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Next New Moon

02 Oct 2024

Mohinder Bhagat assumes office as Minister

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Chandigarh : The newly elected MLA Mohinder Bhagat from Jalandhar West, today assumed the charge as the Cabinet Minister for Defence Services Welfare, Freedom Fighters, and Horticulture, in the presence of several Cabinet Ministers Gurmeet Singh Khudian, Lal Chand Kataruchak, Dr. Balbir Singh, Barinder Kumar Goyal, Tarunpreet Singh Sondh and Hardeep Singh Mundian, General Secretary AAP (Punjab) Jagroop Singh Sekhwan, party MLAs, family members, government officials and dignitaries. Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat while assuming his charge thanked and expressed his deep appreciation to Aam Aadmi Party Supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann for the responsibility and opportunity. It is pertinent to mention here that with his extensive experience and passion for public service,



he pledged to make a lasting impact, propelling Punjab's growth and prosperity. Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat also shared his vision regarding prioritizing the well-being of defense personnel, veterans, and their families and also vowed to honor the sacrifices of freedom fighters who fought for India's independence. "To ensure a prosperous future, diversification is crucial," Bhagat emphasized while adding, "I'm committed to boosting Punjab's horticulture sector, enhancing farmers' livelihoods and supporting stakeholders."

SC blasts air quality panel over Delhi pollution

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New Delhi : The Supreme Court today came down heavily on the central air quality panel for not taking any action on local officers amid a rise in crop burning in north Indian states, which leads to air pollution in Delhi. The development comes as Delhi experienced a significant decline in air quality this week. Pulling up the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), the court said not a single committee was formed to tackle the stubble burning issue. "Every year we see stubble burning. There has been total non-compliance of the CAQM Act. Have committees been constituted? Please show us a single step taken. Which directions have you used under the Act? You are silent spectators. You are doing nothing," the court said. The air quality panel chairperson said that three subcommittees were holding one meeting every three months. "We wonder how they are performing those tasks by meeting only once in three months," the top court said. The CAQM Act provides for the constitution of a commission for better co-ordination, research, identification, and resolution of air pollution-related problems in Delhi-NCR and adjoining regions.



The two-judge bench said efforts were needed to make sure that the use of stubble burning alternative equipment was used at grassroots level. The court also noted that there were hardly any directions issued under the Act and no action was being taken for violations. A senior advocate assisting the court as amicus curiae said thousands of crores were offered to the farmers for equipment in a bid to prevent crop burning. "In 2017, we thought it would help stop, but it has not and that is why the CAQM was formed. Some officer has to be held responsible," the advocate said. The Supreme Court also said the CAQM had vast powers, including directing closure of polluting units. The top court asked the panel to place on record the details of its meetings held and decisions taken.

Jagan Reddy cancels visit to Tirupati temple amid 'animal fat' in laddu row

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Amravati : YSR Congress (YSRCP) Chief and former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has cancelled his planned visit to Tirumala, the revered Hindu temple in Tirupati, amid the controversy over allegations that animal fat was used in the preparation of the temple's prasadam laddus. The decision was made to avoid any disruptions or safety concerns during his visit. Reddy, who was scheduled to visit the temple, emphasised his concern for the safety and convenience of the large number of visitors. The YSR Congress chief was about to visit the Lord Venkateswara Swamy temple at Tirumala Hills as part of the statewide temple rituals called for by the party to atone for the "sin" allegedly committed by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu through his allegations on Tirupati laddus. The development comes days after Andhra Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu alleged that the previous YSRCP government used substandard ingredients and animal fat for making the laddus at Sri Venkateswara temple in Tirupati. The allegations sparked a massive controversy across the country. Responding to the YSR Congress Chief's announcement on the temple visit, the BJP's state unit on Thursday



demanding he declare his faith before entering the hill shrine. Andhra Pradesh BJP leader L Dinakar highlighted that Reddy has his constitutional right to follow the religion of his choice but called for respecting the rituals, customs, traditions, rules and regulations of other faiths. According to rules, foreigners and non-Hindus should declare their reverence for Lord Venkateswara to have a darshan of the presiding deity at the hill shrine. "He is trying to enter into Hindu temples. He shall adhere to the systems and practices of Hindu temples, otherwise, he is ineligible to enter the Devasthanam (Tirumala temple)." Further, Dinakar alleged that the opposition leader should tender an apology for the alleged atrocities against temples during his regime and the utilisation of substandard ghee for making Tirupati laddu prasadam (consecrated food).

NIA raids at 7 locations linked to Reasi bus terror attack

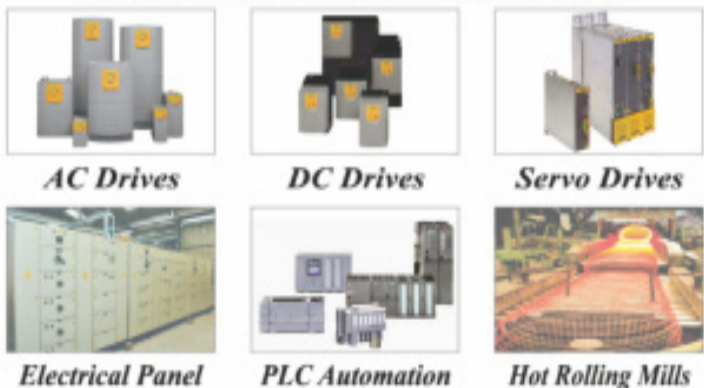
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Reasi : The National Investigation Agency is conducting searches at seven locations in the case linked to the June 9 terrorist attack on a pilgrims' bus in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district today. The locations under investigation are connected to hybrid terrorists and Over-Ground Workers (OGWs), the anti-terror agency stated. Officials stated that multiple teams from the National Investigation Agency (NIA) have been conducting searches in the Rajouri and Reasi districts since this morning. On June 9, a bus transporting pilgrims to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine fell into a gorge in Reasi district, Jammu, following a terrorist attack. At least 10 people died, and nearly three dozen were injured. The incident occurred around 6:10 pm when the bus, en route to the Shiv Khori temple—the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine's base camp—was ambushed in Teryath village, officials reported. During the assault, the driver was wounded, causing him to lose control of the vehicle. Authorities have detained 50 individuals in connection



with the attack. On June 17, the Ministry of Home Affairs transferred the case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA). The Resistance Front (TRF), an offshoot of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba terror outfit, initially claimed responsibility for the attack, but retracted its statement later. So far, Hakam Khan from Rajouri has been arrested for allegedly supplying food, shelter, and logistics to the terrorists and aiding in reconnaissance before the attack. NIA teams have conducted searches since this morning, with more details forthcoming, officials stated. Earlier, on June 30, the agency raided five locations associated with hybrid terrorists and their overground operatives in Rajouri.

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World Tourism Day 2024: Know the history, significance, and theme

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World Tourism Day is celebrated annually on September 27 and was established by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) in 1980.

This date was chosen to commemorate the adoption of the UNWTO Statutes on September 27, 1970, which laid the foundation for global tourism development.

History

The first World Tourism Day was held in 1980. Its main purpose was to raise awareness about the importance of tourism and its social, cultural, political, and economic value.

The UNWTO, founded in 1975, is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for promoting responsible, sustainable, and universally accessible tourism.

Each year, World Tourism Day is hosted by a different country, focusing on the global community's shared interest in tourism development.



This year, Georgia will be hosting this year's celebration.

Theme

The theme for World

Tourism Day 2024 is "Tourism and Peace," which will highlight the association between tourism and world peace, with the United Nations emphasising the significance of comprehending diverse cultures and encouraging sustainable tourism.

In recent years, the focus has

increasingly shifted toward sustainable tourism—minimizing the negative environmental and social impacts of tourism while maximizing its benefits for local communities.

Tourism is a major economic driver. In 2019, before the COVID-19 pandemic, the tourism industry accounted

for about 10% of global GDP and supported one in ten jobs worldwide.

The COVID-19 pandemic greatly impacted global tourism. However, efforts are ongoing to support the recovery of the tourism industry while ensuring it is more resilient and sustainable in the future.

Tourism fosters understanding between cultures, promoting peace, dialogue, and respect for diversity.

World Tourism Day is a reminder of the powerful role tourism plays in driving economic growth, cultural exchange, and sustainable development across the globe.



Atul Sharma



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Rajesh Kumar

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Born on 28 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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 Aries (March 21 - April 19) Sep 28th 2024 : It is high time for you to cure your fear. You must realize that it not only wears down physical vitality but and shortens life. Increase in income from past investment is foreseen. Don't let your friends take advantage of your generous nature.	 Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Sep 28th 2024 : Don't force and compel people to do things for you. Think in terms of other's want and interest that will give you unlimited happiness. Improvement in finances is certain. Unexpected gifts and presents from relatives and friends.	 Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Sep 28th 2024 : Your polite behaviour will be appreciated. Many people will shower verbal praise on you. Pending issues become murkier and expenses cloud your mind. An old friend makes a pleasant visit later in the day. Romance rules your heart.
 Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Sep 28th 2024 : Maintain your mental health-which is prerequisite for spiritual life. Mind is the gateway of life because everything whether it is good/bad comes through mind. It helps in solving life problems and endows one with requisite light.	 Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Sep 28th 2024 : Be careful not to neglect yourself when it comes to health matters. You will make good money today- but the rise in expenses will make it difficult for you to save. Be independent and take your own decisions when it comes to making fresh investments.	 Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Sep 28th 2024 : If you haven't been taking sufficient rest then you will feel extremely tired and will need extra rest. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice from their closed ones today, which can benefit them financially.
 Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Sep 28th 2024 : Keep your patience as your continuous effort coupled with common sense and understanding will guarantee your success. You need to keep an eye on where your money is being spent, otherwise you may face problems in the coming times.	 Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Sep 28th 2024 : Maintain your mental health-which is prerequisite for spiritual life. Mind is the gateway of life because everything whether it is good/bad comes through mind. It helps in solving life problems and endows one with requisite light.	 Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Sep 28th 2024 : Your swift action will solve your longstanding problem. If you are traveling, then take special care of your valuables. Acting carelessly can increase the chances of theft or misplacing your items. It is a beautiful lovely day.
 Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Sep 28th 2024 : Take complete rest to regain your energy. If you had invested in any land overseas, then it can be sold today at a good price, which will help you earn profits. Be independent and take your own decisions when it comes to making fresh investments.	 Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Sep 28th 2024 : Likely to face some setbacks. Don't lose heart but work harder to get desired results. Let these setbacks be the stepping stones. Relative will also help at the time of crisis. It's a good day to romance with your better half.	 Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Sep 28th 2024 : Friends will introduce you to somebody special who would have a remarkable influence on your thoughts. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Overall a beneficial day but someone you think you can trust will let you down.

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Shahbad will be popular as a model of development in coming years: AAP Candidate Asha Pathania

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Shahbad : Asha Pathania, AAP candidate from Shahbad, who is the first woman in the Shahbad constituency to contest in Haryana Assembly elections, is garnering a lot of support from women voters. Speaking to The Aman Sandesh Times, Asha Pathania shared that large number of women in the constituency have promised their full support to her. It is worth noting that Former Professor Asha Pathania is the most educated candidate contesting in the Shahbad Constituency. Pathania brings vast experience in serving the people of different communities since long time and is respected by all. Developing new centers for the kids, women empowerment, quality education, and affordable health facilities are among the goals Asha Pathania has for Shahbad.



"I'm only contesting the election with the sole aim of overall development. I promise I will use my victory to make Shahbad, a

development model," she added. Asha Pathania has been moving door to door all over her constituency and being assured full support by all.

It is pertinent to mention here that all AAP party workers and volunteers are putting up hard efforts to ensure the victory of AAP candidate Asha Pathania in the constituency, who feel that victory of Asha Pathania will be the victory of Shahbad residents.

Harjot Singh Bains exchange MoU for primary teacher training

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Punjab Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, today, exchanged a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Finnish Ambassador in New Delhi to provide international-level training for government primary school teachers of the state of Punjab. He was accompanied by former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. Speaking on the occasion, Harjot Singh Bains expressed his enthusiasm, stating, "I am delighted to announce the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding with Finland. This collaboration will not only enhance the primary education framework in Punjab but also foster cultural exchange between India and Finland." It is noteworthy that following Delhi's lead, Punjab has become the second state in India to establish an agreement for providing advanced training to primary school teachers



in Finland. Elaborating on the agreement, Harjot Singh Bains said, Punjab's government primary school teachers will receive advanced training at the University of Turku in Finland, adding that while five Finnish universities had expressed interest in providing this training, the University of Turku was ultimately selected. The Education Minister highlighted Finland's global reputation in early childhood education, praising its innovative approach that emphasizes play, exploration and daily

experiential learning. He said that the Finnish education system prioritizes early childhood education and care as the cornerstone for lifelong learning and development. The Cabinet Minister also spotlighted Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led Punjab government's ongoing efforts to enhance educator skills. "Since February 2023, under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's leadership, 202 principals and education administrators have undergone training in Singapore. Besides this, 102 headmasters have completed courses in Leadership, School Management and Education Department at the prestigious Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad", he added. Teachers interested in participating in the Finnish training program can submit their applications through the designated website up till the evening of September 27, 2024.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

Potholes, open drains common scene at Industrial Area Ph 8B



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Mohali : The moment you enter Industrial Area Phase 8 B you will be greeted with a potholeriddled main road, open drains and haphazardly parked vehicles. Commuters said that frequent traffic jams in the area further add to the chaos. At night hours a two or three wheeler could easily fall into the deep potholes in case of an accident," said a commuter who was visiting for a job in an autorickshaw. The situation has been like this for months now," said daily wager. A food stall vendor said, we have a lot of traffic congestion

here because vehicles are parked haphazardly on roadsides as people park illegally. At night, light in the area is insufficient and half the streetlights don't function. With shorter days ahead in winter months, the problem will be more worse and added the main roads in the areas has not been repaired for months. "It is regrettable that the first sight that greets people coming to the area has potholes, it was observed that the volume of people visiting the area has gone up in the past few years and the area needs a complete overhaul. But Who Cares??

JE arrested for accepting Rs 25000 bribe

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Chandigarh : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, on Thursday apprehended Junior Engineer (JE) Ranjit Singh, posted at Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) Sub Division, Amritsar South while he was demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs Rs 25000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above mentioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by Navdeep Singh, a resident of Amar Avenue, Ajnala Road, Amritsar. He further informed that the complainant has approached the VB



and alleged in his complaint that the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 1,00,000 for slashing the fine of Rs 6,00,000 lakhs imposed on the complainant. The complainant further informed that the said accused had earlier taken Rs 50,000

as first instalment of bribe money. He added that after a preliminary inquiry into this complaint a VB team laid a trap was during which the accused was caught red handed while accepting a bribe of Rs.25,000 in the presence of two official witnesses. He added that in this regard a case under Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at VB Police Station, Amritsar range. The accused would be produced in the competent court tomorrow and further investigations of this case was under progress, he said.

Cycle Rally-Marathon held on World Tourism Day



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Ferozepur : In celebration of World Tourism Day, the district administration of Ferozeshah Anglo-Sikh War site. The event started from Bare Ke village and concluded at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Martyrs Memorial in Hussainiwala and was earlier flagged off by SDM Guroharsahai Divya P. The rally and marathon aimed to educate the public about significant historical landmarks such as the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Martyrs Memorial, Gurdwara Saragarhi, and the Ferozeshah Anglo-Sikh War site. SDM Divya P. emphasized the importance of tourism in providing both peace and valuable knowledge about these sites. Around 200 students participated in the event, with 100 joining the cycle rally and 100 in the marathon. The participants also raised

awareness about World Tourism Day, the importance of staying away from drugs, and environmental conservation. The top three finishers in both events were Cycle Rally Winners: Sumit Kumar (Guru Nanak College), Hardik Raj (SBS University), Sagar (RSD College, Ferozpur), Marathon Boys Winners: Ramandeep Singh (SSS School, Gatti Rajo Ke), Harpreet Singh (SSS School, Gatti Rajo Ke), Dilpreet Singh (SSS School, Karyan Pehlwan) and Marathon (Girls) Winners: Sandeep Kaur (SSS School, Gatti Rajo Ke), Kajal Kaur (SSS School, Gatti Rajo Ke), Gagandeep Kaur (SSS School, Gatti Rajo Ke). The event also included a pledge to maintain and clean Ferozeshah's tourist sites. Present at the event were Akash Kumar (Sports Nodal Incharge), Ashwinder Singh, Lakhwinder Singh, Sandeep Kumar, Navpreet Singh, Mani, Baljinder Singh, Coach Gurjeet Singh, Coach Avtar Kaur, and students from various schools and colleges.

"Drug Addiction-Damage to Mankind" Campaign launched

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Mohali : Taking another initiative, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar has launched a campaign "Drug Addiction-Damage to Mankind". Punjab State Legal Services Authority and District Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar organized a seminar to sensitize the factory employees and workers against drug consumption at Mahindra & Mahindra, Swaraj Division, Phase-4, Mohali. Member Secretary, Punjab State Legal Services Authority, Manjinder Singh, informed the employees and workers about the ill effects of drugs, and said that people who are addicted to drugs are more prone to infectious diseases. People with addictions often have



one or more related health problems, which may include lung or heart disease, stroke, cancer, or mental health conditions, while addressing the workers, Additional Member Secretary, Mrs Smriti Dhir, said that the purpose of this campaign is to spread the message among the people of the state that the legal services authorities stand with the drug addicts to rehabilitate them and provide them

with legal assistance. Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, SAS Nagar Mrs Surabhi Parashar, also addressed the gathering and revealed that if any person known to the factory employees or workers who is addicted to drugs wants to undergo treatment, the District Legal Services Authority will arrange for their treatment at the rehabilitation center free of cost.

MP Sanjeev Arora nominated for third time as Member to Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare

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Ludhiana : Rajya Sabha MP Sanjeev Arora has been nominated as a Member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare for another year. This will be Arora's third consecutive term to this standing committee, which has been announced for the year 2024-25.

In a statement here on Friday, Arora thanked the Vice-President and Chairman Rajya Sabha, Jagdeep Dhankhar for extending his tenure as a Member to the Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare.

At the same time, he also thanked his party's leadership for recommending his name for this post. Arora has been preferring to Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare since he became an MP because Health sector is very close to his heart for several reasons.

"In fact, I always want to serve the suffering humanity and this is the reason that I always prefer to become a Member of Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare", he said. He said his renomination has given him a further boost to work with more devotion, dedication and energy for health and healthcare sector in the future also.

During the last two years, Arora has shown his commitment for working for welfare and betterment of the society.

He has participated in the discussions held on implementation of Ayushman Bharat, Mental health care and its management in contemporary times, implementation of Pradhan Mantri TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, functioning of Central Government Health Service (CGHS), quality of medical education in India, and Affordable health care for all.

He always said that health care has become very costly these days, resulting to which it is very difficult for a common man to bear the cost. Therefore, it is the responsibility of

all stakeholders related to health to make healthcare affordable for all. Arora who is also the vice president of DMCH Managing Society, Ludhiana, has always been taking initiative to work for the suffering humanity and needy people. Due to his initiative, about one and a half years old Kanav Jangra, a resident of New Delhi was able to get treatment worth Rs.17.50 crore (2.1 million USD).

The huge amount for Kanav's treatment was got collected only after a massive campaign for donation launched by city-based NGO Krishna Pran Breast Cancer Charitable Trust and Samvedna Trust on Arora's initiative.

City-based NGO Krishna Pran Breast Cancer Charitable Trust is being run by Arora over the years. This NGO in October every year organizes various activities for creating awareness against breast cancer. This NGO has provided free of cost treatment to more than 250 cancer patients so far. Krishna Pran Breast Cancer Charitable Trust is also providing matching grant of Rs.1.5 lakh for the treatment of a Cancer patient worth Rs.3 lakh under Mukh Mantri Cancer Rahat Kosh. The Trust has announced to give matching grant for free treatment to 100 Cancer patients every year.

The Trust has adopted around 300 needy patients for free treatment suffering from Cancer. Also, with Arora's efforts around 60 patients have got Rs 3 lakh each under PMNRF Scheme for treatment.

MP Malvinder Kang Highlights: Bhagwant Mann Ends Bribery and Political Favoritism in government Job Allocations

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Chandigarh : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) commended Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for providing a substantial number of government jobs. AAP MP Malvinder Singh Kang stated that the Mann government has given over 45,000 government positions to youth in the last two and a half years, without any bribery or recommendations.

Speaking to the media at the Chandigarh party office on Friday, Malvinder Kang highlighted that under previous governments, individuals often had to pay lakhs of rupees in bribes for government jobs, with many positions going to the families and relatives of politicians. As a result of the lack of employment opportunities, many young people felt compelled to seek work abroad. The Mann government has abolished the tradition of bribery and political favoritism in government job allocations.

Our administration has provided government jobs to 45,708 youth based on merit, without any bribery or political recommendations.

Kang detailed the job statistics, noting that the government has made hundreds of appointments across various departments, including 4,870 in the Local Body Department, 4,953 in the Electricity Department, 692 in the Agriculture

Department, 700 in the Animal Husbandry Department, 1,234 in the Cooperative Department, 1,369 in the Health Department, 909 in the Jail Department, 564 in the Public Works Department, 2,220 in Revenue, and 1,779 in the Water Resources Department. On September 24th, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann distributed 586 appointment letters for the Health Department.

Kang remarked that even during the Lok Sabha elections, people praised our efforts, particularly for providing government jobs that benefited many families. He emphasized that delivering quality education and employment to youth is the AAP government's top priority, and we are pleased that our Chief Minister is consistently working to achieve this goal.

Jagtar Singh Hawara urges SC to transfer him from Tihar Jail to Pb prison

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES



New Delhi : Jagtar Singh Hawara, a convict in the former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh assassination case, on Friday urged the top court to transfer him from Delhi's Tihar Jail to any other prison in Punjab.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan sought a response from the Centre, Delhi Government, and Punjab Government on Jagtar Singh Hawara's plea.

Jagtar Singh Hawara's plea, filed through advocate Satya Mitra, also sought to direct the respondents to produce in court the entire records of the petitioner regarding his conduct in prison during his incarceration till today. Hawara is a life convict in the former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh assassination case and is serving a life term in Tihar Jail. The petition stated that he is a convict prisoner lodged in Tihar Jail and that there is no case pending against him registered in the territory of Delhi.

The petitioner is currently serving his life imprisonment for the rest of his life in a case registered in the State of Punjab. He is a native of the State of Punjab, Fatehgarh Sahib District, and ought to be confined in a prison in Punjab, the petition added.

Hawara was arrested on September 21, 1995, tried, and convicted for the murder of former Punjab Chief Minister Beant Singh and has remained in jail from the date of his arrest to this day; he has been incarcerated for over 28 years.

The trial court, by order dated March 27, 2007, convicted Hawara and gave him the death sentence. The Punjab and Haryana High Court, by order dated October 12, 2010, modified the sentence to life imprisonment for the rest of his life. Appeals have been filed by the prosecution and Hawara in the Supreme Court, which are pending.

"His conduct in jail has been clear except for an alleged jailbreak that took place

on January 22, 2004, when he escaped. He was caught approximately after one year and returned to prison in 2005. Since then, his performance in jail has been without any blemish. He is 54 years old today.

"From the re-arrest of the petitioner after the jailbreak until today, 19 years have passed, and the performance of the petitioner in jail has been without blemish.

The petitioner has sought a report of his conduct in prison in Delhi from the jail authorities, which is yet to be provided to him," the petition said.

"The question that arises in this case is whether a person who has been accused of committing murder in the context of serious social upheaval, where tens of thousands of young Sikhs were extrajudicially executed by the State Police on the instructions of the deceased Chief Minister Beant Singh—an offence characterised as exacerbated by his unsuccessful jailbreak attempt—but who has, for the last 19 years, led a life in prison that is without blemish, can seek an order from this court for transfer to a jail in Punjab.

Haryana Congress expels 13 party leaders for 'anti-party activities'

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Consequent upon the receipt of reports through various means of communication pertaining to party leaders/workers having found indulged in anti-party activities by fighting the ongoing assembly election against the party candidates and to curb indiscipline in the party, the following persons are hereby expelled from the party for 6 years with immediate effect:

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3. Shri Sajjan Singh Dhull	Pundri
4. Smt. Sunita Bhattan	Pundri
5. Shri Rajiv Mamuram Gondar	Nilokheri (SC)
6. Shri Dayal Singh Sirohi	Nilokheri (SC)
7. Shri Vijay Jain	Panipat Rural
8. Shri Dilbag Sandil	Uchana Kalan
9. Shri Ajit Phogat	Dadri
10. Shri Abhijeet Singh	Bhiwani
11. Shri Satbir Ratera	Bawani Khera (SC)
12. Smt. Nitu Mann	Prithla
13. Smt. Anita Dhull Badsikri	Kalayot

Udai Bhan
President
Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee

ED Jalandhar attaches properties worth Rs 22.78 crores Tender Scam

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Shahbad : Enforcement Directorate (ED), Jalandhar has provisionally attached properties worth Rs. 22.78 Crore (approx) in a case related to a Tender Scam in the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Government of Punjab.

The properties attached, belonging to persons

involved in money laundering, include

immovable properties situated at Ludhiana, Mohali, Khanna and other parts of Punjab and movable properties in the form of FDRs, Gold Jewellery, Bullions and bank accounts.

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Chandigarh : The Haryana Pradesh Congress Committee (HPCC) today expelled 13 party leaders for a period of six years for engaging in "anti-party activities." The leaders had chosen to contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections as independent candidates against official Congress nominees.

The decision to expel the leaders was taken to maintain party discipline, according to a statement issued by HPCC chief Udai Bhan.

The leaders expelled include Naresh Dhande (Guhla-SC), Pardeep Gill (Jind), Sajjan Singh Dhull (Pundri), Sunita Bhattan (Pundri), Rajiv Mamuram Gondar (Nilokheri-SC), Dayal Singh Sirohi (Nilokheri-SC), Vijay Jain (Panipat Rural), Dilbag Sandil (Uchana Kalan), Ajit Phogat (Dadri), Abhijeet Singh (Bhiwani), Satbir Ratera (Bawani Khera-SC), Nitu Mann (Prithla), and Anita Dhull Badsikri (Kalayat). Despite efforts to placate several

leaders dissatisfied over being denied tickets, these 13 members proceeded to file their nominations independently. The Congress party, in a bid to curtail further indiscipline, acted swiftly in expelling them.

While some leaders initially showed discontent, prominent figures such as Sampat Singh, who had filed his nomination from the Nalwa seat, and Ram Kishen 'Fauji' from Bawani Khera, eventually withdrew their candidacies after party interventions. In Ambala, former MLA Jasbir Malaur also stepped aside in favor of Congress's official candidate, Nirmal Singh. However, Chitra Sarwara, the daughter of Nirmal Singh, continues to contest as a rebel from Ambala Cantt, with the party having already taken disciplinary action against her. The Haryana Assembly polls are scheduled for October 5, and the Congress remains focused on curbing dissension within its ranks to ensure electoral success.

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Chandigarh : The Tricity found itself in deep trouble as torrential rain triggered tree uprooting, traffic snarls and massive waterlogging.

A fully grown tree collapsed in Sector 45, damaging some parked vehicles and disrupting power supply in the area for some time. The horticulture department of the MC removed the tree after getting information about the incident.

MC sources said the incessant rain led to the felling of the tree. "The tree directly fell on the electrical wires. We immediately sent our team to remove the tree," an official of the MC said.

Heavy traffic jams were witnessed on Dakshin Marg and Madhya Marg in Chandigarh due to flooding of roads. Traffic police hit the ground zero to



manage the crisis on roads and kept commuters in loop about waterlogging on roads through social media too.

Stuck in jams, many commuters reached their offices late. Heavy traffic jams were reported from Zirakpur-Chandigarh barrier to poultry farm chowk.

On Dakshin Marg, traffic snarls were majorly seen on gurdwara chowk (Sector 33 side), iron market chowk, Sector 30 and roundabouts of Sector 20/21, 33/34. Waterlogging also put traffic out of gear on Madhya

Marg where heavy traffic jams were witnessed at transport light point, Kalagram light point and Sector 27/27/19 roundabout.

Severe traffic congestion was reported across Mohali, Kharar, Zirakpur, and Derabassi. Serpentine queues of vehicles were observed at Mohali entry point in Derabassi, Patiala crossing in Zirakpur, beneath Kharar flyover, and on Kharar-Landra road. The vehicles moved at a snail's pace, resulting in many individuals arriving late at their workplaces.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 teaser: Vidya Balan's Manjulika gives you thrills in a scary ride

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New Delhi : The makers of Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 released the teaser of the film today, September 27. The video finally gave a grand glimpse of Vidya Balan's character, Manjulika, and also revealed the other characters from the show. While Triptii Dimri and Kartik Aaryan could be seen romancing in stunning visuals, it seems like the makers deliberately kept Madhuri Dixit's character hidden. The teaser gave away enough to excite the audience and make their wait difficult for the film's release. Vidya's performance, with her chilling laughter and dialogues that make you jittery, remained the highlight of the video. She lifts the throne and instantly takes you back to her original performance in the 2007 hit film in which she was seen lifting a huge bed to add more spookiness to the film. Directed by Anees Bazmee, this is the third film in the horror-



comedy franchise, and Kartik appears as energetic as he looked in the second film, which was a mega success at the box office. The film's teaser promises a rich big screen appearance. The background music looks impressive, especially with the title song creating just the right kind of nostalgia. There's a mystery and thriller in the teaser, adding more value to the narrative. Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 looks like a complete package of horror and comedy. At least, the teaser helps strengthen your faith

about the same. The film features a stunning supporting cast, including Rajpal Yadav, Vijay Raaz, Ashwini Kalsekar, Rajesh Sharma and Sanjai Mishra, among others. The film is slated to hit the screens as the big Diwali release on November 1. It is facing a box office clash with Ajay Devgn's Singham Again. With a strong teaser like this, it will now be interesting to see what the Rohit Shetty-directorial has got in store for us!

Saif Ali Khan on Telugu cinema: They treat their heroes like gods

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New Delhi : Bollywood star Saif Ali Khan is known for his versatile roles and his willingness to experiment with different genres. He will soon be seen in the Telugu film Devara, where he will share the screen with RRR star Jr NTR. The actor opened up about his experience of dabbling in the Telugu film industry, shooting for Devara and the industry's treatment of its heroes. Speaking at India Today Conclave Mumbai, Saif shared what Bollywood could learn from the Telugu industry, "Being really rooted with the audience they are making the film for. They (the Telugu industry) are very clear and have a strong understanding. They are grounded in our own culture. Baahubali is an example; it is kind of mythological and historical. Plus, they treat their heroes like gods, which, in a sense, is what commercial cinema should be." Saif also praised how the films are shot in the South.



"The way they shoot is kind of phenomenal. We are in the same country, but it is an entirely different kind of industry. The language is different, but once the camera is on, and you are acting, it becomes a universal language. Koratala Siva (Devara director) said he would help me and cue me and I took it quite quickly. There were pages of dialogue, but it was thrilling," the actor stated. Emphasising on the production value of Telugu movies, Saif added, "They are making amazing movies there, which are

very successful, and they shape them, mould them and treat their heroes amazingly. They make fab films. As an actor in Mumbai, if I'm good with the language and if I am not just speaking English, and they are dubbing it later, it is a new horizon for me," he signed off. Saif Ali Khan will next be seen in Devara, where he will share the screen with Jr NTR, Janhvi Kapoor and Prakash Raj, among others. The film releases in cinemas on September 27.

'Bade Miyan 3/10' crew backs Ali Abbas Zafar amid producers' fund siphoning accusations



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New Delhi : Film director Ali Abbas Zafar has entered a legal battle with producers Vashu Bhagnani and Jacky Bhagnani, with whom he collaborated on the Akshay Kumar-Tiger Shroff starrer Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. The Bhagnanis have filed a 17-page police complaint against Ali, claiming "criminal conspiracy" and "misappropriation of funds," while the film's crew has rallied in support of the director.

Khalid, an actor in Bade Miyan Chote Miyan, expressed his frustrations on Instagram, stating he had to "beg" Pooja Entertainment to clear his dues. Although Jacky Bhagnani promised payment, he later blocked Khalid, who revealed it was Ali's AAZ Films that ultimately settled his payments.

"In such a situation, it was only the team at AAZ Films who would always answer the calls and reassure me that I would be paid. The team at AAZ Films paid us and cleared our dues," Khalid wrote.

Action director Parvez Shaikh also took to social media to defend Ali, asserting that the accusations against him and AAZ Films are "completely baseless." He mentioned his long-standing relationship with Ali since 2014, noting he has never faced payment issues. "They are people of their word when it comes to business," Parvez said regarding AAZ Films.

"Finally, after the subsidy money from Abu Dhabi for Bade Miyan Chote Miyan was released, my dues were cleared. I'd like to thank the team from AAZ Films, especially Ali Abbas Zafar and Himanshu Mehra, who cleared all my payments and the wages for the hardworking stuntmen through the Movie Stunt Artist Association," Parvez wrote on Instagram.

The action director further claimed that the expensive equipment taken to London for the film's shoot is still with the studio Pooja Entertainment, with no updates on when it will be returned.

"We've worked on another project named 'Eagle' with Pooja Entertainment in India, and to date, we haven't received payments for worker wages and equipment," he added.

Film editor Steven Bernard also highlighted payment delays on Instagram, stating, "I had a very urgent

and serious family emergency with my father's hospitalization for over two months and needed funds. I followed up regularly, but there was no breakthrough. Throughout, AAZ Films were supportive and assured me that I would receive my remuneration. Finally, this week, after the subsidy from Abu Dhabi was released, thanks to the team from AAZ Films, I received the last installment in full."

After Ali Abbas Zafar complained to FWICE about the non-payment of his dues, producers Vashu Bhagnani and Jacky Bhagnani released a copy of a police complaint they filed against him weeks ago for 'siphoning of funds' during the shoot of Bade Miyan Chote Miyan.

Earlier, the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) released an official statement confirming that Ali, along with other directors who made films for Pooja Entertainment, had claimed non-payment of their dues. This includes Tinu Desai, who directed the Akshay Kumar-starrer Mission Raniganj, and Vikas Bahl, who helmed Ganpat, starring Tiger Shroff. None of these films performed well at the box office, leading to financial losses for the producers.

The federation mentioned Ali's complaint and stated, "We have now received a complaint from Director Mr. Ali Abbas Zafar for not being paid his direction fees for the film 'Bade Miyan Chote Miyan,' which was released on 11th April 2024. Not only this, we have received complaints from the largest association of daily wage-setting workers, FSSAMU, regarding the non-payment of dues for these poor daily wage workers (sic)."

Meanwhile, Bhagnani has also sued Netflix for "cheating and conspiring against the rights" of his three recent films—Hero No 1, Mission Raniganj, and Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. The producer lodged a complaint against Los Gatos Production Services India, which manages Netflix's content investments in India, as well as Zoo Digital India and the executives of both companies.

Additionally, reports suggest that the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has summoned the production services company for further investigation.

It's story TIME

The Lion and the Poor Slave

There was once a slave who was treated cruelly by his master. One day, he couldn't take it anymore and ran to the forest to escape. There, he chanced upon a lion who couldn't walk because of the thorn in its paw. Although scared, the slave mustered his courage and took out the thorn in the lion's paw. When the lion was finally free of the thorn, he ran into the forest and didn't harm the slave. Sometime later, the slave was caught by his master along with some animals in the forest. The master then ordered the slave to be thrown into the lion's den. When the slave saw the lion, he recognized it as the lion he helped in the forest. The slave was able to escape the den unharmed, and he freed all the other animals.



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Another blow to ex-Andhra CM Jagan Reddy, 3rd YSR Congress MP quits

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Amravati : YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) MP Ryaga Krishnaiah resigned from his Rajya Sabha seat on Tuesday, becoming the third leader of the party to step down after its defeat in the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar accepted Krishnaiah's resignation with immediate effect.

Recently, Beedha Mastan Rao Jadhav and Venkataramana Rao Mopidevi, both from YSRCP, resigned from their Rajya Sabha membership with plans to join the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

With the latest resignation, YSR



Congress Party now has nine members remaining in the Rajya Sabha.

The YSR Congress Party stated on Tuesday that Krishnaiah's resignation from the Rajya Sabha would not weaken the party, accusing him of aligning with TDP chief and Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Chandrababu

Naidu. YSRCP leaders P Anil Kumar Yadav and K Karumuri Nageswar Rao expressed disappointment over Krishnaiah's resignation, alleging that Naidu was "buying" leaders.

"Chandrababu is using such tactics to distract from his failure in providing effective governance. Krishnaiah's actions will not weaken the YSR Congress Party, and the public will respond strongly and teach a lesson when the time comes," the YSRCP leaders said in a statement.

Multi-crore scam behind cancellation of Hyderabad's Pharma City project-KTR

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Hyderabad : BRS Working President KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress-led Telangana government, alleging a major land scam in the proposed cancellation of the Hyderabad Pharma City project.

Speaking to the media, KTR accused the government of deceiving both the public and the high court, claiming that the government has taken different positions on the Pharma City project.

"There's a thousand of crores land scam behind the Pharma City cancellation. We will soon reveal all the details," KTR said, adding that the move is "a conspiracy to benefit the Chief Minister's brothers with billions of rupees."

"On one hand, they claim Pharma City is cancelled, but in the High Court, they state it hasn't been cancelled. How can they mislead the judiciary like this?" KTR questioned the feasibility of the government's alternative proposals. "They talk about the



Future City, AI City, and Fourth City. Have they acquired even an acre of land for these? How can they repurpose Pharma City lands without acquiring any new land?," he added.

"We proposed Pharma City with 14,000 acres and an investment of ₹64,000 crores. The land was acquired under conditional acquisition and cannot be repurposed for other projects." KTR warned of severe consequences if the government continues its alleged deception. "This attempt to mislead the High Court will face consequences both in court and in the people's court," KTR added.

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asserted that this attempt to mislead the high court would face consequences both in court and in the people's court.

The former minister demanded clarity from the Revanth Reddy-led government.

"Is Pharma City still operational or not? The government must clarify this tomorrow in the High Court," he insisted. Expressing concern over the project's potential cancellation, KTR stated, "Cancelling Pharma City will not only harm industrial progress but also result in the loss of thousands of job opportunities in Telangana," he said.

He also urged the Reddy-government to abandon what he termed as "corrupt schemes" and continue with the original Pharma City project.

"The land given by farmers for industrial development should not be used for corrupt land deals," KTR said.

Government blocks websites exposing Aadhaar and PAN details of users

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New Delhi : The Government of India has blocked sites on the internet that are exposing the Aadhaar and PAN details of the citizens.

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology has identified some websites that were exposing sensitive personally identifiable information including Aadhaar and PAN Card details of the citizens.

The Unique Identification Authority of India has lodged



a complaint concerning for violation of the prohibition under section 29(4) of the Aadhaar

Act 2016 on public display of Aadhaar information.

Further, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team has shown some security flaws in the alleged websites.

The concerned website owners have been guided on the actions to be taken at their end to make necessary changes and fix the sensitivities.

Man throws acid on wife's face after she discovers his affair, asks for divorce

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Mumbai : A 34-year-old man attacked his wife in Mumbai by throwing acid in her face after she found out about his affair and asked for divorce from him. The incident happened in the Malvani area, following which the woman, 27, was rushed to the Cooper hospital where she is currently undergoing treatment for severe burns.

The couple had a love marriage in 2019, but soon after, the woman discovered that her husband was unemployed, addicted to drugs, and involved in an extramarital affair. These issues led her to seek a divorce.



For the past three months, the woman had been staying with her mother in Malad. On Wednesday (September 25) morning, her husband forcibly entered her mother's residence and threw a corrosive substance at her, causing serious injuries.

Following her complaint, the police registered a case against the husband under multiple sections of the Bharitya Nayaya Sanhita (BNS), including 124(2) (Voluntarily causing hurt by use of acid), 311 (Robbery or dacoity with an attempt to cause death or grievous hurt), 333 (House-trespass after preparation for hurt, assault, or wrongful restraint), and 352 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

"Do You Support Separate Flag For J&K": Yogi Adityanath to Rahul Gandhi



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Ramgarh : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath asked Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, whether he supports the National Conference's demand to bring back Article 370 and Article 35 A and separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a gathering in Ramgarh Assembly Constituency of Jammu and Kashmir, CM Yogi said, "I want to ask Congress leader Rahul Gandhi whether he supports the National Conference's decision to have a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir? Does Rahul Gandhi support the National Conference's demand to bring back Article 370 and 35A and push Jammu and Kashmir into an era of unrest and terrorism?"

CM Yogi added, "Does the Congress support promoting separatism again by talking to Pakistan at the cost of the youth of Kashmir? ..."

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah hit back at Rahul Gandhi, reminding him that Congress imposed president's rule most number of times in Jammu and Kashmir.

"Rahul Gandhi just gave a statement that outsiders will rule in Jammu and Kashmir. He was referring to our LG Sahab (Manoj Sinha). Rahul baba, those who write your speeches doesnot tell you the truth. If there is a party that has imposed Presidential rule most number of times in Jammu and Kashmir, it is the Congress," Amit Shah said while addressing a public meeting in Kathua which went to polls in the first phase of polling held on September 18.

The Home Minister cited the polling turnout, saying that it was the end of terrorism in the region that had led to the increased turnout.

"Due to the end of terrorism, Jammu and Kashmir has witnessed a record 55 percent voting. Farooq Sahib, those days are over when one could go to the Lok Sabha by getting 8 thousand votes. Now democracy has become strong in Jammu and Kashmir," Amit Shah said.

The Home Minister also said that it was PM Modi's effort that had put the decision making power in the hands of the people.

"You have Panch-Sarpanch in your villages now. Over 40,000 people now celebrate democracy in Jammu and Kashmir. For decades, the 3 dynasties of NC, Congress and PDP promoted nepotism. Now, due to Modi ji's efforts, the youth of J&K takes part in the decision-making for improving conditions in the state," he said.

Amit Shah added, "If BJP candidates Jeevan Lal and Dilip Singh win, then there will be celebrations across the country. But if Congress and NC (National Conference) candidates win, then celebrations will be held in Pakistan. Do you wish Pakistan to celebrate?..."

The BJP leader vowed that they will not allow Rahul Gandhi to end reservation (in case Congress is voted to power).

"Rahul baba has said that they will end reservation when they come to power. Rahul Baba, no matter what your intention is, we will not let you end reservation," Amit Shah added.

The second phase of J-K assembly polls was held on September 25. The third and final phase of voting will be held on October 1 while the counting of votes will take place on October 8. Assembly elections are being held in the Union Territory nearly after a gap of ten years and are the first once since the abrogation of Article 370.

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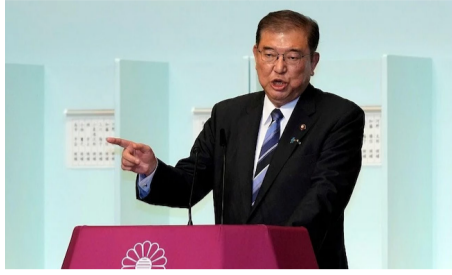
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Shigeru Ishiba, 67, is Japan's new PM after winning closely fought polls

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New Delhi : Former Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba successfully secured the role of Japan's Prime Minister on his fifth attempt, prevailing in a competitive race among nine candidates vying to succeed Fumio Kishida. Shigeru Ishiba will be sworn in as Japan's 102nd Prime Minister by the Diet on October 1, the same day Fumio Kishida officially



steps down from the role. The 67-year-old Shigeru Ishiba triumphed over hardline

nationalist Sanae Takaichi in a run-off vote, capping one of Japan's most unpredictable leadership elections in decades, with a record nine candidates in the race. As leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has dominated Japan's post-war political landscape, Ishiba is assured of becoming the next Prime Minister due to the party's majority in parliament.

Major Boost to India's Bid for Permanent Seat at UN Security Council

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New York : UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer backed India's bid for a permanent membership of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), days after US President Joe Biden and France's Emmanuel Macron made a similar pitch. Addressing the general debate of the United Nations General Assembly's seventy-ninth session in New York, Mr Starmer said the UNSC has to change to become a "more representative body". At present, the UNSC comprises five permanent members and 10 non-permanent member countries which are elected for a two-year term by the General Assembly of the United Nations. The five permanent members are Russia, the UK, China, France, and the United States, which have the power to veto any substantive resolution. "We want to see permanent African representation on the Council, Brazil, India, Japan, and Germany as permanent members, and more seats for elected members as well," Mr Starmer said. Earlier, French President Emmanuel Macron had also voiced strong support for India's inclusion as a



permanent member of the UNSC. "As long as we have a Security Council that is blocked, I would say, reciprocally according to the interests of each party, we will have difficulty moving forward. So let's just make these United Nations more effective, first by perhaps making them more representative. That is why France, and I repeat here, is in favor of the Security Council being expanded," he told the UN General Assembly. "Germany, Japan, India, and Brazil should be permanent members, as well as two countries that Africa will decide to represent it," he added. Last week, Joe Biden had also vouched for India as a permanent member of the UNSC. During his talks with Prime Minister

Narendra Modi at his home in Wilmington, Delaware on Saturday, Mr Biden said that the US supports initiatives to reform global institutions to reflect India's important voice, including permanent membership for New Delhi in a reformed UN Security Council. India has argued for decades that it deserves to be a member of the UNSC. New Delhi has said that the 15-nation council founded in 1945 is not fit for purpose in the 21st Century and does not reflect contemporary geo-political realities. India last sat at the UN high table as a non-permanent member in 2021-22. At the 'Summit of the Future' on Sunday, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had also warned that the 15-nation UNSC, which he described as "outdated" and whose authority is eroding, will eventually lose all credibility unless its composition and working methods are reformed.

America's Big Corporate Divide as US Election comes knocking on the Door

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Washington : America is increasingly divided on political lines as the 2024 Presidential election approaches. Though open and upfront divergence in political ideology is not uncommon among citizens, especially in democracies and near elections, another big divide has emerged in the run-up to the November polls - that of Corporate America. Tech behemoths, banking giants, large corporations and even regional and small firms stand on either side of this political divide. On November 5, citizens across the US will vote for their next president between Democrat candidate Kamala Harris and her Republican rival Donald Trump. The divide is straightforward - "liberal and left-leaning" Kamala Harris vs "protectionist and right-leaning" Donald Trump.



TECH BEHEMOTHS DIVIDED
Big tech has joined the cause, aligning themselves to their chosen candidate. Employees at Microsoft, Google (Alphabet), Amazon, and Sun Microsystems have donated millions of dollars to Kamala Harris's campaign, according to the data made public by political watchdog OpenSecrets. The contribution to Ms Harris's campaign is significantly more than what was given to the Trump campaign.

Tech billionaires like Elon Musk and Mark Zuckerberg are, however, rallying strongly for Donald Trump. The contributions they have made directly to the Trump campaign are not available at the moment. Meta chief executive Zuckerberg made public statements supporting right-wing "censorship" narratives and praised Donald Trump for being a "badass". He later claimed he wanted to appear "neutral" and nonpartisan. The report also said that Mr Zuckerberg sent a letter to the powerful House Judiciary Committee, stating that the Biden administration had "pressured" Meta to "censor" content. "In 2021, senior officials from the Biden Administration, including the White House, repeatedly pressured our teams for months to censor certain COVID-19 content, including humor and satire, and expressed a lot of frustration with our teams when we didn't agree," Mr Zuckerberg said. The letter was immediately weaponised by Trump, who claimed once again that the 2020 election was stolen. Elon Musk, however, has been far

more open in his support for Trump. According to a report in the Wall Street Journal, Musk had said in July that he is personally donating \$45 million every month to an organisation called America PAC, which in turn looks after the Trump campaign.

Another big venture capitalist who is openly backing Donald Trump is Peter Theil.

Indian-American billionaire and co-founder of Sun Microsystems, Vinod Khosla, and venture capitalist Reid Hoffman are among those strongly backing Kamala Harris.

Election funding data reveals that Sundar Pichai-led Google (Alphabet), and its subsidiaries have donated \$2.16 million to Kamala Harris. In comparison, the same companies donated much smaller amounts to the Trump campaign.

While Satya Nadella-led Microsoft donated \$1.1 million to Kamala Harris's campaign, Jeff Bezos-led Amazon donated \$1 million. In comparison, the same groups made much lower contributions to the Trump campaign - \$88,000 from Microsoft and \$116,000 from Amazon and their employees.

More than a hundred venture capitalists and big tech companies in Silicon Valley, which has largely been left-leaning in the past, have backed Kamala Harris.

BANKING AND OIL GIANTS

Banking corporations and crude oil firms appear to be leaning towards Trump, thanks to his promise of less tax and less regulation in these sectors. Even the US stock market reflected that sentiment when there were assassination attempts against the Republican leader.

According to a Bloomberg report, CEOs of Oil giants have been getting signals from Donald Trump to go big on drilling due to Trump's love for oil. Trump has openly said that he does not believe in Climate Change and has called it a "lie". He has also said that he believes in coal and oil for energy because of the advantage United States has in the sector. The ex-President has also faced criticism from climate activists like Greta Thunberg for his view on the issue.

Biden signs stopgap spending bill to avoid government shutdown before polls

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Washington : President Joe Biden signed a temporary government spending bill that keeps agencies operating into December, after Congress punted key spending decisions until after the November election. The bill generally funds agencies at current levels through December 20, setting up the prospect of a government shutdown fight just before the holiday season. Lawmakers did agree to add \$231 million to bolster the Secret Service after the two assassination attempts against Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump. Money was



also added to aid with the presidential transition. The measure easily passed Congress on a bipartisan basis, 341-82 in the House and 78-18 in the Senate, with Republicans supplying all the no votes in both chambers.

House Speaker Mike Johnson, R-La., billed the measure as doing "only what's absolutely necessary," a statement directed at members of his own conference concerned about spending levels. Johnson said the only alternative to the continuing resolution at this stage would have been a government shutdown. The temporary measure was needed because Congress is nowhere close to completing work on the dozen annual appropriations bills that fund much of the federal government. The House has passed five of the 12 bills, mostly along party lines. The Senate has passed zero.

Hezbollah drone chief killed as Netanyahu vows to strike Lebanon with full force

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Jerusalem : In a major escalation of the ongoing Israel-Lebanon conflict, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to continue "full force" military strikes against Hezbollah until the militant group halts its rocket fire. Netanyahu's stance dampened hopes for a cease-fire proposal put forth by US and European officials, who have been pushing for a temporary halt in fighting and to avert an all-out war.



State Antony Blinken, are engaged in ongoing discussions with Israeli officials to consider the proposed truce. White House spokesperson John Kirby said Israel was fully informed about the ceasefire proposal, while French President Emmanuel Macron expressed hope that Tel Aviv's rejection was not final. "It would be a mistake by the prime minister to refuse it because he would be taking responsibility for regional escalation," Macron said. At a General Assembly meeting, Lebanese Foreign Minister Abdallah Bou Habib appealed to the UN for an immediate ceasefire, warning that the situation is "threatening the very existence" of Lebanon. Israel announced the killing of Hezbollah drone commander Mohammed Hussein Surour in a "precise" strike on Beirut,

which the militant group later confirmed. According to the Lebanese health ministry, the strike resulted in at least two deaths and 15 injuries.

In response to Israeli strikes, Hezbollah launched dozens of rockets into northern Israel, with over 45 missiles fired on Thursday, all of which were either intercepted or landed in unpopulated areas.

In London, US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin expressed concerns about the risk of full-scale war in the region but remained optimistic about a diplomatic solution. "Israel and Lebanon can choose a different path... a diplomatic solution is still viable," Austin stated.

The cross-border hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah have resulted in devastating humanitarian consequences. Nearly 700 people have been killed in Lebanon this week alone in Israeli strikes.

The violence has displaced tens of thousands on both sides of the border. Over 90,000 people have been displaced in Lebanon since the recent escalation, adding to a total of 200,000 displaced individuals since the conflict began.

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No Lokayukta FIR yet against Siddaramaiah in Muda case. petitioner slams delay



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Bengaluru : Despite a special court order, Lokayukta police in Karnataka are delaying the registration of an FIR against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case, citing the need for legal clarification.

On Wednesday, Special Court Judge Santhosh Gajanan Bhat ordered the Lokayukta police to launch an investigation against Siddaramaiah, following the Karnataka High Court's decision to uphold the Governor's sanction for the probe. The allegations involve the illegal allotment of 14 sites to Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, by MUDA.

However, Lokayukta officials have not yet registered the FIR, prompting criticism from complainants. Snehamayi Krishna, one of the petitioners in the MUDA case, accused the Lokayukta police of disobeying the court order and playing a waiting game.

Krishna alleged that the Lokayukta police were not obeying the court order and the Mysuru Lokayukta Superintendent of Police T J Udesha was not "reachable." He expressed frustration over the delay, alleging that the Lokayukta police were stalling under political pressure.

Siddaramaiah has vehemently denied the allegations and refused

to resign, terming the charges against him a conspiracy by the BJP.

"I will not resign," he said. "HD Kumaraswamy is a minister, he is on bail after an FIR was lodged against him. He is a minister in the Narendra Modi government. It's a politics by them to destabilise our government, that's why they are doing it. They tried Operation Lotus, but they failed because we are 136 legislators. They formed government without a mandate twice, did Yediyurappa win? We will fight it legally," Siddaramaiah added.

The BJP has intensified its demand for Siddaramaiah's resignation and called for the case to be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for an impartial probe.

Meanwhile, the Karnataka government on Thursday withdrew the general consent given to the CBI to investigate cases in the state, alleging that the agency was "biased." Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister HK Patil denied any connection between this decision and the MUDA allegations.

The MUDA case revolves around allegations that compensatory sites with higher property value were allotted to Siddaramaiah's wife in lieu of her land acquired by the authority. MUDA had allotted plots to Parvathi under a 50:50 ratio scheme, sparking widespread criticism and legal challenges.

Andhra government forms 9-member team to probe animal fat in Tirupati laddus

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Hyderabad : Amid the row over the presence of animal fats in Tirupati laddus, the Andhra Pradesh government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the alleged adulteration of ghee used in preparing the famous Tirumala Venkanna laddu. The SIT will be led by Guntur Range Inspector General of Police, Sarvashresth Tripathi.

The SIT will also probe the other irregularities that reportedly took place during the previous YSR Congress party's regime in Tirumala. Sarvashresth Tripathi, a 2006 batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, had previously served as the Superintendent of Police (SP) for the combined Guntur and Krishna districts.

Apart from Tripathi, the SIT team consists of other key members, including Gopinath Jatti, IPS, who serves as the Deputy Inspector General for the Visakhapatnam Range; V Harshavardhan Raju, IPS, the Superintendent of Police for YSR Kadapa District; and Venkat



Rao, Additional Superintendent of Police for the Tirupati District. Other members include G Sitarama Rao and J Sivanarayana Swamy, both Deputy Superintendents of Police; T Satyanarayana, an inspector from the Special Branch in Annamayya District; K Umamaheswar, an inspector from the NTR Police Commissionerate in Vijayawada; and M Suryanarayana, a circle inspector from Kalluru in Chittoor District.

"The SIT may call for relevant information and assistance from any Department of the Government in the course of the investigation. All government departments shall cooperate with the SIT in discharge of its duties and duly submit

any information or technical assistance called for. Similarly, the SIT may seek any external expert assistance duly requesting the Director General of Police," the government order reads.

WHAT IS THE CONTROVERSY?

The controversy came under the spotlight after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had claimed last week that substandard ingredients, including animal fat, were discovered in the laddus served as prasad at Tirupati temple during the previous Jagan Mohan Reddy's government.

Referring to a private lab report from Gujarat, Naidu alleged the presence of "beef tallow," "lard" (relating to pig fat) and fish oil in the ghee.

However, former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy denied the claims, stating that no violation occurred under his regime. Reddy also blamed Naidu for doing "politics in the name of God," and called the Chief Minister "a pathological and habitual liar."

Null and void: China as mountaineers name Arunachal peak after 6th Dalai Lama

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New Delhi : A livid China said the act of a group of Indian mountaineers naming a peak in Arunachal Pradesh after the 6th Dalai Lama was illegal. Addressing a media briefing, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson reiterated the nation's longstanding claim on Arunachal Pradesh, which it calls Zangnan.

"It's illegal, and null and void for India to set up the so-called 'Arunachal Pradesh' in Chinese territory," spokesperson Lin Jian said.

Lin said he was unaware of the specific incident but affirmed China's consistent position on the region. India has not yet reacted to China's remarks but has maintained that Arunachal Pradesh was an integral part of India and assigning "invented" names does not alter this reality.



On September 25, a team of the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS), under the Ministry of Defence, scaled an unnamed and uncharted peak in Arunachal Pradesh and named it after the 6th Dalai Lama, Tsangyang Gyatso. The expedition to the 20,942-foot peak was led by director Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal.

According to a Defence Ministry

press release, the naming of the peak after the 6th Dalai Lama was a tribute to his "timeless wisdom and profound contributions" to the Monpa community. The Monpa community is the only nomadic tribe in Northeast India.

The Defence Ministry said the peak was one of the most technically challenging and unexplored summits in the region, highlighting how the mountaineering team overcame "sheer ice walls, treacherous crevasses, and a two-km-long glacier".

Sources said the necessary formalities were being completed to ensure that "Tsangyang Gyatso Peak" is recognised on India's official map.

2 engineering college buses collide in Telangana. 1 dead, 10 students injured

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Hyderabad : One died and several were injured after two buses from an engineering college collided near a temple in Telangana's Medak district today morning. The crash took place around 9:00 am as both buses were reportedly travelling at high speeds.

One driver died at the scene, while the other driver suffered injuries. Ten students, belonging to B V Raju Institute of Technology, on



board sustained serious injuries and were transported to a local hospital with assistance from

nearby residents. The college management confirmed that plans are in place to transfer the critically injured students to Hyderabad for further medical treatment.

Authorities from Narsapur police have initiated an investigation into the incident to establish the cause of the collision.

Central Govt hikes minimum wage rates, effective from Oct 1

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New Delhi : The central government has announced an increase in minimum wage rates by revising the Variable Dearness Allowance.

The new wage rates will take effect from 1st October. The minimum wage rates are categorized based on skill levels—unskilled, semi-skilled, skilled, and highly skilled, as well as by geographical areas A, B, and C.

After the revision, minimum wage rates for workers in

Rise in the Minimum Rate of Wages for the employees in Agriculture Sector			
Category of Worker	Rate of Wages Including Variable Dearness Allowance (V.D.A) area-wise per day (In Rupees)		
	Area 'A'	Area 'B'	Area 'C'
Unskilled	500	457	452
Semi-Skilled/unskilled Supervisory	546	502	462
Skilled/Clerical	593	546	501
Highly Skilled	656	611	546

*Effective from 01Oct2024

the area 'A' in construction,

sweeping, cleaning, and loading & unloading for unskilled work will be 783 rupees a day.

For semi-skilled workers, the minimum wage will be 868 rupees a day, and for skilled, clerical, and watch & ward (without arms), the minimum wage will be 954 rupees a day.

For highly skilled workers and watch & ward (with arms), the revised wage will be 1,035 rupees a day.

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