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Aspirants on field as process for Panchayat poll starts

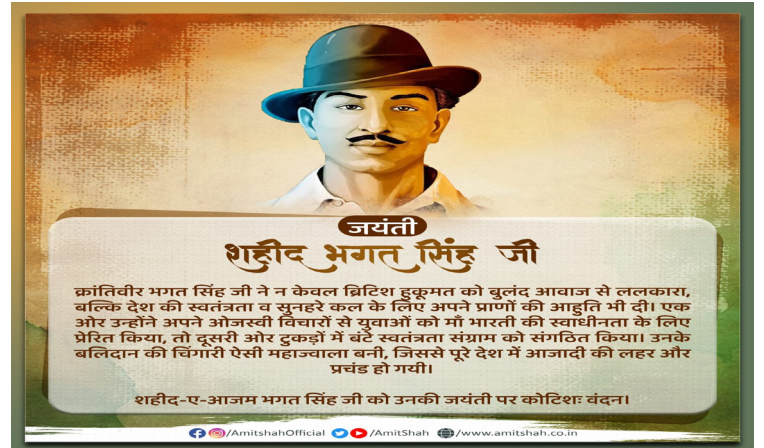
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Mohali : As the electioneering process for the election of panches and sarpanches of villages falling under Punjab has started many aspiring candidates has stated their campaign to woo voters. Many aspirants along with their supporters visited the offices at designated places to collect forms required for filing the nominations. Teams of returning officers and assistant returning officers had been deputed at designated places who said several villagers collected information and application forms to submit nomination papers for posts of sarpanches and panches. They added that polling for the posts has been scheduled to take place on October 15. Meanwhile, the government employees deployed on poll duty for the forthcoming panchayat elections have been



cautioned against negligence or wilful default during the entire exercise. They have been told to ensure the elections were conducted in a transparent manner. As per sources report authorities has issues instructions that nominations would be accepted from 11 am to 3 pm on working days according to the schedule publicised at block-level offices. They said the upper limit for expenses for a sarpanch's election has been fixed at Rs 40,000 and Rs 30,000 for the post of a panch.

PM and Home Minister pay tribute to Shaheed Bhagat Singh



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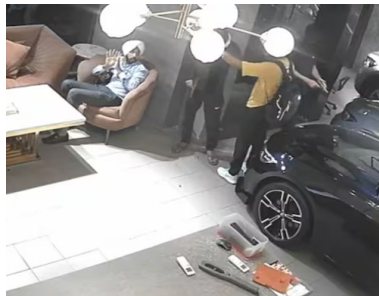
New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have paid their tributes to freedom fighter Bhagat Singh on his birth anniversary today. In a social media post, Mr. Modi offered his salutations to Bhagat Singh and said that he was an immortal martyr who sacrificed his life to protect the self-respect of the motherland.

The Home Minister Amit Shah said that Revolutionary Bhagat Singh Ji not only challenged British rule with a loud voice but also sacrificed his life for the freedom and golden future of the country. Shah said that the spark of Bhagat Singh's sacrifice became such a great flame that the wave of freedom became more intense in the entire country.

3 firing incidents in 24 hours

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New Delhi : Delhi was rattled by three separate firing incidents in the past 24 hours, all believed to be linked to extortion attempts. The incidents occurred at a luxury car showroom, a hotel, and a sweet shop, police said. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents. Police suspect the involvement of various gangs operating in the city, with notes left at each scene claiming responsibility for the shootings. 20 rounds fired at car showroom In the first incident, a showroom in Narayan Vihar area of West Delhi specialising in old luxury cars was targeted. Gunmen fired 20 rounds at the establishment before fleeing the scene, leaving behind a slip of paper with the name of with the name of Portugal-based gangster Himanshu Bhu. Sources said this is the second time in recent months that the same gang has targeted a car showroom in West Delhi. Hotel attacked in Mahipalpur In a separate incident, a hotel in Delhi's Mahipalpur area was fired upon, with no injuries reported. Police sources revealed that the hotel owner had previously received extortion calls. The Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldie Brar gang, notorious for similar crimes in the past, is suspected of being responsible for the



attack. The gang's involvement has raised concerns about the growing influence of organised crime in the capital. Firing at sweets shop in Nangloi The third shooting occurred at a sweets shop in Nangloi, Outer Delhi. Two masked individuals arrived on a bike and fired 3-4 rounds at the shop, also breaking the glass windows. Police recovered three empty cartridges and two live rounds from the scene. A note left behind at the site bore the name of gangster Deepak Boxer, who is currently lodged in Tihar Jail but is believed to be running his gang from behind bars. Delhi Police have launched investigations into all three incidents, with leads being pursued on the involvement of multiple gangs. A case has been registered, and further inquiries are on.

Political parties intensify campaigning for final phase of Assembly elections in J-K and Hry

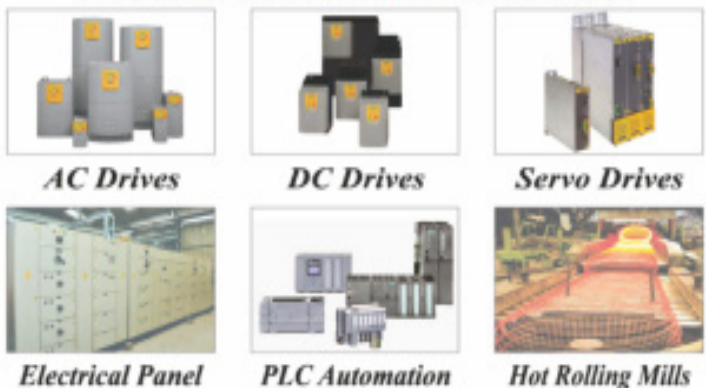
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Rajouri : Political parties have intensified their election campaign for the third and final phase of Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir and single-phase voting in Haryana. Polling in Jammu and Kashmir in the final phase will be held for 40 Assembly constituencies. Leaders of various political parties are holding back-to-back rallies and roadshows to woo the voters. Senior BJP leader and Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to address a rally in Jammu today, with security measures established for the event. Additionally, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi will also be speaking at rallies in the Union Territory today. In a related event, BJP National President and Union Minister JP Nadda held a rally in Kathua, Jammu, yesterday, where he commended the peaceful conduct of the Assembly elections in the region. Nadda emphasized that the electorate has opted for ballots instead of bullets, demonstrating their dedication to peace and development. During a subsequent press conference, he remarked that the youth in Kashmir are embracing the national mainstream while rejecting terrorism and violence. In Haryana, voting for the 90 Assembly



seats is set for October 5, and the campaign efforts in the state have similarly intensified. Senior BJP leader and Union Minister Amit Shah addressed three public meetings in Ambala, Kurukshetra, and Rewari yesterday. He underscored the initiatives implemented by the BJP government in Haryana and criticized the previous Congress administrations for their associations with corruption and inefficiency. Shah further accused the Congress of deceiving farmers regarding the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Congress leader Kumari Selja also held rallies in Kalanwali and Dabwali yesterday, where she condemned the BJP government for its treatment of farmers, laborers, traders, and unemployed youth.

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Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh

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Bhagat Singh was born on 27 September 1907, in the village of Banga in the Lyallpur district of the Punjab, then British India and is today Pakistan. Was the second of seven children—four sons, and three daughters—born to Vidyavati and her husband Kishan Singh Sandhu. Bhagat Singh after being sent to the village school in Banga for a few years, Bhagat Singh was enrolled in the Dayanand Anglo-Vedic School in Lahore. In 1923, he joined the National College in Lahore, founded two years earlier by Lala Lajpat Rai in response to Mahatma Gandhi's non-cooperation movement, which urged Indian students to shun schools and colleges subsidized by the British Indian government. Police became concerned with Singh's influence on youths and arrested him in May 1927 on the pretext that he had been involved in a bombing that had taken place in Lahore in October 1926. He was released on a surety of Rs. 60,000 five weeks after his arrest. A charismatic Indian socialist revolutionary who participated in the murder of a junior British police officer and an Indian head constable in a case of misplaced revenge for the death of an Indian nationalist. His participation thereafter in a largely symbolic bombing of the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi and hunger strike in jail turned him

Remember and Never Forget
Shaheed Bhagat Singh

28 September 1907 - 23 March 1931

into a household name in North India, and after his execution into a martyr and folk hero. His saga electrified a growing militancy in India, and prompted urgent action within the Indian National Congress's non-violent but eventually successful campaign for India's independence. In December 1928, Bhagat Singh and an associate, Shivaram Rajguru, both belonging to a small revolutionary group, the Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (also Army, or HSRA), shot dead a 21-year-old British police officer, John Saunders, in Lahore, Punjab, in what is today Pakistan, mistaking Saunders, who was still on probation, for the British senior

police superintendent, James Scott, whom they had intended to assassinate. They held Scott responsible for the death of a popular Indian nationalist leader Lala Lajpat Rai for having ordered a lathi (baton) charge in which Rai was injured and two weeks thereafter died of a heart attack. As Saunders exited a police station on a motorcycle, he was felled by a single bullet fired from across the street by Rajguru, a marksman. As he lay injured, he was shot at close range several times by Singh, the postmortem report showing eight bullet wounds. Another associate of Singh, Chandra Shekhar Azad, shot dead an Indian police head constable, Channan Singh, who attempted to give chase to Singh and Rajguru as they fled. After having escaped, Bhagat Singh and his associates used pseudonyms to publicly announce avenging Lajpat Rai's death,

putting up prepared posters that they had altered to show John Saunders as their intended target instead of James Scott. Singh was thereafter on the run for many months, and no convictions resulted at the time. Surfacing again in April 1929, he and another associate, Batukeshwar Dutt, set off two low-intensity homemade bombs among some unoccupied benches of the Central Legislative Assembly in Delhi. They showered leaflets from the gallery on the legislators below, shouted slogans, and allowed the authorities to arrest them. The arrest, and the resulting publicity, brought to light Singh's complicity in the John Saunders case. Awaiting trial, Singh gained public sympathy after he joined fellow defendant Jatin Das in a hunger strike, demanding better prison conditions for Indian prisoners, the strike ending in Das's death from starvation in September 1929. Bhagat Singh was convicted of the murder of John Saunders and Channan Singh, and hanged in March 1931, aged 23, he became a symbol; the act was forgotten, the symbol remained, and within a few months each town and village of the Punjab, and to a lesser extent in the rest of northern India, resounded with his name." In still later years, Singh, an atheist and socialist in adulthood, won admirers in India from among a political spectrum that included both communists and right-wing Hindu nationalists. Although many of Singh's associates, as well as many Indian anti-colonial revolutionaries, were also involved in daring acts and were either executed

or died violent deaths, few came to be lionised in popular art and literature as did Singh, who is sometimes referred to as the Shaheed-e-Azam ("Great martyr" in Urdu and Punjabi. Subhas Chandra Bose said that: "Bhagat Singh had become the symbol of the new awakening among the youths." Nehru acknowledged that Bhagat Singh's popularity was leading to a new national awakening, saying: "He was a clean fighter who faced his enemy in the open field ... he was like a spark that became a flame in a short time and spread from one end of the country to the other dispelling the prevailing darkness everywhere". Four years after Singh's hanging, the Director of the Intelligence Bureau, Sir Horace Williamson, wrote: "His photograph was on sale in every city and township and for a time rivaled in popularity even that of Mr. Gandhi himself".



Atul Sharma

Astro Speak by:
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Born on 29th 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 29th 2024 : You will be loaded with energy and will do something extraordinary today. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. You need to be patient with children or those who are less experienced than you are.	 Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Sep 29th 2024 : If you haven't been taking sufficient rest then you will feel extremely tired and will need extra rest. Monetary transactions will continuously take place throughout the day, and after the end of the day, you will be able to save enough.	 Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Sep 29th 2024 : Health front needs little care. Today financial losses seem likely if you invest on the words of others. Children cause some disappointment as they spend more time on outdoor activities than planning their career. One-sided infatuation will only bring you heartache.
 Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Sep 29th 2024 : Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice from their closed ones today, which can benefit them financially. Give priorities to the needs of family members.	 Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Sep 29th 2024 : Too much worry may disturb mental peace. Avoid this as every bit of anxiety fretfulness and worry affects body adversely. Those who had invested their money on the advice of an unknown person are very likely to gain benefits today.	 Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Sep 29th 2024 : Take special care of other's feelings when as you pass a judgement. Any wrong decision made by you will not only affect them adversely but also give you mental tension. Increase in income from past investment is foreseen.
 Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Sep 29th 2024 : Children would not act to your liking-which would make you frenzy. You should restrain yourself as uncontrolled anger usually hits everyone and the angry person most because it wastes energy and retards judgement faculty. It only makes things more difficult.	 Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Sep 29th 2024 : Take care of health and set things in order. Those who have borrowed money from anyone may have to repay the loan under any circumstances. In such a manner, it can weaken your economic situation. Festive atmosphere at home would ease your tension.	 Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Sep 29th 2024 : Your enormous confidence and easy work schedule brings you enough time to relax today. New moneymaking opportunities will be lucrative. You can remain disturbed due to the behavior of any member of the family. You need to talk to them.
 Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Sep 29th 2024 : The needs of others will interfere with your desire to take care of yourself- Don't hold your feelings and do things that you like in order to relax. Your financial life will prosper today. Along with that, you can get rid of your debts or ongoing loans.	 Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Sep 29th 2024 : Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Today, there is a possibility of gaining monetary benefits, but due to your aggressive nature, you may not be able to earn as expected. Shopping with wife will be immensely enjoyable.	 Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Sep 29th 2024 : Your short temper could put you in some more trouble. You will like to overspend on others. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Phone call you receive from your beloved/spouse would make your day.

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More than 33 families joined the Aam Aadmi Party

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Mohali : In a setback to the Congress and SAD there is heavy rush of People who are committed and dedicated towards service to general public many families are joining Aam Aadmi Party said MLA Kulwant Singh.

Aam Aadmi Party got a big boost in Mohali Assembly Constituency today when Aam Aadmi Party Councillor Mrs. Ramanpreet Kaur and Aam Aadmi Party Block President Mr. Harmesh Singh Kumbra from village Kumbra motivated large number of families joined AAP. Large number of People alongwith their families announced to join the Aam Army Party.

MLA Kulwant Singh welcomed the new joined families and said they are motivated by the policies of Aam Aadmi Party across Punjab. Large number of office bearers and workers of Congress and Shiromani Akali Dal of village Kubanda in Mohali assembly constituency joined the Aam Aadmi Party along



with their families. MLA Kulwant Singh said that the organizational structure of Aam Aadmi Party is getting stronger day by day.

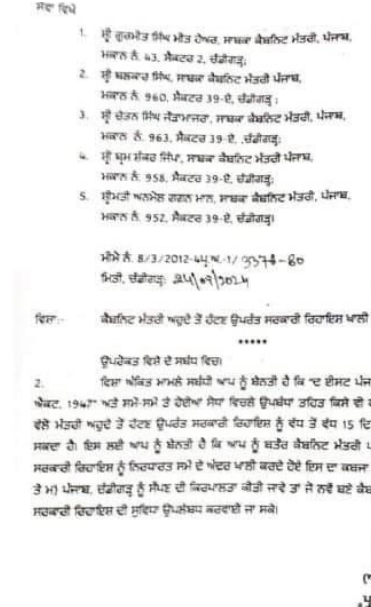
Aam Aadmi Party government led by Bhagwant Singh Mann Employment is being provided to

the youth of Punjab on a large scale, on this occasion senior leader of Aam Aadmi Party - Harmesh Singh Kumbra, Mrs. Ramanpreet Kaur MC. Village Kumbra, Kuldeep Singh Samana, Gagandeep Singh Nambardar, Harpal Singh Channa were also present.

Ex Ministers served notice to vacate accommodation

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Punjab Government has served notice to five Ex Ministers to vacate their Government Kothis. Notice has been issued by Civil Secretariat to Gurmeet Singh Meet Hayer, Chetan Singh Joramajra, Brahmsanker Jimpa, Balkar Singh and Anmol Gagan Mann.



Notice said that former

ministers have to vacate their kothis within 15 days after removal from ministry. They should hand over possession to PWD department so that these kothis could be allocated to new ministers.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Cobwebs continues to pose threat



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Loosely hanging overhead cables, wires pose a serious threat to both pedestrians and people on vehicles. The problem cannot be left unattended. Uncovered wires hanging loose can be spotted at several areas in the city. It's an open invitation to several road accidents. The tangled power lines hanging off the electricity poles and nearby transformers can prove as ugly to one's dear life as they can prove to filter the reliance. These cobwebs of wires are a threat to the general public. Sources stated with the load at its peak during the summer, the risk of a major mishap arising out of a possible short circuit also two-folds as the wires get heat up abnormally. Notably, in most of the fire accidents, the short circuiting of wires acts as a catalyst. Residents added, dangling power cables 111 various parts of the city are posing a risk to lives, People can lose their lives if they come

in contact with these wires. The situation becomes worse during the monsoon. Anyone may lose precious life only because of electrical wires which are in tum hanging loosely above the heads of people.. Residents demanded, government should maintain a proper construction and design of electrical system which can save the precious life of several people. The government can consult trained electricians and also provide them with proper equipment to handle the problem. Residents suggested, the Electricity Department should come forward to put all electricity wires underground and all cable operators should be issued an instruction to put cable underground otherwise their license be terminated and demanded preventing measures should be taken by the authorities concerned. **But Who Cares???**

Canal patwari nabbed by VB

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) during its ongoing drive against corruption in the state, today arrested a Canal Patwari, Karamjit Singh, posted at Ziledari Branch, village Laadbanjara, Sangrur district handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 20,000.

Disclosing this here today a spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by Darshan Singh, a resident of village Chhahar in district Sangrur.

He further added that the complainant has approached the VB and informed



that he owned 25 acres of land out of which 8 and a half acres of land had already been allotted canal water for irrigation and for allotment of canal water for irrigation to the remaining land the said patwari had demanded

Rs. 2,600 per acre from him. The spokesperson informed that after a preliminary inquiry into this complaint, a VB team laid a trap during which the said Patwari Karamjit Singh was arrested while he was accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000 in the presence of two official witnesses.

In this regard, a case under the prevention of Corruption Act has been registered against the accused at VB police station Patiala range and further investigation into this case was under process, he said.

Deaf Wrestling Team shines at 4th Punjab State Championship

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ferozepur : The wrestling team from Ferozepur made a remarkable impact at the 4th Punjab State Deaf Senior/Junior and Sub Junior Wrestling Championship, held at the Sports Complex in Sector 7, Chandigarh. Competing in both Freestyle and Greco-Roman categories, the deaf athletes delivered stellar performances, earning multiple medals and showcasing their exceptional skills.

Medal Winners are - Surinder Kamboj (79kg) - Senior Division: Freestyle: Gold Medal, Greco-Roman: Gold Medal (82kg), Balwinder Singh (57kg):



Freestyle: Gold Medal, Greco-Roman: Gold Medal, Binay Sharma (60kg): Freestyle: Gold Medal, Madan Lal (67kg): Greco-Roman: Gold Medal, Harwinder Singh (57kg) - Junior Division: Freestyle: Medal Winner, Greco-

Roman: Medal Winner. These remarkable achievements reflect the dedication and hard work of the team, which trains daily at the Shaheed Bhagat Singh Stadium in Ferozepur. The athletes are now preparing for the National Deaf Championship, scheduled for 2024-2025, as well as the 2025 Summer Olympics, where they aim to continue their winning streak. The team is supported by the Sports Association, Patiala, a key organization promoting deaf and hard-of-hearing athletes.

Vet Varsity organizes awareness program on World Heart Day



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ludhiana : The Directorate of Human Resource Management Centre in collaboration with the Department of Livestock Production Management, Guru Angad Dev Veterinary, and Animal Sciences University organized an expert lecture of Dr. Ankit Gulia, DM Cardiology Hero Heart DMC, Ludhiana on the eve of World Heart Day Celebration regarding awareness about heart health and Mission Swasth Kawach. The program was attended by faculty, staff, and students. Dr. L.D. Singla, the Organizing Chairman of the program informed the participants about the importance of regular health check-ups as detecting heart issues early can lead to better treatment. Dr. Rohit Tandon discussed that World Heart Day is celebrated on September 29th each year and there is a need to create awareness about

the importance of heart health as many heart diseases are preventable or manageable through lifestyle changes. Dr. Ankit Gulia informed about the causes, symptoms and line of treatment regarding heart diseases and asked participants to make healthy choices such as a balanced diet, regular physical activity, no smoking, and alcohol consumption as these changes can significantly reduce the risk of heart disease. Dr. Yashpal Singh Organizing Secretary deliberated on the theme of World Heart Day 2024 as "Use Heart for Action".The Programme was coordinated by Drs. Paramjit Kaur, Suresh Kumar and Venus Bansal. Dr. Jatinder Paul Singh Gill, Vice-Chancellor, Dr. H.S. Banga, Registrar and Dr. Sarvpreet Singh Ghuman, Dean, College of Veterinary Science, appreciated the efforts of the organizers to spread awareness in the society about heart health.

Congress manifesto promises welfare of farmers, women, youth in Haryana

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Congress today released its detailed 'Haath Badlega Halaat' manifesto for the upcoming Assembly elections in Haryana, promising a slew of welfare measures for farmers, women, employees and the youth.

The manifesto was released in the presence of former state Chief Minister Bhupinder Hooda, ex-Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot and the party's state chief Uday Bhan. The 40-page manifesto promises free treatment up to Rs 25 lakh and Rs 2,000 per month to women, it also promises to get water from the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal. Elections for the 90-member Assembly will be held on October 5 and the results will be declared on October 8.

The party promises a government job to each family member of more than 700 farmers killed during the farmer protests against the now repealed three controversial farm laws. The Congress has also promised to implement the old pension scheme in the state on the pattern of its government in Himachal Pradesh. Earlier this month, the Congress announced seven guarantees that it will fulfil if it comes to power in Haryana, which include a Rs 2,000 monthly payment to women and houses for everyone. The guarantees were announced by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in the national capital on September 18 in the presence of senior party leaders, including K.C. Venugopal, Ajay Maken, Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Uday Bhan, Ashok Gehlot and Partap Singh Bajwa, in the national capital.

The women would be entitled to monthly assistance of Rs 2,000 as part of the party's initiative for their empowerment. Besides, the



monthly social security pension of old-age people, handicapped and widows will be raised to Rs 6,000. Also, gas cylinders would be provided at Rs 500 each. The party promised to provide 300 units of free electricity every month to every household.

The Congress government will provide Rs 25 lakh health insurance coverage to every individual in the state like the Congress government had done in Rajasthan.

The party has promised a legal guarantee for the minimum support price (MSP) to the farmers, besides holding a caste census.

It announced that it will increase the minimum income limit for the creamy layer among Other Backward Classes (OBCs) from Rs 6 lakh to Rs 10 lakh.

The party also promised to provide 100 square yard plots with Rs 3.5 lakhs cash assistance to every poor and homeless person for constructing a two-bedroom house.

Announcing the guarantee for a secured future for the youth, the party promised that two lakh posts lying vacant in government departments would be filled, and permanent jobs would be provided. The manifesto focused on providing benefits to families, empowering women, supporting the youth, strengthening social security, and improving the lives of the backward classes, farmers, and the poor.

The Congress was at the helm of the state for two consecutive terms till 2014.

Politics should be a fair and friendly not war: Prem Garg

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Panchkula : Panchkula, Senior Aam Aadmi Party leader **Prem Garg* has announced that the *Jhuriwala dumping site* in Panchkula will be eliminated, and the city's waste will be turned into a *source of revenue. Garg stated that a daily output of 100 to 200 tons of waste will be managed so efficiently that Panchkula will soon emerge as a **zero-landfill city*, where waste heaps will be replaced by cleanliness and prosperity.

Revenue from Organic Fertilizer and Dry Waste:

Prem Garg explained that under *solid waste management, a modern waste disposal plant will be set up. This plant will convert **wet waste* into organic fertilizer, which will be supplied to the *Tricity* and surrounding areas. Additionally, *dry waste* will be recycled, generating extra revenue for the municipal corporation. This process will not only ensure *eco-friendly* waste disposal but also open up a *new source of income* for the city.

*Elimination of the Old Dumping



Ground:*

Garg added that through this process, the *10-acre* Jhuriwala waste dump will gradually be eliminated. The waste disposal plant to be installed by the municipal corporation will be capable of handling not only the daily waste generated but also the old waste accumulated over the years.

A New Cleanliness Model Through PPP:

Garg mentioned that this project will be executed successfully in collaboration with a *private firm* under the *Public-

Private Partnership (PPP) model. The delegation formed under the Indian government's Swachh Bharat Mission will be invited to observe this **model project*.

Waste Segregation at Household Level:

Prem Garg emphasized that efforts will be made to ensure *waste segregation* (wet and dry) at the *household level* itself.

For this, every home in the city will be provided with *blue and green bins* to ensure wet and dry waste are not mixed. Separate vehicles will also be deployed for collecting wet and dry waste.

Plant to Be Set Up as per NGT Guidelines:

The waste processing plant will be installed as per the guidelines of the *National Green Tribunal (NGT)*, ensuring that Panchkula becomes a completely clean and pollution-free city.

Paid holiday for Hry voters across government and private sectors

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Pankaj Agarwal, informed that October 5, 2024, the polling day for the General Election to the Haryana Legislative Assembly, will be observed as a paid holiday.

This applies to all eligible voters employed in government offices, corporations, educational institutions, industrial establishments, shops, factories, and commercial businesses within Haryana.

In this regard, a notification has been issued by the Chief Secretary, of Haryana on September 18, 2024.

According to the notification, under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instrument Act, 1881, and Section 135-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, all employees working in government offices, corporations, educational institutions of the state, who are registered voters of Haryana, will be granted a paid holiday on October 5, 2024.

Additionally, the Chief Secretary has notified that employees working in various factories, shops, and private establishments located in Haryana,



who are registered voters of Haryana, will also be granted a paid holiday on October 5, 2024, under Section 135-B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

In this regard, the Labour Department has also issued a notification under Section 28 of the Punjab Shops and Commercial Establishments Act, 1958, and Section 65 of the Factories Act, 1948. Strict action will be taken as per the rules for violations of these provisions.

Agarwal stated that there will be no deduction in wages for employees granted this holiday. Government

employees, including those in educational institutions, will be entitled to special casual leave.

Adult workers in factories are exempt from work on the polling day under Section-65 of the Factories Act, 1948. It was informed that employees working in Delhi who are registered voters of Haryana will also be granted a paid holiday.

A letter in this regard was issued by the Office Of Commissioner (Labour), Government of NCT

of Delhi. Similarly, neighbouring states, including Punjab, UT Chandigarh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh, through their competent authority, have also released notifications granting a paid holiday on October 5, 2024, for registered voters of Haryana working in their respective state to ensure they can exercise their right to vote.

The Chief Electoral Officer encourages all eligible voters to participate in this democratic process and cast their vote on October 5, 2024.

Team visit to evaluate All India Network Project on Agricultural Acarology



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Ludhiana : A High-level team of QRT (Quinquennial Review Team), constituted by the ICAR, New Delhi to evaluate the All India Network Project (AINP) on Acarology visited the Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) on September 21 and 22.

The team was led by the Chairman of the QRT Dr NK Krishna Kumar, former Deputy Director General (Horticulture); and the Member Secretary Dr Arjun S Baloda, Network Coordinator, AINP on Soil Arthropod Pests, Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute, Durgapura, Jaipur.

Other members of the team included Dr Subash Chandra, Director of NCIPM, New Delhi; Dr K Ramaraju, former Director, CPPS, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore; Dr N Srinivasa, former Dean Postgraduate Studies, University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS), Bengaluru; Dr RS Chandel, former Professor and Head, Department of Entomology, Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Palampur; and Dr CC Gowda, Network Coordinator, AINP on Agricultural Acarology, UAS, Bengaluru. In this meeting, work conducted on Agricultural Acarology by the PAU Centre of Ludhiana; Mashobra Centre of Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni and the SKUAST, Srinagar was reviewed.

Dr Satbir Singh Gosal, Vice-Chancellor, PAU, said that PAU has been proactive and pioneer in developing various agricultural technologies which revolutionized agriculture in India, especially, in Punjab. He appreciated the remarkable contributions of the Department of Entomology in the field of Agricultural Acarology.

Dr. GS Mangat, Additional Director Research (Agriculture), pointed out mites becoming major pest problem, especially, in polyhouse conditions and stressed the need for biorational management strategies.

Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education, highlighted the important modes of technology dissemination being followed by PAU to promote adoption of latest agricultural technologies.

Besides, he talked about the biorational management of mite pests by the farmers to improve farm income while considering environmental factors.

Dr Kumar praised PAU for being a torch bearer in the service of farmers and number one among the State Agriculture Universities of India.

He also laid emphasis on the new challenges being faced in agriculture. Dr CS Aulakh, Dean of, College of Agriculture, proposed a vote of thanks and emphasized the importance of reducing pesticide use to harvest the best quality produce.

Dr Manmeet Brar Bhullar, Principal Acarologist cum-Head, Department of Entomology, welcomed the dignitaries. She along with Dr Paramjit Kaur, Acarologist, presented the research and extension work carried out by the PAU Agricultural Acarology team during the last 11 years.

The QRT team applauded PAU Centre of AINP on Agricultural Acarology for the excellent work done in research and outreach programmes.

The team also visited the Museum of Social History of Punjab, PAU Apicultural Gallery and Apiary, Acarology Polyhouse and mite rearing facilities at Entomological Research Farm, National Insect Museum, Acarology and Insect Molecular Laboratories.

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Chandigarh : State Election Commission has ordered transfer of Tarn Taran DC Gulpreet Singh Aulakh. Action has come after allegations were



levelled that reservation

of Panchayats has been done on basis of political recommendations and not according to rules and regulations.

Shahbad requires development from ground zero: AAP's Asha Pathania

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Shahbad : Shahbad needs development from ground zero. While BJP speaks about Amrit Kaal, the people of Shahbad are still struggling for clean water and proper roads. This was expressed by Asha Pathania, an AAP candidate from Shahbad for the upcoming Haryana Vidhan Sabha election. Asha Pathania who is presently campaigning door-to-door said that she is shocked to learn how much



the general public is struggling for basic amenities.

"While cities like Ambala and Kurukshetra have witnessed development, Shahbad residents faced the burnt of the Congress and BJP's neglect. BJP and Congress work hand in glove for their own personal interest," said Pathania who is a former professor.

"AAP feels the pain of the people and plans its projects by it. I urge Shahbad residents to give AAP a chance to serve them," she added.

Be sure to participate in the sit-in against the illegal arrest - Khaira

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Bhulath : Constituency MLA Bhulath Sukhpal Singh Khaira appealed to the people during the conversation and said that Malwinder Singh Mali has been detained in Patiala Jail by the Aam Aadmi Party government in a false trial in the past few days. Be sure to join the sit-in at Patiala Jail. Khaira said that the manner in which the police barged into his house in Patiala and arrested him for just



posting a post on social media without any warrant and without any facts.

Khaira said that Malwinder Singh Mali, who is a very talented MLA and an intellectual person and the incident that happened to him is very condemnable and many people have condemned it.

Malwinder Singh Mali is a man of independent thought. In the end, he said that you should all come to the sit-in held at Patiala Jail to fight for their justice.

Aishwarya Rai touches 'guru' Mani Ratnam's feet at IIFA Utsavam 2024

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New Delhi : The IIFA Utsavam 2024 at Yas Island, Abu Dhabi, was a star-studded affair, bringing together luminaries from South Indian and Bollywood cinema. A particularly emotional moment of the evening occurred when Aishwarya Rai Bachchan touched filmmaker Mani Ratnam's feet after presenting him with the Best Director (Tamil) award for Ponniyin Selvan: II.

A viral video from the event beautifully captured this gesture, reflecting the profound respect Aishwarya holds for her 'guru.'

At the IIFA event, Aishwarya spoke to the media and shared her respect for the director. "He's my guru. From the beginning, I've been grateful to work with Mani Ratnam. It's an honor to



have played Nandini in Ponniyin Selvan and to share this success with our team," she said.

The IIFA Utsavam became a spectacular event with Ponniyin Selvan: II emerging as a big

winner. Vikram bagged the Best Actor (Tamil) award for his outstanding performance, while Aishwarya won Best Actress (Tamil) for her remarkable portrayal of Nandini.

Ranbir Kapoor as negative lead in YRF's Dhoom 4. to shoot after Ramayana

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New Delhi : Actor Ranbir Kapoor might just have signed YRF's Dhoom 4. At least that's what the latest buzz in the media suggests. The actor, who's currently shooting for Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana, will hop on to begin the fourth film in Aditya Chopra's Dhoom franchise next.

As per a report published in Pinkvilla, Ranbir has given his final nod to the makers and Chopra is busy providing finishing touches to the script with writer Vijay Krishna Acharya. A source close to the production informed that YRF is looking at completely 'rebooting' the entire franchise and Ranbir would play a key role in the same. Apart from Ranbir, the rest of the casting is going to take place soon and no one from the old Dhoom films will be cast in the fourth film.

The report quoted a source as saying, "Dhoom is a franchise dear to Aditya Chopra, and he has decided to reboot the franchise to keep in line with the current times. Like all previous parts, the script of Dhoom 4 (Dhoom Reloaded) has been developed by Aditya Chopra with Vijay Krishna Acharya. The idea and



vision is to create a cinematic experience like never before with the fourth Dhoom film."

While talking about Ranbir's involvement in the film and how he came onboard, the source said, "The discussions with Ranbir have been going on for the longest time. He had always shown interest in being a part of Dhoom 4 on hearing the basic idea, and is now finally confirmed to lead the franchise. Adi Chopra feels that RK is the ideal choice to carry forward the Dhoom legacy." The film is going to have two new faces as cop-buddies and Ranbir is likely to play the negative lead. The report stated, "Two big heroes from the younger generation will

come on board to play the duo of cop buddies in Dhoom 4."

The idea is to make Dhoom 4 a big cinematic spectacle, to compete with the action-biggies of Hollywood. This is also going to be the 25th film of Ranbir's career, and he wants it to be a big benchmark, defining his versatility as an actor. The popular star, who turned 42 today, September 28, has got his pipeline booked till 2028 now.

After wrapping Ramayana 1 and 2, there's Dhoom 4, followed by Animal Park, which is an anticipated sequel to his mega-successful Animal, which was released last year.

India vs Bangladesh: Persistent rain in Kanpur washes out Day 2 of 2nd Test



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Kanpur : Not a single ball was bowled on the second day of the second Test between India and Bangladesh, as persistent rain washed out the entire day's play. Bangladesh remained at their overnight score of 107 for 3, leaving both teams frustrated on a day that promised no action.

The second day began with a drizzle in the morning but soon turned into heavy rain, making it impossible for play to resume. There was hope that the weather might clear up by the final session, but with the rain showing no signs of stopping, the teams, along with commentators Sunil Gavaskar and Dinesh Karthik, were seen leaving the stadium early.

The groundsmen put the three super soppers to work around 11:15 am after the rain stopped. The visibility was also poor. As conditions did not improve, the second day's play was called off officially at 2:15pm. As per the weather forecast, the city is expected to receive rain even on Sunday but Monday and Tuesday are likely to be sunny and warm. In that scenario, the match seems to be headed for a draw. On a rain-affected Day 1, India captain Rohit Sharma opted to bowl, a rare decision on Indian pitches, likely influenced by the overcast conditions after a delayed start. Jasprit

Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj found early movement, but Bangladesh openers Shadman Islam and Zakir Hasan remained cautious.

Zakir struggled and was dismissed for a 24-ball duck by Akash Deep, who continues to make key breakthroughs as a first-change bowler. Yashasvi Jaiswal took a sharp low catch at gully to send Zakir packing, followed by Shadman's LBW dismissal after a successful Indian review.

IND vs BAN, 2nd Test Day 2: Highlights

Captain Najmul Hossain Shanto and Mominul Haque steadied the innings with a 51-run stand before Ashwin, claiming his 420th wicket in Asian conditions, bowled Shanto with a delivery that didn't turn. This milestone moved Ashwin to second place for most wickets in Asia, surpassing Anil Kumble.

Mominul gained confidence after a shaky start, playing some fine shots, while Mushfiqur Rahim settled in at the other end. With bad light and rain forcing early stumps, Bangladesh finished Day 1 at 107 for 3.

India lead the two-match series 1-0 after securing a commanding 280-run victory in the first Test in Chennai. With the series on the line, both teams will be hoping for clearer skies as they await a possible resumption of play.



The Elephant and the Ants

There was once a proud elephant who constantly bullied smaller animals. He would go to the anthill near his home and spray water at the ants. The ants, with their size, could do nothing but cry. The elephant just laughed and threatened the ants that he would crush them to death. One day, the ants had enough and decided



to teach the elephant a lesson. They went straight into the elephant's trunk and started biting him. The elephant could only howl in pain. He realized his mistake and apologized to the ants and all the animals he bullied.

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Accusation against Ex-RG Kar Principal can attract death penalty if proved: Court

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Kolkata : A designated CBI court, while denying bail to former RG Kar Medical College and Hospital principal Sandip Ghosh, has observed that the nature and gravity of the accusation against him is grave and could attract capital punishment if proved. The CBI had arrested Ghosh and former officer in-charge of Tala police station, Abhijit Mondal, for alleged tampering of evidence and delay in filing of FIR in the rape and murder of a doctor at the state-run hospital on August 9. The court in its order, dictated on September 25, said it appears from the case diary that the process of investigation by the central probe agency is in full swing. Denying the bail prayer of Ghosh, Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate S Dey observed that the nature and gravity of the accusation is grave and if proved, it may attract capital punishment, which is handed in the rarest of rare cases.



The judge said the court is of the opinion that "it would be injustice flouting the principle of equity to release the accused on bail". He said in the order that a person may commit an offence with the help of other/s, and there is no need to be present for the other accused at the place of occurrence. The court also rejected the bail prayer of Abhijit Mondal. It granted the CBI's prayer for

judicial custody of the two accused till September 30. Ghosh's counsel claimed before the judge at Sealdah Court here that he was falsely implicated in the case and there was no act on his part to commit the crime as alleged. The postgraduate trainee's body was found with severe injuries in the seminar hall of the RG Kar Hospital on August 9.

Indian Railways to operate over 6,000 special trains during upcoming festive season

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New Delhi : The Indian Railways will operate over 6,000 special trains in the upcoming festive season for Durga Puja, Diwali, and Chhath Puja between 1st October and 30th November. Every year, Indian Railways runs special trains during the festive season to facilitate the travel of lakhs of passengers. There has been a notable increase in special trains compared to previous years.



Last year, 4,429 special trains were operated during this season. In addition to the special trains,

the Railways have added extra general coaches to 108 trains. A total of 12 thousand 500 coaches have been sanctioned keeping in mind the surge in passengers typically witnessed during these festivals. It is expected that this will facilitate over one crore passengers to go home during the festive rush.

Man, 4 Daughters Found dead at Delhi Home. Cops Suspect Murder-Suicide

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New Delhi : A man and his four daughters were found dead at their residence in Delhi with police suspecting that the father first killed children and then died by suicide by consuming poison. The police today said they received a call from the owner of the building on Friday, who informed them about a foul smell coming from a flat. The owner said he knocked on the door but the tenants, who the neighbours last saw on September 24, did not open it. Police said that no injury marks were found on their bodies and that three packets of poison, five glasses and a spoon containing suspicious liquid were found inside their house at Rangpuri. The daughters had a red thread tied around their stomachs and necks. The victims have been identified



as Heeralal Sharma, 46, who worked as a carpenter, and his daughters Neetu, 26, Nikki, 24, Neeru, 23, and Nidhi, 20. Two of the daughters were differently abled, police said.

"The door was bolted from the inside and could be opened by the police with the help of the fire brigade team. There are two rooms in the flat. A male was found lying dead in the first room itself whereas four females were

found dead in the other room," the police said in a statement. "Enquiry with neighbours and close relatives revealed that the wife of the victim had died of cancer about a year ago," the police added.

The man's relatives said he had stopped taking interest in family affairs after the death of his wife. They also said that he was always occupied with the treatment of his daughters in the hospital.

India's forex reserve touches fresh record high of USD 692.3 billion

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New Delhi : India's foreign exchange reserves surged by 2.83 billion dollars to touch a new lifetime high of 692.29 billion dollars in the week ending the 20th of September. The data showed that foreign currency assets, a major part of the overall foreign exchange reserves, increased by 2,057 billion dollars to 605.686 billion dollars.



In the previous week, the reserves

had increased by 223 million dollars to 689.458 billion dollars. Gold reserves also increased by 726 million dollars during the week to reach 63.61 billion dollars. The country's special drawing rights with the International Monetary Fund went up by 121 million dollars to reach 18.54 billion dollars.

BookMyShow CEO Summoned over sale of "Fake Tickets" For Coldplay Concert



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Mumbai : The BookMyShow chief executive officer and co-founder Ashish Hemrajani and the company's technical head have been summoned by Mumbai Police over the alleged black marketing of tickets for shows of British rock band Coldplay, an official said on Friday. The Mumbai Police's Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has initiated a probe on the complaint of an advocate, who accused the ticketing platform of facilitating the black marketing of tickets for the Coldplay concert at the Navi Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium, scheduled to be held from January 19 to 21, 2025.

Mr Hemrajani and the BookMyShow's technical head have been asked to record their statements today, the official said. The advocate, Amit Vyas, filed a police complaint and alleged that Coldplay's India tour tickets, which were originally priced at ₹ 2,500, are being resold by third parties and influencers for as much as ₹ 3 lakh.

He alleged that BookMyShow deceived the public and Coldplay fans, and is seeking a case to be registered against the company on fraud charges.

The EOW has already recorded Mr Vyas' statement and has identified several brokers involved in the alleged ticket scalping.

Uddhav Camp On "Black-Marketing" Of Coldplay India Concert Tickets

The Opposition Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) said that

there appears to be a "nexus engaged in the black-marketing" of tickets for the Coldplay India concert, and demanded a thorough investigation into the case.

"The tickets were reportedly sold out within minutes of being made available online, which left many genuine fans disappointed... It appears that there may be a nexus engaged in the black-marketing of tickets, exploiting the enthusiasm of young fans who are willing to spend large amounts of their parents' hard-earned money to attend this concert," Shiv Sena (UBT) spokesperson Anand Dubey said in a letter to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

"I believe that with your intervention, appropriate measures can be taken to prevent such incidents," he told Mr Shinde.

A member of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) also alleged the organisers of the Coldplay India concert were "engaged" in the black marketing of the tickets.

"Whoever is involved in this matter should be in jail. We will not allow any black marketing in the state," BJP spokesperson Ram Kadam said.

BookMyShow had crashed when the sale for Coldplay's Mumbai concert began on September 22. The British rock band, which will return to India after an eight-year hiatus, had then added a third show to the Mumbai leg of the "Music of the Spheres World Tour 2025".

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Operation New Order: Israel Nasrallah dead, will no longer terrorise world

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Jerusalem : Hassan Nasrallah, the elusive chief of Lebanon's terror outfit Hezbollah, was killed in the massive airstrike in Lebanon's Beirut, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) claimed today. The Israeli military said Air Force jets carried out a precise airstrike, named Operation New Order, while the Hezbollah leadership met at their headquarters in Dahiyeh, south of Beirut. "Hassan Nasrallah will no longer be able to terrorise the world," the IDF tweeted. However, a Hezbollah spokesperson previously said Nasrallah, who took over as the outfit's chief in 1992 when he was just 32, was unharmed. The development comes amid a string of assassinations of Israel's adversaries in recent months. Hamas's political wing chief Ismail Haniyeh and top Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukur were eliminated in July. The Israeli military said Ali Karki, the commander of Hezbollah's Southern Front, and additional commanders were also eliminated in Friday's strike. Nasrallah's daughter, Zainab Nasrallah, was also killed in the bombardment that



flattened several buildings and displaced thousands of Lebanese. Announcing Nasrallah's death, IDF Chief of Staff Lt. General Herzi Halevi said Israel would reach anyone who threatened the country and its citizens. "This is not the end of the toolbox. The message is simple to anyone who threatens the citizens of Israel. We will know how to get to them," he said. Israeli media reported that more than 80 bombs were dropped on Hezbollah's headquarters. One bomb contained an average of one tonne of explosives. The Lebanese Health Ministry said six people were killed and 91 injured in the airstrikes on Friday. However, the death toll is expected to rise.

WHO WAS HASSAN NASRALLAH?

Nasrallah, who led Hezbollah for more than three decades with significant backing by Iran, has not been seen in public for years amid fears of being assassinated by Israel.

A vegetable vendor's son, Nasrallah's leadership saw Hezbollah evolving from a militia founded to fight Israeli troops occupying Lebanon into a force stronger than the Lebanese army. Born in 1960 in Beirut's eastern Bourj Hammoud, he was the eldest of nine children. Nasrallah joined a Shia militia named the Amal movement in 1975. Seven years later, he and other members split from the group and formed another organisation named Islamic Amal. The move came shortly after Israel invaded Lebanon following attacks by Palestinian militants in 1982. The new outfit, which later formed Hezbollah, received considerable military and organisational support from Iran's Revolutionary Guards. In a short span, Hezbollah emerged as the most prominent Shia militia.

Israel flattens Hezbollah headquarters in Beirut, group Nasrallah 'fine'

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Jerusalem : Israel continued to pound Lebanon with a series of massive airstrikes on Saturday after bombing the central headquarters of the Iran-backed Hezbollah group in a densely populated area of the capital Beirut, in an apparent bid to kill its powerful leader, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah.

However, hours after the targeted strike, a Hezbollah spokesperson said Nasrallah was unharmed. "His Eminence the Secretary-General is fine and well and was not in the targeted location," the group's Media Relations Officer Hajj Muhammad Afif said on Iranian television.

Israeli airstrikes hit Beirut's southern suburbs, with the Israeli military confirming that multiple buildings were struck in Dahiyeh, a known Hezbollah stronghold. Four buildings were reportedly destroyed in the strikes, which rocked the city with powerful blasts, leaving several large craters and damaging surrounding structures.

Search and rescue operations continued through the night, with Lebanon's health ministry reporting at least nine people dead and over 90 wounded in the aftermath.

The strikes were aimed at senior Hezbollah commanders. There were unverified reports that the militant group's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, was at the headquarters when the attack happened, after which he was "unreachable". The militant group, however, denied this.

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) said several Hezbollah commanders and operatives were killed in the strikes. Among them were Muhammad Ali Ismail, the chief of Hezbollah's missile unit, and his deputy.

Friday's airstrikes, which come amid efforts by the US and France to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah, marks an escalation in the hostilities which broke out nearly a year ago. It also comes against the backdrop of Israel upping its offensive against Hezbollah this month, including targeted killing of the militants via exploding modified paggers and walkie-talkies.

Moments before buildings were flattened in Beirut, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was addressing the United Nations General Assembly. Enough is enough, Netanyahu said emphatically, adding that Israel had been "tolerating this intolerable situation for nearly a year".

"As long as Hezbollah chooses the path of war, Israel has no choice, and Israel has every right to remove this threat and return our citizens to their homes safely," Netanyahu said.

Not long after that, multiple blasts rocked



Beirut. Explosions continued in the Lebanese capital throughout the morning. In a sign of further escalation, the Israeli military urged residents of Beirut neighbourhoods with Hezbollah assets and facilities to evacuate.

"We will continue operating to precisely dismantle Hezbollah's offensive capabilities," the IDF said. "Hezbollah has strategically embedded weapons in civilian areas, putting Lebanese civilians at risk in order to harm Israeli civilians." Israel's military also launched a new round of airstrikes in Lebanon's Beqaa region, according to a statement on Saturday morning.

The ongoing conflict between Hezbollah and Israel has its roots in long-standing geopolitical and territorial tensions, which have only intensified over the past year since Israel launched extensive military operations in Gaza.

The latest bout of violence, sparked by Israeli airstrikes across Lebanon, has resulted in the deaths of over 500 people, including women and children. Hezbollah has retaliated with rocket fire, targeting Israeli airbases. These skirmishes have been almost constant since October 2023, as Hezbollah declared solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza, responding to Israel's military operations.

Hezbollah has made it clear that its ongoing attacks are conditional on Israel's actions in Gaza. Israel, for its part, has ramped up its military operations along the Lebanon-Israel border, launching thousands of attacks, far outnumbering Hezbollah's retaliation.

WEEKS OF ESCALATION

The ongoing cross-border hostilities between Hezbollah and Israeli forces escalated earlier this month. In a deadly covert operation, thousands of paggers and walkie-talkies were detonated in two days, leaving at least 37 people dead and injuring around 3,000 across Lebanon.

A Hezbollah official called the detonation of the paggers the "biggest security breach" the group had suffered. While the Lebanese government and Iran-backed Hezbollah blamed Israel for the explosions, the Israeli military declined to comment on the deadly attack.

India steel sector at watershed moment. projected to reach 300 million tonnes by 2030

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New Delhi : India became the second largest steel producer with a capacity of 178 million tonnes and production of 144 million tonnes in FY24, which is projected to reach 300 million tonnes by 2030. Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries, Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, said that India's and global demand for steel will continue to grow in times to come.

"The steel sector is at the watershed moment in its life cycle and the future direction will be built on digitisation in its processes and around sustainable steel production to minimise the emission levels to reduce its environmental carbon footprints," the minister said during an event in the national capital.

He lauded the technological innovations and material efficiency in the steel sector that has driven the global steel production close to 2 billion tonnes, and the global capacity has reached close to 2.5 billion



tonnes. Varma reminded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised at COP26 on November 2, 2021 that India will reduce the carbon intensity of its economy by more than 45 per cent by 2030 and will achieve the target of Net Zero by the year 2070. Global steel sector on an average account for 8 per cent of total emissions with emission intensity of 1.89 tonnes of CO2

per tonne of crude steel produced. However, in India, the sector contributes around 12 per cent of total emissions released with emissions intensity of 2.5 tonnes of CO2 on production per ton of crude steel, said the minister.

Subhankar Sen, business head, BPCL, said that MAK Lubricants from Bharat Petroleum are complementing steel industry's impressive growth, projected to reach 300 million tonnes by 2030 and the increasing focus on sustainable practices and green steel production.

Meanwhile, the government has set a new target of achieving 500 million tonnes of steel production by 2034. The country's crude steel production shot up by over 35 million tonnes in the last four years, from 109.14 million tonnes in 2019-20 to 144.30 million tonnes in 2023-24, as per the latest government data last month.

Brazil's top court imposes fresh fine on X before allowing it to resume service

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Sao Paulo : Brazil's Supreme Court said that social platform X still needs to pay just over USD 5 million in pending fines, including a new one, before it will be allowed to resume its service in the country, according to a court document.

Earlier this week, the Elon Musk-owned US firm told the court it had complied with orders to stop the spread of misinformation and asked it to lift a ban on the platform.

But Judge Alexandre de Moraes responded on Friday with a ruling that X and its legal representative in Brazil must still agree to pay a total of 18.3 million reais (USD 3.4 million) in pending fines that were previously ordered by the court.

In his decision, the judge said that the court can use resources already frozen from X and Starlink accounts in Brazil, but to do so the satellite company, also owned by Musk, had to drop its pending



appeal against the funds blockage. The judge also demanded a new 10 million reais (USD 1.8 million) fine related to a brief period of time last week when X became available again for some users in Brazil. X, formerly known as Twitter, did not immediately respond to a request for comment. According to a person close to X, the tech

firm will likely pay all the fines, but will consider challenging the extra 10 million reais that was imposed by the court after the platform ban.

X has been suspended since late August in Brazil, one of its largest and most coveted markets, after Moraes ruled it had failed to comply with orders related to restricting hate speech and naming a local legal representative.

Musk, who had denounced the orders as censorship and called Moraes a "dictator," backed down and started to reverse his position last week, when X lawyers said the platform tapped a local representative and would comply with court rulings.

In decision, Moraes said that X had proved it had now blocked accounts as ordered by the court, and also named the required legal representative in Brazil.

Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah's daughter killed in Beirut airstrike

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Jerusalem : The daughter of Hezbollah secretary general Hassan Nasrallah was killed in the massive Israeli airstrike in Lebanon's Beirut, Channel 12 reported. However, there has been no official confirmation either by Israel or Lebanon of the death of Zainab Nasrallah.

Zainab has been vocal in proclaiming her support for Hezbollah and her family's sacrifices. She had spoken publicly about the killing of her brother by Israeli forces in 1997 and pointed out that her family chose to honour his sacrifice rather than mourn.

"When my brother Hadi was martyred, my parents did not shed a single tear," she said in an interview on Al-Manar TV in 2022.

The development comes as Israel continues bombarding Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut's southern suburbs as the war shifts towards the Lebanon border from Gaza.

On Friday, Israel attacked Hezbollah headquarters in an apparent attempt to kill Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah, a key



ally of Iran. The strike, one of the most powerful by Israel in Lebanon since the start of the war with Hezbollah, flattened several apartments and wiped out localities. Visuals showed fires smouldering in several areas and heavy smoke billowing from neighbourhoods. The attack displaced thousands of Lebanese, who congregated in parks and sidewalks after the strikes. The unprecedented five hours of bombardment sparked speculation that

the elusive and secretive Hezbollah chief was killed. However, a Hezbollah spokesperson said Nasrallah was unharmed.

"The secretary-general is fine and well and was not in the targeted location," the terror outfit's media spokesperson said on Iranian television.

On Saturday, the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF) said the strikes had killed the commander of Hezbollah's missile unit, Muhammad Ali Ismail, and his deputy, Hossein Ahmed Ismail.

Lebanese health authorities confirmed six dead and 91 wounded in Israel's initial attack. However, the death toll is likely to rise as rescue teams dig through rubble. The ferocious strike came shortly after Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told the UN General Assembly that Israel's campaign against Hezbollah would continue despite international efforts to secure a three-week ceasefire.

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Case against Nirmala Sitharaman over 'extortion' through electoral bonds

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Bengaluru : A Bengaluru court has ordered the registration of an FIR against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman over allegations of extortion through the now-scraped electoral bonds. A complaint against Nirmala Sitharaman and others was filed by one Adarsh Iyer from the Janaadhikara Sangharsha Sanghatane, alleging that extortion was carried out through electoral bonds. Following this, the Special Court for People's Representatives in Bengaluru has ordered an FIR to be filed in the matter. Police have registered the FIR against Nirmala Sitharaman and others. In February, the Supreme Court scrapped the electoral bonds scheme, calling it "unconstitutional" and saying it violated citizens' right to information. The Centre introduced the scheme in 2018 and was aimed to replace cash donations to political parties, seeking to improve transparency in political funding. Reacting to the case, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah demanded Nirmala Sitharaman's resignation and said a report in the matter should be submitted within three months. "An FIR has been registered against Nirmala Sitharaman in the Special Court for People's Representatives. Who is she? She is a Union Minister, and there is an FIR against her too. They were involved in extortion through electoral bonds and the FIR has been registered on that. She should tender her resignation after the FIR has been registered. Will they (BJP) ask her to resign?" he said. "Now, as per Section 17A (of Prevention of Corruption Act), the investigation must be completed and a report should be submitted within three months. Based on that, they have registered the FIR and are investigating further," he added.



Section 17A provides additional protection for public servants from being probed on a frivolous basis. The provision makes it mandatory for a police officer to seek prior approval from a competent authority for conducting any enquiry or investigation into any offence alleged to have been committed by a public servant under the Prevention of Corruption Act. "In my case, the lower court has passed an order. The Governor has asked for an enquiry under Section 17A, and the court has directed that the investigation be completed and a report should be submitted within three months," Siddaramaiah said. Notably, Siddaramaiah will also be probed under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act in connection with alleged irregularities in the MUDA case. Meanwhile, Siddaramaiah also demanded JD(S) leader and Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy, accusing him of corruption. "First, let Kumaraswamy resign. Shouldn't he tender his resignation too? Let them resign first. Even PM (Narendra) Modi should resign. In the election bond extortion case, PM Modi should also tender his resignation. Nirmala Sitharaman should resign as well. Kumaraswamy is out on bail and he should resign," he said.

MCD election by BJP 'illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic' - Atishi

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New Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Saturday remarked that the election conducted by BJP for the sixth member of the Delhi Municipal Corporation's (MCD) Standing Committee has been "illegal, unconstitutional and undemocratic." "The election process violated several regulations outlined under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act of 1957 and the Delhi Municipal Corporation Procedure and Conduct of Business Regulations of 1958," said the Delhi CM in a press conference. She further emphasised: "The Delhi MCD operates under laws passed by the Parliament, most notably the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957, and its supporting regulations. Regulation 51 of Delhi Municipal Corporation Procedure and Conduct of Business Regulations 1958 clearly states that the election for the Standing Committee must take place in a corporation meeting presided over



by the Mayor. Further, Regulation 3 (2) specifies that the date, time, and venue for such meetings can only be decided by the Mayor, while Section 76 of the DMC Act reaffirms that the presiding officer for these meetings must be the Mayor or Deputy Mayor." Atishi further claimed: "Contrary to these legal provisions, the Lieutenant Governor (LG) granted permission for the election, and an IAS officer—lacking the authority to do so—convened the meeting."

"Instead of the elected Mayor presiding over the proceedings, the IAS officer assumed the role of presiding officer, rendering the election both unconstitutional and unlawful," she added. "BJP disregards rules and regulations when they are not in power, without considering the Constitution," Atishi alleged. She pointed to similar incidents, including attempts to subvert election results through what they refer to as "Operation Lotus", a strategy the BJP allegedly used to purchase Opposition leaders and form governments from the backdoor. Delhi CM accused BJP of using such tactics in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, and in the recent Delhi MCD election. "BJP refused to allow a fair mayoral election after AAP's victory in the MCD, then the Supreme Court intervened to ensure a fair and transparent election," she added.

Mumbai on high alert over possible terror threat, security tightened

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Mumbai : Mumbai has been put on high alert following input from central agencies that there could be attempts to carry out terror attacks during the upcoming festival season in the city. Security measures have been tightened at crowded places, including religious sites. Police have been asked to conduct mock drills amid the threat. "We have been instructed to conduct 'mock drills' at crowded places and religious sites. All DCPs have been asked to pay special attention to security



arrangements in their respective zones," police stated. An officer stated that a mock drill was

conducted in the Crawford Market area, which is known for its heavy crowds and is home to two major religious sites. "Considering the upcoming festivals and elections, mock drills are being conducted at Crawford Market and other locations in Mumbai," the police stated. Sources said that all temples in the city have been asked to remain vigilant and have been told to report suspicious activities as a precautionary measure.

Encounter breaks out between security personnel, terrorists

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Kulgam : A firefight broke out between security personnel and terrorists in Adigam Devsar area of Kulgam district, the Kashmir Zone police said today. According to official sources, a joint team of security forces launched a cordon and search operation on specific information about the presence of terrorists in the area. However, as the joint teams approached the suspected spot, the hiding terrorists fired upon



them, which was retaliated, triggering a gunfight. Two to three terrorists are believed to be trapped in the area. The operation is underway till the reports last came in.

70 detained, 36 bulldozers deployed: Gujarat's anti-encroachment drive near Somnath temple

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Somnath : Gujarat administration has initiated its largest-ever demolition drive in Gir Somnath district to clear illegal constructions. The action, which began on September 27 night targets unauthorised structures near the famous Somnath temple and aims to pave the way for the ambitious Somnath Development Project. The operation is still on. Officials report that approximately 36 bulldozers have been deployed to raze illegal buildings, while 70 tractors and trolleys are working round the clock to remove debris. The operation has been described as the most extensive in Gir Somnath's history, dismantling several unlawful constructions behind the Somnath temple. Authorities have implemented stringent security protocols to ensure the smooth execution of this mega operation. A force of 1,200 police personnel has been mobilised, overseen by high-ranking officials, including district collectors, IGPs, three SPs, six DySPs, and 50 PISPs. The demolition drive has not been without obstacles. Reports indicate that 70 individuals were detained from a religious site that was impeding the operation. To overcome these challenges, the authorities have employed an impressive array of heavy machinery, including five Hitachi



machines, 30 JCBs, 50 tractors, and 10 dumpers. In the interest of public safety, the entire demolition area has been cordoned off, with access restricted to authorised personnel only. Traffic management measures have been implemented, including closing routes at Somnath Circle and Bhidiya Circle. As the operation continues, it remains to be seen how this large-scale demolition will impact Gir Somnath's landscape and the proposed Somnath Development Project. In January 2024, Gujarat authorities initiated a large-scale anti-encroachment operation. The drive targeted approximately three hectares (7.4 acres) of illegally occupied land behind the revered Somnath temple in Gir Somnath district. Collector Harji Vadhvaniya reported that the operation aimed to demolish 21



unauthorised houses and 153 illegal huts. These structures had been constructed without permission on land owned by the Shree Somnath Trust, which oversees the operations of the esteemed Somnath temple and the Gujarat government. The extensive demolition drive, saw the deployment of five mamlatdars (revenue officers), approximately 100 revenue officials, and a substantial police force to maintain peace and order. Following the clearance operation, authorities plan to fence the reclaimed three-hectare area, adhering to directives issued by the state's revenue department. Somnath temple, located in Prabhas Patan near Veraval town along the Arabian Sea coast, holds immense religious and cultural importance. It is believed to be the foremost among the 12 jyotirlinga shrines dedicated to Lord Shiva and serves as a primary pilgrimage site and tourist attraction.

Internet shutdown in Odisha's Bhadrak after clashes over social media posts

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Bhubaneswar : The Odisha government has imposed a 48-hour Internet shutdown in the Bhadrak district following violent communal clashes over social media posts. A notification from the Home Department of the Odisha government issued on Saturday morning said, "In order to prevent the spread of inflammatory and motivated messages in the media to disturb the public order in Bhadrak district and restore peace and amity, the Home Department hereby extends the prohibition of the use and access of Social Media platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, X and any other through the Internet and other media of data services for 48 (forty eight) hours up to 0200 September 30, 2024 in Bhadrak district." Earlier, tension flared up as the members of a particular community resorted to violent protests at Santhia in the Puruna Bazar police station area of the district



over a controversial social media post. As many as three police officials, including the Bhadrak city DSP, sustained serious injuries in stone pelting by the enraged members of the protesting community. Sources said that the members of a particular community got enraged after coming across a controversial post on the popular social media platform, Facebook. The members of the group took out a rally

and staged a road blockade by burning tyres at Santhia on Friday afternoon. The protesters were demanding immediate arrest of the persons behind the post. Upon being informed, the local police officers and officials of the district administration rushed to the spot and tried to pacify the protesters. But the agitators suddenly started pelting stones at the police and other officials. The agitators even ransacked the vehicle of the Bhadrak Tahsildar. The police officials later resorted to mild baton charges to disperse the violent mob. To prevent further violence, authorities deployed 10 platoons of police force and three officers in charge in the area. Police also conducted a flag march to control the law-and-order situation.

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