and Teresa Wu, the sole employee of a company called Apollo Systems. Gold Apollo has not commented on that investigation and did not respond to a further request for comment today. Reuters has not been able to reach Wu for comment. Neither answered reporter questions last week when they left the prosecutors' office.

## Zelensky meets Biden at UNGA: to discuss Ukraine's "Plan of Victory" today

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**New York :** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky met with US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the 79th United Nations General Assembly on Wednesday, where he briefed Biden on the current situation on the frontlines and raised the Plan of Victory, which he will discuss in detail during negotiations in Washington today. During their meeting, Zelensky also expressed his gratitude for the US's support in Ukraine's defence efforts. "I met with President Biden @ POTUS on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly and expressed my gratitude for the unwavering U.S. support, which is saving lives and helping Ukraine defend its independence. I told President Biden about the situation on the frontlines and raised the Plan of Victory. We agreed to discuss it in detail during negotiations in Washington tomorrow," posted Zelensky on X. Zelensky also participated in a G7+ meeting focused on Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, where more than 30 countries and the European Union signed a declaration aimed at supporting Ukraine's recovery after the conflict. He was accompanied by President Biden along with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni. "We must not leave behind ruins that would spread resentment and bitterness after the war. This task can only be achieved together. After the devastating Second World War, the Allies launched the Marshall Plan, which gave peace the strength to become truly lasting. Today, we are laying the foundation for a similar architecture of recovery--one that will promote peace for Ukraine and all of Europe and the general welfare," Zelensky said during the event. In a separate discussion, Zelensky met with UK Prime



Minister Keir Starmer. They talked about the security situation in Ukraine, strategies to strengthen the country, and preparations for a second peace summit. Zelensky acknowledged the support the UK has provided since the onset of the conflict. "During a meeting with the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Keir Starmer, we discussed the security situation, strengthening Ukraine, the implementation of the bilateral security agreement, and preparations for the second Peace Summit. I am grateful for the decisive steps the United Kingdom has taken since the beginning of the full-scale invasion and for standing with us throughout this time," he said in a post on X. Earlier, while addressing the UNGA, Zelensky urged global leaders to stand with his country and not seek "a lull" instead of a "real, just peace" more than two years into Russia's war. He called for adoption of his two-year-old proposal to restore internationally recognised boundaries between Russia and Ukraine. "And we need to make it clear--the war is over. This is the Peace Formula. What part of this could be unacceptable to anyone who upholds the UN Charter? We must uphold the UN Charter and guarantee our right--Ukraine's right--to territorial integrity and sovereignty, just as we do for any other nation. We need to withdraw the Russian occupiers, which will bring an end to the hostilities in Ukraine," said Zelensky.

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## Don't fire shots from afar: Siddaramaiah dares PM Modi to debate him on corruption



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**New Delhi :** Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his attacks on him over the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land scam case and dared him to have a direct debate on corruption.

Taking on PM Modi, Siddaramaiah said the former had no moral right to speak about corruption and challenged him to choose one Karnataka BJP leader "without any stain of corruption". "Prime Minister @NarendraModi who is accused by his own party leaders of auctioning off the Chief Minister's post for Rs 2,500 crore, has no moral right to speak about corruption!" he tweeted.

"Mr Modi, I am glad to see you finally talking about corruption. The people of Karnataka have seen only the puppets dancing with false allegations against me. Now it is time for them to know the mastermind behind it all. Don't fire shots from afar, Mr Modi. If you're ready for a direct debate, I am always ready," he said. Siddaramaiah's stinging response came after PM Modi mentioned the MUDA scam and accused Congress of corruption during his rally in Haryana's Sonapat.

"The Karnataka Chief Minister is accused in the land scam. Yesterday, the Karnataka High Court said that the investigation orders are correct and investigation should be done. Congress also did a scam in the funds meant for Dalits. There is no party more dishonest than Congress in the entire nation," PM Modi had said in the rally.

Reacting to PM Modi's attacks, Siddaramaiah accused the BJP of "washing machine politics" and cited instances of some opposition leaders accused in corruption cases joining the BJP.

"The nation has watched for the past 11 years as your office has turned into a washing machine, cleaning the corruption stains of opposition leaders who join

the BJP. Bravo, Mr Modi! Since 2014, more than 25 opposition leaders with corruption allegations have joined your party, and 23 of them have been cleared by central agencies. Isn't this a miracle?" he said.

"From Himanta Biswa Sarma to Suwendu Adhikari, HD Kumaraswamy, Ajit Pawar, Ashok Chavan, Narayan Rane, and the latest, Muniratna -- how many corrupt leaders have you washed clean in your machine? Is this your idea of public service, Mr Prime Minister?" he added. Citing the instance of Kumaraswamy joining the Union Cabinet, Siddaramaiah said, "You have inducted HD Kumaraswamy, who is facing a Rs 100 crore illegal mining scam, into your cabinet without hesitation. Doesn't your conscience prickle when you accuse others of corruption? Why is the Honorable Governor turning a blind eye to Lokayukta's request for permission to prosecute in this scam? Who's pressuring him, Mr Modi?"

Siddaramaiah's dig at PM Modi came a day after a special court ordered the Karnataka Lokayukta to launch a probe against him over alleged irregularities in the MUDA scam. The court's action came after the Karnataka High Court on Tuesday dismissed Siddaramaiah's plea that challenged the legality of the Governor's order on approval of an investigation against him in the case.

The case pertains to allegations that compensatory sites were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, in an upmarket area in Mysuru that had higher property value as compared to the location of her land that had been "acquired" by MUDA. MUDA had allotted plots to Parvathi under a 50:50 ratio scheme in lieu of 3.16 acres of her land, where MUDA developed a residential layout. Siddaramaiah has vehemently denied allegations of irregularities in the land allocated to his wife and called the case a "BJP conspiracy".

## BJP won't hesitate to end reservations by amending Constitution: Chidambaram

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**New Delhi :** Former Finance Minister P Chidambaram said the BJP government led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not hesitate to take away reservations. The veteran Congress leader noted that the 103rd amendment, which provides for the 10 per cent quota for economically weaker sections (EWS), is a dilution of reservations.

Chidambaram made the remarks on Thursday while speaking at the two-day India Today Conclave Mumbai 2024, a flagship event of the India Today Group. The session was titled, "Congress's Blueprint for New India".

When asked if Congress had intentionally spread disinformation that the Constitution was in danger and that the BJP would remove reservations if it came to power again after the Lok Sabha polls, Chidambaram replied, "The BJP will amend the Constitution. They were preparing to."

He added that despite not getting a majority in the general elections, the BJP is still planning to amend the Constitution. "The Modi government will not hesitate to take away reservations or dilute it. The 10 per cent EWS is a dilution of reservations".

Regarding the Supreme Court's 2022



judgement to uphold 10 per cent reservation for the EWS, the Congress leader said, "Five judges, divided 3:2. Have you read the two powerful dissents by two of the most brilliant judges? One day, that 3:2 can be overturned, and hope that it happens soon."

### 2024 LOK SABHA POLLS 'LESS THAN FAIR, LESS THAN FREE'

Calling the 2024 Lok Sabha polls "less than fair, less than free", the former Union Minister said, "How can we fight an election when both our hands are tied behind our backs? Our bank accounts were frozen."

"Can you accept any other country freezing the bank accounts of contesting parties? Would you call that free and fair? People were allowed to vote, but there were so many hurdles placed in the way."

He further said the Opposition has "overcome the obstacles and reduced the BJP to less than majority" despite the party's "muscle, money, manipulation" to create the hurdles.

### 3 WEAKNESSES OF PM MODI IN 10 YEARS?

When asked about what Prime Minister Modi's three big achievements in the last 10 years, Chidambaram listed the three main weaknesses instead.

"I don't have to speak about his achievements. I represent the Opposition, will point out the deficiencies and failures of his government. This is my job, his job is to extol his virtues and his achievements."

He even took a jab at the PM's claim of the nation moving towards a cashless society. "How can you be a cashless society? Even Germany and Europe is not a cashless society. On demonetisation day, cash circulation was about Rs 16-17 lakh crore. Today cash circulation is Rs 34 lakh crore. People want cash, use cash... Cash cannot be wished away."

According to the former minister, institutional capture and neglect, misuse of investigating agencies that block economic growth, and biased infrastructural development were the three main weaknesses of the PM-led government.

## Sanjay Raut loses BJP libel case, awarded 15-day jail

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**Mumbai :** A Mumbai Court has found Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut guilty in a 2022 defamation case filed by Medha K. Somaiya -- wife of ex-Bharatiya Janata Party MP Kirit Somaiya -- and awarded him 15 days jail plus a fine of Rs 25,000, here today.

The order of Mazagon Metropolitan Magistrate Court came in the two-year-old libel suit filed by Medha Somaiya against Raut, who had alleged a Rs 100-crore toilet construction scam in Mira Road (Thane), linked to an NGO run by the Somaiyas.

Raut said that he had merely raised certain questions based on certain official records raising doubts on the toilet construction issue, which was also endorsed by ruling MahaYuti alliance leaders, "so where have I made any defamation".

The SS(UBT) leader said he will challenge the Metropolitan Magistrate Court's conviction order in a higher



court shortly.

Among other things, Raut had claimed that Medha Somaiya was involved in the scam after which she had lodged the libel case.

An elated Medha Somaiya expressed her happiness at the verdict and said that her faith in the judiciary has been vindicated.

"I am an ordinary housewife, engaged in social service and educational activities, but will fight anyone who tries to harm my family members. I am satisfied with the court's verdict. It will prevent others from making such

absurd allegations," Medha Somaiya told media persons.

In 2022, Raut had accused Medha Somaiya and her family members of the alleged scam and claimed he had documentary evidence to back it up, but failed to produce the same.

The Somaiyas first complained to the Mulund Police Station, and later, filed a defamation suit in the Mazgaon Court, challenging Raut's allegations and stating that "not even a one rupee scam has been committed".

While the MahaYuti allies Shiv Sena-BJP-Nationalist Congress Party welcomed the court verdict, opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi partners Congress-Nationalist Congress Party (SP)-SS (UBT) flayed the outcome, terming it as "politically motivated" ahead of the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections.

## Court voids Centre's fact check unit, calls amended IT rules 'unconstitutional'

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**New Delhi :** In a setback to the government, the Bombay High Court today struck down the amended Information Technology Rules, 2023, and called it "unconstitutional."

A division bench of Justices AS Gadhkar and Neela Gokhale allowed the pleas filed by comedian Kunal Kamra, Editors Guild of India, Association of Indian Magazines and News Broadcasters of Digital Association.

While delivering the verdict, the court noted, "In view of the majority opinion, the rule 3(1)(v) is declared unconstitutional and is struck down. Petitions are accordingly allowed."

Earlier in January this year, a division bench of Justices Gautam Patel and Dr



Neela Gokhale had delivered a split ruling in the matter.

While Justice Patel struck down the amendments to the IT Rules, Justice Gokhale upheld them.

On September 20, Justice Atul Sharachandra Chandurkar, acting as the "tie-breaker" judge, ruled against the amended IT Rules that authorised the Government's Fact Check Unit (FCU) to

label content as "fake news" on social media platforms.

Justice Chandurkar held that the Information Technology Amendment Rules, 2023, infringed upon fundamental rights guaranteed by the Constitution, including Article 14 (right to equality), Article 19 (freedom of speech and expression), and Article 19(1)(g) (freedom to practice any profession).

In his plea, Kunal Kamra, a political satirist, argued that the amended IT Rules posed a threat to his work, as they could lead to arbitrary censorship of his content on social media. Kamra expressed concerns that his posts could be blocked or taken down, and his social media accounts could be suspended or deactivated under the Rules.

## Four dead as torrential rains lash Mumbai

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**Mumbai :** Torrential rain lashed Mumbai, triggering floods and killing at least four people as well as paralyzing the city and forcing schools to close today.

Severe downpours have struck Mumbai, resulting in flooding that has claimed the lives of at least four individuals, paralyzed the city, and necessitated the closure of schools today. Certain areas of Mumbai recorded approximately 275 mm (11 inches) of rain on last evening, severely disrupting road traffic and causing delays in the train services relied upon by millions of residents daily. Officials confirmed that four individuals lost their lives due to rain-related incidents.

In anticipation of further rainfall, authorities have issued a citywide red



alert and advised residents to remain indoors. Educational institutions were closed, and fishermen were instructed to refrain from venturing offshore until. Drone footage shared on social media depicted congested highways filled with vehicles—some still occupied by their drivers, while others were left behind by frustrated motorists. Hundreds of

thousands of commuters faced prolonged delays on the roads.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that the monsoon rains began to recede from the northwest of the country earlier this week, nearly a week later than usual.

Typically, the monsoon season commences in June and begins to withdraw by September 17; however, this year, the rains persisted, aiding in the replenishment of reservoirs but adversely affecting crop yields in several states.

Additionally, heavy rainfall is anticipated in certain regions of the southern state of Telangana today, according to the weather office.

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