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Deputy Mayor Bedi terms the election of sarpanches with bids of lakhs of crores as an insult to democracy

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Mohali : While Demanding strict action against these elections from Election Commission of Punjab, Mohali Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi has termed the process of election of sarpanches in some villages of Punjab as unconstitutional and has demanded that the elections conducted by bidding be canceled immediately. He also demanded from Election Commission to take legal action against those performing such election process.

Bedi said that the way the Sarpanch is being elected by bidding millions of rupees is a complete violation of democracy which cannot be tolerated in any way and said that the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi gave authority to panchayats for all-round development of villages and decentralization of power, but this right is completely being violated by the selection of Sarpanch by bidding

in this way. Bedi said that the people who get the sarpanchi by bidding lakhs of crores of rupees are capitalists and thus no poor person can participate in the elections. He said that on the one hand, the Election Commission also issues instructions that no more than a fixed amount can be spent on elections, so how are bids worth lakhs of crores being given.

Bedi demanded that the Election Commission of Punjab should wake up from its sleep and take immediate action



against such anti-constitutional acts, otherwise the way in which democracy is being undermined, the elections are becoming meaningless. He questioned that tomorrow there will be talks in the same way in the municipal councils and MLAs and MPs will also be elected in the same way? He said that if this cannot happen, then why is democracy being undermined in this way in panchayat elections

He said that with the election of sarpanchi with this kind of bidding, a poor person with general service spirit cannot come forward and the person who is elected as sarpanch by bidding lakhs of crores of rupees may not be liked by the people of the village. While doing so, he becomes entitled to all the votes in the name of unanimity whether he has anything to do with the spirit of service or not.

Nayab Singh Saini is only CM who pays MSP on 24 crops: Amit Shah

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New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah attacked the Congress, saying that its governments in various states do not pay the minimum support price to farmers as the BJP government in Haryana does. "Rahul Gandhi talks about MSP all the time, but he doesn't even know what MSP is. He doesn't know about the crops grown in the Rabi and Kharif periods. Congress has governments in so many states, but not even one state gives MSP on 24 crops. Nayab Singh Saini is the only Chief Minister who pays MSP on 24 crops," Shah said while addressing a public rally in Kunjpura here on Sunday. Shah, while addressing another rally in Mahendragarh, took a jab at Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of being a "factory of lies" regarding the Agnipath scheme. Shah said, "Rahul Baba is saying that the youth of Haryana will become unemployed due to Agniveer. Bharosa mat karna, ye jhut bolne ki factory hai (Don't trust him; he's a factory of lies). He doesn't even understand the Agniveer

our army young." Notably, Rahul Gandhi had during the 2024 Lok Sabha election opposed the Agniveer scheme and said that Congress would scrap the Agnipath scheme in case the INDIA bloc is voted to power.

scheme. Agniveer is a programme to keep

The Congress leader had also demanded compensation for 1.5 lakh youths who completed the Army recruitment process. In response, Shah assured that Agniveers



would be provided with pensionable jobs by both the Haryana and Central

"I promise you today that any Agniveer who invests Rs 25-30 lakh in FD (fixed deposit) and returns will be given a pensionable job by the Haryana and Central governments," Shah stated.

Targeting Congress over its stance on the One Rank, One Pension scheme, Shah questioned, "Who are you inciting? Your government was in power for 40 years, but you did not implement One Rank, One Pension."

Shah also accused Congress of running a corrupt regime in Haryana, claiming that during its rule, the state was dominated by "dealers, brokers, and sons-in-law."

"This Congress government is one of Dalal (brokers), dealers and damaad (sons-in-law). The Congress party has worked to give the farmers' land in Haryana at throwaway prices to their sons-in-law, and today they talk about farmers," he said.

Keep gods away from politics: SC on Tirupati laddu row

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court today said that those who hold constitutional office are expected to keep gods away from politics. The top court made these remarks while hearing a batch of petitions regarding the alleged adulteration of

Tirupati temple laddus. A bench of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan posed several questions to the Andhra Pradesh government and the Tirumala Tirupati temple management, including why there was a need to make a public statement when a probe was underway.

"When you hold constitutional office, it is expected that you would...we expect Gods to be kept away from polity," Justice BR Gavai said while the responding to senior

Gavar said while the responding to semon advocate Mukul Rohatgi, who appeared for the Andhra Pradesh government.

The Supreme Court also noted that the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu spoke about Tirupati laddus before the FIR was lodged or a Special Investigation Team (SIT) was constituted.

"You ordered an SIT. Till the outcome, what is the necessity to go to the press? You have always been appearing for such...this is the second time," the court asked Rohatgi. Rohatigi, on behalf of the Chandrababdu

Naidu government, argued that these "are



not genuine [bonafide] petitions. Attempt to attack the current government by the previous regime. TTD issued a show cause notice to their man what kind of

The Supreme Court also asked what the proof was to show that contaminated ghee was used in the preparation of laddus at the Lord Venkateswara Temple. On this, advocate Siddharth Luthra, appearing for the Tirupati Temple, informed the bench, "We are investigating".

Justice Gavai then asked, "Then what was the need to go to the press immediately? You need to respect religious sentiments". The court also noted that no report proved that the adulterated ghee was used for preparing the laddus. When Luthra told the court that people had complained the laddoo did not taste right, the court asked, "The laddu, which tasted different, was that sent to the lab to find out if it

Delhi government re-launches round-theclock 'Green War Room' to check pollution

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New Delhi: Delhi Environment Minister Gopal Rai today re-launched the Green War Room to deal with the problem of pollution in the national capital. This will allow the Delhi government to monitor the developments around its 'Winter Action Plan' and will also allow the agencies that have been enroled to keep pollution in check to coordinate more efficiently. Pollution in Delhi around the onset of

winter has been a concern for the last few years. Launched in 2020, the Green War Room has state-of-the-art air quality monitoring equipment and a team of experts, including scientists and data analysts, which keeps an eye on all sources contributing to Delhi's air pollution and helps the city administration implement its action plan.

While it was launched in 2020, the Green War Room was made operational 24/7 in 2023 by the Delhi government.

An eight-member team has been deployed for monitoring work in the Green War Room. The team will be led by environmental scientist Dr. Nandita

Monitoring inside the room will be done on seven levels. Data about pollution and pollutants collected by drones will be monitored and analysed by the eightmember team. NASA satellite data on stubble burning and the open burning of



garbage will also be checked inside the

The team will keep a tab on the complaints regarding pollution received on the Green App. Data from 24 hotspot stations (areas where pollution levels are the highest) will be analysed by the team. Furthermore, the team will closely monitor the Air Quality Index (AQI) in and around Delhi and suggest changes to combat pollution.

Environmental engineers will study the causes of pollution, monitor primary pollution levels, suggest measures to curb pollution and address the complaints on

Notably, the Delhi government also announced a 21-point Winter Action Plan to combat air pollution. It comprises the use of drones to monitor 13 pollution hot spots in Delhi, which have consistently recorded more than the average level of PM2.5 (particulate matter having a

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Sensex crashes over 1,000 points. What's making D-Street bulls nervous?

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Benchmark stock market indices experienced a sharp decline after a weak start to Monday's trading session. The S&P BSE Sensex plummeted by over 1,000 points, while the Nifty50 fell nearly 300 points during intraday trading.

The Sensex was down 1,018.81 points to 84,553.04 at 11:50 am and the Nifty50 tanked 290.20 points to trade at 25,888.75.

The downturn resulted in a market capitalisation loss of nearly Rs 3 lakh crore for all BSE-listed companies, as volatility surged amid profitbooking activities.

The primary contributors to the decline in both the Sensex and Nifty were falling information technology and financial stocks, alongside heavyweight Reliance Industries Limited. Reliance Industries, ICICI Bank, HDFC Bank, and Axis Bank collectively contributed to the biggest decline in Sensex.

Other significant contributors to this downturn included Bharti Airtel, Mahindra & (M&M), Mahindra State Bank of India (SBI), Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys, and Tata Motors.

On the sectoral front, indices such as Nifty Bank, Auto,



Financial Services, IT, Media, Realty, Healthcare, and Oil & Gas saw declines of up to 1.6%. On the other hand, Nifty Metal rose by 1.5%, continuing its winning streak following China's announcement of measures aimed at boosting its slowing economy.

Meanwhile, the fear gauge, India VIX, surged by 7%. This broad-based sell-off reflects growing concerns among investors regarding market valuations and potential profitbooking activities.

FII activity, oil price, US economic data

Market experts also noted that foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) are increasingly shifting their focus to Chinese markets, driven by a significant surge in the Hang Seng index, which rose approximately 18% in September. This uptick is attributed to renewed optimism regarding the Chinese economy, following monetary and fiscal stimulus measures announced by Chinese authorities.

Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, noted that this trend may lead to a consolidation phase in the Indian market. Geopolitical tensions, particularly escalating Israeli strikes across Lebanon, have added uncertainty to global markets.

While oil prices have remained relatively stable due to potential supply increases, the ongoing Middle East conflict has raised concerns about energy supplies. Brent crude futures increased by 0.71%, and US West Texas Intermediate rose by 0.63%, further affecting market sentiment and putting pressure on the Indian equity market, which is heavily reliant on oil imports.

Investors are also feeling nervous ahead of key US economic data and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell's speech this week. Market participants closely monitoring signals regarding monetary policy direction, with key data points like job openings and private hiring numbers set to be released.

The week will culminate with the US payrolls report, which could influence whether the Federal Reserve opts for a significant interest rate cut in November.

On September 27, FIIs turned net sellers, offloading equities worth Rs 1,209 crore. Despite this selling activity, their total inflows for September exceeded Rs 57,000 crore.

Vijayakumar suggested that while FIIs may continue to sell in India and redirect funds to better-performing markets, this selling is unlikely to significantly impact the Indian market due to substantial domestic liquidity.



Atul Sharma



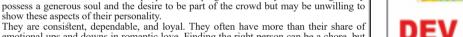
Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date 01 st Oct

Born on 01 st Oct: 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

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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(March 21 - April 19)

Oct 01st 2024: Health definitely needs care. Not a very beneficial day- so check your money situation and limit your expenses. Take some time out to deal with problems of your children. Your eyes light your dream girl today.



Oct 01st 2024 : Some physical changes Oct 01st 2024 : Outdoor activities will

that you do today will definitely enhance be tiring and stressful today. Finances your looks. You may witness tremendous improve later in the day. Friends will profit in business today. You can give come to your aid if needed. The day is new heights to your business today. You fabulous in terms of your love life. Keep could be upset because of the prevailing making love. conditions at home.



Libra

Oct 01st 2024: Today you feel relaxed and Oct 01st 2024: Today, your health is in the right mood to enjoy. Monetary gains will be from various sources. Give proper time to your family. Let them feel that you care for them. Sped your quality time with them. Don't give any chance to complain.



experience this today.

Lapricorn

Oct 01st 2024 : Dormant problems will oct 01st 2024 : You are likely to enjoy surface bringing mental pressures. Your some sporting activity which will maintain unrealistic planning will lead to paucity of funds. Stay away from people who are likely to influence you with bad habits.

Love is always soulful, and you will



lautus

(April 20 - May 20)

some sporting activity which will maintain your physical fitness. Those who commit tax evasion can get into big trouble today. Therefore, you are advised not to commit such acts. Visit to a religious place or to a relative seems likely on your cards.



(July 23 - Aug 22)



Scorpio

expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky



Aduarius

your physical fitness. Those who had borrowed money from a relative may have to return that amount in any condition

today. Organize your day carefully- Talk

to people you can trust to seek their help.



(May 21 - June 20)

Oct 01st 2024: Victory celebrations will give you tremendous joy. You can share this happiness with friends to enjoy your joy. If you wish to lead a smooth life and maintain a stable standard of living, then you need to remain attentive today



to keep yourself fit and fine Those who invest their money in the stock market can suffer losses today. It will be better for you to become attentive and alert regarding



Sagittarius

Oct 01st 2024: Unnecessary tension and worry could sap the juice of your life and leave you dry. Better to get rid of these otherwise they would only aggravate your problem. You will make some extra cash today if you play your cards well.



Oct 01st 2024: Emotionally you will not be very stable- therefore be cautious how you behave and say things in front of others. Today, your parents may become worried because of your extravagant lifestyle and spending, and therefore you may have to fall prey to their anger.

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Set back to Akali Dal in Mohali Constituency

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Mohali: A large number of office bearers and workers including women joined the Aam Aadmi Party. While welcoming all those who joined the Aam Aadmi Party MLA Kulwant Singh said they all will be protected at all costs, with dignity and respect.
Working of Pb CM Bhagwant Singh
Mann has impressed all and actions
of the Aam Aadmi Party government led by Chief Minister Punjab, due to this large number of workers from various other parties are joining the Aam Aadmi Party.

MLA Mohali Kulwant Singh said that the dignity of those who joined the Aam Aadmi Party will be maintained at all costs and problems being faced by them will be solved on priority

Large number of Women are also joining AAP which is a positive step for a betterment of the society, the government led by Bhagwant Singh Maan, Chief Minister of Punjab is dedicated and committed



public, the the way government has waived electricity bills in Punjab, a large number of unemployment has been curbed,

MLA Kulwant Singh organizational structure of Aam Aadmi Party is getting stronger day-

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Mohali Police arrests two operatives of Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Gang

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Mohali: In the state-wide drive against gangsters and criminals launched as per directions of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann & DGP Punjab Gaurav Yadav, Dist SAS Nagar Police achieved a breakthrough when Derra Bassi police team arrested two operatives of Lawrance Bishnoi - Goldy Brar gang, said Sh. Deepak Parik, IPS, SSP SAS Nagar

Those arrested have been identified as Nitish Kumar @ Nikku Rana r/o Lalru and Gurqirat Singh Bedi r/o Derra Bassi. Police team also recovered two pistols (one .32 caliber & one 315 caliber) along with 9 live cartridges from their possession, besi Mahindra Bolero. besides impounding a

Briefing the media, SSP Deepak Parik said that those arrested were involved in the firing incident at an immigration office at Derra Bassi on 19.09.2024 and



development comes after police had arrested three accused within 24 hours of

Further investigation based on the accused's disclosures and Human Intelligence/Technical evidence pointed out that weapons and other logistics used in the crime were provided by Nikku Rana, a gangster on bail who was

associated with this gang. Later Nikku and Gurgirat collected the weapons from Delhi that were provided by Manjeet alias Guri and gangster Sachin Banja, both

lodged in Tihar Jail, presently.
The SSP further added. Nikku
Rana, an active member of the Lawrance Bishnoi - Goldy Brar gang has his involved in several crimes in the past.

Later in November 2023, he again

Later in November 2023, he again was involved in providing logistics and armed support to Manjeet alias Guri for a failed attempt to assassinate a Zirakpur-based businessman by the Goldy Brar gang.

The accused are arrested in FIR No 292, u/s 111, 109, 308(5), 333, 351(2), 351(3), 3(5), 332-b, 61(2) BNS and 25/27-54-59, Arms Act, dated 19.09.2024 about the firing incident registered at Police Station firing incident registered at Police Station Derra Bassi.Further investigation is on.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

Stray Cows continue to rule the streets



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Mohali: Due to the slow pace of implementation of the animal birth control programme for stray dogs in the city, their population has doubled in the last five years posing a threat to citizens. These Cows that were earlier found in large numbers near meat stalls, garbage dumps, and in residential areas. Nowadays they are seen across the city and in public places in large mumbers. and in public places in large numbers. Citizens wanted the programme to be expedited by increasing the number of doctors, and extending the facilities at the post operative centre. Residents claim that they have been spotting stray puppies in the area. "It is concerning. Some dogs chased children on their way to school. We are terrified after hearing incidents of dog bites and attacks in the city." residents said As stray dog attacks increase, the Centre has decided to reach out to the States, local self-governments (LSGs) and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) on implementing the new set of Animal Birth Control Rules prepared by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry recently. Notified on March 10 last year, the Rules put the onus of maintaining and controlling the population of stray dogs on LSGs and RWAs. Talking to sources Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), S.K. Dutta, said the Rules of 2001, based on the Prevention of Cruelties to Animals Act, 1960, were amended to "adopt humane procedures for controlling stray animal population through open methods of surgeries and operations. The decision is also based on several Supreme Court judgements, Dr. Dutta said. "Local bodies were not following the 2001 Rules. We got Chief Secretaries and State government

a number of complaints on cruelty to animals and other malpractices. After reviewing these Rules, the Ministry, in consultation with AWBI, revised these Rules and notified it on March 10, 2023," he said. The Ministry has requested all departments to ensure proper implementation of these new rules Sources added that nature of the dogs should be considered while dealing with complaints about man-animal conflict "No court allows relocation of dogs Dog is a territorial animal. They canno be kept in closed confinement and they will be more furious if we do so. Anima welfare activists who go for feeding dogs face harassment at some places So, we have framed a set of actions to be followed by RWAs and LSGs. It is elaborated in the new set of rules "he said. The new Rules prescribe that Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes for sterilisation and immunisation o stray dogs are to be carried out by LSGs. The Ministry is also concerned about complaints of cruelty involved in carrying out ABC programmes. effective implementation of these Rules ABC can be conducted by local bodies which will help in reducing stray dog population while addressing anima welfare issues. This is for birth control as well as maintenance of stray animals. The Rules want the RWAs to designate feed spots for dogs which shall be far from children play areas, entry and exit points staircase or in an area which is likely to be least frequented by children and senior citizens. Dr. Dutta said if garbage is managed at the source, stray animals car also be managed. **But Who Cares???**

CGC Jhanjeri campus signs MoU with Westcliffe University USA Under the quidance of MD Arsh Dhaliwal

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Mohali: Chandigarh Group of Colleges Jhanjeri Campus has entered into agreement with Westcliff University, University of California, USA. Under the leadership of MD Arsh Dhaliwal of CGC Jhanjeri, this agreement signed in California will be an important milestone in the expansion of educational directions in the global partnership of Jhanjeri campus. The MoU, signed by Managing Director Arsh Dhaliwal during his official visit to the US, reinforces the institution's mission to provide world-class educational opportunities to its

The agreement between Jhanjeri Campus and Westcliffe University will promote academic exchange, joint research projects, and innovative academic initiatives between the two campuses. This partnership unites two academic powerhouses—India and the United States—creating a dynamic environment of innovation, cross-cultural learning,



and academic excellence converge. Apart from that ,students will benefit from exposure to cutting-edge research, new technologies, and diverse perspectives, preparing them for the evolving global job market. Along with this, a series of informative workshops, seminars and interactive sessions will be started jointly. These sessions are designed to empower students, faculty and staff with the necessary skills and insights to embark on their entrepreneurial journey. On this occasion, CGC MD Arsh Dhaliwal shared his views that Jhanjeri Campus's

partnership with Westcliffe University is more than just a collaboration, with a commitment to prepare the next generation of entrepreneurs. He further said that both the organizations are keen to bring the best and experienced managers and engineers of the country through shared insights and guidance. He further added that such efforts are made for practical exposure by Jhanjeri Campus to achieve the best learning and placement before obtaining the degree. This will prove to be an important milestone in the life of the students.

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES Mohali: An Army man allegedly fired

Army man fires at café owner over 7k bill

three gunshots at the owner of a café after a dispute over pending bill of Rs 7,000 for snacks. The café owner escaped unhurt. Mohali police registered a case and arrested the accused on Sunday. They also claimed to have recovered a pistol and live cartridges from the possession of the accused.

Harsimran Singh Bal, DSP City-2, Mohali, said that the accused has been identified as Satwant Singh of Zirakpur. Jashanjeet Singh, owner of the cafe in New Market, Sector 68, said that Udit Shaukeen, a resident of Gilco Valley, used to visit his café and had pending bills of Rs 7,000 for snacks. Jashanjeet requested Udit several times to pay his bills but he

On the night of the incident, Satwant pending bills. Later, Satwant and Udit came to the market in a car and asked Jashanjeet to join them. When Jashanjeet came, Satwant accused him of talking about him behind his back. Jashanjeet said that his issue was with Udit, not Satwant. The situation escalated when Udit lashed out at Jashanjeet and hit him with his elbow. When Jashanjeet tried to get out of the car, Udit grabbed his hand and Satwant allegedly took out a pistol and fired at him. However, Jashanieet managed to grab Satwant's hand and push



t upwards, escaping the bullet hits Better Health Kool Solutions Jashanjeet and Satwant sustained minor injuries during the struggle while Udit Shaukeen escaped as soon as the shots were fired. Jashanjeet escaped unhurt and informed the police. A team from the Phase-8 police station reached the spot in a few minutes and admitted Satwant and Jashanjeet in ivil Hospita

After recording Jashanjeet Singh's statement and verifying facts, police registered a case against Satwant Singh and Udit under relevant sections of BNS and the Arms Act. Initial investigations revealed that Satwant Singh is an Army personnel who was absent from duty at the time of the incident. Police recovered a .45 calibre pistol, two live cartridges and two shells from the accused. The second accused, Udit, is on the run and raids are on to nab him, said the DSP.

Desh Bhagat University and Republic of Liberland Sign MoU For Sustainable Development and Innovation

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Chandigarh: In a strategic move to promote sustainable development through education and international cooperation, Desh Bhagat University (NAAC GRADÉ A+), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republic of Liberland. The agreement, themed "Fostering Innovation and Global Academic Alliances for Sustainable Development," aims to strengthen ties between the two for focusing on innovation, research, and collaborative efforts to address global challenges.

In a landmark event marking a new chapter in global academic collaboration, the Desh Bhagat University (DBU) Americas LLC office was officially inaugurated at the Centre of Excellence, Emaar Mohali a venture of Desh Bhagat University. The inauguration was graced by H.E. Mr. Vit Jedlicka, President of the Republic of Liberland.

Mr. Vit Jedlicka, the President of the Republic of Liberland, met with Dr. Sandeep Singh, President of Desh



Bhagat University, along with other university officials, to discuss potential collaborations and innovative educational initiatives at the Centre of Excellence, Emaar Mohali.

Mr. Mohit Srivastava, founder Movastacon Foundation, Mr.Ivan Pernar, Secretary, Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice President DBU, Er. Arun Malik, Director of Operations at Desh Bhagat University Americas, were also present on the occasion.

Before this The MoU was signed in a formal ceremony held at Desh Bhagat University, with dignitaries from both

Liberland and DBU present. Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice President DBU, signed the pact on behalf of Desh Bhagat University and H.E. Mr. Vit Jedlicka, President of the Republic of Liberland signed on behalf of the Republic of Liberland.

H.E. Mr. Vit Jedlicka, President of Liberland, praised the collaboration, stating, "This partnership with Desh Bhagat University a pivotal moment for

epresents Liberland's engagement with the global academic community.

Dr. Harsh Sadawarti, Vice President DBU said that "This MoU with the Republic of Liberland is a testimony to DBU's commitment to internationalization and fostering a spirit of innovation. Our collaboration will provide students and faculty with the unique opportunity to engage in research and entrepreneurship initiatives that align with global trends and emerging technologies.

Sidhu Moosewala's Father Balkaur Singh elected Sarpanch unanimously

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Mansa : Late singer Sidhu Moosewala's father Balkaur Singh has been unanimously elected as the Sarpanch of the Moosa village.



lopt for door-to-door campaigning to connect with voters- Asha Pathania

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Shahbad: Just a few days before polling, candidates in the fray for the Haryana Assembly Elections are organizing meetings with the booth-level workers and have asked them to remain alert during the polling.

In Shahbad Assembly, Asha Pathania, who is an AAP candidate, is seen visiting door-to-door and is also holding meetings with party workers in the city areas.

While directing the party workers, Pathania said that this election would decide the future of Shahbad and that the results of these polls would lay the foundation for the youth and women.



Pathania had also directed workers to remain attentive and follow the guidelines issued by the Election Commission.

"The workers of AAP are part of my family and have been giving their sweat and blood for the canvassing. AAP is a cadre-based party and we are fighting this poll as a single unit," she added. candidate Asha Pathania and her supporters can be seen moving doorto-door to woo voters and ensure that no turn is left unturned to ensure her victory and development of the Shahbad Assembly Constituency.

Pathania addressed many street corner meetings and visited several villages along with the supporters daily. "With barely the last few days remaining for the election, we are leaving no stone unturned to reach out to the voters, added Pathania. Asha Pathania has been organizing meetings with the AAP Party volunteers at her office and discussing booth management for upcoming elections scheduled for 5th October 2024.

Candidates contesting Haryana Elections have limited time now for campaigning and have to do their best as the state goes for polling on 5th October

BJP expels 8 Haryana leaders for six years over choosing to contest independently

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Chandigarh: Former Haryana minister Ranjit Singh Chautala and seven other leaders were expelled by the BJP for six years on Sunday, after they decided to contest the October 5 state Assembly polls as

independent candidates.
The Haryana BJP said its chief
Mohan Lal Badoli has expelled these leaders for a period of six years with immediate effect.

Besides Chautala, Sandeep Garg (contesting the polls from Ladwa), Zile Ram Sharma (Assandh), Devender Kadian (Ganaur), Bachan Singh Arya (Safidon), Radha Ahlawat (Meham), Naveen Goel (Gurugram) and Kehar Singh Rawat (Hathin) have been expelled from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Chautala decided to quit the saffron party after he was denied the poll ticket from Rania, the seat he represented in the Assembly when

he was an independent MLA. Chautala quit the membership of the Assembly before joining the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha



polls held earlier in the year. He had unsuccessfully contested the parliamentary polls from Hisar.

The 90-member Haryana Assembly is scheduled to go to polls on October 5 and the counting of votes will be taken up on October 8. The BJP is eyeing to return to power in the state for a third consecutive

The Haryana Congress expelled 13 leaders for "anti-party activities" over their decision to contest the polls as independent candidates. Several leaders of both the BJP

and the Congress were upset over being denied tickets to contest the Assembly polls, but the parties have managed to pacify most of them.

20.632 polling stations set up for Assembly elections. 144 Model Polling stations established

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Chandigarh : Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Sh. Pankaj Agarwal informed that the home voting process for voters aged 85 years and above, as well as for disabled and above, as well as for disabled voters, will be completed today, September 30, in preparation for the Haryana Assembly elections scheduled for October 5, 2024. Voters aged above 85 years and Persons with Disabilities (PwD) had submitted applications to the concerned Returning Officer.

concerned Returning Officer.

Upon approval by the Returning Officers, home voting facilities are being provided to 9,596 voters over the age of 85 and 2,600 PwD voters. He further informed that a total of 20,632 polling stations have been established across the state



Among them, 144 are designated as model polling stations. Apart from this, 115 polling stations will be entirely managed by women staff,

114 by youth employees, and 87 by PwD employees. Webcasting will be conducted at all polling stations on election day.

27,866 EVMs to be used in Election Agarwal stated that including reserved units, a total of 27,866 Electronic Voting Machines (ballot units) will be used in this election. Along with this, 24,719 control units and 26,774 VVPAT machines will be used during the election process. Voters can verify their vote on the VVPAT machine after casting it.

He added that for security, 225 companies of Central Armed Police Forces have already been deployed for the election. Apart from this, 500 flying squad teams and 461 state surveillance teams are also on duty.

There will be two days of official holiday in Pb. schools, colleges and offices will not open

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Chandigarh: October 2 and 3 will be a public holiday in Punjab. Because Gandhi Jayanti is and Maharaja Agarsen Jayanti is. Due to which this decision has been

taken. Schools, banks and offices will remain closed on these days.

The first public holiday of October will be Gandhi Jayanti on October 2. Banks, government offices, schools and colleges will remain closed on this day. Maharaja Agarsen Jayanti will be a holiday on October 3 in Punjab and Rajasthan.



banks etc. will be closed for 2 days in the beginning of the month. Both these days are mentioned as holidays in the government's annual holiday

'Rahul. Priyanka giving party new energy." : Kumari Shelja as Congress campaigns aggressively in Hry

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Ambala: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi have kickstarted the business end of the Congress campaign in Haryana with several rallies and meetings scheduled.

Today the Lok Sabha LoP arrived in Ambala to campaign for the party in Ambala and Kurukshetra ahead of the assembly elections in the state from October 5. Congress MP Kumari Shelja, said that she was sure Congress would win in Haryana.

"We are doing very well. We are confident we will win the Haryana elections. Wherever Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi are going, the people and the party are getting a new energy, Shelja said speaking to the media persons.
On September 29, Shelja, while

campaigning in Ambala for party Pari, Parminder stated that the decision regarding the Chief they will vote for the party, enabling



Ministerial candidate would be made by the party's high command."The CM face will be decided by the party high command after the elections, Shelja responded when asked about the Congress candidate for the post of Chief Minister in Haryana

Kumari Shelja further claimed that the party is receiving overwhelming public support.

Speaking to the press in Ambala, she said, "We are receiving massive support from the people, and we are hopeful that us to form the government. Ambala is my old constituency, which is why I have come here. Tomorrow, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi will visit this area. Our manifestos are always truthful, and we never make false promises."

Earlier, she campaigned in support of the party's candidate from the Kalka assembly

seat, Pradeep Chaudhary, expressing confidence that he would emerge victorious in the upcoming assembly elections, despite facing numerous challenges.

"Congress candidate from Kalka, Pradeep Chaudhary, has faced many challenges. He has always stood by the public. The BJP has consistently conspired against Congress leaders. I am confident that people will vote for the Congress candidate in large

Chandigarh Cyber Cell shut down more than 1900 social media accounts

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Chandigarh: Chandigarh Cyber Cell took action and shut down more than 1900 social media accounts promoting gangsters and gun culture. These accounts were misleading the youth by glorifying crimes.

The move is aimed at curbing the growing influence of gangsters and crime in Chandigarh and its surrounding areas. Chandigarh has seen several serious crimes involving gangsters in recent years. Now Chandigarh Police has taken a strict stance to stop these activities on social media.

Criminals have adopted a new way of spreading their threats using platforms like Facebook, X,



Instagram and YouTube. They used to create fear in the society by posting threatening videos and pictures after committing the crime. Extortion and other crimes were being committed due to this fear, which is now being stopped with this operation of the

Police track down 2 women accused and solves a high profile theft case

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Bathinda : In a remarkable achievement, Bathinda Police led by SSP Amneet Kondal succeeded in hunting down 2 women accused in the theft of lakhs of rupees from the house of DSP posted in CID wing; these two women accused have committed the crime by posing as maids.

The case has attracted a lot of attention in news papers and other media due to keen interest from the public.

Last week, two unknown women entered the house DSP on the pretext of cleaning the house and stole gold, silver and diamond jewellery worth



Police have registered the case and started investigation along with a team of the Counter Intelligence (C.I) wing. The investigation and search was based on the various CCTV footages around the house of the DSP.



Ultimately, the Bathinda Police, in collaboration with Counter Intelligence Bathinda, successfully arrested 2 women involved in this major theft case and recovered Stolen Gold and diamond jewellery worth lakhs was from Bihar.

Mithun Chakraborty to be honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award

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New Delhi: This year's Dadasaheb Phalke award will be given to legendary actor Mithun Chakraborty. Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced this today in a post on X.

"From the streets of Kolkata to Cinematic Heights; Mithun Da's remarkable cinematic journey inspires generations! Honoured to announce that the Dadasaheb Phalke Selection Jury has decided to award legendary actor, Sh. Mithun Chakraborty Ji for his iconic contribution to Indian Cinema," Minister Vaishnaw announced.

The Minister said the award will be presented to the veteran actor at the 70th National Film Awards ceremony on October 8.

The actor made his acting debut with the art house drama Mrigayaa (1976) by Mrinal Sen for which he won his first National Film Award for Best Actor. The film was a major box office success in the country and outside also, particularly in the then Soviet Union.

The actor embarked on his acting journey with Mrigayaa and



became a rage after his 1982 film Disco Dancer was released. The film did phenomenal business across Asia, the (then) Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Turkey, and Africa. The news of Mithun Chakraborty winning the Dadasaheb Phalke Award comes just months after he was honoured with the Padma Bhushan. The ceremony took place in April and the actor accepted the honour from President Droupadi Murmu. "I am very happy. I have never asked for anything for myself from anyone in my life. When I received a call from the Home Ministry informing me that I was being awarded the Padma Bhushan, I was silent for a minute because I had not expected it," he said after accepting the honour.

His other films are 'Agneepath', 'Mujhe Insaaf Chahiye', 'Hum Se Hai Zamana', 'Pasand Apni Apni', 'Ghar Ek Mandir' and 'Kasam Paida Karne Wale Ki', among many others. In recent years, he appeared in films such 'OMG: Oh My God'.

Mithun Chakraborty (born Gouranga Chakraborty) was

born on June 16, 1950. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in the field of cinema. It is presented annually at the National Film Awards ceremony by the Directorate of Film Festivals, an organisation set up by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The recipient is honoured for their outstanding contribution to the growth and development of Indian cinema. The award was first presented in 1969 to commemorate Dadasaheb Phalke's contribution to Indian cinema

India break world record for fastest team fifty and hundred in Test cricket



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New Delhi: Indian openers Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi adopted a T20-esque batting strategy, achieving the fastest fifty in Test cricket history within just 3 overs against Bangladesh at Green Park in Kanpur on Monday. This milestone was reached on the fourth day of the second Test match, with the opening partnership of Yashasvi Jaiswal, who scored 30 runs from 13 balls, and Rohit Sharma, with 19 runs not out from 6 balls, playing an instrumental role in this achievement.

India broke the record for England to score the fastest team fifty by getting there in three overs during day four of the second Test against Bangladesh. Rohit was eventually clean bowled for an 11-ball 23 by Mehidy Hasan Miraz. Earlier, in July, England broke its 30-year-old record for the fastest recorded men's team Test fifty, reaching the 50-run mark in only 4.2 overs against West Indies at Trent Bridge.

England's cricket team now holds the next three spots for the fastest team fifties in Test cricket. The third-quickest fifty by England was recorded against Sri Lanka, achieved in 5 overs during a Test match at Old Trafford in Manchester in 2002. Following England in this list, Sri Lanka rank fourth, having reached a fifty in 5.2 overs against Pakistan in Karachi in 2004.

Fastest team 50s in recorded Test cricket

3- India vs Bangladesh, Kanpur, 2024

4.2–England vs WI, Nottingham,

4.3 – England vs SA, The Oval, 1994

4.6 – England vs SL, Manchester, 2002

5.2 – Sri Lanka vs PAK, Karachi, 2004

5.3 – India vs ENG, Chennai,

5.3 – India vs WI, Port of Spain, 2023

India's achievement was part of an even more dominant performance, as they also set a new record for the fastest team hundred in Test cricket, reaching 100 runs in just 10.1 overs, beating their previous fastest hundred of 12.2 overs from a match against the West Indies in 2023.

Yashasvi Jaiswal was particularly impressive, smashing 68 runs off 41 balls, with 12 fours and 2 sixes. His aggressive approach, along with support from Shubman Gill (11 off 11 balls), pushed India's run rate to over 10 runs per over. Despite early bowling efforts from Hasan Mahmud and Mehidy Hasan Miraz, the Indian team dominated, cruising at a rapid pace.

Fastest team 100s in Test cricket (overs faced)

10.1 India vs BAN Kanpur 2024 12.2 India vs WI Port of Spain

2023 13.1 Sri Lanka vs BANColombo SSC 2001

13.4 Bangladesh vs WI Mirpur 2012

13.4 England vs PAK Karachi 2022

13.4 England vs PAK Rawalpindi 2022

13.6 Australia vs IND Perth 2012.

Karan Veer Mehta lifts Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 trophy. wins Rs 20 lakh and car

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New Delhi: Rohit Shetty's Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 has been making waves since the new season began. After enduring numerous challenges, Karan Veer Mehra was announced the winner today, while Krishna Shroff and Gashmeer Mahajani secured the second and third spots, respectively.

This season featured a dynamic lineup of contestants, including Asim Riaz, Krishna Shroff, Shaleen Bhanot, Abhishek Kumar, Ashish Mehrotra, Shilpa Shinde, Niyati Fatnani, Gashmeer Mahajani, Karan Veer Mehra, Nimrit Kaur Ahluwalia, Aditi Sharma, and Sumona Chakraborty, all of whom performed daring stunts and tasks.



The season also stirred up several controversies, particularly after Asim Riaz's unexpected exit in the very first episode, sparking widespread discussion about the contestants.

Karan, Abhishek, Gashmeer, Shalin, and Krishna were the top five finalists of the show. In Saturday's grand finale episode, the race for the top 3 began with a helicopter stunt between Karan Veer and Gashmeer, which Karan won, impressing everyone with his performance. Later, Shalin,

Krishna, and Abhishek competed in a water stunt, where Shalin emerged victorious.

As a result, Karan Veer, Shalin, and Gashmeer advanced to the top 3, with Karan Veer ultimately winning the Khatron Ke Khiladi 14 trophy.

Special guests Alia Bhatt and Vedang Raina, who are promoting their upcoming film Jigra, added star power to the grand finale.



Lazy John

There was a boy named John who was so lazy he couldn't even change his clothes. One day, he

saw the apple tree in their yard was full of fruits. He wanted to eat some apples, but he was too lazy to climb the tree and take the fruits.



So he lay down underneath the tree and waited for the fruits to fall off. John waited until he was starving, but the apples never fell.



Industrialist SP Oswal duped of Rs 7 crore by cyber criminals, 2 arrested

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Ludhiana : Punjab Police on Sunday busted a gang of inter-state cyber fraudsters who duped noted industrialist Shri Paul Oswal of Rs 7 crore.

Ludhiana Police Commissioner Kuldeep Singh Chahal said two cyber criminals have been arrested and Rs 5.25 crore have been recovered from them.

Seven other members of this gang have been identified and efforts were on to nab them, he said, adding that all the nine members of the gang belonged to Assam and West Bengal. The fraudsters cheated the owner of Vardhman Group SP Oswal by getting Rs 7 crore withdrawn from various bank accounts belonging to the industrialist.



One of them introduced himself as a CBI officer and showed the industrialist a fake arrest warrant and threatened him with digital arrest, police said.

The cyber cell of the police registered the case on the complaint of Oswal

and said it solved the case within 48 hours. The accused have been identified as Atanoo Choudhary and Anand Kumar Choudhary (both residents of Guwahati in Assam), the police said. It was the second such incident which came to light within a week. Earlier, a local industrialist was duped of Rs 1.01 crore by

some fraudsters. Rajnish Ahuja was also duped after the fraudsters threatened him with an arrest warrant after claiming that an extortion amount was transferred to his bank account.

Delhi CM Atishi. AAP MLAs inspect condition of roads in national capital

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New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Atishi, along with other MLAs and members of the Aam aadmi party, including former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia and Delhi Minister Gopal Rai inspected the condition of roads in the national capital on Monday. She inspected the condition of roads in the Okhla area of the national capital.

This is part of the Delhi government's road assessment and repair plan. Delhi Chief Minister had announced that various Aam Aadmi Party ministers have been assigned responsibility for different road areas in the city. Atishi will oversee South and South East Delhi, Saurabh Bharadwaj is in charge of East Delhi, Gopal Rai handles North East Delhi, Imran Hussain manages Central and New Delhi, Kailash Gehlot is responsible for South West Delhi and Outer Delhi, while Mukesh Shehrawat oversees North West Delhi.

Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal inspected several roads along with Atishi, and asserted to have a report prepared of all the roads under the PWD. The AAP supremo also handed over a letter to Atishi in the state assembly urging immediate repair for the damaged roads. Speaking to the media, after inspection of the condition of roads in Okhla area, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi said, "For two days, Arvind Kejriwal and I inspected the roads of Delhi and found that the condition of roads is very bad... Arvind Kejriwal has given a call to all the party MLAs and ministers to work towards restoring the roads of Delhi at the earliest.

Every inch of the 1400 km stretched PWD roads will be inspected. In the next three to four months, all roads will be restored. We will try to give pothole-free roads to the people of Delhi by Diwali. The opposition did everything it could to stop us from working. Now that Arvind Kejriwal is out from the jail and we will work under his guidance".

Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj and Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia inspected the condition of roads in the Patparganj area of Delhi. "On the instructions of Arvind Kejriwal, I and Saurabh Bharadwaj inspected a few roads of Delhi. We observed that many roads were in a bad condition. In some places, work was going on and the road had been dug up for



the last 7-8 months. Potholes have been left open in some places. We will work on it and the roads will be renovated. BJP has destroyed all the roads of Delhi to trouble the people of Delhi... Now that Arvind Kejriwal is back, all the pending work will be completed quickly... Arvind Kejriwal has instructed the CM as well as all ministers to work on a war footing and work on the conditions of roads in Delhi," Sisodia said while speaking to the media.

Gopal Rai, who inspected the condition of roads in the Babarpur area (North East Delhi), while speaking to the media said that the condition of roads has worsened after Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal was sent to jail. "After the rains in Delhi, potholes have formed on the roads everywhere. Ever since they put Arvind Kejriwal in jail, the condition of Delhi's roads has worsened. We ourselves decided that we will inspect the roads and get them repaired as soon as possible," Gopal Rai said, while speaking to the media.

Earlier, the former CM assured residents that the halted work would resume, referencing the delay that occurred during his recent jail term. Kejriwal called for a citywise assesment of roads, and said that all legislators and ministers would participate in the inspection, and repairs of roads within the next two to three days. "I visited DU with Atishi yesterday as well. The road was damaged. Today, we have come here. So, I would like to urge Atishi to have an assessment of all the PWD roads in Delhi in the next 3-4 days. All our MLAs and ministers will hit the road and have this assessment. Repair work on all the roads that are damaged will be done on war-footing in the next few months so that people face do not face any problems. I was in jail and that is why they stopped a lot of works but I would like to assure the people that I am here. All halted works will resume," Kejriwal said while speaking to the media.

Ajit Doval to visit France today. Rafale deal among key agendas

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New Delhi: National Security Advisor Ajit Doval will be on a two-day visit to France from today. The Rafale deal will be one of the main agendas during his meeting with key officials there, defence officials. This meeting comes soon after France submitted the final detailed offer for the Rafale deal in the negotiations held in New Delhi, they said. The Indian side is keen to wrap up the negotiations and complete the contract by the end of this fiscal year.

This project is important for the Indian Navy's fighter aircraft fleet, complementing the existing Russian-origin MiG-29K fighters. If the deal goes through, the Rafale



Marine jets from Dassault Aviation will replace the currently deployed MiG-29s, marking India's second major purchase of fighter jets from a French defence manufacturer in recent years.

The procurement includes 22 single-seated Rafale Marine aircraft

and four twin-seater trainer versions. The acquisition talks come at a time when the Indian Navy has been facing a shortage of aircraft and submarines, emphasising the urgency of meeting its requirements.

The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has

already given its approval for the purchase, paving the way for a significant boost to India's naval arsenal. India and France have been in talks for enhancing Make in India elements in the present order as India wants to develop its aircraft manufacturing industry.

Telangana weaver crafts stunning gold saree worth Rs 18 lakh

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Hyderabad: In a remarkable feat of craftsmanship, a Sircilla-based weaving artist Nalla Vijay Kumar has unveiled a masterpiece, a saree made entirely of gold. The unique creation was commissioned by a Hyderabad-based businessman for his daughter's wedding.

The order, placed six months ago,

The order, placed six months ago, required meticulous work and attention to detail. Sircilla is a town in Telangana, which is renowned for its skilled handloom weavers and Nalla Vijay is one of them.

Craftsman Vijay Kumar explained that converting gold into fine threads for weaving required surgical precision and took considerable time.



Once the gold yarn was prepared, the saree was woven over a period of 10 to 12 days, bringing the elaborate design to life.

The saree is 49 inches wide and measures five and a half meters in length. It weighs between 800 and 900



Expressing his pride and satisfaction, Vijay Kumar said, "It is an honour to weave such a unique

saree. Completing this project not only brings me immense joy but also fulfills a dream that reflects my passion for this art".

The saree will be presented to the family on the wedding day, October 17.

Protest erupts in Kerala hospital after 3-hour power outage, probe ordered

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Thiruvananthapuram: Family members of patients admitted in the state-run Sree Avittam Thirunal Hospital (SAT) Hospital in Thiruvananthapuram protested outside the gate as some blocks in the facility faced a power outage for nearly three hours on last night.

The hospital, located on the Government Medical College campus, witnessed heated arguments between the family members of the patients and hospital authorities.

Taking cognisance of the matter, Health Minister Veena George said a comprehensive technical committee will carry out a probe into the power outage reported in one of the blocks in the hospital.

When the incident was brought to her notice, George also sought the emergency



support of the power minister and the electrical wing of the Public Works Department (PWD) to restore the power supply.

As the tension escalated, more police personnel were deployed on the hospital campus. The power supply was restored after nearly three hours.

SAT hospital is a tertiary care institute, the maternal and child health wing of the Government Medical College in Thiruvananthapuram.

As the protest mounted, the Kerala Electricity Board Limited (KSEB) claimed that the power outage was not because of any fault on their side. Meanwhile, Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly VD Satheesan criticised the government over the issue and accused the Health Department of not paying heed to the matter.

The power supply was interrupted for over three hours and it was restored temporarily after intense protests staged by patients and their family members, he said.

He also criticised the authorities for not shifting pregnant women and newborn babies, admitted there in critical condition, to other hospitals.

In a statement, the LoP also demanded a comprehensive probe into the incident.

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Man stabbed to death in Delhi, teen neighbour detained

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Delhi : A 22-year-old man was stabbed to death in south Delhi's in Tigri area, police said.

A PCR call about the incident was received at Tigri Police Station around 7.30 pm. On reaching the spot, the police team rushed the



victim to AIIMS Trauma Centre

where he was declared brought dead, a senior police officer said. The victim, Kamal Singh Rana, had multiple stab wounds, the police said.

Rana's neighbour, Ritikesh (19), has been detained and further legal action is being taken accordingly, they said.

Former Netanyahu rival Gideon Saar joins Israeli cabinet

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Jerusalem: Israeli opposition lawmaker Gideon Saar has joined Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government, the two politicians said. In a video statement, Netanyahu said on Sunday that under the terms of their agreement, Saar would be appointed to his security cabinet, which is responsible for key policy decisions in Israel's ongoing war.

Israel's ongoing war.

According to state-owned Kan TV,
Saar, a prominent far-right politician
and former rival of Netanyahu, had
been in talks over a deal that would
have seen him replace Defence Minister
Yoav Gallant, another political rival of
the Prime Minister. However, the effort
faltered last week as Israel intensified
its offensive against Hezbollah, news
agency reported.

Saar's entry was widely viewed by local media as an attempt to solidify Netanyahu's coalition government and



strengthen his grip on power.

Saar's inclusion in the government coalition takes its support in the 120-seat Israeli parliament from 64 to 68, weakening the de-facto veto power that far-right parties have over the cabinet. The move comes as Israel intensifies its attacks on Lebanon, Gaza and across the Middle East in what is increasingly looking like a wider regional war. Saar had been one of Netanyahu's most vocal critics in recent years, but the

Israeli Prime Minister suggested that the two politicians have been on the same page since the start of the war on Gaza. Since Monday, Israel has conducted its most extensive attacks on Lebanon since 2006, launching airstrikes on Friday evening against Hezbollah's main headquarters in Dahieh, the southern suburbs of Beirut, during which the armed group's top leader, Hassan Nasrallah, and several other commanders

were killed. The heavy assaults mark the latest escalation of the ongoing clashes between Israel and Hezbollah, which began on October 8, 2023, when Hezbollah started launching rockets at Israel in solidarity with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, prompting Israel's retaliatory artillery fire and airstrikes in southeastern Lebanon.

SpaceX Crew-9 arrives at ISS; welcomed by NASA's Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore

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Washington: After months of uncertainty, NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Roscosmos cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov, travelling in the SpaceX Dragon capsule, successfully docked with the International Space Station (ISS) on Sunday to bring back Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore, who had been stuck there since June 2024. As they stepped aboard, they were greeted by the Expedition 72 crew, NASA astronauts Sunita Williams and Butch Wilmore.

SpaceX launched the rescue mission that will bring them home next year. Hague and Gorbunov entered the ISS after opening the hatch between the space station and the pressurised mating adapter at 7:04 p.m. EDT before opening the hatch to Dragon, NASA said in a statement.

NASA said in a statement. Hague and Gorbunov were welcomed by the space station's Expedition 72 crew, including NASA astronauts Matthew Dominick, Michael Barratt. Jeanette Epps, Don Petitt, Butch Wilmore, and Sunita Williams, as well as Roscosmos cosmonauts Grebenkin, Alexey Alexander Ovchinin, and Ivan Vagner. In a post on X, NASA's Johnson Space Center wrote, "The official welcome! The Expedition 72 crew welcomed Crew 9. NASA astronauts Nick Hague, the Crew 9 commander and cosmonaut Aleksandr Gorbunov, the Crew 9 mission specialist, after their flight aboard the SpaceX Dragon spacecraft."

Notably, for a short time, the number of crew aboard the space station will increase to 11 people until Crew-8 members Dominick, Barratt, Epps, and Grebenkin return to Earth in early October. On Saturday, SpaceX had launched a reduced two-man crew to the ISS, carrying supplies and two empty seats for Starliner astronauts awaiting a return home in February after an unplanned eight-and-a-half-month stay in orbit, reported.

The launch was delayed by two days due to high winds, rain, and clouds associated with Hurricane Helene. The SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket finally ignited and lifted off from pad 40 at Cape Canaveral Space Force Station at 1:17 pm EDT, following a north-



easterly trajectory directly aligned with the ISS's orbital plane. Inside the Crew Dragon "Freedom," Hague monitored the automated ascent alongside Gorbunov, who was on his maiden flight.

Typically, Crew Dragons launch with four crew members; however, two Crew 9 astronauts--Stephanie Wilson and Zena Cardman--were removed from the mission in August to accommodate seats for Starliner commander Barry "Butch" Wilmore and pilot Sunita Williams when Crew Dragon returns to Earth in February. Notably, Sunita Williams and Butch Willmore have been at the ISS since June. The pair had launched aboard Boeing's Starliner spacecraft on June 5 for its first crewed flight, arriving at the space station on June 6. A decision was made to return Starliner to Earth without its crew, and the spacecraft successfully returned on September 6 after NASA in August said that it's "too risky" to bring Wilmore and Williams back to Earth.

Wilmore and Williams continued their work formally as part of the expedition and will return in February next year. This means what would have been a week-long test flight, extended to around 8 months. "Wilmore and Williams will continue their work formally as part of the Expedition 71/72 crew through February 2025.

They will fly home aboard a Dragon spacecraft with two other crew members assigned to the agency's SpaceX Crew-9 mission. Starliner is expected to depart from the space station and make a safe, controlled autonomous re-entry and landing in early September," NASA had said in a statement.

Stricter visa rules for Indians in UK? Here's what Top Tory contender Robert Jenrick

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London: Robert Jenrick, a prominent candidate for the leadership of the Conservative Party, advocated for more stringent visa regulations for Indian nationals, particularly for those who arrive in the United Kingdom via unauthorized means.

Both the frontrunners, Robert Jenrick and Kemi Badenoch, have kept the proposal for visa restrictions and stronger immigration rules in the focus of their campaigns.

While referring to the proposal, Jenrick mentioned that Indians received 250,000 visas in 2023, even



though the percentage of deportation of illegal Indians remains at an all-

time low.

Jenrick presented a fivepoint strategy designed to increase the deportation rate of individuals residing illegally in the UK, suggesting that the total number of removals could exceed 100,000 annually.

"It is time to play hardball with these countries and refuse to issue visas until they agree to take back

their citizens who are living illegally in the UK," he stated.

192 dead in Nepal Floods, search ops on For 30 missing people

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Kathmandu: The death toll from raintriggered floods and landslides across Nepal climbed to 192 with 30 people missing, officials said.

Large swathes of eastern and central Nepal have been inundated, with flash floods reported in parts of the country. According to police, 192 people have been killed so far due to floods and

landslides across Nepal.

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As many as 94 people have sustained injuries in flood-related incidents, Ministry of Home Affairs spokesperson Rishiram Pokharel said. Search and rescue operations are underway with the mobilisation of all the security agencies, he said, adding that the Nepal Army has airlifted 162 people from across the country.

As many as 4,000 people affected by flood and inundation have been rescued by the Nepal Army, Nepal Police and Armed Police Force personnel, Pokharel said.

All necessary relief materials, including food grains, have been distributed to those rescued, he said.

In the Balkhu area on the outskirts of Kathmandu, meals were distributed to 400 people with the help of social workers, the spokesperson said.

National highways have been blocked,



with hundreds of people stranded on various highways due to landslides.

Efforts are underway to clear national highways where roads are obstructed due to flood, landslide and inundation. Transport has resumed at the Tribhuvan Highway, the main land route connecting Kathmandu to other districts, Pokharel said.

The floods damaged at least 322 houses and 16 bridges across Nepal. Eyewitnesses said they have never seen

Eyewitnesses said they have never seen such a devastating flood and inundation in the Kathmandu Valley in 40-45 years. "I've never before seen flooding on this scale in Kathmandu," said Arun Bhakta Shrestha, Climate and Environmental expert at the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD).

Kathmandu's main river, the Bagmati, was flowing above danger levels after incessant rain lashed much of eastern and central Nepal.

A low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal and the more northerly than usual position of the monsoon trough was the reason behind exceptionally intense rain, it said.

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Scientists say that while climate change is changing the amount and timing of rainfall across Asia, a key reason for the rise in the impact of floods is the built environment, including unplanned construction, especially on

construction, especially on floodplains, which leaves insufficient areas for water retention and drainage. The floods and landslides have thrown life out of gear in many parts of the

life out of gear in many parts of the country, with many highways and road stretches disrupted, hundreds of houses and bridges buried or swept away, and hundreds of families displaced.

Thousands of passengers have been stranded in various places due to road disruption.

At least 19 people were killed when a bus was buried in a landslide in Dhading district bordering Kathmandu. Five people died when a house collapsed under a landslide in the city of Bhaktapur. Six football players were also killed in a landslide at a training centre operated by the All Nepal Football Association in Makwanpur. Others have been swept up in the floodwaters.

Meanwhile, despite the forecast for rain to continue, there were signs of some easing.

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Hutticane Helene unleashes havoc: 93 dead, millions without power

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Florida: Hurricane Helene's destruction across the Southeast has left 93 people dead, millions without power, and several families stranded in floodwaters, according to a report.

Hoodwaters, according to a report. Deaths have been reported in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Tennessee. At least 36 people are dead in North Carolina, according to county and state officials. At least 25 are dead in South Carolina, including two firefighters in Saluda County, authorities said.

In Georgia, at least 17 people have died, two of them killed by a tornado in Alamo, according to a spokesperson for Gov. Brian Kemp. In North Carolina, county and state officials have confirmed 36 fatalities, while in South Carolina, 25 people have lost their lives, including two firefighters in Saluda County. In Georgia, a spokesperson for Governor Brian Kemp reported at least 17 deaths,



with two victims losing their lives to a tornado in Alamo.

In Florida, at least 11 people have died, Gov Ron DeSantis said, including several people who drowned in Pinellas County. Two people lost their lives in Virginia, officials said on Sunday, and two deaths were reported in Tennessee, reported. Buncombe County in North Carolina has received approximately 600 missing persons reports through an online form, County Manager Avril Pinder said.

Meanwhile, US President Joe Biden has assured that his administration is coordinating with state and local officials to provide necessary support and resources to communities affected by Hurricane Helene. Sharing a post on X, Biden said, "I continue to be briefed by my team on the ongoing response efforts in Hurricane Helene's wake, and my administration is in constant contact with state and local

contact with state and local officials to ensure communities have the support and resources they need. As we continue to support response and recovery efforts, we will make sure that no resource is spared to ensure communities can quickly begin their road to rebuilding."

He added, "Jill and I are praying for those who lost loved ones from Hurricane Helene, and for those whose homes, businesses, and communities were impacted by this terrible storm."

PM Modi speaks to Mallikarjun Kharqe after Congress chief falls ill during rally

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge to enquire about his health hours after the Rajya Sabha MP fell ill during an election rally in Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing a public rally in Kathua district, Kharge felt dizzy and was helped into a chair by his colleagues on stage. He continued his address after getting medical assistance and reassured party supporters, saying he would not die "until PM Modi is removed from power".

"These people never wanted to conduct the elections. They only started preparing for elections after the Supreme Cintervention," Kharge said. Court's

"We will fight to restore statehood. We are not going to leave it. I am 83 years old. I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive until PM Modi is removed from power. I will listen to you. I will fight for you," the Congress chief said in his address.



Kharge further accused the BJP of allowing outsiders to dominate key sectors like mining and liquor contracts in Jammu and Kashmir. "Why has the BJP delayed restoring statehood when they hold all the power? The people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve better governance, and the BJP has failed to deliver," he said.

"Modi ji is shedding crocodile tears for the future of the youth in Jammu and Kashmir. The reality is that in the last 10 years, the youth of the entire country have been pushed into darkness, and Modi ji himself is responsible for this," Kharge alleged.

Kharge was campaigning for Congress candidate Thakur Balbir Singh from Jasrota ahead of October 1 polling.

Tripura woman allegedly tied to tree, burnt alive by sons. family dispute suspected

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Agartala: A 62-year-old woman was tied to a tree and allegedly burnt alive by her two sons in West Tripura, officials said.

Police said they have arrested the sons, and suspect that a family dispute might have led to the gruesome murder.

The incident happened on last night in Khamarbari in the Champaknagar police station area, they said.

The woman lived with her two sons after she lost her husband around one-and-a-half-year ago. Her other son lived in Agartala.

"After receiving an input that a woman was set on fire, a police team rushed there and found the burnt body tied to a tree. We took the body to the hospital



for post-mortem examination," Sub-Divisional Police Officer of Jirania Kamal Krishna Koloi.

"We have arrested her two sons for their alleged involvement in the case. They will be produced before the court today, seeking police remand for interrogation. A family dispute may be the reason behind the incident," he said. An investigation is underway, he

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India could have outmatched IMF funds to Pak if ties were better: Rajnath Singh

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New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that India would have given more money to Pakistan than it has sought from the International Monetary Fund had relations between the two neighbours been better. "Modi Ji had announced a special PM

package for development here [in Jammu and Kashmit] in 2014-15. PM Modi has given a special PM package for J-K in 2014-15. That PM package has now increased and it is so much money, that Pakistan was requesting to IMF for a fund lesser than this," Rajnath Singh said at a rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Bandipore. Mentioning former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's comment that "you can change friends but not neighbours", he further asserted, "If there had been a better relationship, we would have given more money to Pakistan than what they asked from the International Monetary



Fund (IMF)".

As part of its bailout program for Pakistan, currently grappling with one of the worst economic crises in its history, the IMF recently approved a new \$7 billion (approximately Rs 58,597 crore) loan. Pakistan, the IMF's fifth-largest debtor, owes \$6.28 billion to the Fund and has received 22 bailout packages since 1958.

Rajnath Singh further criticised Islamamabad, saying, "Pakistan seeks

money from other countries to run a

terrorist factory on its soil". He added that whenever the agencies investigated terrorist activities in Kashmir, Pakistan has always been found to be involved in that. "Whenever we have investigated terrorism, we have found Pakistani involvement. Our successive governments have tried to make Pakistan understand that they

should stop terror camps but to no avail," the Defence Minister as saying. Singh also asserted that Pakistan has been isolated globally now, saying "Even Turkey, which used to support Pakistan, has not made mention of Kashmir at the UNGA".

The Defence Minster added that Pakistan is "frustrated" after the revocation of Article 370 and is making attempts to revive terror in Jammu and Kashmir, which saw a series of terrorist attacks in the recent past.

Jamaat-backed independent candidate in J&K campaigns with GPS tracker on ankle

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Bandipore : Sikandar Malik, independent candidate from Bandipore constituency, who is backed by the banned Jamaat-e-Islami organisation, is campaigning for the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir with a special GPS tracking anklet around his feet. Notably, the Jamaat cannot officially participate in the polls due to a ban under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) imposed by Home Ministry in 2019 for alleged anti-national activities and links to terrorism. The ban was extended for a

further five years earlier this year. Malik, who was arrested in connection with the UAPA case against the Jamaat by the National Investigation Agency, is currently out on bail and has been wearing the GPS tracker since the past four months.

Malik said that he is seeking votes for



the development of Bandipore, which includes proper education facilities in the region. He said that if voted to power, he would ensure complete development of Bandipore.

On being asked about the allegations that the Jamaat-e-Islami was deliberately allowed by the BJP to field candidates to cut votes of other parties, he said that they were just rumours by the regional parties. Notably, Malik is a former Jamaat-e-Islami leader. Talking about the GPS tracker on

Malik's feet, he called it a "violation of human rights" and said that he would appeal against it in court.

"I have been told to wear this tracker till the investigation in the UAPA case against Jamaate-Islami is going on," he said. He further said that they would

approach the Supreme Court to lift the ban on the Jamaat-e-Islami under the UAPA. The Jamaat-e-Islami has been accused

of supporting separatism in Kashmir, including backing armed and violent protests. After the controversial 1988 Assembly elections, the organisation became associated with separatist movements.

After the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, the government cracked down on Jamaat nder the UAPA, arresting leaders and seizing assets.

ACs at Madhya Pradesh hospital non-functional, patients bring their own fans

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Bhopal : The Intensive Care Unit (ICU) of the government-run Seth Govind Das Victoria District Hospital in Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur has been in a dire condition since the past few months.

Patients are forced to bring their own fans as the air conditioners at the ICU are not functioning for the past four months.

To the attention of the officials of the state health department, they cited lack of budget as the reason behind

However, 20 days have passed since



then and the condition of the ICU is still the same, with people bringing table fans to a critical place like the

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constituency, Pandey, took stock of the conditions of the Victoria Hospital recently. He assured the patients that steps would be taken to resolve the issue as soon as possible and people found guilty of the dysfunctional state of the ICU would be punished.

Dr Manish Mishra, the hospital's civil surgeon, said that similar conditions persist in hospitals across other districts, including Mandla and Dindori.

Demolition at Kolkata hospital days after doctor's rape. document reveals why

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Bhubaneswar: Over a month after a huge uproar by protesting doctors over renovation near RG Kar Medical College and Hospital's seminar hall, where a trainee doctor was raped and killed, a document has surfaced, indicating that the construction was carried out in agreement with the doctors.

The viral document, dated August 12, shows that a resolution was reached to make some constructions and alterations to the existing structure to make space for basic amenities for the medics, sources

The document is signed by three junior doctors and three nursing staff; Dr Arunava Dutta Chowdhury, the head of the department of Chest Medicine department and executive engineer posted at RG Kar hospital.

A total of eight people signed the document. Following that, hospital authorities started renovating the area in front of the seminar hall.

According to sources, after recovery of the doctor's body from the seminar room of RG Kar Hospital, a large section of junior doctors agitated against hospital authorities for not having proper facilities



for the on-duty doctors.

Grievances were expressed that doctors there had to go to the seminar hall just to have a rest because there were not enough rooms to take rest at night for ladies. During the agitation, junior doctors made a few demands related to changing rooms, restrooms and construction of restrooms.

Following the meeting, joint inspections were carried out on August 10 and 12. Thereafter, junior doctors representatives, nurses, executive engineers, and hospital authorities joined the inspection process. After the joint inspection, a decision was made about where and what kind of changes are required. According to the decision, the construction began on August 13, sources added.

However, when a video of demolishing a wall of a room in front of the seminar hall went viral, new allegations were levelled against the state administration for allegedly trying to wipe out evidence by demolishing the wall

Following that, Kolkata police immediately stopped the construction. The police denied any renovation work going inside the seminar hall, saying

that the crime scene was untouched. Days later, the Calcutta High Court questioned the West Bengal government over its "urgency" to renovate portions near the RG Kar Hospital's seminar hall.

"All these allegations that the place of occurrence (of the crime) has been demolished, destroyed, nothing is correct. The demolition work that happened was not near the place of occurrence," the government's counsel said.

Protests by junior doctors encompassed the country after a trainee woman doctor was raped and murdered at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August

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