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## The protest of the farmers continued for the second day as well



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**Mansa :** Protests are being held outside the houses of Punjab government legislators and BJP leaders regarding the purchase of their paddy crop by farmers. At Mansa, for the second day, farmers are raising slogans against the Punjab government and the central government outside the MLA's house. The farmers say that the protests will continue until the crops are not bought in their markets. Protests are being held outside the homes of Punjab government MLAs and ministers across Punjab due to the non-purchase of farmers' paddy crops

in the markets by the Indian Farmers' Union Ugraha and the protest of the farmers' distress. Similarly, the protests against the BJP leaders also continued outside the house of the MLA of Mansa. The leaders of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ugrahan said that farmers' crops are falling in the markets, on the one hand, the Punjab government is making false claims of starting the purchase of paddy from April 1, but on the other hand, due to non-starting of purchases in the markets, the farmers' crops are falling, rolling

## Mubarak Gul takes oath as Pro-tem Speaker of J&K Assembly

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Srinagar :** Senior National Conference leader and former J&K Speaker Mubarak Gul was today sworn in as the Pro-tem Speaker of the Assembly by Lt Governor, Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhawan here. An official statement said Chief Minister Omar Abdullah and other senior NC leaders were present at the ceremony. Gul will remain Pro-tem Speaker till elections are held for the new Speaker. A Raj Bhawan communication had said yesterday that the Lt Governor, exercising powers conferred upon him under Section 24 of the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, has appointed Gul to the post to administer oath/affirmation to the newly elected legislators. NC sources said that Senior NC leader Abdul Rahim Rather is likely to be the next Speaker. Finance Minister in the previous NC governments headed by Dr Farooq Abdullah, Rather won the Assembly election from the Char-e-Sharief constituency by defeating senior PDP leader and former minister, Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura. Sources said the NC has offered the post of Deputy Speaker to the BJP, which is the second-largest party in the Assembly with 29 seats, behind the NC's 42. The Congress has six members, the PDP three, while the Aam Aadmi Party, the Peoples Conference, and the CPI-M have one each. There are also 7 Independent



members. Although the NC and Congress fought the assembly elections in alliance, the Congress has said it would not join the cabinet as long as J&K's statehood was not restored. Pre-poll ally CPI-M has also decided to stay out of the government. Omar Abdullah has so far chosen five ministers while he can still include four more. However, there are many aspirants for the ministerial berths in his cabinet, including senior NC leaders like Ali Mohammad Sagar, Saifullah Mir, and Gul are believed to be front runners for the ministerial berths. The Chief Minister has, however, focused his priority on addressing the sense of alienation in the Jammu division where the BJP swept the polls, and the Congress managed to just win one seat in the Jammu division. The appointment of Surinder Choudhary, who defeated BJP's J&K chief Ravinder Raina in Nowshera, as the Deputy Chief Minister in the government is a step in this direction.

## ED officials search Mysuru Urban Development Authority office for second day



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials continue raids at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office in the city for the second day today. Earlier on Friday, all the MUDA officials were questioned by the probe agency. The ED officials have reportedly searched the MUDA office till 11.30 PM. And they arrived at the office at 11 am today for further document

searching. A Mysuru-based activist had lodged a complaint with the ED against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with 14 sites allotted as compensation to his wife, Parvathi. Based on the complaint, the ED has proceeded with an investigation under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act 2002 (PMLA) in the case.

## Over 10 flights receive bomb threats in 24 hours. 70 hoax calls this week

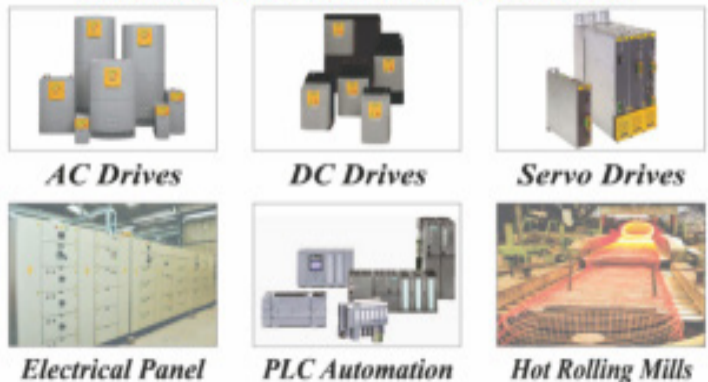
### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** More than 10 flights operated by Indian carriers have received bomb threats in the last 24 hours, leading to security checks and flight diversions. Five flights each from IndiGo and Akasa received threats, while three Vistara aircraft and one Air India Express flight were also targeted. Three international flights of Vistara Airlines received bomb threats early Saturday morning, all of which turned out to be hoaxes after thorough checks. A Vistara flight from Delhi to London was diverted to Frankfurt, where security checks were conducted before the flight resumed its journey after no threats were found. The other two Vistara flights that received threats were en route to Paris and Hong Kong from the national capital. Flight UK21 from Delhi to Paris landed safely at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport, where it was taken to an isolation bay for security checks. Similarly, flight UK161 to Hong Kong landed safely at Hong Kong International Airport, where security procedures were carried out. An Air India Express flight from Dubai to Jaipur, with 189 passengers on board, received a bomb threat via email, according to officials. A thorough check was conducted at Jaipur airport, but nothing suspicious was found. The IndiGo flights that received threats



include 6E 17 operating from Mumbai to Istanbul, 6E 11 from Delhi to Istanbul, and 6E 184 from Jodhpur to Delhi. Akasa Air also reported that its flight QP 1366, scheduled to fly from Bengaluru to Mumbai on Friday, received a security alert shortly before departure. On Saturday, a spokesperson of the airline said, "Some of our flights operating on October 19, 2024 have received security alerts". However, the spokesperson did not share the exact number yet. In the past week, various airlines received around 70 hoax calls, all of which have turned out to be false alarms. The investigating agencies have found some common lines and words used in these fake threats, like "bombs", "blood will spread everywhere", "explosive devices", "this is not a joke" and "you will all die" and "bomb rakhwa dia hai" (Hindi for bomb has been placed) among others.

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## Went to explore the Moon. how Apollo astronauts discovered Earth

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

On Christmas Eve 1968, as Apollo 8 orbited the Moon, astronaut William "Bill" Anders captured a photograph that forever altered how humanity sees itself.

That image, now famously known as "Earthrise," shows our blue-and-white planet emerging above the stark, gray lunar horizon — delicate and vibrant against the backdrop of space.

In that instant, Anders and his fellow astronauts, Frank Borman and Jim Lovell, were not just explorers of the Moon but witnesses to a profound new view of Earth, never-before seen by any human. The Apollo 8 mission was the first to send humans around the Moon. Its primary purpose was to scout future lunar landing sites.

Yet, what became most significant about this mission was not the Moon



itself, but the unexpected sight of Earth as it appeared from 2,40,000 miles away.

Anders, mesmerised by the scene, scrambled for a camera and immortalised the moment. Years later, reflecting on the mission, he noted, "We came all this way to explore the Moon, and the most important thing is that we discovered

the Earth." That single photograph did more than capture a moment — it shifted humanity's collective consciousness.

For the first time, Earth was seen from afar, suspended in the vastness of space, a fragile rock teeming with life.

The stark contrast between the barren lunar landscape and the vibrant Earth sparked a new understanding of the planet's beauty and vulnerability.

The image spread

quickly, appearing on magazine covers, posters, and postage stamps, symbolising Earth's uniqueness in the universe. Perhaps most importantly, "Earthrise" became a powerful symbol for the budding environmental movement. It reminded people that our planet, small and isolated, was in need of protection.

Galen Rowell, a famed wilderness photographer, called it "the most influential environmental photograph ever taken," and its impact was

immediate. Within two years, Earth Day was established in 1970, inspired in part by the growing environmental awareness that the photograph helped ignite. In the decades since, Anders' photograph has remained an iconic symbol of Earth's fragility. It reminds us of our responsibility to protect the only home we have. While Apollo 8's mission was focused on the Moon, it unexpectedly gave humanity a new view of its own world—a discovery that has continued to resonate across generations.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date  
20 th Oct

**Born on 20 th 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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 <b>Aries</b> (March 21 - April 19) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. Investment needs to be made with a long-term perspective. You should get involved into activities that help you come in contact with people who have similar taste.	 <b>Taurus</b> (April 20 - May 20) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Do not worry about you health as it may make worsen your sickness. Control your expenses and try not to be too lavish in your spending today. The problems of a friend could make you feel bad and worried.	 <b>Gemini</b> (May 21 - June 20) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Your polite behaviour will be appreciated. Many people will shower verbal praise on you. Increase in income from past investment is foreseen. Everyone wants to be your friend today and you would be too happy to oblige.
 <b>Cancer</b> (June 21 - July 22) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Check your aspirations to enjoy the life. Take the help of yoga-which teaches you the art of living physically mentally and spiritually healthy to improve your temperament. As a result, you may have to spend a lot of money on their health.	 <b>Leo</b> (July 23 - Aug 22) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Motivate yourself to be more optimistic. It increases confidence and flexibility but at the same time prepare it to leave negative emotions like fear hatred jealousy revenge. Expenditure rises but rise in income takes care of your bills.	 <b>Virgo</b> (Aug 23 - Sep 22) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Outdoor sports will attract you-Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Financially, you will remain strong. Due to the benefic placement of planets and nakshatras, you'll come across numerous opportunities to earn money today.
 <b>Libra</b> (Sep 23 - Oct 22) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. Due to any member of your family falling ill, you may face financial problems. Although at this time, you should worry about their health more than money.	 <b>Scorpio</b> (Oct 23 - Nov 21) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Health will be perfect today. If you are going on a trip, then look out for your valuables and bags, as they are likely to be stolen. Especially, keep your purse at a safe place today. Your gloomy life may give tension to your spouse.	 <b>Sagittarius</b> (Nov 22 - Dec 21) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Your anger could create a mountain out of molehill-which would only upset your family members. Fortunate indeed are those great souls whose intelligence keeps anger under control. Burn your anger before it burns you.
 <b>Capricorn</b> (Dec 22 - Jan 19) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Health requires some attention. Today, you will be able to earn money without any help or assistance. Visit friends who need your assistance. Your lover can demand something from you today, but you won't be able to fulfil the wishes.	 <b>Aquarius</b> (Jan 20 - Feb 18) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> It is high time for you to take the help of spirituality as it is the one of the best option to counterattack your mental stress. Meditation and yoga will enhance your mental toughness. You can expect problems at home- if you do not spend time with family members.	 <b>Pisces</b> (Feb 19 - Mar 20) <b>Oct 20th 2024 :</b> Get rid the feeling of isolation and loneliness by spending your time with your family. Use what you already have before rushing out to buy more. Health of some female member in the family may cause worries.

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## Second Day of Saras Mela Dedicated to Swatch Bharat

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**Mohali :** The second day of the Saras Mela, being held in Mohali, was dedicated to the theme of 'Swatch Bharat and Clean Environment,' alongside various cultural performances, students from local schools and colleges actively participated in the event. Under the guidance of Prof. Gurbakhshish Singh Antal, and with the support of Additional Deputy Commissioner (Development) Sonam Chaudhary, District Education Officer (Secondary) Dr. Ginny Duggal, a variety of activities were organized which included poster making, poetry recitation, skits, and speech competitions, with participation from around 20 schools. Students from the School of



Eminence showcased a beautiful choreography to promote the message of a clean environment. The team from Chandigarh Group of Colleges, Landran, performed Bhangra and Haryanvi dance, captivating the audience. The students of Government Girls School, Sohna, also entertained with Haryanvi folk dance. Students from 10 government and private schools enjoyed the

festivities as well. The event was overseen by national award-winning artist Gurpreet Singh Namdhari, Dr. Rameet Vasudev, and Shubvant Kaur, while Prof. Ranjit Singh handled the stage management. Under the direction of Deputy Commissioner Ashika Jain, the mela features daily themed awareness programs. A special event focusing on women's health care is planned for the following day.

## Children injured as bus met with an accident

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Panchkula :** A terrible road accident took place in Panchkula today. A bus full of children met with an accident near Tikkar Tal near Morni. Many children have been injured in this accident. On receiving information about the accident, police and local people reached the spot and started rescue operations. According to the information, the driver of the school bus was driving the bus at high speed. Meanwhile,



the driver lost control of the bus near Tikkar Tal near Morni, causing the bus to overturn into a ditch.

Many children have been injured in this accident. On receiving information about the accident, the police and local people reached the spot and took the injured children out of the bus and sent them to Sector 6 Hospital for treatment, where the injured children are undergoing treatment. Police have registered a case in this matter and started investigation.

## HC seeks clarity on paddy straw pollution impact

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The Punjab and Haryana High Court has made clear its intent to consider whether the burning of huge paddy stocks in Punjab's agricultural fields generates more pollution than using paddy straw pellets in brick kilns. The court is set to address the critical environmental issue as it hears a bunch of petition concerning the adverse effects of paddy burning and potential alternatives. "After hearing counsel for the rival parties for a while, the issue that has cropped up is as to whether the burning of huge paddy stocks available in the agricultural fields in the State of Punjab is causing more pollution or whether burning the paddy straw pellets in brick kilns will cause more pollution," the Division Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Anil Kshetarpal asserted. Senior counsel for one of the petitioners D.S. Patwalia also agreed to submit a detailed cost estimate for setting up paddy pelletization units before the next hearing. The case



has been adjourned to November 14, 2024, for further deliberation. In the petition filed through Patwalia, along with advocates Kannan Malik, Gauravjit Patwalia and Lagan Kaur Sidhu and Alisha Sharda, the Punjab Brick Kiln Owners Association was seeking directions to the State of Punjab and other respondents to allow it to comply with the provisions

of the Environment Amendment Rules 2022, granted discretion to all brick kilns to use coal as an approved fuel and not restrict the usage of any approved fuel. The petitioner contended the State of Punjab miserably failed to interpret the 2022 Rules while issuing notification dated November 4, 2022. It was "in teeth of the 2022 Rules" and could not be given effect to up till the same were in existence. "There is no enabling provision under the 2022 Rules to empower the State Pollution Control Board/ State government to impose a set of approved fuels upon the brick kilns. On the other hand, the 2022 Rules provide discretion to the brick kilns to use any type of the approved fuel as enumerated under it," the Bench was told.

## IndiGo flight being checked after bomb threat

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** A Hyderabad-Chandigarh IndiGo flight was being checked at the Chandigarh airport here following a bomb threat today, said official sources. The plane was being checked thoroughly by the airport authorities at the isolation bay, they said. "The plane is being checked in isolation," they said. Meanwhile, IndiGo said that



upon landing, the aircraft was isolated and all passengers were

safely disembarked. A series of bomb threats have been received by various airlines on domestic and international routes. Most threats were received through social media and most of them turned out to be hoaxes.

## Punjab Vets defers Oct 21st state-wide dharnas

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** With the active intervention of the Principal Secretary Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and dairy development Punjab and his assurance to expeditiously resolve the issue of restoration of pay parity of Veterinary Officers with medical officers, the executive of 'Joint Action Committee of Vets for pay parity'; here today held a meeting at Mohali and decided to defer the statewide dharnas slated for October 21 at all



district Veterinary Polyclinics of State.

All treatment, elective surgeries, testing /collection of blood, and other samples at Veterinary Polyclinics were proposed to be suspended for the day. Besides, the JAC has also been invited for a meeting with the Cabinet Subcommittee to discuss the demands of Veterinary officers on October 22, at Punjab Bhawan Chandigarh.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### WHO CARES...?

## Broken sign boards a common problem in Mohali



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Whenever we enter a city, sign boards are installed at the entry point of the city from which people can estimate the facilities and conditions in the city just by looking at the conditions board. Damaged direction signboards at various locations such as Spice Light Chowk is hassling commuters and may also fall any day, in Mohali, which is adjacent to Chandigarh, the conditions of sign boards is very bad. "The damaged signboard is made up of a heavy iron that has been torn out and is hanging onto the road. Another worry is that it could fall and cause an accident. If this leads to the loss of life or property, who will take responsibility for it. The question arises that how will the Municipal Corporation which cannot fix the sign board, complete the work of providing basic facilities to the general public like roads, drains, cleanliness.

Due to the absence of these boards in the city, people face many problems. The commuters from outside, who are not familiar with the area, had trouble locating their position. The situation has been causing troubles to people for a long time. The condition of road signs is similar in Mohali. The authorities concerned are not doing anything to get the boards repaired for the convenience of the public who pays taxes. Most of the city's infrastructure is badly maintained and is in dire need of repair or restoration - many such facilities are also creating tiresome hassles or risks for citizens. Mohali residents are demanding that the authorities concerned should take an immediate action to restore the board, and take heed of their numerous complaints. **But Who Cares???**

## Blood donation camp held. Parents & staff donate blood



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** In collaboration with Rotary Classic Chandigarh and Indus Hospital, Shemrock School, Sector 69, Mohali, organized a successful blood donation camp on its premises. The event aimed to promote the significance of blood donation while making a direct contribution to healthcare needs. The camp witnessed active participation from staff, parents, and local community members, reflecting a strong sense of social responsibility. A team of professional doctors and medical staff from Indus Hospital ensured the donation process was carried out smoothly, adhering to all safety protocols. The Rotary Club, renowned for its commitment to community service, provided key logistical support.

A total of 58 units of blood were collected, which will aid in addressing medical emergencies and saving lives. Donors were appreciated with refreshments, gifts, and certificates as a gesture of gratitude. M D Karan Bajwa complimented the staff and the students for this noble social cause. He appreciated the enthusiasm among the students who donated the blood. He further said that if we could motivate people, they will also come forward to donate blood. It creates awareness among the masses that by donating blood we do not lose anything but through this noble act, they could potentially save precious life of some one. He further added that there was hardly any other service to humanity as noble and virtuous as the donation of blood.

## IAS officer Rajesh Khullar appointed as Chief Principal Secretary, Haryana CM

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The Haryana Government has appointed Rajesh Khullar, IAS (Retd.) as Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister, Haryana, in the rank and status of Cabinet Minister, with immediate effect.



## Big relief for Kidney patients. Haryana Govt launches free dialysis service



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, shortly after assuming office here today, has provided significant relief to kidney patients in the State. The Chief Minister has approved free dialysis services for patients suffering from serious kidney disease in the state. This initiative will directly benefit patients who are currently undergoing dialysis sessions. The Haryana government will bear the expenditure of these critical services. While addressing a press conference here today, the Chief Minister said that at present a patient has to spend an average of Rs 2500 per session in government hospitals for dialysis. Thus, this cost of dialysis reaches up to 20 to 25 thousand rupees. Now, by getting free dialysis services from the government, the patients will get a big relief from this huge expenditure. It is worth mentioning that this initiative of the government will

give impetus towards increasing the access of the general public to health services and improving the quality of life of needy persons.

This initiative is expected to significantly reduce the financial burden on patients and their families. At present, this service is available in 20 district hospitals - Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Kurukshetra, Ambala, Panipat, Sonapat, Rohtak, Bahadurgarh in Jhajjar, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Mahendragarh, Rewari, Gurgaon, Faridabad, Palwal, Sirsa, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jind and Kaithal.

Apart from this, this facility is available in 3 medical colleges - Kalpana Chawla Medical College in Karnal, Shaheed Hassan Khan Mewati Medical College in Nuh and Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Medical College, Rohtak. This service will also be extended to all the upcoming medical colleges and health facilities in the state.

## 3 Cops Suspended in Mathura After Bishnoi Gang Shooter's

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mathura :** Mathura Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shailesh Pandey has suspended three police personnel after a video statement of Yogesh, a sharpshooter of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang went viral. The sharpshooter was seen speaking to local media crews while being in police custody at the Refinery police station.

Shooter Yogesh had said that his encounter in Mathura was fake. He had given a statement on NCP leader Baba Siddiqui who was shot dead in Mumbai.

Sub-inspector Ramsanehi, head constable Vipin and constable Sanjay posted at Refinery police station have been suspended by SSP Pandey.

Yogesh, involved in a murder case in Delhi, was arrested by the Delhi Special Cell and Mathura Police in a joint action.

Delhi police's special cell in a joint operation with Mathura Police arrested Yogesh, a shooter of the Lawrence Bishnoi-Hashim Baba gang on Thursday in connection with the murder of a 35-year-old gym owner. SSP Mathura Shailesh Pandey said, "In a joint operation between police and Delhi Special Cell team, a sharpshooter named Yogesh, who is said to have linkages with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, has been injured in an encounter. He has been wanted in a murder case in Delhi."

The gym owner, identified as Nadir Shah, was shot dead in full public view in South Delhi on September 12. Meanwhile, security has been tightened at the residence of Bollywood actor Salman Khan after fresh death threats were received



demanding an extortion payment of ₹ 5 crore.

This comes after the Mumbai Police had said that a threatening message was received on the WhatsApp number of Mumbai Traffic Police, demanding ₹ 5 crore from actor Salman Khan "to end his long-standing rivalry with Lawrence Bishnoi."

The person who sent the message claimed to be close to Lawrence Bishnoi's gang and claimed to put the actor's life in danger if not provided with the extortion money.

The sender claimed, "Don't take it lightly, if Salman Khan wants to stay alive and wants to end the enmity with Lawrence Bishnoi, then he will have to pay ₹ 5 crore. If the money is not given, Salman Khan's condition will be worse than Baba Siddique's."

The incident comes in the backdrop of the recent murder of Nationalist Congress Party leader Baba Siddique. Following Siddique's assassination, which occurred outside his office on October 12, the police have intensified their search for the suspects involved in his death.

A look-out circular was issued for Shubham Lonkar, along with two additional suspects, Shiv Kumar Gautam and Zeeshan Akhtar, who are believed to be trying to flee to Nepal.

## Amritpal Singh and gangster Arsh Dalla nominated in Gurpreet murder case

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Faridkot :** With reference to the sources, the news has come that in the case of murder of Sikh leader Gurpreet Singh, the name of Member of Parliament from Khadur Sahib, Amritpal Singh, has been revealed, in addition to this, the gangster Arsh Dalla living in Canada and his partner Gurpreet Gora are also involved. The name has come up. The conspiracy of this murder was hatched at the behest of Gurpreet Gora.

Two shooters have also been identified in this case, whose names have been kept confidential. The names of eight persons have been revealed in this case so far, out of which three accused Bilal Ahmed alias Fauji, Pantu and Arshdeep Jhandu are accused of doing Reiki, who are in police custody and are on



remand.

DGP Gaurav Yadav disclosed about Amritpal Singh's involvement. A total of six persons have been nominated in this case so far. Apart from Amritpal Singh and Arsh Dalla, action has been taken against Karmveer who is sitting abroad and three arrested accused who were doing Reiki of Karmveer. During the Punjab Panchayat

elections on October 9, in the case of the murder of young Gurpreet Singh in Faridkot, the police revealed that there was evidence of the role of Amritpal Singh, the heir Punjab chief and Member of Parliament from Khadur Sahib in this case. According to the police, Amritpal Singh is behind the incident, investigation is being conducted to find out the conspiracy. Gurpreet was murdered around October 9. At that time, Gurpreet Singh was returning home after campaigning in favor of his supporting candidate for the post of Sarpanch, when the killers who came in front of him on a bike opened fire and seriously injured Gurpreet Singh.

## CTU bus driver and palace conductor suspended in Chandigarh. notice issued to both

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) has taken major action against the driver and the female conductor in the case of driving a bus by hanging a person at the gate. The department has suspended the bus driver and conductor. An investigation has been started in this regard. If both cannot give a satisfactory answer within three months, action will be taken to remove them from the job.

The incident is on October 7 but the video of the incident was revealed two days ago. The bus belonged to



CTU Depot No. 2, which was going from Hallomajra to Tribune Chowk and meanwhile a person was hanging from the gate of the bus. CTU officials

identified the driver and conductor of the bus.

Calling it gross negligence, both have been suspended for three months each. Meanwhile, both of them will be given an opportunity to be heard by the CTU. If both cannot give a satisfactory answer, then the process of dismissal will also be initiated. However, both the employees are outsourced.

## 'SCIENCE SPECTACLE' held at Kids 'R' Kids Secondary School

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**Chandigarh :** Kids 'R' Kids Secondary School organized "Science Spectacle", an interactive and immersive science exhibition that showcased a wide range of innovative projects and scientific creations developed by its students. The exhibition featured an impressive collection of projects, ranging from independent summer home learning assignments to collaborative class group projects, which reflected the creativity, analytical thinking, and technical skills of the young participants. The event was formally inaugurated by the esteemed Principal, Ms. Anupam Grewal, who addressed the audience with an inspiring speech. Ms. Grewal commended the students for their diligence and enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of scientific inquiry, creativity, and teamwork. She encouraged the young innovators to continue their pursuit of knowledge and innovation, emphasizing the critical role these skills play in shaping a brighter future. To further promote collaboration and intellectual exchange, students from



other schools were also invited to the event. This initiative enabled a diverse group of learners to engage with the showcased projects, facilitating knowledge sharing and fostering a spirit of collective learning. The exhibit also garnered appreciation

from parents, who were impressed by the depth of understanding and creativity exhibited by the students. They praised the school for providing a platform that encourages scientific exploration and practical learning from an early age.

## 1348 cases of stubble burning reported in Punjab

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**Amritsar :** Cases of stubble burning are increasing in Punjab. Now the total number of cases has increased to 1348. 59 new cases were reported on Friday. Contrary to the government's claims, the total number of stubble burning cases this season is close to breaking the previous record of 2023.

The total number of cases of stubble burning has reached 1407 since September 15 last year. However, during this period in the year 2022, 2189 cases of stubble burning have been reported. According to statistics, 342 cases of stubble burning have been reported in Punjab in the year 2022 and 18 in the year 2023.

On the problem of stubble burning, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that Punjab alone cannot be held responsible for the problem of



stubble burning. Taking the Central Government by the hands, Mann said that if the Prime Minister can stop the war in Ukraine, why not blow the smoke of straw.

Due to continuous burning of stubble, the AQI of six cities in Punjab remained in the yellow zone even on Friday, of which Mandi Gobindgarh recorded the highest AQI of 174, while Amritsar recorded 154, Bathinda 115, Jalandhar 110, Khanna 109 and 114 was recorded in

Patiala. While Ludhiana's AQI was recorded as 98. It's AQI is in the moderate category. According to doctors, this AQI can cause breathing problems, especially for patients suffering from asthma, lung and heart diseases.

59 new cases of stubble burning were reported in Punjab, of which 13 were the highest in Patiala district. Along with this, 11 from Tarn Taran, seven from Sangrur, six from Amritsar, one from Bathinda, two from Fatehgarh Sahib, five from Ferozepur, one from Gurdaspur, two from Jalandhar, three from Kapurthala, two from Ludhiana, four from Mansa. One case has been reported from Moga, one from Muktsar.

## Sunny Deol unveils first look of 'JATT' on his birthday

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai :** Sunny Deol, who has been on a roll ever since his 'Gadar-2' became a massive hit, shared the first look of his upcoming movie, 'JATT,' on his birthday. In the intense poster, Sunny Deol can be seen wielding a vintage fan, ready to unleash a powerful blow. The poster is captioned "Introducing a man with a national permit for massive action" The film is directed by Gopichand Malineni and produced by Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory. The film also stars Randeep Hooda and Saiyami Kher.



Deol made his debut with Amrita Singh in 'Betaab'. Later he went on to act in films like 'Arjun', 'Tridev', 'Chaalbaaz'.

Sunny delivered some massive hits in the 90s like 'Ghayal', 'Vishwatma', 'Damini' and 'Darr'. In 'Darr' Sunny Deol played the hero while Shah Rukh Khan played the negative lead. However, it was Shah Rukh who

Deol and team wrapped up a 70 day schedule of 'Lahore 1947' with some intense action sequences. Sunny Deol has earlier collaborated with Rajkumar Santoshi on multiple films like 'Ghayal' and 'Damini'. He won the Best Actor Award for 'Ghayal' and Best Supporting Actor Award for 'Damini' Sunny

The film is being produced by Amir Khan and directed by Rajkumar Santoshi. Preity Zinta is playing the female lead in the movie. As per reports the Sunny

stole limelight from Sunny and ever since the two have not been on good terms. Sunny Deol also served as Lok Sabha MP from BJP. However he received backlash for not giving time for his constituency. He later announced to not pursue politics and did not contest election in 2024.

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## Jai Bajrangbali: Ajay Devgn's Singham Again song is inspired by Hanuman Chalisa

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The first song from Rohit Shetty's upcoming film Singham Again, titled Jai Bajrangbali, has been released. The track, drawing inspiration from the Hanuman Chalisa, is composed by Thaman S with lyrics by Swanand Kirkire. Featuring a large ensemble of vocalists, including Srikrishna, Kareemullah, Arun Koundinya, and others, the song blends devotional themes with energetic music. Jai Bajrangbali arrives ahead



of the film's release on November 1, 2024. The song sets the tone for the film's action sequences, continuing the tradition of Shetty's Cop

Universe. Singham Again stars Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Deepika Padukone, Ranveer Singh, Tiger Shroff, Akshay Kumar in lead roles.

## Rishabh Pant becomes fastest Indian wicketkeeper to 2,500 Test runs



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Rishabh Pant scripted history by becoming the fastest Indian wicketkeeper to reach 2500 runs in Test cricket on Day 4 of the first Test against New Zealand. Pant achieved the milestone in just 62 innings, surpassing the legendary MS Dhoni, who previously held the record at 69 innings, and Farokh Engineer, who achieved the feat in 82 innings.

The dynamic wicketkeeper-batter played a crucial role as India continued their strong comeback on Day 4, reaching 344/3 at lunch, trailing New Zealand by just 12 runs. Pant's blistering knock of 53 off 56 balls helped stabilize India after an early wobble, combining with Sarfaraz Khan, who scored a maiden Test hundred. Resuming the day at 231/3, India, still 125 runs behind, looked to Pant and Sarfaraz to guide them closer to New Zealand's first-innings total of 469. Despite missing Day 3 after suffering a knee injury while keeping, Pant showed no signs of discomfort at the crease. He made a cautious start but soon unleashed his attacking flair, smashing left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel for two sixes in quick succession, followed by a series of powerful drives and deft sweeps.

Fastest to 2500 Test runs by an Indian wicketkeeper (in innings)

62 - Rishabh Pant  
69 - MS Dhoni

82 - Farokh Engineer

Pant reached his 12th Test fifty off just 55 balls with a sumptuous cover drive off Glenn Phillips, further showcasing his aggressive yet calculated approach. His partnership with Sarfaraz, worth 113 runs in just 22 overs, was pivotal in India's quest to overhaul New Zealand's total. Sarfaraz, playing in only his fifth Test, was the star of the session with a sublime century, but Pant's steady presence at the other end proved equally vital.

The 26-year-old Pant's rapid rise in the Test format has been a major talking point in Indian cricket. Since making his debut in 2018, he has quickly established himself as a match-winner, especially in overseas conditions, with notable innings in Australia and England. His aggressive batting style, coupled with an ever-improving glove work behind the stumps, has drawn comparisons with Dhoni, but Pant has consistently carved out his own legacy.

India's recovery in the match was well on track as rain interrupted play just after 11:00 am, forcing an early lunch. With Sarfaraz and Pant still at the crease, India will look to build a sizeable lead as they aim for victory.

### It's story TIME

## The Ugly Duckling

This story revolves around a duckling who, from the moment of his birth, has always felt different from his siblings. He was always picked on because he didn't look like the rest of them. One day, he had enough and ran away from the pond he grew up in. He wandered nearby, looking for a family who would accept him. Months passed, and seasons changed, but everywhere he went, nobody wanted him because he was such an ugly duck. Then, one day, he came upon a family of swans. Upon looking at them, he realized that during the months he spent looking for a family to call his own, he had grown into a beautiful swan. Now he finally understood why he never looked like the rest of his siblings because he wasn't a duck but a swan.



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## 'Please give up hunger strike': Mamata appeals to junior doctors through Chief Secretary's phone

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**Kolkata** : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee today appealed to junior doctors, over the mobile phone of Chief Secretary Manoj Pant, to withdraw their fast-unto-death agitation in support of their demands over the ghastly rape and murder of a junior woman doctor of R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital. Pant, accompanied by the Home Secretary Nandini Chakraborty and Kolkata Police's Deputy Commissioner, Central division, Indira Mukherjee suddenly turned up at the dais of the hunger strike by seven junior doctors at Esplanade in central Kolkata. There, the Chief Secretary contacted the Chief Minister on his mobile phone and she made her appeal to the protesting junior doctors over its speaker. "I request you to withdraw the hunger strike. Please come to the discussions. Most of your demands have already been fulfilled. Please give me three to four months. I will arrange to conduct elections for different councils in all



medical colleges & hospitals. Please withdraw the hunger strike," Banerjee said.

On the demand of the junior doctors for the removal of the Health Secretary Narayan Swarup Nigam, she said if all the key officials of a crucial department are shifted at one time, then there will be administrative difficulties.

"Already we have removed the Kolkata Police Commissioner and some other officials," the Chief Minister pointed out. She said the common people feel helpless if they do not get medical services at

state-run hospitals. "I am in favour of humanity. I also want justice. But at the same time, the treatment of the common people will have to be ensured. So I am again requesting you to withdraw from the hunger strike and get back to work," she added.

Incidentally, it was on Friday night only, that the junior doctors cautioned the state government to resume total cease-work from next Tuesday unless their pending demands are fulfilled. The CM's appeal came as the fast-unto-death demonstration by a group of junior doctors against the ghastly rape and murder of their colleague at R. G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata entered the 15th day. Meanwhile, a mega rally from the residence of the victim junior doctor at Panihati in North 24 Parganas district to Esplanade, the venue of continuing fast-unto-death protests by junior doctors, is also to held today.

## Baba Siddique had links with Dawood, claims arrested Bishnoi gang shooter

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : NCP leader and former Maharashtra Minister Baba Siddique, who was killed in Mumbai recently, was not a good man and had connections with fugitive offender Dawood Ibrahim, a shooter of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, has claimed after he was arrested in Uttar Pradesh's Mathura district.

Yogesh alias Raju (26) is associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi-Hashim Baba gang and has been arrested in connection with the killing of gym owner Nadir Shah in Delhi's Greater Kailash area. He is not linked with Siddique's killing on October 12.

Raju was arrested after he suffered injuries in an encounter with a joint team of the Delhi Police's Special Cell and the Mathura Police. A pistol, ammunition and a motorcycle in his possession. Raju was admitted to Mathura's District Hospital after being shot in the leg in the encounter. Raju spoke about Siddique while talking to reporters at the hospital.

"Baba Siddique was killed because he was not a good man. There were charges against him under the Maharashtra Control of Organised Crime Act (MCOCA). It is said that he was associated with Dawood, the man behind the 1993 Mumbai bomb blasts.



"When people get involved with such individuals, something is bound to happen. This is exactly what happened to Siddique," Raju was quoted as saying in connection with the matter.

Talking about criminals gathering information before committing a crime, he said, "These days we have mobile phones, the internet, Google and so on. We can find out a lot about a person through these means."

Regarding the murder case in Delhi, Raju claimed that he had no direct contact with anyone. "It was only through my friends from Delhi that we communicated," he said.

"We are given direct targets. Anyone who gets in the way and does something wrong will face consequences," he added.

Reflecting on his entry into the criminal world, Raju said, "Police pushed me into this life. I am a poor man and I am being

falsely implicated. Cases are being filed against me."

On joining criminal gangs, he said, "I gradually got involved. I am part of the Hashim Baba gang, which is also managed by Lawrence Bishnoi." "The gang is much bigger than you think. There are more members than you can imagine," he added.

After receiving treatment for his injuries, police officers escorted Raju to a vehicle to take him to jail.

Baba Siddique (66), a former Maharashtra minister, was shot dead on October 12 night outside his MLA son Zeeshan Siddique's office in Mumbai's Bandra area.

Five more people were arrested on Friday for allegedly providing firearms and logistical support to the shooters in the Baba Siddique murder case, a Mumbai police official said, taking the total number of arrests in the sensational case to nine. Prima facie, the five arrested accused were in touch with conspirator Shubham Lonkar and mastermind Mohammed Zeeshan Akhtar, both absconding, the official said. According to police, Akhtar's links were earlier established with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang and he is allegedly one of the masterminds of Siddique's killing.

## Navy's first training squadron returns from Bahrain after long-range exercise

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : The Indian Navy's First Training Squadron (ITS) has departed from Bahrain's Manama after successfully completing its long-range training deployment, officials said.

During the visit, members of the squadron aboard INS Tir and ICGS Veera met Bahraini military officials to discuss maritime security and future cooperation. They also visited the US Naval Forces Central Command to strengthen their partnership.

According to officials, this visit has reinforced the strong maritime ties between the two navies.

Navy Captain Anshul Kishore, Senior Officer of the Squadron, held discussions with senior Bahraini Navy officials, including Major General Salman Mubarak Al-Doseri of the Royal Command Staff and Commodore Ahmed Ebrahim Muhamood. They addressed regional maritime security challenges and explored avenues for future collaboration in



training and operations, the Ministry of Defence stated.

The officer from ITS, along with the Commanding Officer of ICGS Veera, also met with Commodore Mark Anderson of the Royal Navy, Deputy Commander of the Combined Maritime Forces (CMF). Discussions with US Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) focused on strengthening maritime cooperation and reinforcing the strategic partnership between the Indian Navy and other maritime forces in the region, the ministry

added. During the visit, officials from the Bahrain Defence Forces, Combined Maritime Forces, and other friendly nations were invited aboard the Indian squadron ships to gain insights into shared operational procedures, paving the way for future collaborative exercises.

In the spirit of camaraderie, naval personnel from both the US Naval Command and the Indian Navy participated

in a friendly football match, while the Indian Navy band gave a captivating performance in Manama. A community outreach event was also held at the Tree of Life Social Charity Society, further strengthening goodwill.

Additionally, an official reception was hosted aboard ITS for delegates from the Indian Embassy, Bahrain Defence Forces, and other military and civilian dignitaries, along with members of the Indian diaspora.

## Karnataka to impose cess on Zomato, Uber, Swiggy payments to support gig workers

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Bengaluru** : The Karnataka government said it will impose a cess on transactions conducted through aggregator platforms like Zomato, Ola, Uber, Swiggy and others to provide social security to gig workers.

While addressing a press conference, Karnataka Labour Minister Santosh Lad said, "The money that will be collected will be used for the welfare fund for gig workers. We are not charging for products or goods that consumers purchase; they will be charged only on transport."

"They are vulnerable to road accidents. As they spend more time on roads, they inhale polluted air, leading to various health issues. We want to ensure that the welfare fund is used for health insurance and the



education of their children," he said. The state government has already drafted a bill to protect the rights of platform-based gig workers. As per the draft, the bill intends "to place obligations on the aggregators in

relation to social security, occupational health and safety, and transparency." The Bill will be passed in the state Assembly in December.

The Karnataka government's announcement came a day after Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chaired a meeting with employee associations of gig and platform workers to provide millions of such workers with social security benefits like health insurance and pension.

## Police Case Against Odisha Actor For Controversial Post on Rahul Gandhi



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Bhubaneswar** : The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) lodged a police complaint against Odia actor Buddhaditya Mohanty for his controversial social media post about Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. State NSUI president Udit Pradhan filed the complaint at Capital police station on Friday, demanding action against Mohanty for the post, which has now been deleted.

"In the social media post, Mohanty said that after killing NCP leader Baba Siddique, gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's next target should be Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. We cannot tolerate such a remark against

our leader," said Pradhan.

Along with the complaint, he submitted to the police a screenshot of the social media post.

Police said they have received the complaint and are enquiring into it. Apologising for his earlier post, Mohanty wrote on Facebook on Friday, "My last post regarding Rahul Gandhi..was never to target..harm, demean him in any way..nor write anything against him..unintentionally if I affected anyone's sentiments..my intention was not this..I offer my sincere apologies..regards (sic)." Siddique, a Congress-turned-NCP leader, was shot dead in Mumbai on October 12.

## India's primary market on remarkable growth trajectory fuelled by IPO surge

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : India's primary market is on a remarkable growth trajectory, fuelled by a wave of investor interest and a surge in initial public offering (IPO) activity, experts said today.

The month of September was quite busy, with 15 draft red herring prospectus (DRHP) filings submitted on just one day — the final day of last month — making it one of the most active periods for IPOs in over 14 years.

"So far in 2024, we've seen 63 initial public offerings, most of which have performed well after listing. Despite the challenges of a volatile market and global uncertainties, investor confidence in these offerings remains strong," said an IPO commentary from Pantomath Capital Advisors.

The positive momentum is expected to carry forward. With a healthy pipeline of IPOs, strong investor demand, and a sense of optimism among both promoters and investors, the outlook for the capital markets looks bright, the report noted.

This week, Hyundai Motor India's much-anticipated IPO was overall subscribed 2.37 times. The quota for qualified institutional bidders (QIBs) was booked



6.97 times, while the reservation for employees was subscribed 1.74 times.

This IPO is a pure offer for sale (OFS). It is the first offer from an automaker to list in India in over two decades. Due to being OFS, the entire proceeds will go to the promoter. Ahead of the public issue, Hyundai Motor India raised Rs 8,315 crore from anchor investors. It allotted 4.24 crore shares at Rs 1,960 apiece to 225 anchor investors, according to a company statement.

The IPO was open for bidding between October 15 and October 17. The company offered its shares in the fixed price band of Rs 1,865-1,960 per share with a lot size of 7 shares. The car maker raised about Rs 27,856 crore via its primary offering.

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## will not tolerate any diplomats who endanger the safety- Canada

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**Ottawa :** The Canadian Foreign Minister, Melanie Joly, stated that the remaining Indian diplomats in the country are "clearly on notice". Ottawa expelled six Indian diplomats earlier this week as bilateral relations between India and Canada hit rock bottom after Canada named Indian diplomats as "persons of interest" in the investigation into the murder of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. She asserted that the government would not tolerate any diplomats who contravene the Vienna Convention or put the lives of Canadians at risk. The Vienna Convention refers to international agreements dealing with different aspects of rules-based international order. "They are clearly on notice. Six of them have been expelled, including the high commissioner in Ottawa. Others were mainly from Toronto and Vancouver and clearly, we won't tolerate any diplomats that are in contravention of the Vienna



convention," Joly said when asked if more Indian diplomats will be expelled. Canada accused Indian officials of involvement in the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a designated terrorist, in June last year in British Columbia. The charge was raised by Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau in Parliament in September 2023, which India rejected as absurd and politically motivated. On October 14, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) said that they named the Indian Ambassador and other diplomats

as "persons of interest" in the probe. However, Ottawa has failed to provide any evidence, even one year after first raising the allegations. Foreign Minister Joly further alleged that the Canadian police has linked Indian diplomats to homicides, death threats and intimidation in Canada. "We've never seen that in our history. That level of transnational repression cannot happen on Canadian soil. We've seen it elsewhere in Europe. Russia has done that in Germany and the UK and we needed to stand firm on this issue," she said in Montreal. India expelled six Canadian diplomats earlier this week and also announced the withdrawal of its High Commissioner in Canada. Justin Trudeau's country had withdrawn more than 40 diplomats from India in October 2023 after New Delhi asked Ottawa to reduce its diplomatic presence.

## BRICS will drive global economic growth: Russian President Vladimir Putin

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Moscow :** Russian President Vladimir Putin has asserted that the BRICS group will generate most of the global economic growth in the coming years due to its size and relatively fast growth compared with that of developed Western nations. Speaking at BRICS business forum in Moscow yesterday, President Putin said, the countries in their association are essentially the drivers of global economic growth. He said, that in the foreseeable future, BRICS will generate the main increase in global GDP. BRICS comprises Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. It has expanded to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the United Arab Emirates as well. The Kremlin leader is due to host a BRICS summit in the Russian city of Kazan next week. Prime Minister



Narendra Modi will embark on a two-day visit to Russia to attend the Summit. At an interaction with a group of foreign journalists in Moscow, the Russian President said that BRICS was never meant to be against anyone. Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the

observation, President Putin said, the BRICS is not an anti-Western group but a non-Western group. Mr. Putin said, they aim to strengthen BRICS as a significant force in global politics and trade. On the Ukraine conflict, President Putin said, Russia is interested in resolving it peacefully. He hit out at US and Western nations for backing Ukraine in the war with Russia. He asserted that their military alliance NATO was fighting the war for Ukraine. He appreciated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's concern over the situation. He said, Prime Minister Modi consistently raised the issue during their discussions.

## Yahya Sinwar died from gunshot to his head

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Tel Aviv :** The autopsy reports of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar's body revealed that he was killed by a gunshot wound to his head during an intelligence-based ground raid in southern Gaza. Sinwar, who led the politburo of Hamas, was found by Israel Defense Forces (IDF) in the Tel al-Sultan area of Rafah. The 828 Brigade of the IDF discovered Sinwar's body during their operation. According to a report, Israeli soldiers cut off one of Sinwar's fingers for DNA confirmation. The soldiers reportedly found a body resembling Sinwar's in a hideout and used a DNA profile from his time in an Israeli prison, where he was held for two decades until his release in a 2011 prisoner-swap deal. Chen Kugel, the chief pathologist at Israel's National Center of Forensic Medicine, confirmed the method used to verify Sinwar's identity, as reported. "After the laboratory made the profile, we compared it with the profile that Sinwar had in the term that he was serving here as a prisoner, so then we could finally identify him by his DNA,"



Kugel told. The soldiers had initially tried to identify him through his dental records, but this was not conclusive, Kugel said. Videos circulating on social media show Israeli troops searching the hideout. In one video, two soldiers are seen next to a body, believed to be Sinwar's, with the index finger of the left hand severed. However, footage circulating on social media shows Sinwar's body was initially seen with all fingers intact and later with one missing.

Kugel also revealed that Sinwar was killed by a gunshot wound to the head. While the Hamas leader had other injuries, including those from a tank shell, Kugel said the fatal wound was caused by the bullet. Footage posted online shows extensive damage to Sinwar's face, with part of his skull blown off, consistent with the chief pathologist's findings. Before the raid, Israeli forces reportedly fired a tank shell at the hideout and later conducted a ground operation to assess damage and search for survivors. With a history of quickly and efficiently replacing its fallen leaders, Hamas is looking for a new political leader based outside Gaza. Yahya's brother Mohammad Sinwar is expected to take his place. Yahya Sinwar was the mastermind of the October 7, 2023 attack on Israel in which over 1,200 people were killed, resulting in a year-long Israeli operation in Gaza, killing over 40,000.

## Former One Direction member Niall Horan's tribute to Liam Payne: Doesn't feel real

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Dublin :** Irish singer-songwriter Niall Horan paid a heartbreaking tribute to his former One Direction member, Liam Payne. He posted a throwback photo with Payne from their boy band days and wrote an obituary, expressing his disbelief over the latter's tragic death. In a long note on social media, Niall Horan wrote, "I'm absolutely devastated about the passing of my amazing friend, Liam. It just doesn't feel real. Liam had an energy for life and a passion for work that was infectious. He was the brightest in every room and always made everyone feel happy and secure (sic)." Recalling their days together, Horan continued, "All the laughs we had over the years, sometimes about the simplest of things, keep coming to mind through the sadness. We got to live out our wildest dreams together and I will



cherish every moment we had forever. The bond and friendship we had doesn't happen often in a lifetime (sic)." "I feel so fortunate that I got to see him recently. I sadly didn't know that after saying goodbye and hugging him that evening, I would be saying goodbye forever. It's heartbreaking. My love and condolences go out to Geoff, Karen, Ruth, Nicola and of course his son Bear. Thank you for everything, Payno. Love

you brother. Nialler (sic)", he concluded. In fact, Payne attended Horan's concert with his girlfriend, Kate Cassidy, last week and shared several glimpses. 31-year-old Liam Payne died on October 16 after falling from the third floor of his hotel balcony in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The initial investigation suggested that he died of multiple traumas and excessive bleeding. Previously, Payne's bandmates Zayn Malik, Harry Styles, and Louis Tomlinson wrote heart-wrenching tributes on social media. One Direction was a popular boy band that was formed in 2010. It consisted of Niall Horan, Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson, and Zayn Malik. The group went on an indefinite hiatus in 2016.

## 'Unfit For World's Toughest Job': Harris Targets Trump After Report of Exhaustion

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Detroit :** Kamala Harris questioned Donald Trump's fitness for office as the oldest major-party White House candidate in history faced speculation that he is "exhausted" after backing out of a spate of interviews. While he has been appearing on friendly TV networks, the 78-year-old Republican has cancelled sitdowns with media outlets including NBC, CNBC and CBS. He has also refused a second debate with Harris, after being soundly bested in the first. Politico reported that a Trump aide had told producers at a website negotiating an interview that the ex-president was "exhausted" and refusing some appearances -- a claim described by his campaign as "detached from reality." But Harris, who turns 60 this weekend, hammered Trump over his health and resilience.



"If you are exhausted on the campaign trail, it raises real questions about whether you are fit for the toughest job in the world," Harris told supporters during a day of multiple stops across the swing state of Michigan. The former president has hardly been idle, pursuing a busy schedule of appearances with new and traditional media, but most have been on outlets where he is rarely challenged.

Trump reacted angrily to Harris's jab, telling reporters that he had canceled nothing and calling his Democratic opponent a "loser" who "doesn't have the energy of a rabbit."

Dueling rallies He also claimed to be "killing" her in the polls and that she did not pass the bar exam.

Harris -- a former California attorney general who passed the bar exam in 1990 -- has a narrow lead in national polling averages, while numerous October surveys in Michigan show them neck and neck.

Trump has surprised analysts with a program that mixes swing state stops with appearances in regions he has no chance of winning, but where he is guaranteed big crowds.

He was in the liberal stronghold of New York for a Catholic charity dinner on Thursday, where he mocked Harris in an occasionally mean-spirited speech that earned gasps for its off-color remarks and profanity.

But he was back on home turf Friday morning for a soft Fox News interview, before heading to Michigan for counterprogramming against Harris. Both candidates are spending their final campaign days in pivotal battleground

states where early voting is already underway. With less than three weeks to go, Harris has seen encouraging signs in her push for supporters to vote as soon as possible, as a bulwark against the traditional Republican edge among Election Day voters.

Almost 12 million votes had been cast by last evening -- around a third of them in the seven swing states expected to decide the election -- according to data tracked by the University of Florida Election Lab. Early voting surge

Georgia has been smashing records, while North Carolina reported a first day of voting that beat 2020, when there was a pandemic-linked surge of early ballots. Where party breakdowns were available, registered Democrats accounted for roughly half of the total, while Republicans -- who have spent much of the Trump era casting aspersions over drop boxes and mailed ballots -- were responsible for around a third.

After her event in Grand Rapids, Harris targeted blue-collar voters with remarks at a union hall in Lansing, giving a more manufacturing-focused speech in which she argued that the future of the labor movement was "on the line" in November's election.

She was set to hold an evening rally in Oakland County before returning to Detroit today.

The Democrat has found herself on eggshells as she upholds President Joe Biden's support for key ally Israel, while Muslim and Arab American voters -- particularly in Michigan -- have voiced outrage over the death toll in Gaza.

The killing of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar drew optimism from Harris for a Gaza ceasefire, but Israel quickly said his death is not the end of the campaign launched in response to the militant group's October 7, 2023 attack.

Speaking to journalists ahead of a speech in Detroit, Trump said Sinwar's death had increased the likelihood of a peaceful solution to the war in Gaza -- while warning Biden not to try to restrain Israel.

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## 3 Flights get Bomb Threats in 24 Hours. Over 35 Hoax calls this week



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**New Delhi :** Three flights received bomb threats in less than 24 hours, adding to a long list of hoax calls airlines have received this week, triggering an unprecedented security scare. A London-bound Vistara flight from Delhi (UK17) was diverted to Frankfurt, Germany, after a bomb threat. A Jaipur-Dubai Air India Express flight (IX 196) was given a threat, which turned out to be fake. Meanwhile, an Akasa Air flight (QP 1366) from Bengaluru to Mumbai also got a bomb threat shortly before departure.

The bomb threat to the Dubai-Jaipur Air India Express flight forced a delay in taking off the Jaipur-Dubai (IX 195) flight from the airport. The take-off was scheduled for 6:10 am today, but it left for Dubai at 7:45. The flight is on its way to its destination. Meanwhile, the Vistara flight which was diverted to Frankfurt, later took off for London.

"Vistara flight UK17 operating from Delhi to London on October 18, 2024, received a security threat on social media. In line with the protocol, all relevant authorities were immediately informed and as a precautionary measure, the pilots decided to divert the flight to Frankfurt," the spokesperson said.

Akasa Air said, Flight QP 1366, flying from Bengaluru to Mumbai on Friday, received a security alert shortly before departure. However, the plane was thoroughly checked for security at Mumbai airport as per SOP. No objectionable items of any kind were found. After this, the plane was given NOC for flight after the security check. Late Friday evening, the plane took off from Mumbai to Bengaluru with a delay of several hours.

"As per safety and security procedures, all passengers had to be deplaned as the local authorities followed necessary procedures. We request your understanding as our team on

the ground did everything possible to reduce the inconvenience," the airline added.

Since, at least 35 flights have received such threats, prompting the civil aviation ministry and authorities to put in place stricter norms to deal with such situations.

The airlines gave inputs on the situation and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) suggested that several steps will be taken like putting hoax callers on the no-fly list for five years. The airlines suggest that the losses borne by them due to fake bomb threats should be recovered from the accused.

What Civil Aviation Minister Said Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu said initial investigations do not point to a conspiracy and that most of the calls had been "made by minors and pranksters".

A 17-year-old boy was taken into custody by the Mumbai Police on Wednesday for issuing threats to four flights on Monday, including three on international routes. Officials had said the teenager wanted to frame one of his friends, with whom he had a dispute over money.

Mr Naidu also said his department is considering changes in rules and legislation to ensure that such hoax bomb calls do not happen in the future. "We can't comment on a conspiracy but whatever little we have known, it (the threats) is coming from minors or some pranksters. For very little, petty things, they are trying to issue threats on social media or through phone calls. So these are isolated incidents, there is no kind of conspiracy we can comment on," the minister said.

Mr Naidu said steps are being taken to ensure that a "strict barrier is created for people trying to do these kinds of pranks" and his department is pursuing changes in rules and legislation to achieve this.

## ED arrests senior IAS officer Sanjeev Hans, former RJD MLA in alleged money laundering case

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**Patna :** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has arrested senior IAS officer Sanjeev Hans and former Rashtriya Janata Dal MLA Gulab Yadav in connection with a money laundering case in Bihar.

The IAS officer was arrested from his official residence in Patna whereas Gulab Yadav was nabbed from a resort in Delhi last evening.



Earlier, the sleuths of the Central

Agency conducted raids on various locations related to former Principal Secretary of Energy Department Sanjeev Hans in Patna and Delhi.

The agency had registered a case of money laundering against them based on a case registered by the Special Vigilance Unit (SVU) in connection with the amassing of disproportionate assets.

## AQI in Delhi drops to 226: Delhi breathes hazardous air

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**New Delhi :** A light veil of smog enveloped the national capital today, with the Air Quality Index falling to 226, which is classified as 'Poor' according to the Central Pollution Control Board.

The peak Air Quality Index (AQI) recorded was 334 in the Akshardham and Anand Vihar regions, classified as 'Very Poor'. This was followed by an AQI of 253 in the vicinity of AIIMS.

At India Gate, the AQI decreased to 251, which falls under the 'Poor' category. A local resident, Ashish Kumar Meena, expressed concerns regarding the significant rise in pollution levels near the Akshardham area over the past two days, which has been adversely affecting the residents. The forecast from the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) indicates a concerning trend, suggesting that the current conditions are expected to continue for several days, with a further deterioration into the



"very poor" air quality category anticipated.

This yearly decline in air quality can be attributed to a combination of factors, such as emissions from vehicles, dust from construction activities, and, most significantly, the practice of stubble burning in adjacent states.

In light of the declining air quality, the government of Delhi has enacted a series of initiatives. The Winter Action Plan, which was initiated in late September,

comprises 21 strategies designed to mitigate pollution levels.

Among these strategies are efforts such as the application of bio-decomposers to alleviate the impact of crop stubble burning and a campaign aimed at reducing dust emissions from construction sites.

Furthermore, Gopal Rai, the Delhi Environment Minister, has proposed additional actions to oversee the pollution hotspots within the city.

## 4 Kanwariyas die after vehicle hits them in Bihar

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**New Delhi :** Four Kanwariyas were killed after a vehicle ran over them when they were heading to a temple in Bihar's Banka district on last night, while 11 others sustained injuries, officials said.

The accident occurred when the Kanwariyas were en route to Jast Gaur Nath Mahadev temple after taking Gangajal (holy water of Ganga) from Sultanganj in Bhagalpur district.

Sub-Divisional Magistrate Avinash Kumar said the bodies were sent for post-mortem and an investigation would be initiated



over the cause of the accident.

"We immediately reached the spot. Around 10-11 people have been injured in the incident and are undergoing treatment. Four people have died. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem.

The situation is peaceful and the administration is cooperating fully. We will investigate the cause of the incident," Kumar said.

Sub-Divisional Police Officer Bipin Bihari said police were present at the spot.

"Some Kanwariyas were hit by a vehicle and four people have died. There were some law and order issues initially, but the situation is normal. Police are present at the spot," he said.

## 2 brothers die, 4 other family members hospitalised amid rituals in Chhattisgarh

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**New Delhi :** Two brothers were found dead under mysterious circumstances and four other members of the family were hospitalised in Chhattisgarh's Sakti district, police said.

As per the preliminary investigation, the family was performing some rituals for the last couple of days, they said.

The incident took place at Tanduldih village under Baradwar police station area, said district Additional Superintendent of Police Rama Patel.

When neighbours heard the loud noise of chanting from the house which was locked from inside, they were alarmed. A police



team reached the spot and found Vikas Gond (25) and Vicky Gond (22) unconscious with other family members sitting around performing some rituals. A photo of a 'godman' reportedly from Ujjain was set in front of them. The two brothers were shifted to

hospital where they were declared dead. Their mother, Pirit Bai (70), sisters Chandrika and Amrika, and another brother, Vishal, were undergoing treatment.

According to the initial autopsy reports, traces of a poisonous substance were found in the bodies of the deceased, the official said, adding that the exact cause of death was yet to be ascertained.

An accidental death report was registered and further probe was underway, she added.

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