

Nasa reveals first look at six telescopes tasked with detecting gravitational waves

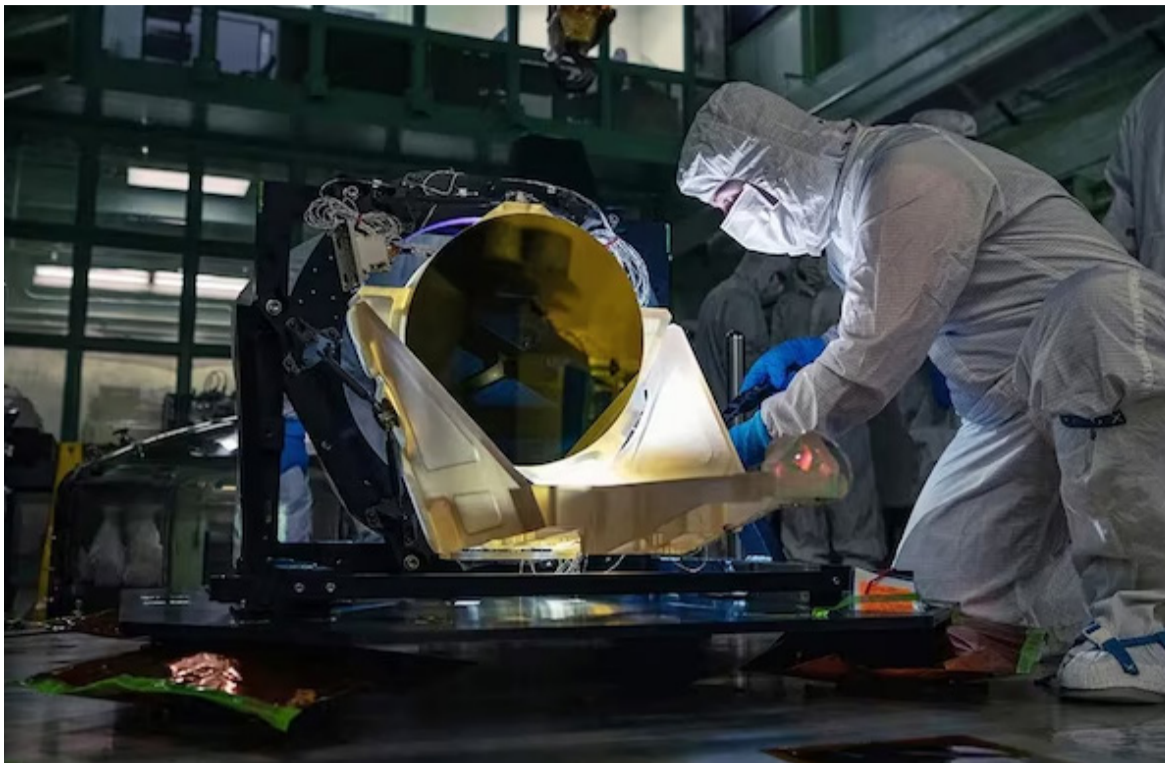
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Nasa has revealed the first full-scale prototype of six telescopes that will revolutionise our understanding of the universe through space-based gravitational wave detection.

The Laser Interferometer Space Antenna (Lisa) mission is a collaborative effort between Nasa and the European Space Agency (ESA) set to launch in the mid-2030s.

Gravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of spacetime, caused by massive objects accelerating through space. Predicted by Albert Einstein in 1915 as part of his theory of general relativity, they travel at the speed of light and are created by violent astrophysical events, such as the collision of black holes or neutron stars, or the explosion of massive stars in supernovae.

The Lisa mission will employ an innovative design consisting of three spacecraft arranged in a



triangular formation, with each side spanning nearly 1.6 million miles.

This vast configuration, larger than the Sun itself, will use lasers to measure minuscule distance changes between the spacecraft, detecting gravitational waves from cosmic events like merging black holes.

At the heart of this

groundbreaking technology are the twin telescopes aboard each spacecraft.

Nasa is responsible for providing all six of these crucial components. The recently unveiled prototype, dubbed the Engineering Development Unit Telescope, will serve as a guide for developing the final flight hardware.

Manufactured by L3Harris Technologies in Rochester, New York, the prototype telescope arrived at Nasa's Goddard Space

Flight Center in May. Its primary mirror features a gold coating to enhance infrared laser reflection and minimise heat loss in the cold vacuum of space.

The telescope is constructed entirely from Zerodur, an amber-coloured glass-ceramic known for its exceptional thermal stability. This material, produced by Schott in Mainz, Germany, is crucial for maintaining the telescope's precise shape across a wide range of

temperatures.

Lisa's unprecedented sensitivity will allow it to detect gravitational waves down to picometer scales - trillionths of a meter. This capability will open up new avenues for studying the universe, complementing traditional astronomical observations and advancing our understanding of cosmic phenomena.

As the Lisa mission progresses towards its planned mid-2030s launch, this telescope prototype represents a significant technological achievement. It brings us one step closer to unlocking the gravitational wave universe and revolutionizing our view of the cosmos.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

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Deputy Mayor Appeals for Immediate Solutions of Major Traffic Jam Near Railway Bridge in Sector 82

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Mohali : In a recent letter to the Housing Minister, Mohali's Deputy Mayor Kuljeet Singh Bedi highlighted the daily severe traffic jams occurring under the railway bridge in Sector 82. He pointed out that the narrow entry and exit routes exacerbate congestion, especially during peak hours in the morning and evening, affecting commuters, emergency services, and residents. Dy Mayor Kuljit Bedi noted that the area's traffic is further intensified due to its connection to the airport road, as it serves as a major route for travelers from Zirakpur and surrounding regions.



He emphasized the urgent need for infrastructure improvements, including widening the railway bridge, constructing a new road to the airport, and establishing separate routes for the IT sector. Bedi has urged the government to address these issues promptly, as

the ongoing congestion is driving residents to relocate, impacting local businesses and daily life. A copy of the letter has also been sent to the Chief Administrator GMADA and the Deputy Commissioner Mohali for further action.

Special Voter List Correction Program Starting From 29.10.2024

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Chandigarh : According to the directives of the Chief Electoral Officer, Punjab, Chandigarh, a special voter list correction program will commence on 29.10.2024 based on eligibility as of 01.01.2024. Claims and objections will be accepted from 29.10.2024 to 28.11.2024. Special camps will be organized by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to receive claims and objections



on 09.11.2024, 10.11.2024,

23.11.2024, and 24.11.2024 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at polling stations. These special camps will be held at every polling station on both days. During the special camp, BLOs will collect claims and objections (Forms No. 6, 7, and 8) from citizens/voters at the polling stations.

Punjab rice millers convene today with central government ministers to discuss paddy procurement.

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Mohali : The procurement of paddy in Punjab has escalated into a matter of considerable gravity. Today, Punjab's rice millers are scheduled to convene a meeting with the central government, summoned by Union Minister Prahlad Joshi, to provide them with a platform for articulating their concerns. Notably, the meeting will be attended by Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Minister Meghwal, and senior BJP leader Tarun Chung. Simultaneously, the political landscape surrounding this issue is charged with activity, as opposition parties criticize the state government, while government ministers shift the blame onto central authorities. The issue was addressed by the Punjab government through these initiatives. Engaged in discussions with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. On October 22nd, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Union Home Minister Amit Shah convened to discuss the challenges surrounding paddy procurement in Punjab. During the meeting, Chief Minister Mann articulated the concerns of rice millers, particularly emphasizing the burdens of transportation costs.



He presented a thorough overview to the Home Minister, addressing the inadequacy of storage facilities, the quality deficiencies associated with hybrid rice, and the financial hardships endured by the sellers. The proprietors of shellers have secured four advantageous resolutions. On October 21st, the Chief Minister of Punjab convened a meeting with district officials and departmental ministers, during which an agreement was reached to reduce the RO fee for excess paddy from Rs 50 to Rs 10. Moreover, individuals who harvest the crop the day after obtaining the RO will be exempt from this fee. Additionally, sister

partners or guarantors of BRL shellers are now permitted to operate, benefiting approximately 200 shellers. Furthermore, millers are now authorized to procure paddy from any location within the district, as district-level circles have been expanded from their previously restricted configurations. Finally, old paddy is now eligible for allocation to new mills. In a concurrent engagement, CM Bhagwant Mann and Punjab officials conferred with Union Minister Prahlad Joshi in Delhi to address the critical issue of rice lifting. During this dialogue, Joshi assured them that the Central Government would facilitate the lifting of 120 lakh metric tonnes of rice from Punjab's warehouses by March 31. It was also resolved that if a sheller is assigned grain at one location but is subsequently directed to lift it from a different station, all incurred expenses during this transition will be borne by the Central Government.

Western Command hosts veterans' outreach event, briefs them about Army initiatives

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Chandigarh : The Army Western Command organized a Veterans' Outreach Programme at Chandimandir Military Station today, bringing together over 500 retired officers from the Tricity- Chandigarh, Mohali, and Panchkula. The event aimed to update veterans on Indian Army initiatives and provide a one-stop solution for their issues. Representatives from various departments addressed procedural requirements and solutions to resolve pending issues of the Veterans. On the occasion, Lieutenant General Manoj Kumar Katiyar, General Officer Commanding in Chief, Western Command interacted with the Veterans and conveyed gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the



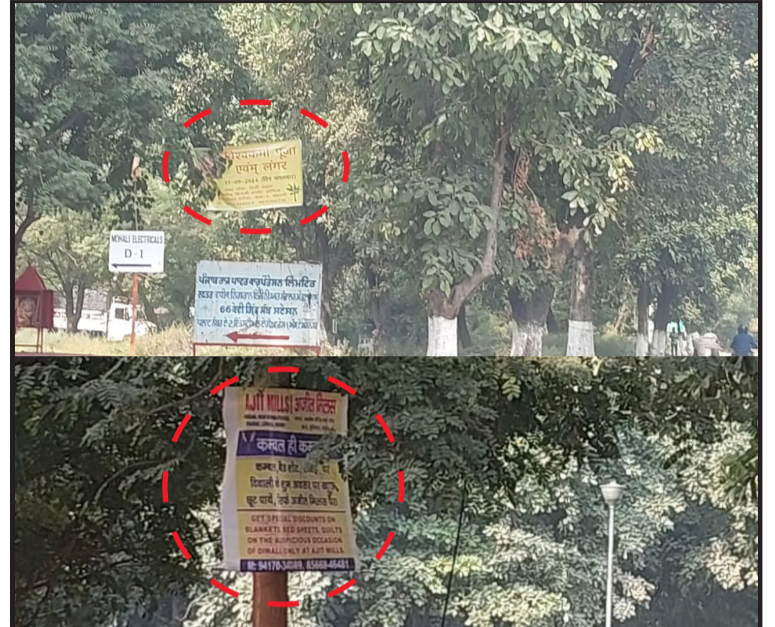
Indian Army for their invaluable services to the country. He reaffirmed the commitment of the Western Command to whole-hearted and unwavering support for veterans and the serving fraternity. The Army Commander assured efforts to address challenges faced by veterans, particularly regarding their health and well-being. The Army Commander praised veterans for their contributions

to civil society post-retirement, enhancing the Armed Forces' image and catalyzing progress and development. He urged those present to be ambassadors for the initiatives taken and convey the message to their respective fraternities. The Western Command's outreach programme demonstrates its dedication to supporting veterans and fostering a sense of community and camaraderie.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

Mohali MC's Control Measures Miss the Mark as Illegal Flexes Run Rampant



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Mohali : Residents have complained that illegal banners, posters, and hoardings have defaced the entire city. The unauthorised erection of flexes by political/religious parties has become rampant across Mohali, with iron pipe structures being installed at key intersections to reserve permanent spaces for these displays. Mohali Residents has complained that Roads and junctions are inundated with posters, banners, and hoardings. Residents complained that the whole Mohali city has been defaced with banners, posters, and hoardings, Pillars, road dividers, and govt property are being defaced with banners and posters. Nobody is being held accountable. I am not

blaming anybody, but as a citizen, I want our Mohali to be clean and green," said a senior citizen while talking to the team The Aman Sandesh Times. Residents demanded that Municipal Corporation should take strict legal action and impose fines on violators. However, Municipal Corporation's concerned signs department has turned a blind eye to these blatant violations, particularly when it comes to political/religious parties. Advertising flexes are prohibited on public and municipally owned spaces such as sidewalks, roads, street lamp posts, and school boundary walls. Despite this, many individuals continue to display flexes illegally on pavements. Who Cares???

MCM YCC installation ceremony held



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Chandigarh : The Young Communicators Club (YCC) of Mehr Chand Mahajan DAV College for Women, Chandigarh, organised an installation ceremony to welcome the new team of YCC office bearers for the tenure 2024-25. Principal Dr. Nisha Bhargava presided over the ceremony and inducted the new office bearers by handing them their respective badges. Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Bhargava underscored the immensely significant role of communication in our lives, and opined that the widespread proliferation of screens and social media has adversely affected interpersonal communication and communication skills. She applauded the endeavours of the college YCC to enrich students' communication

skills by exposing them to the myriad forms of communication and providing them a platform for expression of their creativity. A calendar of YCC activities was also released on this occasion. The installation ceremony was followed by an opportunity to dive into the world of literature through timeless magic of poetry and cinema. Indulging in the world of poems students recited beautiful pieces of their writing under the segment 'Poems Aloud'. The screening of the timeless classic 'Dead Poets Society' took the students on a journey into the world of storytelling through the mesmerising medium of cinema. The event concluded with a fruitful discussion on the movie.

IAS Amit Kumar assumes charge as Commissioner of MC Chandigarh

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Chandigarh : Amit Kumar, IAS, assumed charge as the 14th Commissioner of Chandigarh's Municipal Corporation today.



CM bats for incentives for industry of Punjab at par with the neighbouring hilly states

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Chandigarh : Presenting a strong case of industrial growth in state before a high level team of NITI aayog, the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann said on Wednesday sought incentives for industry of state at par with the neighbouring hilly states.

Addressing the gathering during inaugural session of workshop MSME exports as drivers of growth for Punjab, the Chief Minister said that it is the need of hour to give subsidies and incentives to the industrialists of Punjab at par with the hill states. He said that Punjab being a border state should be given status of ease of business on lines of hilly states. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that this will help in ensuring comprehensive industrial development of the state as the state has lagged behind in industrial growth due to incentives to hilly areas.

Describing MSMEs as the backbone of state's economy, the Chief Minister said that Government and MSMEs will have to come together and work as a team for exponential growth of the state. He invited the Captains of industry to take advantage of the initiatives of Government of Punjab to become globally competitive and shine on the World's center stage. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) play a crucial role in the growth of economy contributing significantly to Gross Domestic Product (GDP), Gross Value Added (GVA), employment generation and exports.

The Chief Minister said that MSMEs symbolize the deeply rooted spirit of enterprise that thrive the Indian economy adding that MSMEs have evolved into strong powerhouses over the years. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that From traditional artisans to innovative startups, MSMEs are poised for a remarkable future with low capital requirement, high employment generation capability and potential of promoting sustainable economic growth, shared prosperity, and poverty reduction. He said that Punjab has been a front runner state in every field whether it was national freedom struggle, making country self reliant in food production or safeguarding the borders of country.

The Chief Minister said that Punjab shares 532 kilometre long border with Pakistan due to which also acts a line of first defence for the country. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab is a global citizens who have carved a niche for themselves in every corner of the world. He said given a chance the hard working, innovative and energetic Punjab can now excel in the field of industry and trade.

The Chief Minister said that Punjab has always been the land of opportunities and enterprise. He said that although Punjab accounts for just 1.5% of the total land area of the country but it contributes nearly 2.5% to the national economy and 1.6% in India's exports. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that State has been an important economic growth driver since independence and continues to contribute significantly towards stimulating India's economy.

The Chief Minister said that state has a strong base of of nearly 2 lac MSMEs which play a crucial role in providing large employment opportunities. He said that Punjab is the third largest producer of wheat and rice, the largest producer of machine, hand tools and bicycle components, and a leading producer of horticulture crops - mandarin, carrots, muskmelon, and honey. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it is a matter of immense pride and satisfaction that state is the source of 95% of India's woollen knitwear production, 85% of India's sewing machine production, and 75% of India's sports goods production.

The Chief Minister said that Sectors like tractors and auto components, bicycle and bicycle parts, hosiery, agro and food processing, agricultural implements, light engineering goods, metal and alloys, chemical products, textiles, IT and Pharmaceuticals and others have the biggest share in the State's exports. He said that Punjab Government is



undertaking myriad efforts to foster the investment ecosystem of the State, create suitable employment opportunities for all, provide access to quality infrastructure, enable greater transparency and accountability in governance while focusing on social upliftment, making steps towards ecological and environmental conservation and ultimately, improving the overall quality of life of its citizens. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab's exports stood at \$ 6.74 billion in FY 2024 showing an increase of 2.1% adding that top five exported commodities were Engineering Goods (41.15%), Rice (12.79%), Cotton Yarn & Handloom Products (11.54%), Drugs & Pharmaceuticals (7.46%) and Ready-made garments (6.32%).

Listing the initiatives taken by Punjab Government to support MSMEs and boost Exports, The Chief Minister said that state Government has notified New Industrial and Business Development Policy, 2022 (IBDP-2022) providing holistic approach, EoDB reforms and fiscal incentives both for the existing and new units. He said that after the implementation of IBDP-2022, Punjab has witnessed a significant surge in investments, attracting Rs 76,915 crore to date. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Invest Punjab Business First Portal has got 'Digital India Silver award' from Hon'ble President of India on January 6, 2023 in the EoDB category by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Gol.

The Chief Minister said that Invest Punjab portal is a comprehensive online platform that offers various services to prospective investors and the government, including application forms, clearances, approvals, and incentive schemes, with over 140 regulatory services from 23 departments. He said that Another noteworthy initiative by the Government of Punjab is the Sarkar Sanatkar Milnis held in four Districts - Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Mohali during which direct interface took place between government and industrialists. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Whatsapp Helpline Number was introduced for getting industry suggestions in July 2023 and more than 1600 suggestions were received from the industry.

The Chief Minister said that Based on the feedback policy announcements were made to improve the business ecosystem. Apprising the industrialists about Green Stamp Paper for Registration of Sale Deed with Inbuilt CLU, he Shastri that state government has simplified the process of granting Change of Land Use (CLU) for manufacturing industries, except for Red Category and Hazardous Industries. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that a dedicated Sub Registrar has been deputed to validate online applications, which are then processed within 15 days, and the sale deed with inbuilt CLU is issued online.

The Chief Minister said that to promote industrial growth, an Industrial Advisory Commission has been established to support 26 key industrial clusters in the state. He said that to further strengthen the industrial ecosystem and to cater to the need of the growing industries in Punjab, various dedicated sector specific parks have been developed by the current government. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that Punjab is encouraging districts to become export hubs adding that exports are emphasized not just to reduce trade deficit but as a mechanism for boosting rural economic growth too, making local products more attractive for consumers across the world and supporting employment generation through empowering of the MSME sector.

Haryana CM meets with Gyan Chand Gupta, the assembly speaker and former MLA.

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Panchkula : Former Member of the Legislative Assembly and Speaker of the Haryana Assembly, Gian Chand Gupta, recently met with Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in Panchkula to extend his congratulations on the Chief Minister's appointment. As more cars are on the road, pollution levels are rising.

During their discussion, Gupta raised urgent developmental issues facing Panchkula, emphasizing the alarming increase in pollution levels due to the surging vehicular traffic. He also underscored the overwhelming support for the BJP within Panchkula and highlighted the critical necessity for sustained developmental initiatives and adequate financial allocations for the region. Moreover, he articulated the pressing need to expand the Metro project in



Panchkula, drawing attention to the direct relationship between rising vehicular density and the escalation of pollution levels. In contemporary society, nearly every household owns two or three vehicles, significantly exacerbating pollution, traffic congestion, and timewastage. Commuters frequently endure prolonged traffic jams merely to reach their destinations. Thus, the imperative to expand the

Metro project cannot be overstated.

It is crucial to broaden the metro project's scope.

Gyan Chand Gupta contends that Panchkula has effectively transformed into the state capital in terms of development.

Thousands of individuals converge

on government offices for employment, while numerous private institutions also offer job opportunities. Many residents commute from the rural areas of Panchkula to Chandigarh and Mohali, often spending one to one and a half hours traveling from Panchkula to Mohali. Consequently, the necessity for expanding the Metro project is paramount.

3 per cent DA hike for Haryana employees

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Chandigarh : The Government of Haryana has enhanced the Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) payable to Haryana Government employees & pensioners/family pensioners from 50% to 53% of the basic pay with effect from 1st July, 2024. As per the order, the Enhanced DA & DR shall be paid with the pay and

HARYANA GOVERNMENT
FINANCE DEPARTMENT
(Finance Regulations)

ORDER

Subject:- Payment of revised Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief to the Haryana Government employees & pensioners/family pensioners, who are drawing their pay & pension/family pension as per 7th Pay/Pension Commission Structure, w.e.f. 1st July, 2024.

The Governor of Haryana is pleased to enhance the Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) payable to Haryana Government employees & pensioners/family pensioners from 50% to 53% of the basic pay with effect from 1st July, 2024.

Enhanced DA & DR shall be paid with the pay & pension/family pension of October, 2024 and arrear for the months of July, 2024 to September, 2024 shall be paid in the month of December, 2024. The payment on account of DA & DR involving fractions of 50 paise and above may be rounded to the next higher rupee and the fractions of less than 50 paise may be ignored.

Copy of this order may be downloaded from the official website of the Finance Department i.e. www.fdtv.gov.in

Dated Chandigarh, the 23rd October, 2024. Anurag Raastogi, IAS
Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. Haryana
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- The Director, Treasuries & Accounts Deptt., Haryana, Chandigarh including Pension Disbursing Cell, Panchkula.
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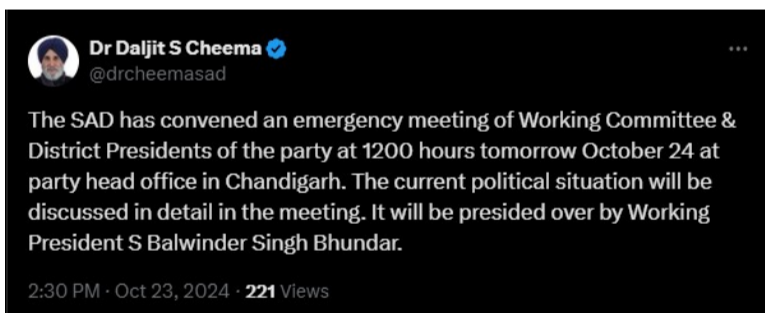
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Shiromani Akali Dal called an emergency meeting on Oct 24

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Chandigarh : The Shiromani Akali Dal has convened an emergency meeting of the party's Working Committee and District Presidents at 12 p.m. tomorrow, October 24, at the party head office in Chandigarh.

Giving information in this regard, the senior leader of the Shiromani Akali Dal, Dr. Daljit Singh Cheema said that the Shiromani Akali Dal has called an emergency meeting of the



party's working committee and district president. This meeting is going to be held tomorrow on October 24 at the party's head office in Chandigarh at 12 noon. The

current political situation will be discussed in detail in the meeting. This meeting will be chaired by Executive President Balwinder Singh Bhundar.

Vigilance Bureau arrests Constable for accepting Rs 2000 bribe

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Chandigarh : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, apprehended a police Constable Gurpreet Singh, posted at Police Post Dayalgarh, police station Sadar Batala for demanding and accepting bribe of Rs 2000.

Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested based on a complaint lodged by Daljit Singh, a resident of Village Kot Karam Chand, Dera Road, Batala in Gurdaspur district. The complainant has alleged in his complaint that an FIR under Excise Act was registered against him and the accused has



demanding a bribe of Rs 5,000 for releasing a mobile phone which was recovered during his personal search. The spokesperson further informed that after a preliminary inquiry of this complaint a VB

team laid a trap during which the accused constable was caught red handed while he was accepting a bribe of Rs. 2,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses.

He added that in this regard a case under Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at VB Police Station, Range Amritsar. The accused would be produced in the competent court tomorrow and further investigations into this case was under progress, he said.

Sikandar ka Muqaddar: Jimmy Sheirgill, Tamannaah promise a thrilling crime-drama

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New Delhi : The first look of the Neeraj Pandey directorial, Sikandar Ka Muqaddar, is here. The film stars Tamannaah Bhatia, Jimmy Sheirgill and Avinash Tiwary in lead roles. The good thing about the released behind-the-scenes featurette is that it doesn't give away any of the plotline. The only takeaway from the video is that the movie is going to be a thrilling crime-drama. Co-written, co-produced and directed by Neeraj Pandey, Sikandar Ka Muqaddar promises high-octane action which will seemingly be blended seamlessly with its emotional core. As soon as the video was shared, fans reacted



positively to it, with one user writing, "Neeraj Pandey fan assemble here." Another mentioned, "Best spy film director. Only NEERAJ PANDEY (sic)." The release date of the movie is yet to be announced. Neeraj Pandey last directed Tabu and Ajay Devgn-starrer, Auron Mein Kahan

Dum Tha, which failed to connect with the audience, while Tamannaah Bhatia last appeared in a cameo role in the blockbuster Stree 2. Jimmy Sheirgill last starred in Netflix's Phir Aayi Hasseen Dillruba, while Avinash Tiwary appeared in Kunal Kemmu's Madgaon Express.

Why were cricket, hockey dropped from Commonwealth Games 2026



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New Delhi : India's medal hopes took a major hit at the Commonwealth Games 2026 after several sports were cut off from the upcoming tournament. The likes of cricket, hockey and shooting were dropped by the Glasgow Games due to a variety of reasons.

Glasgow Games organisers streamlined the 2026 competition to create a more budget-friendly program, trimming the number of sporting disciplines from 19 in the 2022 Birmingham Games to just 10 for Glasgow 2026. The decision was taken after Scotland stepped in to host the 2026 Games after Australia withdrew due to rising costs.

So, how did Glasgow decide which sports will be dropped? Were the sporting events dropped to hand the hosts an advantage? Or was there a process followed to decide which 10 disciplines would be a part of the competition in 2026?

India win silver in cricket at CWG 2022: Details

Here's everything you need to know about the latest Commonwealth Games 2026.

Reduced Sports Program

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) has confirmed that the Glasgow 2026 Games will feature a significantly reduced event list compared to previous editions. The selected sports will include:

- Athletics and Para Athletics (Track & Field)
- Swimming and Para Swimming
- Artistic Gymnastics
- Track Cycling and Para Track Cycling
- Netball
- Weightlifting and Para Powerlifting
- Boxing
- Judo
- Bowls and Para Bowls
- 3x3 Basketball and 3x3 Wheelchair Basketball

Notably absent from this lineup are cricket, table tennis, squash, and road racing. This reduction aims to balance the multi-sport feel of the event with financial and operational considerations.

Impact on India's Performance
India has historically excelled in events that are now excluded, such

as hockey, badminton, shooting, and wrestling. The absence of shooting is particularly detrimental, as India has secured 135 medals in this discipline, including 63 gold, making it one of the country's most successful sports at the Games. Wrestling has also contributed significantly, with a total of 114 medals across various categories.

Reasons for Fewer Sports
The decision to include only 10 sports reflects a return to a more traditional format, as the Commonwealth Games have typically featured around 10 sports throughout their history. While the event has expanded post-1998 to include 15-20 sports, future hosts will need flexibility to adapt to financial constraints.

Selection Process for Sports

The sports program is recommended by the host nation, with two compulsory sports mandated by the CGF: Athletics and Para Athletics, and Swimming and Para Swimming. Additional sports are selected based on various criteria outlined in CGF Regulation 6, which considers operational viability and economic value.

Venue Selection

Only four venues have been chosen for the Games, including:

- Scotstoun Stadium
- Tollcross International Swimming Centre
- Commonwealth Arena/Sir Chris Hoy Velodrome
- Scottish Events Campus (SEC)

The selection of these venues was guided by the need to host the compulsory sports and ensure operational efficiency. By consolidating events at fewer sites, the Games can achieve significant budget savings through reduced costs associated with venue hire, branding, security, and transportation.

Future Sports Programs

The sports program for Glasgow 2026 will not set a precedent for future Commonwealth Games, allowing for potential changes in subsequent editions. This flexibility will be essential for adapting to the needs and circumstances of future host nations.

Dominic Thiem bows out of professional tennis after losing in Vienna Open

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New Delhi : Dominic Thiem pulled the curtains down on his professional tennis career after losing to Luciano Darderi of Italy in the first round of the Vienna Open 2024. October 22, Darderi defeated the 31-year-old Thiem 7-6 (6), 6-2. It took Darderi 91 minutes to beat Thiem.

Thiem, a former World No.1, rose to prominence after winning the US Open title back in 2020. But since then, he faced trouble with his wrist injury and had announced his decision to retire from the sport by the end of this season.

After ending his tennis career on his home soil, Thiem conjured loud cheers from the crowd at the Vienna Stadthalle Arena.

"I have had so many nice goodbyes in the last few months, but today I want to say thank you for all the sensational years," Thiem said after the match.

"I am only a part of this career.



The whole journey has been an absolute dream and I want this afternoon, this evening, to be yours. I could not have imagined it any better. Thank you!"

Prior to the match, Thiem had a 4-2 lead over Darderi, but the latter pulled off some stupendous shots to get the better of his opponent. The first set was a closely-fought affair where Thiem did not give up the ghost easily, but from the second set onwards, Darderi upped his game. After Thiem played his last

match, the likes of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal congratulated him. "An illustrious career comes to a close," Federer wrote on Instagram.

"Danke Domi," Nadal wrote, congratulating Thiem on his career. Nadal will also retire from tennis after the Davis Cup tie against the Netherlands.

As far as Darderi is concerned, he will next be up against Jack Draper in the next round. Draper defeated Kei Nishikori 7-6 (5), 7-5 in the first round.

It's story TIME

The Ant and The Grasshopper

The ant and the grasshopper were good friends. In the summer, the ant works hard to fill his storage with food. While the grasshopper was enjoying the fine weather and playing all day. When winter came, the ant was lying cozily in his home, surrounded by the food he stored during the summer. While the grasshopper was in his home, hungry and freezing. He asked the ant for food, and the ant gave him some. But it wasn't enough to last the entire winter. When he tried to ask the ant again, the latter replied: "I'm sorry my friend but my food is just enough for my family to last until the end of winter. If I give you more, we too will starve. We had the entire summer to prepare for the winter but you chose to play instead."



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India ready to provide all cooperation to resolve Ukraine conflict, PM tells Putin



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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the 16th Brics Summit in Kazan. In their bilateral meeting, the Prime Minister expressed India's willingness to provide all cooperation for a peaceful resolution to the Ukraine conflict.

"I have been in constant touch with you on the subject of the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine. As I have said earlier, we believe that the problems should be resolved in a peaceful manner. We fully support the early establishment of peace and stability. All our efforts give priority to humanity. India is ready to provide all possible cooperation in the times to come," PM Modi said.

PM Modi also recalled his two visits to Russia in the last three months, saying they "reflect our close coordination and deep friendship".

Besides Putin, the Prime Minister is likely to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping, as well as hold bilateral talks with leaders from the other Brics member nations.

The summit comes in the wake of ongoing global unrest, including the Russia-Ukraine war and the Middle East crisis.

During a recent interview with India Today TV, India's Ambassador to Russia, Vinay Kumar, emphasised the nation's role as a strong advocate for peace and conflict resolution through dialogue and diplomacy.

"The issue has been discussed and spoken about. India has consistently held the view that the concerned parties need to engage and find resolution to the conflict through dialogue and diplomacy," he said.

Last month, Putin acknowledged PM Modi as a "friend" and expressed

gratitude for India's support in seeking a peaceful resolution to the Russia-Ukraine war.

This is when the Russian President extended an invitation to the Prime Minister to attend the Brics Summit. Putin's acknowledgement came two months after PM Modi called him and urged an early resolution to the two-year war. PM Modi also met Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in August in Kyiv.

This is the Prime Minister's second visit to Russia this year. In July, he attended the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit in Moscow. During this visit, he not only held bilateral talks with Putin, but was also conferred Russia's highest civilian award, the Order of St. Andrew the Apostle.

Another significant development that took place on the eve of the Brics Summit was India and China agreeing to resume patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh "leading to disengagement", marking a massive breakthrough in diplomatic ties between the two neighbours.

While making the announcement of the agreement on Monday, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri also touched upon the possible meeting of PM Modi and President Xi.

"We are still working around the time and engagements," he said.

The two-day Summit, under the theme "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security", will provide an important platform for leaders to discuss key global issues. It will also offer a valuable opportunity to assess the progress of initiatives launched by the nine-nation alliance and to identify potential areas for future collaboration.

China confirms agreement with India to end border standoff in Ladakh

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New Delhi : China confirmed that it has reached an agreement with India to end the standoff between the armies of the two nations in eastern Ladakh. Beijing said that a resolution has been reached on "relevant matters" and that it will work with New Delhi to implement these resolutions.

"Over a recent period, China and India have been in close communication through diplomatic and military channels on issues related to the China-India border. Now the two sides have reached a resolution on the relevant matters which China speaks highly of," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian said in a press meet.

The minister said, going forward, China will work with India to implement these resolutions.

On Monday, in a major development, the central government announced that a deal has been reached on patrolling



in eastern Ladakh, ending a four-year military stand-off that began after clashes between the armies in Galwan in 2020. The announcement came ahead of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia for the Brics summit, during which he could hold talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

On a possible meeting between the two leaders of the Asian giants on the sidelines of the Summit, the Chinese Foreign

Minister told the reporters, "We will keep you updated if anything comes up".

The agreement was firmed up following negotiations by the two sides over the last several weeks and it will lead to a resolution of the issues that had arisen in 2020. In one of the latest such talks, last month, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks in the Russian city of St Petersburg with a focus on finding an early resolution to the row.

The Indian and Chinese soldiers will now be able to resume patrolling in the way they had been doing before the border face-off began and the disengagement process with China has been completed, according to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar.

Meaningful accountability from India in Pannun murder plot probe: US

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Washington : The US said that it wants to see meaningful accountability from India in its investigation into the foiled assassination plot of Khalistani terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun.

While addressing a press briefing on Tuesday, State Department Deputy Spokesperson Vedant Patel said "the US won't be fully satisfied until there is meaningful accountability resulting from that investigation".

Patel's remarks came a week after State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said that Washington was "satisfied" following a meeting with an Indian inquiry committee set up to probe the case.

Regarding the meeting with the inquiry committee, the Deputy Spokesperson acknowledged that "there was valuable engagement and information was exchanged between our two governments to further our respective investigations".

"We understand that the Indian inquiry committee will continue its investigation, and we expect to see further steps based on last week's conversations," he added.



Patel refused to share additional information on the issue, saying the US and India were both currently engaged in investigating the case and the issue remains active.

While addressing the media last week, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller said the Indian inquiry committee had informed the US that the individual who was accused of directing the assassination plot on American soil is "no longer an employee of the Indian government".

"They did inform us that the individual who was named in the Justice Department

indictment is no longer an employee of the Indian government," he added.

Former R&AW officer Vikram Yadav, who was arrested in Delhi, is currently on bail. He has been accused by the US of being involved in the conspiracy to kill Pannun. He was referred to as 'CC-1' in the State Department indictment.

Besides probing the foiled plot to assassinate the Khalistani terrorist, the inquiry committee is also investigating the activities of certain organised criminals.

In November 2023, US prosecutors charged Indian national, Nikhil Gupta, for his involvement in the conspiracy alongside the alleged Indian government official.

Gupta was arrested in the Czech Republic in June and extradited to the US on June 14. Following his extradition, he was produced before a federal court in New York where he pleaded not guilty to the charges against him.

Hashem Safieddine, Hasan Nasrallah's likely heir, is dead: Israeli military

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Tel Aviv : Israel confirmed it had killed Hashem Safieddine, the heir apparent to Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah who was previously killed in an Israeli attack last month on the Iran-backed Lebanese militant group.

The military said Safieddine was killed in a strike carried out three weeks ago in Beirut's southern suburbs, its first confirmation of his death. Earlier this month, Israel said he had probably been eliminated.

There was no immediate response from Hezbollah to Israel's statement that it had killed Safieddine.

Israel has been carrying out an escalating offensive after a year of border clashes with Hezbollah, which is reeling from a spate of killings of its senior commanders in Israeli airstrikes. The group is the most formidably armed of Iran's proxy forces across the Middle East and has been acting in support of Palestinian militants fighting Israel in Gaza.

A relative of Nasrallah, Safieddine was appointed to its Jihad Council - the body responsible for its military operations - and to its executive council, overseeing Hezbollah's financial and administrative affairs.

Safieddine assumed a prominent role speaking for Hezbollah during the last year of hostilities with Israel, addressing



funerals and other events that Nasrallah had long been unable to attend for security reasons.

Israeli strikes have been pummeling Lebanon's south, eastern Bekaa Valley and southern suburbs of Beirut - all Hezbollah strongholds. The group's fighters have been trying to push back Israeli ground incursions.

Israel has so far shown no sign of relenting in its Gaza and Lebanon campaigns even after assassinating several leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah, which lost Nasrallah, its powerful secretary-general, in a September 27 airstrike.

Diplomats say Israel aims to lock in a strong position before a new US administration takes over following the November 5 election between Vice President Kamala Harris and former

President Donald Trump.

BLINKEN ON MIDEAST TOUR

Israel's confirmation of Safieddine's death came as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken pressed Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Tuesday to capitalise on the killing of Hamas' leader Yahya Sinwar by securing the release of the October 7 attack hostages and ending the war in Gaza.

After repeated abortive attempts to broker a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas, Blinken was making his 11th trip to the Middle East since the Gaza war erupted - and the last before a presidential election that could upend US policy.

Blinken was also seeking ways to defuse the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon, where overnight at least 18 people were killed, including four children, and 60 injured by an Israeli airstrike near Beirut's main state hospital.

Blinken faced an uphill struggle on both fronts.

He spelt out US hopes that the death of Hamas leader Sinwar - blamed for triggering a year of devastating warfare by planning the deadly militant assault from Gaza on Israeli territory on October 7 last year - will provide a new opportunity for peace.

Bangladesh protesters seige presidential palace

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Dhaka : Protesters in Bangladesh have seiged Banga Bhaban, the presidential palace, demanding the resignation of President Mohammed Shahabuddin. Earlier on last afternoon, Anti-discrimination Student Movement, the group-led to oust Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, announced a 5-point demands, including the resignation of President, at a rally central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka. Later at night they moved towards Banga Bhaban.

The army blocked them with barricade. The protesters took a stand outside the Banga Bhaban and started chanting slogans demanding Bangladesh President's



resignation. "The President is a crony of Hasina's authoritarian government.

He must resign immediately", a protester said. Mohammed Shahabuddin, natively known as Chuppu, is the 16th President of Bangladesh.

A jurist civil servant and politician, he was elected unopposed in the 2023 president election in the nomination of the Awami League. The Anti-discrimination Student Movement has demanded the abolition of constitution written in 1972 must be abolished and called for writing a new constitution in the context of 2024.

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Opposition's charge against Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch false: Government sources



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New Delhi : Allegations against Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch are false, government sources told, adding that she would complete her tenure that ends in February 2025.

Serious allegations of conflict of interest and financial misconduct were levelled against the Sebi chief by US short-seller Hindenburg Research and the Congress party. Allegation 1: REIT and Blackstone Connection

One of the primary allegations raised by Congress was that Buch's promotion of Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) benefitted Blackstone, a global investment firm with which her husband is associated. The opposition accused her of misusing her position as Sebi chairperson to favour Blackstone.

REITs, however, were first proposed in 2007 during the UPA era. It was in 2016 that Sebi released a formal set of norms. Buch took over as Sebi chairperson on March 1, 2022, succeeding Ajay Tyagi.

While she has been credited with implementing significant reforms that impacted multiple global players, including Blackstone, government sources told that the allegations are "politically motivated and baseless".

Allegation 2: Undisclosed Income from ICICI Bank

Another allegation against Buch was her failure to disclose income received from her previous stint at ICICI Bank. It was claimed that the money she received was not

reported properly.

Upon review, the government found no illegal transactions and confirmed that Buch had paid all necessary dues. ICICI Bank clarified that after her retirement in October 2013, Buch did not receive a salary or ESOPs, only standard retirement benefits in line with industry norms.

Buch had served at ICICI for 12 years, including two years as CEO of ICICI Securities. The bank highlighted that the retirement benefits she received were standard for top managers across the industry.

Allegation 3: Employee Complaints about Work Culture

A third front against Buch opened when employees within Sebi sent letters to the Finance Ministry, alleging a toxic work culture under her leadership. The complaints caused concern within both Sebi and political circles. Employees accused the leadership of calling names and shouting at staff, leading to grievances about management practices.

The government investigated the matter and spoke with employees. The issue was resolved when Sebi's top management was asked to be more sensitive towards staff. Government sources suggested that the dissatisfaction may stem from the sweeping reforms Buch has implemented within Sebi, as her efforts to clean up the system have been met with resistance.

Taking all factors into account, the government has decided that Buch will complete her tenure, which ends on February 28, 2025.

India and Pakistan extend Kartarpur Corridor agreement for 5 more years

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New Delhi : India and Pakistan have agreed to extend the validity of the agreement on the Kartarpur Sahib Corridor for another five years. The diplomatic decision ensures the continued operation of the corridor, allowing Indian pilgrims to visit the revered Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur, Pakistan. The original agreement, signed on October 24, 2019, facilitated visa-free access for Indian pilgrims to the historic gurdwara. The corridor was initially valid for five years and has become a vital link for thousands of devotees who wish to pay homage at one of the holiest Sikh sites.

The extension, confirmed through diplomatic channels, will ensure that the corridor remains open and functional, allowing uninterrupted pilgrimages. The Kartarpur Corridor, hailed as a symbol



of religious harmony, allows Sikhs from India to visit the gurdwara, where Guru Nanak Dev, the founder of Sikhism, spent the final years of his life.

In addition to extending the corridor's agreement, India has renewed its request for Pakistan to waive the USD 20 service charge levied on pilgrims. For years, pilgrims and Sikh organisations have called for the removal of the fee, emphasising that the spiritual journey

should not come with financial burdens.

Despite repeated appeals from the Indian government, Pakistan has continued to impose the fee on pilgrims. In the latest diplomatic outreach, India once again urged Pakistan to consider the sentiments of the pilgrims and eliminate the charge to ensure a seamless and accessible experience for all devotees.

The extension of the agreement marks another chapter in the Kartarpur Corridor's ongoing success, with hopes that further improvements, such as the removal of the service charge, will enhance the pilgrimage experience in the coming years.

The Kartarpur Corridor remains a beacon of cross-border religious connection, promoting peace and fostering goodwill between the two nations.

Maha Vikas Aghadi finalises seat-sharing for Maharashtra polls

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Mumbai : The Opposition alliance in Maharashtra, the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), has reached an agreement over seat-sharing for the upcoming state Assembly elections.

According to the proposed agreement, the Congress will be contesting 104 seats, Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT) has been allotted 96 seats, and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) will be fielding candidates in 88 constituencies, sources said.

Other partners like the Samajwadi Party (SP) and Peasants and Workers Party (PWP), will be given seats to contest from the above-mentioned numbers, the sources added.

There was some disagreement over a few seats in the Vidarbha region, but a consensus has been reached on them too. As per sources, the Congress will be contesting Nagpur West, Kamthi, Gondiya and Bhandara seats. Shiv Sena (UBT) has been allotted a total of 11 seats



in the region, including Vani and Ramtetk, while the NCP (Sharad Pawar) will be contesting on 11 to 12 seats.

The MVA alliance, formed after the 2019 state elections, is hoping to defeat the ruling Mahayuti alliance, comprising BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and the Ajit Pawar faction of the NCP.

The opposition parties are looking to repeat their Lok Sabha polls performance, where they had an advantage over the Mahayuti alliance. The MVA won 30 Lok Sabha seats against its rival's 17. The Congress won 13 out of the 17 seats it contested, and Shiv Sena-UBT had won 9

out of 21 seats it fought in.

Internal disagreements over seat distribution had initially cropped up between the member parties. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut and Congress's Nana Patole had traded barbs regarding the allocation of seats, prompting urgent discussions among the

leadership.

In a bid to resolve these differences, the MVA leaders held a nine-hour-long marathon meeting at the Trident Hotel in South Mumbai on Saturday. As per sources, both Congress and Shiv Sena (UBT) leaders then reached out to NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar) chief Sharad Pawar to mediate and resolve the differences in the opposition alliance.

The election for the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly is scheduled to take place in a single phase on November 20, with the results to be declared on November 23.

Indian insurance sector must cover vulnerable sections, tap 1 bn people by 2047: Report

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New Delhi : Insurance sector in India grew at an impressive 15 per cent compound annual growth rate (CAGR) over the past two decades, with premiums reaching Rs 10.4 lakh crore in FY23, and there is immense potential for growth that remains untapped, industry experts said today.

Despite the consistent growth, India's insurance penetration at 4 per cent, which is significantly lower than the global average of 6.8 per cent, and protection gap of \$40 billion indicate substantial room for further expansion and development, according to the report by KPMG in India, in collaboration with the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). Supportive government initiatives and a conducive regulatory environment have played a crucial role in pushing the insurance penetration upwards. Schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) have expanded coverage for the poor and vulnerable sections of the society.



The report highlighted the critical need for innovative insurance solutions to address the evolving risks, such as the ones posed by climate change, particularly in the agricultural sector, which is increasingly vulnerable to extreme weather events.

"Insurance sector in India is on the cusp of a new journey as we aim to insure a billion+ people. Digital-first innovative business models can significantly bridge the protection gap and move us closer to the vision of 'Insurance for All' by 2047," said Hemant Jhajhria, National Head of

Consulting, KPMG in India. "Our focus now should shift towards developing customer-centric solutions and leveraging digital technologies to enhance policyholder experience, ensuring insurance accessibility and availability," added Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII.

The report also explored the potential of integrating digital payment systems and leveraging government-promoted public digital infrastructure to enhance financial inclusion and expand insurance coverage among underserved and marginalised customer segments.

It stressed that the industry needs micro-insurance and parametric insurance solutions, particularly for the unorganised sector such as individual farmers, to address the protection gap and the challenges posed by evolving risks such as climate change.

Bengaluru building collapse: 5 dead, several trapped, rescue still underway

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Bengaluru : Five people died, five severely injured after an under-construction building collapsed in northern Bengaluru amid heavy rain in the city. Thirteen people were rescued, but two or three more are still feared to be trapped under the rubble, sources said. Rescue operations are still underway. The incident took place on last evening, in the Hennur area of the city, officials said. According to the officials, four of the injured have been taken to the north hospital, while five others were moved to Hosmat hospital in the city.

Two rescue vans from the fire and emergency departments were deployed for the rescue operations. "Rescue operation is being carried out in a coordinated effort with help from other agencies," a senior police officer said.

According to Ahmed, who had a contract



for tile work at the site, there were 20 labourers, including tile workers, concrete workers and plumbers, in the building when it collapsed.

He alleged that the basement was weak,

which may have contributed to the collapse.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar reacted to the incident and said that a total of 21 labourers were present inside the building at the time of the incident. "As per the information I got, 21 labourers were here. A 26-year-old Arman's body was recovered. In a day, 26 people work here".

CCTV footage captured the moment the seven-storey building collapsed. Sources indicated that the building only had permission for four floors, and that construction violations took place.

Bengaluru has been witnessing continuous rain, with several parts of the city, especially north Bengaluru, facing waterlogging, potholes and traffic. According to the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Yelahanka received 157 mm (six inches) of rain in just six hours from midnight to 6 am.

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