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Big Relief to Punjab Govt and SEC. HC dismisses all petitions regarding Panchayat polls

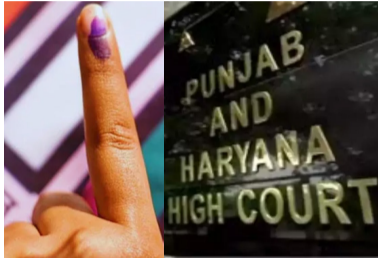
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Chandigarh : In a significant development regarding the 2024 Panchayat elections, the Punjab and Haryana High Court today has dismissed at least 1,000 petitions seeking the cancellation of the elections. The stay has also been removed on 206 panchayats and the elections will be held across the state. The court's decision allows the electoral process to continue as planned, ensuring that the elections will take place without any further legal obstacles on October 15.

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Earlier, in a move aimed at enhancing transparency and fairness in upcoming Panchayat elections, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed videography during both polling and vote counting in gram panchayats referred to in 22 petitions before the court. The Division Bench of Justice Vikas Bahl and Justice Harpreet Singh Brar also made it clear that the proceedings, both inside and outside polling booths, would be recorded and preserved for three years from the date of polling.

"We are of the opinion that proper videography of the proceedings, at the time of polling and counting of votes with respect to elections for the posts



of sarpanches and panches of the gram panchayats, regarding which the present writ petitions have been filed, would sub serve the purpose of free and fair election and would also facilitate its completion in a fair manner," the Bench asserted.

Laying down the procedure, the court directed the deputy commissioner-cum-district election officer concerned and the Punjab State Election Commission to ensure thorough videography coverage. The Senior Superintendent of Police concerned was also instructed to provide adequate security to maintain order during the elections.

The Bench, during the course of hearing, also referred to the full Bench ruling in the case of "Prithvi Raj versus State Election Commission, Punjab" and the Division Bench judgment in the matter of "Manjinder Singh versus State of Punjab", which underscored the role of videography in ensuring transparency in elections at the grassroots level.

Omar Abdullah stakes claim to form government in J and K

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Jammu : The Centre revoked the President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir late last night, paving the way for forming a new government in the Union Territory.

The Central government has issued a notification in this regard. National Conference Vice President Omar Abdullah has staked the claim to form a new government in J&K. The National Conference - Congress alliance has secured a majority in the recently held assembly elections.

This would be the second tenure of Omar Abdullah as Chief Minister and the first elected government in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A in 2019 and the bifurcation of the erstwhile State into two Union Territories, Ladakh and Jammu & Kashmir.

According to the Presidential Proclamation, the order issued on October 31, 2019, shall stand



revoked immediately before the appointment of the Chief Minister.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 (34 of 2019) read with articles 239 and 239A of the Constitution of India, the Order dated the 31st October 2019 about the Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir shall stand revoked immediately before the appointment of the Chief Minister under section 54 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019," reads the order.

Violent clashes reported during Durga idol immersion in UP

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Lucknow : A 22-year-old man died, and several others were injured during clashes between two groups in a village in Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich over the playing of music during a Durga idol immersion procession.

After the incident, tension gripped the area as people set several vehicles on fire, prompting police to use force to bring the situation under control.

Clashes erupted when stones were thrown and gunshots were fired at the procession as it was passing through Bahraich's Mahrajganj Bazar area.

After the incident, the Bahraich Police detained at least 30 people. One man, identified as Salman, was also arrested after police found evidence of shots being fired at the procession from his home and shop.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath also took note of the incident and said that the guilty will not be spared. In a post on X, he said, "Those who spoiled the law and order situation in Bahraich's Mahsi district will not be spared. Safety is guaranteed to all, but instructions have been given to identify the rioters and those whose negligence led to the incident and take strict action against them."

"Immersion of idols will continue. Administration and police officials have been directed to be present on the spot



and speak with religious organisations to ensure that the immersion of idols is done," Yogi Adityanath said.

According to the police, a man identified as Ram Gopal Mishra, who was part of the procession, was shot. He was rushed to a hospital where he died during treatment, one of his family members said.

The family members of Mishra have refused to perform his last rites, stating that they will not proceed with the funeral until the accused are arrested.

Meanwhile, Bahraich's Superintendent of Police (SP) Vrinda Shukla also suspended two police officials for negligence. "As many as 30 people have been detained. One of the accused, Salman, from whose home gunshots were fired, has been arrested. The Durga idol immersion has started again. We are checking the videos of the incident and trying to identify other accused," Shukla said.

IAF C295 aircraft lands successfully at Navi Mumbai International Airport

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New Delhi : An Air India flight operating from Mumbai to New York was diverted to Delhi today, following a security concern arising out of a bomb threat. According to the sources, Mumbai airport received a message on X (formerly Twitter) regarding a bomb threat in the flight bound to New York.

The message was conveyed to security agencies in Delhi and the call was taken to divert the aircraft to Delhi. According to Delhi Police, the aircraft is currently stationed at the IGI Airport, and all standard safety protocols are being diligently followed to ensure the safety of passengers and crew on board.

All security agencies at the airport are on alert. "We request your cooperation and refrain from spreading unverified information. Further updates will be shared in due course," said a senior police officer at Delhi airport. The Air India Spokesperson released a statement, saying "Flight AI119 operating Mumbai to JFK on October 14 received a specific security alert and on instructions of the government's security regulatory committee was diverted to Delhi.

All passengers have disembarked and are at the Delhi airport terminal. Our colleagues on ground are making sure to minimise the inconvenience caused

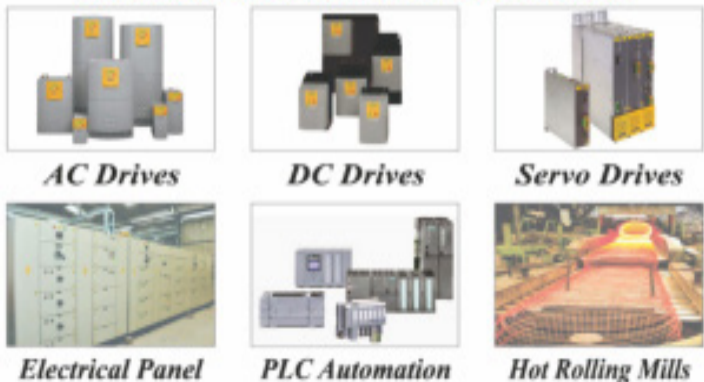


to our guests by this unexpected disruption. Air India is committed to and accords top priority to the safety and security of its passengers and crew."

Multiple airports have been the target of bomb threats, many of which have later turned out to be hoax. Earlier on October 5, Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar International Airport located in Madhya Pradesh's Indore received a bomb threat email following which the police registered an FIR.

The mail sender also threatened to blow up other airports in the country. Similarly, Vadodara Airport received a bomb threat via e-mail, which promoted a thorough search on October 5. Meanwhile, security has been beefed up following the received threat and authorities are currently investigating the matter.

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New Chinese settlement under construction spotted near Pangong Lake

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As India and China continue diplomatic efforts to ease tensions along the border, recent satellite imagery reviewed by India Today reveals the ongoing construction of a large Chinese settlement near the north bank of Pangong Tso Lake.

The settlement is located approximately 38 kilometres east of one of the 2020 standoff points between Indian and Chinese forces, though it lies outside India's territorial claims. Pangong Tso, the world's highest saltwater lake, straddles India, China-administered Tibet, and the disputed border between them. The satellite images, captured on October 9 by US-based Maxar Technologies, show rapid construction over an area of about 17 hectares. Situated near Yemagou Road at an elevation of 4,347 meters, the site is bustling with construction and earth-moving machinery. According to Y Nithyanandam, Professor & Head of the Geospatial Research Programme at the Takshashila Institution, "More than 100 buildings, including residential structures and larger administrative buildings, are being built. Open spaces and



flattened land suggest possible future use for parks or sports facilities."

He also pointed out a 150-meter-long rectangular strip in the southeast corner, speculating it could be prepared for helicopter operations.

Analysis of open-source satellite imagery indicates that construction began in early April 2024 on a riverbed sloping towards the lake. The settlement appears to be divided into two parts, possibly distinguishing between administrative and operational zones, according to military

sources.

Shadow analysis of the structures reveals a mix of single and double-story buildings, with smaller hutments nearby, likely accommodating six to eight people each. Two larger structures may serve as administration and storage facilities. The layout, designed in staggered rows rather than straight lines, suggests an intention to reduce vulnerability to long-range attacks.

The settlement's location behind high peaks further enhances its strategic advantage, limiting visibility from nearby areas. "The surrounding high peaks obscure the site from land-based surveillance equipment," Nithyanandam noted. Military sources speculate that if used

for military purposes, the settlement could function as an "ad-hoc forward base," reducing reaction times for Chinese forces.

A SETTLEMENT FOR TIBETAN NOMADS?

Nature Desai, an observer of the Indo-Tibetan frontier, offers another interpretation. He suggests that the settlement could be intended for Tibetan nomads, identifying the site as Chanzun Nuru, a historic campsite mentioned in Swedish geographer Sven Hedin's Central Asia Atlas: Memoir of Maps. Desai argues that the design is more consistent with the style of permanent housing built for Tibetan nomads by the Chinese government over the past two decades, rather than typical Xiakong-style border defense villages.

If so, this would be the first such settlement close in the area, reflecting China's ongoing efforts to settle Tibetan nomads permanently. China could frame this development as "a long-awaited gift to its loyal nomads along the Indian frontier," Desai noted.

Nithyanandam pointed out that while the proximity to a water source likely resolves water supply issues, the settlement's energy needs will likely rely on renewable sources. The rapid pace of construction suggests that residential buildings are nearing completion, and significant progress has been made over the past six months. However, the settlement's completion timeline could be impacted by extreme weather conditions in the coming months.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
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Born on 15th 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 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) Oct 15th 2024 : You should spend your extra time in pursuing your hobbies or doing things that you enjoy the most. The money you had saved up from a long time can come to use today. You need to encourage them to see your dream fulfilling.	 Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Oct 15th 2024 : Use your energy to help someone in distress. Remember-what is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of others. You will come up with brilliant new ideas that will bring financial gains.	 Gemini (May 21 - June 20) Oct 15th 2024 : You are likely to enjoy some sporting activity which will maintain your physical fitness. Businessmen who are stepping out of their homes for work should store their money at a safe place today, as there are chances of theft. News of family secret may surprise you.
 Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Oct 15th 2024 : Don't hesitate to express your views. Let not allow confidence deficiency take over you as it will only complicate your problem and could retard your progress. Express yourself to regain your confidence and smile hearty to tackle the problem.	 Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) Oct 15th 2024 : Keep yourself involved in activities that will help you keep your cool. If you had borrowed some money from a member of your family, then it is best to return it today, or else that member can take legal action against you.	 Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22) Oct 15th 2024 : Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. Don't make investments in haste-Losses are certain if you don't look at investments from all possible angles. Sudden change in romantic mood may upset you highly.
 Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) Oct 15th 2024 : You will remain very active and agile today. Your health will fully support you today. You will obtain benefits from commissions- dividends- or royalties. Your witty nature would brighten the environment around you. Your spouse is your soulmate.	 Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Oct 15th 2024 : A sparkling laughter filled day when most things proceed- as you desire. You should look twice at investment schemes that are presented to you today. Your partner would be supportive and helpful.	 Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Oct 15th 2024 : Too much travel will put you on frenzy Today, you can learn the skill of accumulating and saving money and put it to the right use. Elders and family members provide love and care. Behave decently with your sweetheart today.
 Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Oct 15th 2024 : Fear may mar your happiness. You need to understand that it is the product of our own thoughts and imagination. It kills spontaneity-blot out joy of living and handicap our efficiency- so better nip it in the bud before it makes you a coward.	 Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Oct 15th 2024 : Body pains and stress related problems cannot be ruled out. With the help of your siblings, today you will attain monetary benefits. Seek advice from your siblings. Family obligations require immediate attention. Negligence on your part could prove costly.	 Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) Oct 15th 2024 : Your childlike nature will surface and you will be in a playful mood. Although money is an important element for you, but don't become so sensitive towards it that it spoils your relationships. Misunderstandings with those you love get resolved.

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Vande Bharat. Shatabdi delayed

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Chandigarh : Thousands of rail passengers faced inconvenience today as a number of trains, including the afternoon New Delhi Shatabdi and the Chandigarh-Ajmer Vande Bharat Express, were delayed due to the farmer protest. The Shatabdi train, which starts from here at 12:05 pm, had to be delayed by two hours and was given the go-ahead by the authorities at 2:05 pm. The passengers, who were supposed to reach New Delhi at 3:20 pm, were upset over the delay. "Rather than stopping the train midway causing a lot of inconvenience to the passengers, we decided to delay the train's departure by two hours. The protest was supposed to end at 3 pm," said a senior railway official of Ambala



division. The Shatabdi reached late by 2 hours and 43 minutes at its next stop, Ambala Cantonment, and 3.10 hours late at Karnal. The Ajmer-bound Vande Bharat Express, which starts from here, commenced its journey 45 minutes late. The train was scheduled to depart at 3:15 pm but left at 4:01 pm. Another Vande Bharat, which starts from Ajmer and

ends its journey here, also had to be stopped en route. It reached here at 3:26 pm instead of 2:45 pm. The Paschim Express, from Amritsar to Mumbai Central, had to be halted in the city for 2 hours and 31 minutes. Also, the commuters travelling via Kalka-Ambala Cantt passenger train were hassled as it reached here late by 3 hours and 4 minutes. The train, which started late by 1 hour and 13 minutes from Kalka, reached Chandimandir 1 hour and 17 minutes late and left from there 2 hours and 33 minutes late. Similarly, the Nangal Dam-Ambala Cant train also reached Chandigarh 2 hours and 47 minutes late at 4:07 pm.

Telecom subscribers suffer network outages

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Chandigarh : Majority of mobile Phone subscribers in the Punjab circle comprising Chandigarh and Punjab faced network outages this afternoon. subscribers reported they faced call disruption and data connectivity issues and several users reported that they were not able to access



mobile data and Internet and were facing poor connectivity. According to several consumers services of Airtel and Vodafone Idea were

impacted. A majority of subscribers complained about data services and some subscribers even reported network outage, especially during voice calls. Helpline of telecom companied said that the companies technical teams are working to resolve issues soon.

Partap Bajwa requests postponement of Panchayat elections. writes to State Election Commission

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Chandigarh : Partap Singh Bajwa, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Punjab has written a letter to the State Election Commission requesting the postponement of Panchayat elections in Punjab for at least three weeks. The Panchayat Elections in Punjab are scheduled for October 15. "The chaotic and violent events that unfolded during the nomination filing process, especially on the last day, have not only violated the sanctity of



the electoral process but also

have cast a shadow on the fairness and inclusiveness of these elections. Given the widespread reports of clashes, administrative mishandling, and the deprivation of numerous candidates for their rights to participate, I urge the Election Commission to consider postponing the Panchayat elections by at least three weeks to allow for a more organized and equitable process," stated Partap Singh Bajwa to SEC.

White Cane Safety Day to be celebrated on Oct 15

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Chandigarh : White Cane Safety Day is celebrated annually to raise awareness about the challenges faced by visually impaired individuals and their rights to independence and mobility. Dr. Kiran Kumari, a visually impaired Assistant Professor at Punjabi University, exemplifies the resilience and determination that White Cane Safety Day represents. After losing her eyesight due to meningitis, Dr. Kiran mastered Braille and various independent



living skills, which enabled her to continue her education and

career. As the "First Visually Impaired Female with a Ph.D. in Sociology in Punjab" and a recipient of multiple awards, Dr. Kiran's journey reflects the empowerment and achievements that White Cane Safety Day aims to highlight. This article is dedicated to Smt. Alka Puri, wife of Dr. Ajit S. Puri and mother of Journalist Jaswant Singh Puri.

AGTF along with police cracks sensational murder case. 4 arrested

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Chandigarh : In a major breakthrough, AGTF Punjab, in a joint operation with SAS nagarpolice, has cracked the sensational daylight murder of Subhash @ Sohu in Rajasthan, who was brutally shot five times in the head on 08.10.2024 in Sangriya, Jodhpur, #Rajasthan (FIR registered at PS Basni). This was disclosed by Punjab DGP Gaurav Yadav in a tweet. He said that the high-profile case was solved following the interrogation of suspects from a



gangster module backed by Pavitar #USA & Manjinder #France. All four persons accused are currently in police remand at

PS Derra Bassi, and the investigation is progressing swiftly. The mastermind, Bhanu Sisodia has confessed to planning the murder as an act of revenge for the killing of his associate, Anil Lega, in February 2024. Mohd. Asif & Anil Kumar Godara played pivotal roles as handlers in executing the crime. He said that the Punjab Police remains resolute in its commitment to dismantling criminal networks and ensuring justice and safety for all citizens.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

No check on Garbage spread in open



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

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

PGIMER contract workers continue their protest demanding higher wages



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Chandigarh : The contract workers of the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in Chandigarh continued their protest today demanding increased wages. According to the workers' union, the protest has been going on since October 10. They said that the strike had been called after being disappointed with the administration of the PGIMER. "This protest has been going on since October 10. The court ordered under Rule 25, in our favour to provide us with increased wages since November 2018. But we have not been provided with it due to the adamant behaviour of the PGIMER administration," Rajesh Chauhan, PGIMER Contract Workers' Union President told. "We have called this strike after being

disappointed with the administration. We have sent the letter to the administration (of PGIMER) but they have not replied to us," he added. Over 4,000 contractual workers, representing various unions under the Joint Action Committee (JAC), including hospital attendants, sanitation workers, security guards, and other essential service providers, took part in the latest protest. The Chandigarh Police filed a fresh FIR against the contract workers for holding an unauthorized protest which disrupted critical patient services. This is the second FIR in two months, following a previous protest on August 9. The police had said the workers' protest violated the district magistrate's order dated August 28, which restricts unauthorised rallies, dharnas, and protests.

SDMs and District Heads of procurement agencies asked to be present in Mandis



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Chandigarh : Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain asked the SDMs and District Heads of Procurement Agencies to be present in Mandis to expedite the ongoing procurement operations of Paddy to thwart any halt to purchase and lifting. Taking stock of procurement operations on Sunday at the District Administrative Complex, SAS Nagar Mohali, she made it clear to all the officers involved in procurement operations that there would be no break in procurement operations, even on holiday. She said that the arrival had touched 42701, today with a daily average of 6000 to 7000 MT, so the agencies should not use any laxity in purchase. The Deputy Commissioner further said that the Food Corporation of India has also been entrusted with the procurement task of Derabassi's Nagla and Lalru's Ashok Batra yard (a temporary Mandi) in addition to Saneta and Bhagimajra mandis. The District has a total of 18 purchase centres that all are witnessing the arrival of paddy, added Jain.

Reviewing the lifting of the purchased paddy produce, the Deputy Commissioner asked all the Sub Divisional Magistrates to be in touch with procurement agencies and spruce up the lifting. The District Food and Supplies Controller, Vijay Kumar Singla apprised the Deputy Commissioner that today lifting operations have been started at Kurali, Khizrabad and Banur in addition to already going on at Kharar, Lalru, Jarout and Derbassi. DC Jain asked the DFSC and all District heads of procurement agencies to ensure lifting from tomorrow in the rest of the Mandis. She said that in the wake of pacing up of purchase day by day, we should take care of lifting too to avoid any space crunch in the Mandis. The officers who attended the meeting included ADC (General) Viraj S Tidke, SDM Mohali Damandeep Kaur, SDM Derabassi Amit Gupta, SDM Kharar Gurmandar Singh and Assistant Commissioner (General) Dr Ankita Kansal besides the District Heads of Procurement Agencies.

CRIME

Attempt to murder reported

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Chandigarh : A Case FIR U/S 191(2),191(3),190,115(2),126(2),118(1),109 BNS has been registered in Police Station Sector 31 Chandigarh on the complaint of a boy age-16 years against those who are reported to have beaten, stabbed with knife,

sticks and bricks his brother near Hathi Park and in front of # 396 Ph- 2 Ramdarbar Chandigarh on dated 12.10.2024. Victim sustained injuries got admitted to PGI Chandigarh. Investigation of this case is in progress.



Teasing Reported

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Chandigarh : A Case FIR U/S 74 BNS has been registered in Police Station Sector 26 Chandigarh on the complaint of a lady against who teased with

complainant at outside Chillis Restaurant Back Side, Sector 26 Chandigarh on 12.10.2024. Investigation of this case is in progress.

Haryana CM Saini pays obeisance at Kamakhya Temple

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Guwahati : Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini paid obeisance and offered prayers at the revered Kamakhya Temple in Guwahati today, marking his first visit since taking office as chief minister for the third time. He was accompanied by his wife Suman Saini at the Kamakhya Temple where he prayed for a prosperous future for Haryana and for the state to achieve new levels of development. Nayab Saini expressed his gratitude



after paying homage to the goddess, stating, "I consider myself extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to worship at the Maa Kamakhya temple

today. I have offered my prayers for a prosperous future for Haryana, hoping that the state achieves remarkable advancements in development."

BJP appoints Central Observers for Haryana Legislature party meeting

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Chandigarh : BJP has appointed Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav as Central observers for the Haryana BJP legislature party meeting to elect its leader. The Party has also appointed Union Minister Pralhad Joshi and the party's National General Secretary Tarun Chugh as Central observers for the Jammu and Kashmir



BJP legislature party meeting to elect its leader.

IAF 'Vayu Veer Vijeta Car Rally' Flagged Off

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Chandigarh : The iconic "Vayu Veer Vijeta Car Rally" of the Indian Air Force (IAF) in coordination with the Uttarakhand War Memorial (UWM) was flagged off with grand fanfare by Group Captain AS Punia, Station Commander Air Force Station Chandigarh in the morning hours today. Before leaving, a wreath-laying ceremony was performed by the members of the rally team to pay homage to the fallen war heroes at War Memorial, Airforce Station, Chandigarh. The Rally is fast speeding to arrive Dehradun today and will be welcomed by Uttarakhand Science and Technology Council in Jhajhra where a reception and a brief interaction with scientists on the role of Science and Technology in National defence led by its Director General Prof (Dr) Durgesh Pant is planned. On 15th October, the rally will pay homage to the Unknown



Soldiers' statue at Shaurya Sthal, Uttarakhand War Memorial. "Vayu Veer Vijeta" UWM - IAF Car Rally, commemorating 25th Year of Kargil Vijay Di-vas, was flagged off from Thoise, Leh (to Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh) on 08 October, 2024, on the occasion of 92nd IAF Anniversary. The car rally comprises participants from the IAF, Army, Air Veterans & Civilians of UWM. The rally aims to inspire youth to join Indian armed forces and spread the great achievements of the

Air Force among common people. From Dehradun, it will route through Agra, Lucknow, Darbhanga, Bagdogra, Hashimara and Guwahati before reaching Tawang on 27th October. The Rally will visit War Memorials enroute. The team members will also interact with youth in the Colleges/Universities during their halt. A special feature is that students from the Northeast, particularly from Arunachal Pradesh, where the rally is to finally reach, will accord a traditional welcome to the rally.

Farmers and Rural Women get beekeeping training

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ludhiana : A total of 41 farmers and rural women attended the "Advanced Beekeeping Training Course" at the Skill Development Centre of Punjab Agricultural University (PAU), held under the guidance of Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education. Dr Rupinder Kaur, Associate Director (Skill Development), while providing the details, said, "Sharpening the skills and upgrading the apicultural knowledge of the farmers was the main objective of the training course."



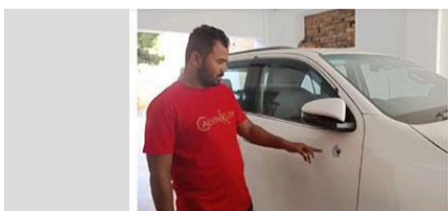
The Course Coordinator Dr Jaspal Singh highlighted the financial progress being made by the beekeepers from honey production in Punjab.

Experts Dr Amit Chaudhary, Dr Bharti Mahendru, Dr Pushpinder Kaur, Dr Sangeet Ranguwal from PAU; Mr KS Gill, Bank Manager, Punjab National Bank (retd.), and Dr Hardeep Singh, Deputy Director (Horticulture), Ludhiana, covered practical aspects of the beekeeping training. Dr Prerna Kapila proposed a vote of thanks and advised the trainees to keep acquiring the skill trainings in agriculture from PAU for livelihood sustainability.

Shots fired at Principal of private school

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Gurdaspur : Shots were fired at the principal of a private school in Gurdaspur by unknown persons late at night when he was returning to his home in a car. Principal Harpinder Pal Singh Sandhu says that two years ago a ransom of Rs 10 lakh was demanded from him through a phone call. Sandhu said that when he received extortion calls from foreign numbers, he was also provided security by the police and the gate was given to him as a gunman for



two months.

Principal Sandhu said that he immediately informed the police of the concerned police station about the attack, after which the SHO immediately sent a police party to the spot. An investigation has been started by the police in this case.

Hina Khan shares picture of her 'single eyelash', call it her 'motivation'

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mumbai : Actress Hina Khan has revealed that she is nearing her last cycle of her chemotherapy and shared a picture of her "single eyelash", which she tagged as her "motivation."

Hina took to Instagram, where she shared a closeup picture of her eyelash. She shared the same picture in her stories section and called it "The last leaf."

For the caption, she wrote: "Wanna know what's my current source of motivation? Once part of a mighty and beautiful Brigade that adorned my eyes. My Genetically long and beautiful lashes.."

"This BRAVE , LONE WARRIOR my last standing Eyelash has fought it all beside me Nearing the last cycle of my Chemo this single Eyelash is my MOTIVATION. We shall see this all through Yes we will InshaAllah."

Hina revealed that she has never worn false eyelashes but now she does.

"PS - Haven't worn falsies in a decade, actually more, but now I do, for my shoots koi naaaaa.. Sab theek ho jaana hai DUA," she wrote.

Earlier this month, on her birthday, Hina shared a glimpse of the heartwarming gesture she received from her friends and fans on her 37th birthday.

Hina took to her Instagram account



and shared a long note with a video in which Hina was seen celebrating her birthday surrounded by all the love and appreciation for the actress as she's currently fighting stage three breast cancer for which she is receiving chemotherapy.

She wrote: "What a lovely surprise... It's been so many years of constant love, fanfare and unshakeable Support. I am blown away by your dedication, Your support, your genuine admiration every year. You outdo yourselves every single time. In every thick and thin, in every hardship, every challenge.. you all, my HINAHOLICS have been like my Strength, my Shadow, My Guardians.. I know you have my

back .. come what may .. and you have proved it over and over again and even in such a crucial phase of my life."

"Plz know Every single effort is noticed, cherished and appreciated.. from the flowers, personally written letters, birthday cards, cakes, gifts and decorations to the sea of heartfelt messages encouraging me, boosting my confidence, acknowledging and recognizing my efforts. All of it is just pure happiness.. priceless. It means the world to me.. you all mean the world to me..."

"Blessed to have so much love. A big thank you to my fans for all the love and warm birthday wishes (with heart emoji) DUA". She concluded.

New AI scam targets Gmail users with fake account recovery requests



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : A new and sophisticated scam has been targeting Gmail users, aiming to steal personal data by tricking people into approving fake account recovery requests. IT consultant and tech blogger Sam Mitrovic recently shared his experience of the scam in a detailed blog post, highlighting how easily users could fall for this clever AI-based deception.

How the Scam Works

The scam begins with an unexpected notification on your phone or email, asking you to approve a Gmail account recovery request that you never initiated. The recovery request often originates from a different country, in Mitrovic's case, the United States. If you decline the request, as Mitrovic did, the scammers make a second move about 40 minutes later—a phone call from what appears to be an official Google number.

The call, as reported by Mitrovic, is extremely convincing. The caller uses a professional, polite, American-sounding voice and informs the target about suspicious activity on their Gmail account. They might ask if you have logged in from a foreign country, raising alarm and making the user more likely to believe them. The number displayed as the caller ID might even appear to be from a Google office, further enhancing the scam's legitimacy.

Once the scammer has the user's attention, they claim that someone has accessed the account and downloaded sensitive information. They often follow up by sending an email that appears to be from Google but is actually a spoofed email designed to look legitimate. The goal is to convince the victim

to approve the account recovery request, which would give the scammers full access to their Gmail account.

How Gmail Users Can Protect Themselves

Mitrovic emphasizes the importance of vigilance in protecting against this scam. Here are a few steps Gmail users can take to stay safe:

Do not approve recovery requests you did not initiate: If you receive a recovery notification out of the blue, do not approve it. This is the first sign that your account might be targeted.

Verify phone calls claiming to be from Google: Google rarely calls users directly unless you are involved with Google Business services. If you receive a suspicious call, hang up and verify the phone number before engaging.

Check email addresses carefully: Spoofed emails can look like they are from Google, but small details such as the "To" field or domain name can give away that they are fake.

Review recent security activity: Regularly check your Gmail account's security settings and review the recent activity for any unfamiliar logins. This can be done by going to your Gmail account settings and clicking on the "Security" tab.

Inspect email headers: For more tech-savvy users, checking the original email headers can reveal whether an email was sent from a legitimate Google server or not.

By following these steps and staying alert, Gmail users can protect themselves from this growing AI-based scam. The key takeaway is to be cautious and double-check any unusual activity on your account.

SpaceX can re-launch Super Heavy rocket within an hour of its return

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Elon Musk announced that the Super Heavy rocket that returned safely after launch can be relaunched within an hour, a significant achievement for SpaceX following the successful recovery of the Super Heavy booster during the fifth test flight of the Starship rocket. The Super Heavy booster was caught by the launch pad's mechanical arms, affectionately referred to as "chopsticks", just seven minutes after lift-off from Boca Chica, Texas.

This achievement marks the first time SpaceX has caught a booster directly on its launch pad, rather than relying on ocean platforms for recovery.

Musk shared his excitement on social media, stating, "Just inspected the Starship booster, which the arms have now placed back in its launch mount. Looks great!"

He noted that while some outer engine nozzles were warped from heating and there were minor issues, these were easily addressable. The booster's quick return is crucial for



Ocean approximately 65 minutes post-launch. The successful catch has generated excitement within the aerospace community and beyond, with industry leaders and enthusiasts praising the feat as a landmark moment in engineering history.

SpaceX's Kate Tice remarked, "This is a day for the engineering history books," reflecting the sentiment shared by many during this groundbreaking event.

As SpaceX continues to refine its technology and processes, this achievement lays a strong foundation for future missions aimed at lunar and Martian exploration, reinforcing Musk's vision of making space travel routine and accessible.

SpaceX is developing Starship Super Heavy to launch humans to the Moon and Mars.

SpaceX's goal of achieving rapid re-flight capabilities—ideally within an hour after lift-off.

The process involves reloading propellant and positioning a Starship atop the booster.

SpaceX's innovative recovery technique is expected to revolutionize space travel by significantly reducing turnaround times between flights.

The mission also involved sending the Starship upper stage on a suborbital trajectory, with plans for a controlled splashdown in the Indian

It's story TIME

The Young Crab And His Mother

One day, a young crab was trying to move. But, he could only move sideways. The mother admonishes him and tells him to walk forward by pointing his toes out front. The young crab says he doesn't know how, so the mother gets up to show him. However, she cannot walk forward either. She realises how unfair she was being and apologises to him.



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Bengal BJP MP accused of pushing and beating seer at ashram, tension grips town

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Kolkata : Tension gripped a town in West Bengal's Cooch Behar district after BJP MP Anant Maharaj allegedly manhandled a seer at an ashram and locals demanded his arrest while blocking a road and burning tyres.

Anant Maharaj, a Rajya Sabha member, had gone to Ramakrishna Vivekananda Seva Ashram in Sitai on Sunday. He said there was an argument between him and the ashram's seer, Vigyanananda Tirtha Maharaj, when he asked him about his name and educational qualifications.

The BJP MP, accompanied by his aides, then allegedly pushed and beat the sadhu before leaving the



ashram.

As Anant Maharaj left the ashram with a convoy, locals protested against the seer's ill-treatment allegedly by the BJP MP and blocked the Sitai Mathabhanga road while demanding his arrest.

Later, the police were called to

the spot and pacified the protesters after speaking to them.

"When I went to the ashram and asked the seer's name, his identity and educational qualification, he refused to say anything in anger. But there was no incident of assault.

After leaving the ashram, the seer misled some locals and blocked the way," he claimed.

On the other hand, Trinamool Congress leader and West Bengal minister Udayan Guha condemned the incident and asked the police to take appropriate action.

"Those who help Salman Khan..." - Lawrence Bishnoi Gang

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Mumbai : The Lawrence Bishnoi gang has not only taken responsibility for the assassination of Baba Siddique but has also issued a warning that anyone assisting actor Salman Khan will be targeted.

Shortly after the assassination of Mr. Siddique, a three-time MLA and former minister of Maharashtra, near the office of his son, MLA Zeeshan Siddique, in Bandra East, rumors began to circulate regarding a possible connection to the Bishnoi gang in this audacious act. This speculation was substantiated on Sunday when a Facebook post by an individual named Shubuu Lonkar, who is thought to be associated with the Bishnoi



gang and identified as Shubham Rameshwar Lonkar, claimed responsibility for the crime.

While Lonkar is in jail, police

said the post was made by his brother Pravin Lonkar, who was arrested on last evening.

In the post, Lonkar asserted that Siddique was murdered due to his connections with India's most wanted terrorist, Dawood Ibrahim, his proximity to Salman Khan, and the death of Anuj Thapan, one of the apprehended suspects in the shooting incident outside Mr. Khan's residence, while in police custody.

"We do not have any enmity with anyone but whoever helps Salman Khan and the Dawood gang, keep your accounts in order ('hisab-kitaab kar lena'),"

Lonkar wrote in Hindi in the Facebook post. Police said they are verifying the authenticity of the post.

More than 1.55 lakh candidates register for PM Internship Scheme

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New Delhi : Within a day of its launch, the Prime Minister Internship Scheme portal registered 1,55,109 candidates, according to government sources. The scheme, announced in this year's budget by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, aims to address youth unemployment by connecting young people with companies seeking talent.

So far, 193 companies have posted internship opportunities on the platform, including major private firms such as Jubilant Foodworks, Maruti Suzuki India, Larsen & Toubro, Muthoot Finance, and Reliance Industries. The initiative has received contributions from sectors such as Oil, Gas & Energy,



Travel & Hospitality, Automotives, and Banking.

Opposition parties have been critical of the government on issues of unemployment. With this initiative, the government hopes to respond to those concerns by creating pathways for young people to gain work experience. "The scheme builds a bridge between

companies looking for talent and youth looking for opportunities," a government source said.

Internships are available across 24 sectors and more than 20 fields, including operations management, production, maintenance, and sales. The program has opportunities in 737 districts across 37 states

and union territories.

As part of the scheme, top companies are offering positions that could help address skill gaps and boost employment. The government's efforts are seen as an attempt to reduce unemployment and create long-term opportunities for youth in India's growing industries.

Mumbai to go toll-free tonight, big move before polls

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New Delhi : The Maharashtra government announced a complete toll waiver for light motor vehicles at all five toll booths entering Mumbai ahead of the upcoming state Assembly polls, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said today. The toll waiver will come into effect from midnight.

Eknath Shinde made the announcement during a Maharashtra Cabinet meeting held by him ahead of the Assembly polls slated to be held at the year-end.

The toll waiver is expected to bring relief to people travelling in and out of Mumbai ahead of Diwali. Commuters, who complained of long waiting times, will now be able to travel without paying tolls at any of the five booths - Dahisar, LBS Road-Mulund, Eastern Express Highway-Mulund, Airoli Creek Bridge and Vashi.

Light motor vehicles are those which are primarily designed for carrying



passengers or goods. Vehicles in this category include cars, jeeps, vans and small trucks. More than 6 lakh vehicles cross Mumbai daily, of which 80 per cent of them are light motor vehicles.

The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation, under its then minister Nitin Gadkari, has constructed 55 flyovers in Mumbai. Toll booths were first erected at the entrances of the city to recover the cost of these flyovers.

As soon as the construction of the bridges reached its final stage, a

tender was floated in 1999 for the construction of toll booths. In 2002, all five toll booths were commissioned. After that, toll collection started at Mumbai's toll booths.

According to activists, the maintenance money and costs were recovered 10 years ago, but the government continued to collect the toll.

Last year, the Maharashtra government extended the toll tax recovery for three more years till 2027 and it was expecting around Rs 11,000 crore.

The Maharashtra Navnirman Sena and some leaders from the Shiv Sena (both Uddhav Thackeray and Eknath Shinde factions) had been demanding a toll waiver on all Mumbai booths. Recently, Shiv Sena (UBT) leader and former minister Aaditya Thackeray also demanded toll waiver on all entry points of Mumbai.

India surpasses 200 GW-mark in renewable energy production

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New Delhi : Led by solar and wind energy, India has crossed the 200 gigawatt (GW)-mark in renewable energy (RE) production in the month of September.

As per latest data from the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), the renewable energy-based electricity generation capacity (including small and large hydro, biomass and co-generation and waste-to-energy) crossed the 200 GW-mark in September.

The total RE production reached 201,457.91 MW, driven by solar at 90,762 MW and wind energy production at 47,363 MW.

The country's total non-fossil fuel-based power capacity now stands at 46.3 per cent of the total installed electricity generation capacity.

Top four states are Rajasthan (31.5 GW), Gujarat (28.3 GW), Tamil Nadu (23.7 GW) and Karnataka (22.3 GW), as per the data.

According to the government, the country saw an impressive 86 per cent increase in power generation via renewable energy since 2014, from 193.5 billion units (BU) to 360 BU.

Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, Pralhad Joshi, said last week that under the leadership of Prime



Minister Narendra Modi, India has witnessed a transformative increase in its renewable energy capacity since 2014, with a 175 per cent rise from 75 GW to over 200 GW today.

India is also making significant strides in the green shipping sector, and aims to be among the top 10 shipbuilding nations by 2030 and the top five by 2047.

India is the only G20 country to have met its climate targets ahead of schedule, despite having the lowest per capita emissions among G20 nations.

As per the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), India had a cumulative installed wind power capacity of 44.7 GW in 2023, ranking fourth globally. The country added 2.8 GW of wind capacity in 2023, marking a significant increase after five years of slower growth.

518 kg cocaine worth Rs. 5000 crore recovered in Joint operation by Delhi and Gujarat Police



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New Delhi : Delhi Police Special Cell and Gujarat Police in a joint operation have recovered 518 kg of cocaine during a search of a drug-related company in Ankleshwar, Gujarat. Its value in the international market is

around Rs 5,000 crore...So far, a total of 1,289 kg cocaine and 40 kg hydroponic marijuana from Thailand have been recovered in this case, which is worth Rs 13,000 crore. This was disclosed by Delhi Police.

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Zelenskyy accuses North Korea of sending troops, weapons to Russia

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Kyiv : Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused North Korea of sending troops to Russia's army and once again appealed for more support to prevent "a bigger war".

Zelenskyy's comments came days after visiting several European capitals to press his case for more military and financial help in the war against invading Russian forces.

"We see an increasing alliance between Russia and regimes like in North Korea," Zelenskyy said in his evening address.

"It is no longer just about transferring weapons. It is actually about the transfer of people from North Korea to the occupier's military forces.

"Obviously, in such circumstances, our relations with our partners need to be developed. The frontline needs more support," he said.

"When we talk about more long-range capability for Ukraine and more decisive supplies for our forces, it is not just a list of military equipment," Zelenskyy said in Sunday's address.

"It is about increasing the pressure on the aggressor, which will be stronger for



Russia than they can withstand. And it is about preventing a bigger war."

Zelenskyy completed a whirlwind tour of European capitals last week including Berlin, London, Paris and Rome to ask for sustained military aid as Russia's invasion of Ukraine grinds on through its third year. Biden expected in Europe

Those trips were organised at the last minute after US President Joe Biden postponed a trip to Germany originally due last week, to oversee preparations to deal with Hurricane Milton as it approached Florida.

Biden's visit was to have included attending a meeting of more than 50 of Ukraine's allies to discuss further support

for Kyiv, at which Zelenskyy had been expected.

A German government source said Sunday that Biden was now set to visit this coming Friday for one day, with Ukraine and the Middle East expected to be high on the agenda.

Earlier, Russia said it had captured another east Ukrainian village as it closes on the important city of Pokrovsk, where its forces have been advancing for weeks.

Russian troops have moved westward in the Donetsk region for months, with Kyiv saying this weekend that the situation was "very difficult".

Moscow's defence ministry said its forces had now taken Mykhailivka, at the gates of the town of Selydove, and south of Pokrovsk.

Selydove has been badly damaged by months of shelling and seen most of its population flee.

Russia has been trying to capture Pokrovsk, a mining town that was home to around 60,000 people before Moscow launched its offensive. It has been claiming east Ukrainian villages for months.

Man with shotgun arrested near rally

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Washington : A man in illegal possession of a shotgun and a loaded handgun was arrested at an intersection near former US President Donald Trump's rally in Coachella, California, the police said as per media reports.

The 49-year-old suspect, Vem Miller, was driving a black SUV when he was stopped at a security checkpoint by deputies, who located the two firearms and a "high-capacity magazine," reported.

The US Secret Service said Trump "was not in any danger," adding that the incident did not impact protective operations.

Miller was then taken into custody "without incident", the Riverside County Sheriff's office said, and booked on possession of a loaded firearm and possession of a high-capacity magazine.

A local sheriff called the suspect a "lunatic" and his office added the encounter did not affect the safety of Trump or the rally's attendees.

While Riverside County Sheriff Chad Bianco said it was impossible to speculate about what was in the mind of the suspect, he said he "truly believed" that his officers had prevented a third assassination attempt.

He added that it might be impossible to prove that this was the man's intent, reported.

A federal law enforcement official told that there was no indication of an assassination attempt connected to this incident.

Federal authorities say they are still investigating the incident, and it would be up to them to pursue any additional charges.

Bianco is an elected official and a Republican who has previously expressed support for Trump. He is also acting as a surrogate for Trump's re-election campaign.

The incident -- which occurred at 16:59 PDT -- an hour before Trump was scheduled to appear on stage -- highlights, once again, the intense security operation around him, and the dangers facing the former President, with just more than three weeks to go until the election.

It follows two high-profile alleged assassination attempts on Trump earlier this year.

Miller was charged with two misdemeanour weapons charges and was released on a \$5,000 (£3,826) bail. No federal charges have been filed, reported.

In a police news conference earlier on Sunday, Bianco warned he might not be able to "give all of the information... because of what we're doing".

The Sheriff added that as the suspect approached an outside perimeter, near the location of the rally, he "gave all



indications that he was allowed to be there".

But as the suspect got to the inside perimeter, "many irregularities popped up", Sheriff Bianco added, explaining that the vehicle had a fake licence plate and was in "disarray" inside.

Multiple passports with multiple names and multiple driving licences were found in the car, the Sheriff said, adding that the licence plate was "home-made" and not registered.

He added that the suspect had told authorities he was a member of the far-right group called Sovereign Citizens.

He said the licence plate was also "indicative of a group of individuals that claim to be Sovereign Citizens", but he had not concluded that Miller was a member.

"I wouldn't say it's a militant group. It's just a group that doesn't believe in government and government control," he said.

"They don't believe that government and laws apply to them."

The US Attorney's Office, Secret Service, and FBI are aware of the arrest, according to a statement from federal authorities.

"The US Secret Service assesses that the incident on Saturday did not impact protective operations and former President Trump was not in any danger," the statement said.

"While no federal arrest has been made at this time, the investigation is ongoing. The US Attorney's Office, US Secret Service, and FBI extend their gratitude to the deputies and local partners who helped ensure the safety of last night's events."

Security surrounding Trump has been heavily increased in the wake of previous alleged assassination attempts, reported.

Before Miller's arrest, Trump held his second rally in Butler, Pennsylvania this year, the same place where his ear was bloodied after a sniper fired multiple shots in his direction, killing one person in the crowd.

Another man is currently in jail after he was arrested outside the Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach in September. The man was spotted hiding in bushes near the golf course with the muzzle of a rifle sticking out through the shrubbery.

US to send THAAD anti-missile system to Israel to boost defences amid attacks

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Washington : As Israel intensifies its military operation against Iran-backed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon and possibly prepares for an offensive against Iran, the United States announced it will deploy a missile defence system, the Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) battery, to Israel.

The Pentagon, US's defence department headquarters, stated that the THAAD system will be sent along with US troops to operate it. This announcement came shortly after Tehran warned the US to keep its military forces out of Israel.

US President Joe Biden, in a brief exchange with reporters, said that he agreed to deploy the THAAD battery "to defend Israel", without elaborating further. This new deployment, the latest in the US's series of supplies to Israel, comes amid tensions that risk further inflaming the conflict in the Middle East, despite widespread diplomatic efforts to avoid an all-out war.

Pentagon spokesperson Pat Ryder argued that the THAAD battery would augment the integrated air defence system of Israel, which already has an all-weather air defence system, namely Iron Dome. "It is part of the broader adjustments the



US military has made in recent months, to support the defence of Israel and protect Americans from attacks by Iran and Iranian-aligned militias", Ryder said in a statement.

Responding to the development, Iran's Foreign Minister, Abbas Araqchi, warned that the US was putting the lives of its troops "at risk by deploying them to operate US missile systems in Israel". He tweeted, "While we have made tremendous efforts in recent days to contain an all-out war in our region, I say it clearly that we have no red lines in defending our people and interests".

The recent wave of conflict between Israeli forces and Hezbollah has been ongoing since October 8, 2023, when the Lebanese militant group began firing

rockets across the border in support of its ally Hamas in Gaza. This escalation intensified last month after Hezbollah launched several rockets following widespread explosions, allegedly orchestrated by Tel Aviv. Israel also initiated a ground invasion into Lebanon.

It is widely believed that Israel is preparing a military response to Iran's October 1 attack, when it fired roughly 180 missiles into Israeli territory.

WHAT IS THAAD DEFENCE SYSTEM?

The Terminal High Altitude Area Defence (THAAD) system is a ground-based missile defence system designed to intercept ballistic missiles in their terminal phase. This means it's designed to destroy incoming missiles just before they impact their target, protecting against a variety of threats, including short-range, medium-range, and some intermediate-range ballistic missiles.

It can hit targets at ranges of 150 to 200 kilometres. It generally consists of six truck-mounted launchers, 48 interceptors, radio and radar equipment and requires nearly 100 soldiers to operate.

Hezbollah UAV strike on Israeli army base kills 4 IDF soldiers

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Tel Aviv : An unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) launched by the Hezbollah terrorist organization struck an Israeli army base, killing four IDF soldiers, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) said. The IDF expressed condolences to the families and urged the public to refrain from spreading rumours or sharing the names of the injured to respect the families' privacy.

"Yesterday, a UAV launched by the Hezbollah terrorist organisation hit an army base. 4 IDF soldiers were killed in the incident. The IDF shares in the grief of the bereaved families and will continue to accompany them," the IDF said in a post on X today. "We ask to refrain from spreading rumours and the names of injured individuals, and to respect the families," it added.

The incident occurred reportedly after the Israeli military detected five projectiles launched from Lebanon. Sirens were activated in several regions, including the Upper Galilee, Central



Galilee, Western Galilee, Haifa Bay, and Carmel. However, all projectiles were successfully intercepted by Israel's air defence systems. Earlier, a large barrage of anti-tank missiles was fired towards Israeli troops in southern Lebanon.

The IDF said in a statement that during the attack, two soldiers were severely injured and multiple other soldiers were lightly and moderately injured. In a post on X, the IDF said, "Earlier today,

a large barrage of anti-tank missiles was fired toward IDF troops in southern Lebanon. During the attack, two IDF soldiers were severely injured and multiple other soldiers were lightly and moderately injured. Their families have been notified." "An initial review showed that an IDF tank that was trying to evacuate injured soldiers while still under fire backed several meters into a UNIFIL post.

Once the enemy fire stopped, and following the evacuation of the injured soldiers, the tank left the post. During the incident, a smoke screen was used to provide cover for the evacuation of the injured soldiers. IDF soldiers maintained coordination with UNIFIL. Throughout the entirety of the incident, no danger was posed to UNIFIL forces by the IDF activity," it added.

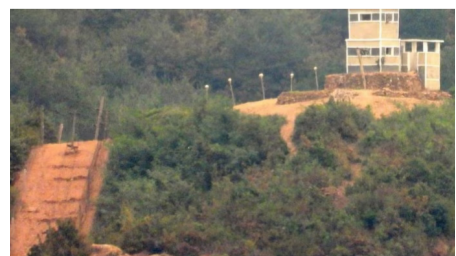
North Korea getting ready to blow up cross-border roads- Seoul

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Seoul : North Korea is getting ready to blow up roads that cross the heavily militarised border with South Korea, Seoul said today, amid an escalating war of words after the North accused its rival of sending drones over its capital Pyongyang.

North Korean troops were working under camouflage on the roads on its side of the border near the west and east coasts that are likely preparations to blow up the roads, possibly as early as today, South Korea's military spokesman said.

Last week, North Korea's Army said it would completely cut roads and railways connected to South Korea and fortify the areas on its side of the border, state media



KCNA reported. Separately, North Korea accused South Korea of sending drones to scatter a "huge number" of anti-North leaflets over Pyongyang, in what it called a political and military provocation that could lead to armed conflict.

Lee Sung-jun, a spokesman for the South's

Joint Chiefs of Staff, declined today to answer questions over whether the South Korean military or civilians flew the drones.

In further statements over the weekend, North Korea warned of a "horrible disaster" if South Korean drones were again found to be flying over Pyongyang. It said it has put eight fully armed artillery units at the border "on standby to open fire."

South Korea's military has said its refusal to answer questions on the drones is because addressing what the North has alleged would be to get drawn into a tactic by Pyongyang to fabricate excuses for provocations.

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Ossification test confirms accused Dharmaraj Kashyap is not minor: sent to police custody



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New Delhi : The ossification test of Dharmaraj Kashyap, an accused in the murder case of NCP leader and former Maharashtra Minister Baba Siddique, was conducted by Mumbai police, and it was confirmed that he is not a minor, officials said today. An ossification test is a medical procedure that estimates a person's age by analyzing the degree of bone fusion and is commonly used for age determination. Following the test results, Kashyap was presented before the court, which granted police custody till October 21. Mumbai's Esplanade Court had ordered the ossification test after Kashyap's lawyer claimed he was a minor. "His (Dharmaraj Kashyap's) lawyer claimed that he was a minor. The test was conducted, and it was confirmed that he is not a minor. He was produced in court, and the court has granted police custody till October 21," said Mumbai police. Earlier, Gurmail Singh, another accused in the Baba Siddique murder case, was sent to the Mumbai crime branch's custody till October 21. According to police, a third shooter, identified as Shivakumar, is currently absconding. Meanwhile, Mumbai Police arrested another

accused in Baba Siddique's murder case from Pune. According to officials, the arrested accused, identified as Pravin Lonkar (28), is the brother of Shubham Lonkar, who is also implicated in the conspiracy. They allegedly enlisted Dharmaraj Kashyap and Shivkumar Gautam in the plot to kill Siddique, officials said. NCP leader Baba Siddique was murdered after being shot outside his office in Nirmal Nagar. He sustained multiple gunshot wounds before being rushed to Mumbai's Lilavati Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries on Saturday night. His last rites were performed with full state honours in Mumbai at Bada Qabrastan. Commenting on the law and order situation in Maharashtra, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said, "Yesterday's incident of Baba Siddique's murder is unfortunate and sad. Mumbai Police have arrested two persons--one from UP and the other from Haryana. The third accused is absconding. He will be arrested soon. They will not be spared, no matter who they are, be it the Bishnoi gang or any underworld gang. Strict action will be taken." "Those who are receiving threats will have their safety ensured, as it is the state government's responsibility," he added.

Rahul Gandhi to review Congress's preparedness

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New Delhi : Congress MP Rahul Gandhi called a review meeting today on the poll preparedness of the Congress for the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly election. The meeting assumes significance for the Congress following its shock loss in Haryana, where it could not cash in on a decade-long anti-incumbency against the BJP. The Gandhi scion will meet Maharashtra Congress chief Nana Patole and other party leaders, including Vijay Wadettiwar, Prithviraj Chavan, Balasaheb Thorat, Varsha Gaiwad and Ramesh Chennithala. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge is expected to be present at the meeting. Several leaders, including Nana



Patole, began arriving at 10, Rajaji Marg for the meeting. The Congress, which pollsters predicted the party's outright win in Haryana, was defeated by the BJP, winning 37 of 90 Assembly seats. The saffron party got 48 seats. Several INDIA bloc members had questioned the Congress's strategy

in the northern state and asked the party to introspect it. Today's meeting on the Congress's Maharashtra poll preparedness also holds importance as several members of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) are demanding more seats to contest in the state. The MVA comprises three main parties -- Congress, the faction of Shiv Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray, and the faction of NCP helmed by Sharad Pawar. Maharashtra, which has 288 Assembly seats, is slated to go to polls either next month or in December.

'Fast-unto-death' continues over Kolkata rape-murder. 4th doctor hospitalised

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New Delhi : Another agitating junior doctor, who has been on fast-unto-death since October 5, was on last night rushed to a hospital after his health deteriorated, an official at the medical establishment said. Pulastha Acharya of the NRS Medical College and Hospital was taken to the hospital after he complained of severe stomach pain, he said. With Acharya, the total number of junior doctors who have been hospitalised in the course of their fasting protest reached four. Aniket Mahato of RG Kar Medical and Hospital, Anustup Majumdar of Kolkata Medical College and Hospital, and Alok Verma of North Bengal Medical College and Hospital needed medical care earlier after a deterioration in their health. "Pulastha is in the ICU and his parameters have deteriorated. We have formed a medical board to treat



him," a senior doctor of the NRS Medical College and Hospital. At the beginning, 11 junior doctors were on a fast-unto-death demanding justice for the woman medic of the RG Kar Hospital, who was raped and murdered in August. The doctors are also demanding an improvement in their security at the hospitals and the immediate removal of State Health Secretary NS Nigam. Their other demands include the establishment of a centralised referral

system for hospitals and medical colleges, the implementation of a bed vacancy monitoring system, and the formation of task forces to ensure essential provisions such as CCTV, on-call rooms, and washrooms at workplace. They are also demanding increased police protection in hospitals, recruitment of permanent women police personnel, and swift filling of vacant positions for doctors, nurses, and other healthcare workers. The doctors went on strike following the rape-murder of a fellow medic at RG Kar on August 9. They ended their stir after 42 days on September 21 following assurances from the state government to look into their demands.

Protest in Secunderabad after idol vandalised. BJP's Madhavi Latha detained

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Hyderabad : Tensions simmered in Telangana's Secunderabad after a temple was allegedly vandalised early today morning, triggering outrage and protests by locals. The Goddess Durga idol at the Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad was allegedly desecrated, and locals caught one individual and handed him over to the police. Following the incident, security has been increased, and efforts are underway to restore calm, officials said. A large number of locals held demonstrations near the temple demanding action against those responsible, and BJP leaders also joined them. Several BJP leaders, including Madhavi Latha, were detained.



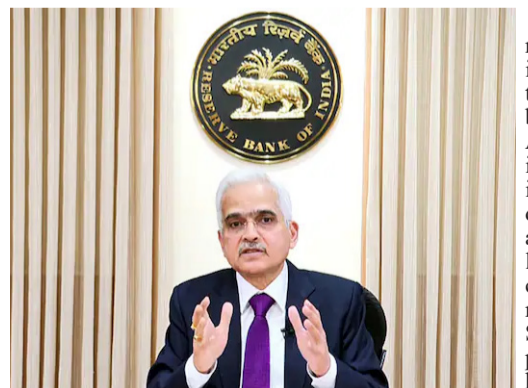
Union Minister G Kishan Reddy visited the temple and interacted with the protesters. Calling it a "shameful" incident, he alleged that some people are deliberately trying to create communal tensions. "This is shameful, some people saw him, caught him, and handed him over to the police. He did not come here for theft but came here to insult

Hindu society. Such incidents are happening continuously at different places in Hyderabad, some people are doing this deliberately to create tensions in Hyderabad and to increase communal riots in Hyderabad," the minister said. A similar incident was reported in Hyderabad on October 12. One person was arrested for allegedly damaging the idol of Goddess Durga at a Puja pandal at Nampally Exhibition Grounds in Hyderabad's Begum Bazar. According to the police, the person was a homeless person who was hungry, and while searching for food, he disturbed the prasadam, thus damaging the idol.

AI's Rise Could Threaten Financial Stability. Warns RBI Governor

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Mumbai : The growing use of artificial intelligence and machine learning in financial services globally can lead to financial stability risks and warrants adequate risk mitigation practices by banks, the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India said on Monday. "The heavy reliance on AI can lead to concentration risks, especially when a small number of technology providers dominate the market," Shaktikanta Das said at an event in New Delhi. This could amplify systemic risks as failures or disruptions in these systems may cascade across the financial sector, Das added. India's financial service providers



are using AI to enhance customer experience, reduce costs, manage risks and drive growth through chatbots and personalised banking. The growing use of AI introduces

new vulnerabilities like increased susceptibility to cyber-attacks and data breaches, Das said. AI's "opacity" makes it difficult to audit and interpret algorithms which drive lender's decisions and could potentially lead to "unpredictable consequences in the market," he warned. Separately, Das said private credit markets have expanded rapidly across the globe with limited regulation, posing significant risks to financial stability, particularly since these markets have not been stress-tested in a downturn.

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