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## Row over Delhi Waqf Board report, 'null & void' - CM Atishi

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Atishi today wrote a letter to Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) chairman BJP MP Jagdambika Pal, saying that the report submitted by Delhi Waqf Board must be treated as "null and void". The Chief Minister said that the report was submitted without getting the Delhi government's approval.

This report has been submitted by IAS Ashwini Kumar (administrator of the Delhi Waqf Board) without the approval of the government of the NCT of Delhi and therefore may be treated as ab initio null and void. Any presentation on the same may be cancelled till a report is submitted with the approval of the Government of NCT of Delhi," the letter reads. Protesters over the Delhi Waqf Board's report, several opposition leaders walked out of the JPC meeting today. Reiterating Chief Minister Atishi's remark, the opposition leaders claimed that the Delhi Waqf Board administrator made changes to the presentation without the knowledge of the Delhi government, news agency PTI reported.

AAP member Sanjay Singh, the DMK's Mohammed Abdulla, the Congress's Naseer Hussain, and Mohamed Jawed,



among others, walked out of the meeting. They claimed that the MCD Commissioner and the Delhi Waqf Board administrator have completely changed the initial report without taking the Chief Minister's nod. It was immediately sent to a joint parliamentary committee after opposition parties and Muslim organisations expressed concerns, claiming that the bill was a targeted measure against the community and an infringement on its constitutional rights. The JPC had in August invited views and suggestions from the public, NGOs, experts, stakeholders, and institutions on the law that the NDA government had proposed to change the Waqf law. It gave a 15-day window for people to send in their feedback.

## ED attaches assets worth Rs 503 crore in businessman's bank fraud case

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached assets worth Rs 503.16 crore belonging to Nagpur-based businessman Manoj Jayaswal, his power company, Corporate Power Limited, and its other promoters in a high-profile bank fraud case.

The assets--comprising properties, buildings, bank balances, mutual funds, and shares--were recovered from various locations across Maharashtra, West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, and Andhra Pradesh as part of the probe into Corporate Power Limited and its directors: Manoj Jayaswal, Abhijeet Jayaswal, Abhishek Jayaswal, and others.

According to the ED, these properties and buildings were acquired under the names of multiple shell companies, as well as in the names of Manoj Jayaswal, his company, and family members. The ED investigation stems from a CBI FIR filed against Corporate Power Limited and its owners on charges of criminal conspiracy, cheating, and forgery, following a



complaint by Union Bank of India. It is alleged that the accused submitted manipulated project cost statements to obtain loans and misappropriated bank funds, causing a wrongful loss estimated at Rs 4,037 crore (Rs 11,379 crore including interest). Earlier in this case, the ED conducted searches in Nagpur, Kolkata, and Visakhapatnam, seizing various documents and freezing proceeds of crime--totalling Rs 223.33 crore in listed shares and securities, mutual funds, fixed deposits, and bank balances. Cash amounting to Rs 55.85 lakh was also seized.

## Pappu Yadav gets Lawrence Bishnoi threat after 'main hoon na' post for Salman Khan

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Patna : Bihar MP Pappu Yadav has received a death threat allegedly from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. In an audio clip, the caller claimed that he was closely monitoring Yadav's movements, and threatened to kill him if he didn't stay away from matters involving actor Salman Khan. The caller also claimed that Lawrence Bishnoi - who is in Sabarmati jail in Ahmedabad - was paying Rs 1 lakh per hour to disable signal jammers, allowing him to establish direct communication with Yadav, who he said had been ignoring their calls. Recently, the Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed the murder of NCP leader Baba Siddique in Mumbai. After the politician's murder, Pappu Yadav, the Independent MP from Purnea, openly challenged Bishnoi, declaring that he would dismantle the network of "a two-bit criminal" like the gangster within 24 hours if allowed.

In a recorded audio message, the caller can be heard saying, "You could have told 'bhai' that the media did this, not me. Settle the matter as soon as possible. I considered you an elder brother, and you've embarrassed me. Call back, and I'll connect you



with 'bhai.'" Yadav reported the threat to Bihar's Director General of Police (DGP), urging immediate action. Condemning Baba Siddique's murder, Yadav labelled it a disgrace, stating on X that the killing of a government-backed former minister highlighted "total lawlessness" in Maharashtra. He further remarked, "The murder of Bihar's son, Baba Siddique, is extremely tragic. If the BJP-led government cannot protect its influential leaders, what hope is there for ordinary people?" During a press conference that followed, Yadav grew visibly frustrated when journalists asked about Lawrence Bishnoi, reminding them, "I've already told you not to ask irrelevant questions here." A video of him losing his temper during the exchange has since gone viral.

## Bishnoi Gang's Rival Fires at Delhi Businessman's House, Leaves a Note

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Two men affiliated with the Bambiha Gang, the rival of the incarcerated gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, opened fire at the residence of a businessman in Delhi, police said today.

The shooting occurred in North West Delhi's Rani Bagh around 8.40 am on Saturday and the two accused, who were on a bike, threw a chit on which 'Bambiha Gang' was written.

At least six to seven rounds were fired outside the house, officials said. However, no call has so far been received regarding extortion.

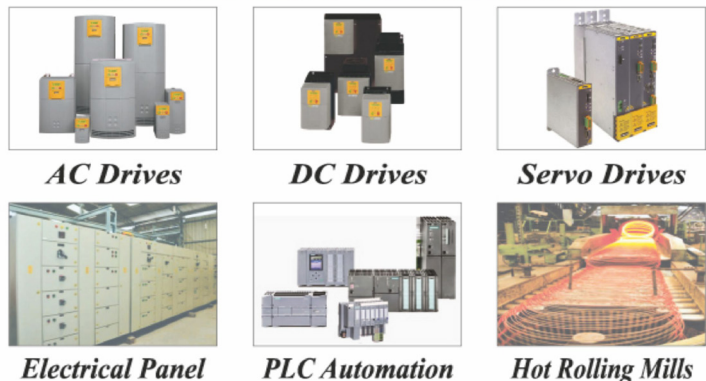
Delhi has witnessed an increase in firing incidents as part of extortion attempts recently. Last month, three sensational incidents of firing occurred in the capital -- at a car showroom in Naraina in west Delhi, a hotel in southwest Delhi and the sweet shop, all were linked to extortion activities by gangsters.



In the first incident, shots were fired at a second-hand car showroom called 'Car Street Mini' in southwest Delhi's Naraina, barely a kilometre from the Naraina police station. Officials said at least 20 rounds were fired by three men who entered the showroom, causing panic in the area.

The shooters left behind a slip, reading "Bhau Gang, Since 2020". The "Bhau Gang" mention was seen as a reference to wanted gangster Himanshu Bhau, who fled the country in 2022 and is currently believed to be in Portugal. He had also claimed responsibility for the murder of a man at a food outlet in Delhi.

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# Is C295 aircraft project a game changer for India???

## THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish President Pedro Sanchez inaugurated India's first private military transport aircraft production facility at Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) in Vadodra. This landmark event marks the commencement of the final assembly line for the Airbus C295 aircraft, set to significantly enhance India's aerospace capabilities and defense landscape.

The C295 project, a key initiative under the 'Make in India' program, is poised to transform the Indian defense sector and the broader manufacturing ecosystem. Here are five reasons why the C295 aircraft project is a game changer for India:

1. **\*Enhanced Tactical Airlift Capabilities\***

The induction of the C295 into the Indian Air Force (IAF) represents a major upgrade in tactical airlift capabilities. Designed by Airbus Defence and Space, the versatile C295 can undertake a range of missions, including troop transport, cargo airlift, medical evacuation, and maritime patrol. It will replace the aging fleet of Soviet-era Antonov An-32 and Hindustan Aeronautics



Limited's Avro 748, marking a significant technological leap.

2. **\*Job Creation and Economic Growth\***

The Tata-Airbus C295 project is expected to create over 3,000 direct jobs and support more than 15,000 indirect jobs across the supply chain. The establishment of the manufacturing facility in Gujarat will diversify India's aerospace sector, traditionally centered in southern regions, while also fostering a skilled workforce through extensive labor involvement in aircraft

assembly.

3. **\*Development of Aerospace Infrastructure\***

The C295 project will lead to the establishment of critical training and maintenance infrastructure. Comprehensive training facilities will be developed to ensure IAF personnel are well-equipped to operate and maintain the aircraft. Additional support structures, such as maintenance depots and training centers, will further bolster India's burgeoning civil and military

aviation sectors.

4. **\*Strengthening India's Export Potential\***

Beyond domestic needs, the C295 project opens avenues for significant export opportunities. After delivering the initial 56 aircraft to the IAF, Airbus will have the ability to sell the aircraft produced in India to civil operators and export them to countries cleared by the Indian government. This aligns with the 'Make in India, Make for the World' initiative, positioning

India as a competitive player in the global aerospace market. 5. **\*Fostering a Robust Manufacturing Ecosystem\***

The C295 facility is expected to stimulate the growth of ancillary industries involved in manufacturing components and providing services. The project will trigger a positive trickle-down effect in the economy, promoting innovation and expanding India's capabilities in high-tech manufacturing sectors.

As the first 'Made in India' C295 aircraft is anticipated to roll out in September 2026, this initiative marks a critical step in enhancing India's defense capabilities and boosting the aerospace industry, laying the foundation for a self-reliant and globally competitive aviation sector.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date  
29 th Oct

**Born on 29 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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The inauguration of the C295 aircraft production plant in Vadodra marks a pivotal moment in India's journey towards self-reliance and aerospace excellence. proving to be a game changer



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**Aries**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** You will find it hard to concentrate on your work-as your health would not be perfect today. Married natives of this zodiac sign are likely to attain monetary benefits from their in-laws' side today. In a happy-energetic-loving mood-your jovial.



**Taurus**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Misusing personal relations to fulfil your expectations would annoy your wife. Financially, you will remain strong. Due to the benefic placement of planets and nakshatras, you'll come across numerous opportunities to earn money today.



**Gemini**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace.Children help you complete household jobs. W



**Cancer**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Friends supportive and will keep you happy. If you work or study by staying away from home, then learn to stay away from such people who waste your money and time. Do not be rude to your guests. Your behaviour will not only upset your family relations.



**Leo**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Father may disinherit you from the property. But don't lose heart. Remember prosperity pampers the mind deprivation strengthens it. Control your expenses and try not to be too lavish in your spending today. Auspicious day for giving and receiving gifts today.



**Virgo**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Inject a bright beautiful and glorious picture in your mind to uplift your spirits. Long pending arrears and dues will finally be recovered. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. It will be very hard to stay away from your lover.



**Libra**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Your childlike nature will surface and you will be in a playful mood. Financially, you will remain strong. Due to the benefic placement of planets and nakshatras, you'll come across numerous opportunities to earn money today. efforts to give joy.



**Scorpio**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** You are likely to enjoy some sporting activity which will maintain your physical fitness. Those who have borrowed money from anyone may have to repay the loan under any circumstances. In such a manner, it can weaken your economic situation.



**Sagittarius**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Encourage your mind to be receptive to positive emotions like love hope faith sympathy optimism and loyalty. Once these emotions take complete command-the mind automatically responds positively to every situation. Financial hassles seem.



**Capricorn**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** You will find yourself with less energy than you generally do-Don't overload yourself with additional work-Take some rest and reschedule your appointments for another day. You do not understand the importance of money in life.



**Aquarius**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Today your confidence will grow and advancement is certain. Investment in stocks and mutual funds recommended for long-term gains. For some- a new arrival in the family brings in moments for celebration and party. Love is always soulful,



**Pisces**

**Oct 29th 2024 :** Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. You should look twice at investment schemes that are presented to you today. You could also spend some time pursuing your hobbies and helping family members.

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## 10 days SARAS Mela Mohali concludes with Gippy Grewal's Electrifying Performance

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali:** The SARAS Mela at Sector 88, Mohali, concluded on a high note, showcasing a vibrant mix of cultural performances and artisan craftsmanship, highlighted by an energetic performance from Punjabi singer and actor Gippy Grewal. The ten-day event drew lakhs of visitors, celebrating the rich diversity of handicrafts and cuisines from across the country. The closing night featured Gippy Grewal, who captivated the audience with a series of popular songs, including "Pawen Fulkari Utte Vail Bootian," "Phulkari," "Angreji Beat Te," and "Nawan-Nawan Pyar Hoya Ae." His performance sparked enthusiasm among the crowd, with many joining in to dance, especially to the lively track "18ve Ch Dharya Tu Pair Balliye Ni Paige Vair Baliye," which particularly enchanted the female audience. Nodal Officer of the SARAS Mela and Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Sonam Chaudhary thanked the residents for their participation, which significantly boosted sales for the artisans showcasing their handcrafted goods.



Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Aashika Jain praised the collaboration between the Mohali Administration and the Rural Development and Panchayat Department, highlighting the event's success in bringing together artisans, artists, and

performers from across the nation. She remarked, "The first-ever SARAS Mela in Mohali has scripted a new history in the Tricity, contributing to future gatherings of this nature." The SARAS Mela featured 300 artisan and food stalls, offering a wide variety of handicrafts and local delicacies. Visitors were also entertained by folk performances, including dances from different states such as Bihu from Assam, Kalbelia from Rajasthan, and traditional dances from Uttar Pradesh and Punjab. In addition to the artistic showcases, theme-based programs were held daily to raise awareness about social issues, providing a platform for emerging artists from local schools and colleges. The Northern Zone Cultural Centre contributed to the cultural richness of the Mela, enhancing the festive spirit. The successful conduct of the SARAS Mela not only celebrated India's diverse heritage but also paved the way for future cultural events in the region, fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the arts.

## AAP attacks Congress and BJP for paddling drugs in Punjab, saying they've ruined our youth

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh:** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab attacks Congress and BJP for their leaders paddling drugs in Punjab and putting the lives and futures of our youth in danger. AAP said that with the arrest of a Congress leader in Baba Bakala with more than 100 kgs of Heroin (worth 500 crores) prove how deeply these parties and their leaders are involved in the nexus that has ruined Punjab. AAP Minister Tarunpreet Singh Sondh held a press conference today, accompanied by Amandeep Singh, Chairman of Markfed, to address the serious issue of drug trafficking in Punjab and the involvement of Congress and BJP leaders. Minister Sondh revealed the connections between these political parties and the ongoing drug crisis in the state. He highlighted the recent



arrest of Navjot Singh, a Congress circle chief from Baba Bakala, who was apprehended by Punjab Police during a counter-intelligence operation. Authorities seized a staggering 105 kilograms of heroin, along with 31 kilograms of caffeine, five foreign pistols, and a country-made gun from his possession. The estimated value of the heroin is

around ₹500 crores. "I commend the Punjab Police for their exceptional efforts in intercepting this significant drug shipment, which was traced from Pakistan through Jammu," said Minister Sondh. "This operation demonstrates our (AAP government's) commitment to combating drug-related crimes." A few days ago in another alarming case, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) arrested former MLA Satkar Kaur. This further led to the capture of her nephew, Jaskirat Singh, along with the recovery of 100 grams of heroin from their vehicle. A subsequent search of their home uncovered an additional 28 grams of heroin and ₹156,000 in cash, as well as several luxury vehicles registered in Haryana and Delhi.

## Head Cashier of PSPCL caught by Vigilance Bureau for taking Rs 50,000 bribe

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh:** The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB), during its ongoing campaign against corruption in the state, today apprehended Head Cashier Davinder Singh, posted at Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) office, Sub Division South, Amritsar for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs. 50,000. Disclosing this here today an official spokesperson of the state VB said the above-mentioned accused has been arrested on a complaint lodged by Narinder Kumar, a resident of Bazar Gujran, Bhagtan Wala, Gate Hakima, Amritsar.



He further informed that the complainant has approached the VB and alleged in his complaint that he had given an application for the installation of a commercial electrical meter at his shop at Shakti Nagar, Amritsar and the accused had demanded a bribe of Rs 1,00,000 for clearing the paper

work. The spokesperson added that after a preliminary enquiry into this complaint a VB team laid a trap during which the aforementioned accused was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs. 50,000 from the complainant in the presence of two official witnesses. He added that in this regard a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act has been registered at VB Police Station, Amritsar range. The accused would be produced in the competent court tomorrow and further investigations into this case was under progress, he said

## IAS Vipin Kumar takes over as Chairman AAI

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi:** Vipin Kumar, an IAS officer of 1996 batch, Bihar cadre took over as Chairman of Airports Authority of India, today. Prior to this appointment, Shri Kumar was serving as Additional Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India. During his tenure at Ministry of Education, Government of India, he was looking after SamagraShiksha Scheme, National Education Policy-2020, PM-SHRI Scheme and other important assignments. During his posting in Bihar, he worked as District Magistrate in many districts of the state. He was also the Chairman of Bihar Bridge Construction Corporation; Managing Director of Bihar Milk Cooperative Federation (SUDHA) and Director, Mid-Day Scheme-Bihar. Vipin Kumar holds a degree in Electronics & Communication Engineering. In his new assignment as the Chairman of the Airports Authority of India, Kumar will lead efforts to achieve AAI's organizational goals of developing world-class airport infrastructure, leading air navigation



services and providing top-of-the-line passenger facilities across the country. His role will be instrumental in charting the roadmap of Indian Aviation Sector towards realizing the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat-2047. Airports Authority of India (AAI) was constituted by an Act of Parliament and came into being on 1st April 1995 by merging erstwhile National Airports Authority and the International Airports Authority of India. The merger brought into existence a single Organization entrusted with the responsibility of creating, upgrading,

maintaining and managing civil aviation infrastructure both on the ground and air space in the country. AAI manages a total of 133 airports out of which 110 airports are operational while other 23 airports are non-operational. These operational airports include 28 civil enclaves and 8 airports under private control [2 JV Airports + 6 PPP Airports under long term lease]. 35 out of total 110 AAI operational airports have international operations. AAI provides air navigation services over 2.8 million square nautical miles of air space. During the year 2023-24, AAI at its airports (excluding JV and PPP Airports) handled aircraft movement of 1053.96 Thousand [International 103.75 & Domestic 950.21], Passengers handled 130.67 Million [International 15.09 & Domestic 115.58] and the Freight handled 688.38 thousand MT [International 338.85 & Domestic 349.53].

## PIC OF THE DAY

### Who CARES...?

## Littered roads, piles of garbage irks Mohali residents



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali:** The tall claims of the Mohali Municipal Corporation of over-waste management and cleaner roads have fallen flat as roads across the city can be seen littered with waste. Due to the lackadaisical approach of the civic body, people can be seen openly flouting norms and dumping waste on the roadsides. Main roads in Phase 4, Phase 5, and other surroundings of Mohali city face the same, Industrial Area Phase 7 is heavily affected by littering issue. Residents said that the MC and GMADA officials have failed to take any actions over the persisting problem, and Residents expressed ignorance about who dumps garbage on the road, however, it is

an open secret that there are no dustbins in the area and there is no designated place to collect and dispose of garbage in the city. "People only feel responsibility for cleaning their homes which they ignore broader civic sense. They feel justified in dumping waste or littering the roads. The civic authorities should impose heavy penalties and install CCTV cameras who catch such defaulters," stated residents. "People can't be solely blamed for the state of cleanliness in the city. There are no dustbins, lack of proper dumping areas has left people with no option but to dump waste on city roads," expressed another resident.



**Former MC RP Sharma** said Residents are expressing their frustration over the increasing amounts of litter and garbage piling up on the city's roads. Complaints have surged as areas once known for their cleanliness now bear the brunt of neglect, with trash scattered across streets and public spaces.



**Paramjit Singh Kahlon** Former MC reported that the garbage collection services have been inconsistent, leading to overflowing bins and littered sidewalks. "It's become unbearable. The smell is awful, and it attracts pests," and added that this unsightly situation not only affects the aesthetics of the city but also poses health risks and urged the municipal authorities to take immediate action and ensure proper cleanliness in Mohali. .



**Raman Kumar Saini** (Mandal Pardhan BJP) said, "We love our city, but it's disheartening to see it in this state and added that "It's disheartening to see our streets looking like this," "It's not just an eyesore; it poses risks to wildlife and contributes to pollution. "We need better waste management solutions." But Who Cares???

## Orane FDM Chandigarh Hosts Successful Diwali Exhibition Showcasing Student Creativity



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh:** Orane FDM (School of Fashion, Design & Management), a leading fashion institute in Chandigarh, recently held a vibrant Diwali Exhibition that showcased the exceptional handmade creations of its students. The event featured a diverse array of beautifully crafted items, including home decor, paintings, diyas, and torans, attracting a large crowd eager to celebrate the festive spirit. The exhibition was graced by the presence of Mr. Jasbir Singh Bunty, MC, Sector 42, as the chief guest. He expressed his admiration for the students' craftsmanship, stating, "The handmade items are truly impressive. I enjoyed speaking with the students; it was wonderful being here, added Jasbir Singh." Ms. Annapurna Kumari, Centre Manager,

highlighted the significance of such events in the students' educational journey. "At Orane, we understand that real-world experiences like this exhibition are invaluable for learning beyond traditional training. Events like these complement our robust fashion courses, training, and career placement support," she remarked. The Diwali Exhibition not only provided students with a platform to showcase their talents but also reinforced Orane FDM's commitment to practical learning. This memorable celebration allowed students to gain recognition from industry leaders and connect with the community, marking a significant highlight in their academic journey. The event was a testament to the creativity and dedication of Orane's students, making it a truly memorable Diwali celebration for all involved.



## NGO's set an example. hold one-of-a-kind ramp walk



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** In a significant initiative to foster inclusion and equality, Chandigarh hosted a special inclusive fashion ramp walk featuring children with disabilities on the concluding day of the Chandigarh Carnival 2024 at Leisure Valley, Sector 10.

This year's carnival theme, 'Inclusive Wonderland', aimed to create a supportive environment for individuals with physical challenges.

The initiative was spearheaded by the Chandigarh Tourism Department in collaboration with 24 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) dedicated to promoting inclusivity.

The walk received active support from Hargunjeet Kaur, Secretary, Chandigarh Tourism and Madhavi Kataria, Disability Commissioner, UT, Chandigarh. Shabnam Aggarwal from 'Anandini' was a major force behind the initiative.

Sharmita Bhinder, founder of EmPower NGO which curated the vibrant fashion show for special children stated, "Every step taken on that ramp was a step towards breaking down barriers. Together, we are building a future where everyone has the opportunity to shine. Let's continue to champion inclusion and create a world that embraces all abilities." Notably, Bhinder recently won the title of Mrs. International in the Empress category at the World Tourism and Cultural Ambassador Pageant 2024 held in Mauritius.

The walk brought together participants from various NGO's, showcasing the talents and creativity of the children involved. Apart from EmPower NGO other participating NGO's included Sadhna, Vatika, Special Olympics

Bharat, Parivartan, Asha School, NAB Chandigarh Para Sports Society, SOREM, Mamta Institute for the Blind, Samarth Jiyo, Pingalwara, Bhavan Vidyalaya, Paraplegic Rehabilitation Centre, Chandigarh, Down Syndrome Society, She Foundation, INPA, Prabhat, GRIID, Chandigarh Spinal Rehab, Umeed, and the Mental Health Institute.

Among the distinguished models participating in the event were Ruby Singh, Mrs. India 2017; Janhvi Bansal, Mrs. India Pride of North and actress; Jasmine Rana, Finalist of Miss India Earth 2024; and Anita Khanna, known for her roles in Netflix, Zee TV, and both Punjabi & Hindi films. Additional notable participants included Sonu Sethi Hurria, Mrs. India International 2022; Tarvinder Kaur, Mrs. India Classic Inspiration; and Tanmay Pushkar, an actor, director, and producer.

The glam quotient of the unique ramp walk got a boost with Neelam Garg, a winner of North India Fashion Week and a participant in Singapore Fashion Week, also gracing the runway, along with Sim Sandhu, the first female fitness studio owner in Chandigarh and a special mother. What's more, Darshpreet Kaur, Mrs. Chandigarh also walked the ramp with the specially-abled.

"This unique initiative was a celebration of diversity and a powerful reminder that inclusion enriches us all. By empowering special children to express themselves through fashion, we not only highlight their talents but also promote understanding and acceptance of the specially-abled in the community."

## Soon designated pick-and-drop points for autorickshaws

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The autorickshaws will soon will not be allowed to halt anywhere on the road to pick or drop their commuters in the Union Territory (UT) as the administration is planning to establish designated stopping points. As part of a pilot initiative, the Chandigarh Administration is preparing to establish designated stopping points along Madhya Marg where autorickshaws will be permitted to halt for



passenger services. The initial implementation of this project will occur along the route from Transport Chowk to PGI Chowk. The project is anticipated

to be completed within a two-month timeframe, with a projected budget of ₹13.15 lakh. The UT administration is planning to create 12 designated locations along Madhya Marg to regulate autorickshaw traffic in the city, allowing these vehicles to stop for the purpose of picking up and dropping off passengers.

## MCC intensifies vigilance on vendors operating beyond permissible hours

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** To maintain order and ensure compliance with city regulations, the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh (MCC) has intensified its vigilance and enforcement efforts to curb unauthorized vending activities. This initiative aims to provide citizens and visitors with a safe, organized environment. Vendors are permitted to operate from 6 AM to 10 PM. However, during recent enforcement drives, the team observed that some vendors were operating beyond these hours. In response, a joint operation by the MCC enforcement team and Chandigarh Police was conducted today in Sector 22, successfully removing vendors operating outside the authorized hours. Municipal Commissioner Amit Kumar, IAS, emphasized that these joint drives will continue across the city to ensure compliance with guidelines and prevent encroachments. "We are committed to maintaining public safety and convenience, and we urge all vendors to comply with legal regulations," he stated. The Municipal Corporation warns that strict action will be taken against violators



to uphold the integrity of public spaces. In addition to removing vendors, the enforcement team also seized materials left at vending sites after

hours. Temporary coverings, such as tarpaulins, have been removed to ensure compliance further.

## Will continue zero-tolerance policy towards corruption: CM Mann



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** In a bid to promote transparency, accountability, probity, and integrity in society, the Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) will observe the annual Vigilance Awareness Week from 28th October to 3rd November in the state to sensitize citizens and public servants about administration free of corrupt practices. On the occasion, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has reiterated that the Punjab Government would continue its zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and vows to deal with it with an iron hand.

He stated that corruption is as dangerous as a heinous crime committed against the integrity and dignity of a state and its citizens whether committed by service providers or seekers.

Punjab CM said "It is my dream to see a corruption-free Punjab with everlasting development of private and public sector bringing and maintaining smiles on the faces of the people, especially the youth of Punjab". He appealed to the public to cooperate with the government in its anti corruption campaign for providing corruption free administration in the state.

Sh Varinder Kumar, special DGP-cum-Chief Director Vigilance Bureau said the state VB is fully committed to

this cause under the able guidance of Punjab CM with an objective to make Punjab as free of corrupt practices. The VB Chief asked the officers/officials to work efficiently and clear the backlog of pending vigilance cases. He informed that this year the motto of Vigilance Awareness Week is 'culture of integrity for the prosperity of nation' as conceived by the Central Vigilance Commission.

During this these outreach activities the Bureau would conduct activities in educational institutions and other places related to creating awareness among the citizens in all the 7 ranges in the state. All VB SSPs and field officers would interact with public and messages regarding fight against corruption would be spread to the general public. He further stated that the VB had registered 673 corruption cases since March 2022.

During the investigation of these cases, total 758 accused have been arrested. With the objective of a citizen-friendly complaint system, Anti-Corruption Action Line WhatsApp Message no. 9501-200-200 was started by Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann in 2022 and the Bureau had registered 189 FIRs after receiving information on this action line.

## 150 cases registered against Farmers setting fire to stubble

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Police personnel were seen extinguishing the fire set by the farmers after harvesting the paddy crop in Saideke Mohan village of Ferozepur constituency Guruharshay and Arif village of Ferozepur. Meanwhile, SPD Randhir Kumar appealed to the farmers not to burn stubble in the fields and said that according to the data obtained from the satellite, 150 cases of stubble burning have been registered so far, against which further action is being taken.

After harvesting the paddy crop, many farmers are burning the stubble, due to which smoke is being released into the sky and the environment is deteriorating. Due to which, after strict orders, at Saideke Mohan village of Ferozepur district



of Ferozepur district of Punjab and after harvesting the paddy crop by the farmers in Arif village of Ferozepur, the police are going to the fields and putting out stubble fire. While SPD

Randhir Kumar has appealed to the farmers to put out the fire. He said that stubble should not be set on fire in the fields. SPD Randhir Kumar said that the police are patrolling in different villages and the police had received information that the police had seized the paddy crop of the farmers at Saideke Mohan village of Guruharshay and Arif K village of Ferozepur. After patrolling, the fire was extinguished.

## Stopped For Modified Bike Silencer

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Dheli :** A man in Delhi has been arrested along with his father for allegedly attacking cops after he was stopped for using a modified silencer on his bike, officials said today.

A Delhi Police inspector and a constable were injured in the incident that occurred in southeast Delhi's Jamia Nagar evening.

According to the officials, the police personnel stopped the man, Asif, when his Royal Enfield Bullet was making excess noise.

During the inspection, it was found that the motorcycle's silencer had been "illegally"



modified, enhancing noise beyond permissible limits and contravening the Motor Vehicles Act, officials said.

Asif, 24, then called his father, Riyazuddin, to the spot, and the latter allegedly tried to take away

the bike along with him forcibly. When the inspector tried to stop them, Riyazuddin caught hold of him, and Asif punched him near his eye, the officials said. They also attacked some of the other police personnel.

We have registered a case against accused Asif and his father for obstructing a public servant from performing his duties and physically assaulting the SHO and other police officers on duty," an official said.



## No Hate Politics. No Looking Back" - Actor Vijay

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chennai :** Tamil actor Vijay took on the state's ruling DMK in his first political speech at the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam rally, saying one family is looting the state through underhand dealing. The mega meet of the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam earlier today, marked his formal launch into politics.

"They do underground dealing and allege Facism, to cheat minorities... In the name of Dravidian model you are cheating people," he said.

He also took a tacit dig at the BJP. "Hate politics is our enemy... divisive politics and hatred is our enemy... i will maintain political decorum and political decency... this crowd is not for cash but for a cause... There is no looking back," he added.

There is a group that has been creating divisions within society. Those who create divisions are our first enemy. Those who claim to uphold Dravidian ideology but are exploiting Tamil Nadu as a family enterprise are our next rivals. The BJP is our ideological opponent while the DMK is our political adversary," said Vijay addressing a massive gathering in Villupuram district's Vikravandi.



The entry of the 50-year-old star comes amid a political vacuum in the bipolar state. The Opposition AIADMK is yet to recover from the death of party icon and former Chief Minister J Jayalalithaa.

The actor made his aim clear.

"I am not here as extra luggage, I want to be a primary force in Tamil Nadu....," added Vijay, who had just confessed that he once did not think it necessary to enter politics. "Earlier I thought why politics. But isn't that selfish to think about myself?" he had said.

The superstar also announced that his party would contest all 234 seats in the 2026 assembly elections in the

state. He also made it clear that he was not averse to power sharing. Listen to the latest songs, only on JioSaavn.com

His party, he said, would adopt Dravidian icon Periyar's policy on social justice and women's empowerment.

But there was a rider - "We will not take Periyar's 'No god' stand, we are against nobody's faith". The other icons of his party, he said, were Kamaraj, NR Ambedkar, freedom fighter Velu Nachiar and revolutionary Anjalai Ammal women icons.

## India concludes U23 World Wrestling Championships with 9 medals



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Tirana :** The Indian wrestling team concluded the U23 World Wrestling Championships 2024 with a commendable tally of nine medals, comprising one gold, one silver, and seven bronze medals.

The event took place from October 21 to 27 in Tirana, Albania. Chirag achieved the sole gold medal for India in the men's 57 kg category, marking him as only the third Indian wrestler to attain this honor at the championships, following Olympic medalist Aman Sehrawat (men's 57 kg) in 2022 and Reetika Hooda (women's 76 kg) in the previous year, according to Olympics.com.

It is important to note that Reetika competed under the United World Wrestling (UWW) banner during last year's championships due to sanctions imposed on the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) amid protests by wrestlers.

Additionally, Ravi Kumar Dahiya, a medalist from the Tokyo 2020 Olympics, secured a silver medal in the men's 57 kg division in 2018. Anji, competing in the women's 59 kg category, achieved a silver medal for India. Monika, who earned a bronze medal in the women's 65 kg division

last year, continued her impressive performance in the tournament by securing her second consecutive bronze, this time in the 68 kg category.

Sujeet, a former bronze medalist at the U20 World Championships and participant in the Paris 2024 Olympic qualifiers, also claimed the bronze medal in the men's 70 kg freestyle event.

Vicky earned a bronze medal in the men's 97 kg category, marking him as the first Indian to achieve a medal in the heavyweight division at the U23 World Championships.

The competitions featured ten weight categories for both men's and women's freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

A total of 664 wrestlers participated, with India entering one competitor per category, comprising 240 in men's freestyle and Greco-Roman, and 184 in women's freestyle, all competing in Albania.

The Indian wrestling team had a successful outing, securing nine medals in total, which included one gold, two silver, and six bronze from the previous year's U23 World Championships.

## Rachel Gupta first Indian to win Miss Grand International Crown

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Jalandhar :** Twenty-year-old Rachel Gupta from Jalandhar has become the first Indian to be crowned Miss Grand International (MGI), 2024, at an event at the MGI Headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand, on October 25.

Miss Grand International, which boasts of over five million followers globally, is recognised as one of the world's leading beauty pageants. Rachel, a former Miss Super Talent of the World, 2022, secured a place on the international stage by winning the Miss Grand India title at a national pageant held in Jaipur in August.

Competing against participants from over 70 countries, Rachel showcased remarkable poise and performance, remaining among the top contenders throughout the competition.

She also won the Grand Pageants Choice Award, 2024. With over a



million followers on Instagram, Rachel's influence continues to grow. She will now serve as the global ambassador for MGI, promoting peace and stability worldwide.

Talking to this correspondent, Tejasvi Minhas, her family

member, expressed joy, saying that Rachel's victory, which ties her with Lara Dutta for the most global pageant crowns won by an Indian, has made both the city and the country proud. Her homecoming is scheduled for later this year.

### It's story TIME

## The Bear and the Two Friends

Two friends were walking through the forest. Since it was dangerous, they promised to stay close to each other.

They see a bear approaching them. One friend scurries up a tree, leaving the other one behind. The other friend decided to pretend to be dead. The bear approached him, smelled his ear and then left. The friend in the tree climbed down and asked the other friend what the bear had told him. He replies, "The bear simply advised against believing a false friend."



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## Will do anything to remove Trinamool in Bengal in 2026: Chakraborty

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**Kolkata :** Actor and BJP leader Mithun Chakraborty on Sunday said the party would do anything to dethrone West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Trinamool Congress in the 2026 Assembly polls and ensure that the 'masnad' (throne) will be of the saffron party. The Trinamool Congress mocked the BJP, saying it did not take the veteran actor seriously.

"A Trinamool Congress leader (Humayun Kabir) said he would cut and throw BJP supporters in river Bhagirathi. I thought the Chief Minister would take action against him, but she didn't," Chakraborty said, at an event in Kolkata where the BJP initiated a membership drive.

"I am saying, if needed, we will cut them and throw them in the graves, not in Bhagirathi. This is not Mithun the actor, but Mithun of 1968," the 74-year-old actor-politician added.

Earlier, Chakraborty, who received India's highest film honour, Dadasaheb Phalke Award, this year, was felicitated by Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the inauguration of a BJP membership drive in Kolkata.

After the felicitation, the actor-politician called upon the BJP functionaries to ensure



one crore membership in the campaign that will last till November 30. He said that he will join the party's membership campaign in the state in November.

Chakraborty said he was pained at the Lok Sabha results in the state, which saw the BJP coming down from 18 in 2019 to 12 out of 42 seats in this year's general election.

He asserted that he had campaigned for the party for 37 days in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and cautioned that no one should try to browbeat BJP's voters into not casting their votes in the 2026 Assembly polls.

Trinamool Congress's general secretary

Jay Prakash Majumdar hit back at Chakraborty, asserting that the BJP did not take him seriously and accused him of stoking violence with his remarks.

No one takes him seriously as a political leader and his dialogues. The leader whose comments he spoke about was censored. In the presence of Amit Shah, he is talking about violence. Can he be censored?"

Majumdar took on Amit Shah for his statement on the BJP forming a government in West Bengal after the 2026 Assembly polls.

"This is a pathetic statement by Amit Shah. He said the same thing in 2016, 2019 and 2021. He is saying the same thing again. The BJP is not learning from its history," he said.

He asserted that the BJP will lose bypolls in all six Assembly seats that will be held on November 13. Polling will be held in Sitai, Madarihata, Naihata, Haroa, Medinipur and Taldangra.

Citing Amit Shah's statement that a BJP government was needed to ensure Durga Puja festival was held peacefully in West Bengal, Majumdar said his remarks had no relevance.

## PM Modi, Spanish counterpart launch Tata-Airbus aircraft plant

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Vadodara :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez today jointly inaugurated an aircraft manufacturing facility in Gujarat's Vadodara, which will collaborate with Spain's Airbus to develop fighter aircraft.

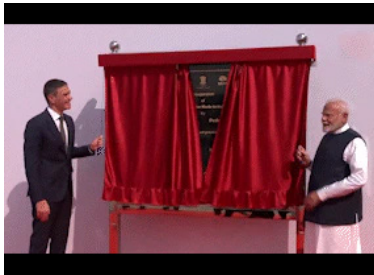
The Tata aircraft complex, slated to manufacture 40 C-295 aircraft beginning in 2026, will be producing India's first privately built military aircraft.

Addressing the event, PM Modi said that the aircraft manufacturing facility will enhance defence capabilities and strengthen relations between India and Spain. He said, "From today, we are giving a new direction to India and Spain's partnership. We are inaugurating the production factory of C-295 aircraft. This factory will strengthen India-Spain relations..."

"It will also strengthen our 'Make in India, Make for the World' mission. This ecosystem will help make the first civil aircraft in the country," PM Modi added.

Sanchez remarked, in addition to contributing to modernising India's defence capabilities, the facility will also drive technological development.

He said, "This aircraft is a symbol of the Spanish and European



aeronautical industry. In addition to contributing to modernising India's defence capabilities, it will also drive technological development, particularly for the state of Gujarat, India's leading manufacturing hub. Thousands of direct and indirect jobs will be created here and a new generation of highly qualified engineers and technicians will be trained".

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A total of 56 aircraft are to be developed under the Tata-Airbus C-295 program. Of these, 16 are being delivered directly by Airbus from Spain, while the remaining 40 are to be made in India. The Tata Aircraft Complex is responsible for manufacturing these 40 aircraft in India. This facility will be the first private sector Final Assembly Line (FAL) for military aircraft in India.

## BJP MP Tejasvi Surya Completes Ironman Challenge

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi:** BJP MP Tejasvi Surya completed the Ironman 70.3 challenge today. The triathlon challenge that was held in Goa comprised 1.9 km of swimming, 90 km of cycling, and 21.1 km of running with the participants travelling up to 113 kilometres (or 70.3 miles) during the whole event. With the feat, the 33-year-old became the first parliamentarian to participate in the event.

The Bengaluru South MP credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Fit India' movement as the inspiration that led him to take up the challenge. The achievement drew praise from PM Modi himself who wrote on X, "Commendable feat! I am sure this will inspire many more youngsters to pursue fitness-related activities".

Mr Surya said he trained rigorously over the last four months to improve his fitness.

As a young nation chasing big



and perpetual planners to hop onto this journey and make progress," he added.

In 2022, Tejasvi Surya participated in the Ironman 70.3 Goa as part of a relay team, completing the 90 km cycling segment

The premier event for athletes and fitness enthusiasts has attracted athletes from more than 50 countries. This year's race also featured over 120 competitors from Central and State Government services, with women making up 12-15 per cent of the athlete base. Remarkably, over 60 per cent of this year's participants are first-time competitors, underscoring the event's significant role in expanding the triathlon community in India.

ambitions, we must nurture our physical fitness and become a more healthier nation. An endeavour to become fit also makes you more disciplined and confident, which improves chances of your success in any venture that you undertake," he posted on X.

As a finisher in this daunting challenge, I can attest to the young folks that fitness goals really push your boundaries, and make you a better individual. I appeal all fence sitters

## Delhi air pollution persists in 'Very Poor' category, thick smog engulfs

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Certain areas of the national capital witnessed a layer of smog engulfing the area as the air quality remained in the 'Very Poor' category today. Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) was recorded at 328, according to System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting And Research (SAFAR). This is only slightly better than average AQI recorded at 356. According to Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the AQI at Anand Vihar area was recorded at 357 at 7 AM, in the 'very poor' category, dropping down from 405, from the 'severe' category recorded on Sunday. AQI around the Akshardham temple was recorded at 357, being worse than yesterday's AQI of 261 at 7 am. SAFAR has predicted that despite the ban on firecrackers till January 1 in Delhi, the additional emissions from the use of firecrackers and stubble burning, air quality in the capital is likely to remain in the 'Very Poor' category for the coming week. "The meteorological conditions are unfavourable for effective dispersion of pollutants," read a notice by SAFAR.



One of the students in Delhi, Vansh Aggarwal urged the government to use "new techniques and innovation" to control the pollution in the capital city. "There are many reasons for the increase in pollution including vehicle and industrial pollution. Even though it is said that it is increasing due to Diwali, but there are a lot of reasons for it, it would be wrong to attribute it to just Diwali. There should be a proper system to tackle the issue of pollution. There are a lot of engineering colleges here, some way we should use new techniques and

innovation, the government should control it and take some steps instead of politicising it," he told.

Notably, the floating toxic foam on the Yamuna River in the Kalindi Kunj area persisted, as the water pollution remained high. The pollution in the river has become a widely debated between the ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva was hospitalised on Saturday morning after taking a dip in the Yamuna river to protest against

the "corruption" of the Delhi government, which he said deprived the city of the funds meant for the cleaning of the river. Delhi environment minister and AAP leader Gopal Rai criticised the BJP earlier, accusing it of contributing to the increasing pollution in the national capital. "The BJP is the party that creates pollution and seems to believe that only drama can solve it. I think all governments and parties need to work together. I wish them good health, but stopping these theatrics alone won't reduce pollution.

## Deadline for corporate taxpayers ITR filing extended

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has extended the deadline for corporate taxpayers to file income tax returns for the Assessment Year (AY) 2024-25. Originally set for October 31, the deadline is now November 15, 2024, as announced by the Ministry of Finance.

The extension applies to taxpayers covered under sub-Section (1) of Section 139 of the Income-tax Act, 1961. This follows a recent extension of the tax audit report submission deadline, moved from September 30 to October 7, 2024.

Under income tax law, certain taxpayers are required to conduct an income tax audit, with the report



traditionally due by September 30 of the assessment year.

However, Nangia Andersen LLP Tax Partner Sandeep Jhunjunwala told news agency PTI that the extended filing date does not affect the Tax Audit Report, transfer pricing certification in Form 3CEB, or other tax forms like Form 10DA, which remain due by

October 31, 2024.

Rajat Mohan, Senior Partner at AMRG & Associates, highlighted that the CBDT's decision to extend the filing deadline, while not officially explained, aligns with the upcoming festive season.

By extending the deadline to November 15, 2024, taxpayers and professionals alike can prioritise accuracy and compliance without the stress of last-minute filings amidst celebrations," said. Jhunjunwala added, "This targeted extension seeks to facilitate compliance during a peak period while upholding the timely submission of critical audit documentation."

## Prime Accused in Assam Trading Scam Arrested

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Goa :** The prime accused in the online trading scam case, Deepankar Barman, was arrested by the Assam Police from Goa, DGP GP Singh said. The arrest came after an intense cross-country search for two months.

The multi-crore online trading scam in the state came to light in August when investors, who had put in huge amounts of money in 29-year-old Barman's company, complained that they were not paid due returns. They also complained that Deepankar Barman's office had been closed.

Guwahati's Police Commissioner Diganta Barah said a team led by ACP Amit Mahato made the arrest.

"Finally, Dipankar Burman arrested at Goa.

The accused will likely be produced before a court in Goa today and brought to Guwahati on transit remand, said another police officer.

While over 65 people, including those allegedly running similar scams, were arrested, Barman was at large.

Barman's parents, Chabin Barman and Deepali Talukdar, along with Mukesh Agarwal, a chartered accountant and



financial planner for the consultancy, were arrested by police last month.

Assamese actor Sumi Borah and her photographer husband Tarkik Borah were among those arrested in the scam.

The state government had handed over the investigation in 41 cases registered in connection with the scam to the CBI.

Several firms, promoted mostly by men and women in their 20s, allegedly raised hundreds of crores of rupees from people across the state with the promise that they would get huge returns by investing in the stock markets.

As these firms failed to repay their investors, the scam came to light.

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## Third-Party Candidates Contesting US Elections

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**Washington** : A scion of the famed Kennedy family. A Green Party activist. A self-proclaimed "armed and gay" libertarian.

The US presidential election is toss-up between Democrat Kamala Harris and Republican Donald Trump.

However, the two-party system still left room this year for three fringe players who could yet influence an ultra-tight election on November 5.

Leftists Jill Stein, Cornel West  
Jill Stein, 74, ran for president as the Green Party candidate in 2012 and then in 2016, winning just 0.4 percent and one percent respectively.

This time, the Chicago-born physician and environmental activist will be on the ballot in nearly 40 states, presenting a headache for the Democrats as she could peel off a crucial handful of votes from Harris in contests where she is neck and neck against Trump.

Last week, the Democratic National Committee released a television ad against Stein in the battleground states of Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin,



which says that "a vote for Stein is really a vote for Trump."

Stein has sought to distance herself from President Joe Biden's administration and vowed to stop supporting what she called Israel's "genocide" in Gaza.

She has advocated for raising taxes for the richest Americans, canceling student debt and reducing defense spending.

Cornel West, another candidate from the green camp, chose to run independently of the Green Party.

The 71-year-old academic and anti-racism activist who calls Biden a "war criminal" and describes Trump as a "neofascist" will

be on the ballot in nearly a dozen states. He too will siphon a tiny, but potentially painful number of votes from Harris.

Chase Oliver, Libertarian

The Libertarian Party received a little over one percent of the vote in 2020 and this year will be on the ballot in almost all 50 states, also acting as a potential spoiler.

The new face of the party, which advocates for free trade and limited government, is Chase Oliver, a 39-year-old former Democrat, who ran for a Senate seat from Georgia in 2022.

Unknown at the time, the science fiction fan who describes himself as "armed and gay" got around two percent of the vote, forcing a runoff between the incumbent Democrat and his Republican challenger.

Oliver favors pro-gun, fiscally conservative policies, but also supports abortion rights, the legalization of cannabis and is against the death penalty. Oliver who will be on the ballot in three battleground states.

## Immigration, Abortion among 5 Issues at Stake

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Washington** : Tax breaks for families with children? Supporting Ukraine? Drilling for oil?

From taxes, to immigration, to abortion -- here are the five key issues which are at stake as Donald Trump and Kamala Harris enter a final sprint in the race for the White House.

Trump, who cut taxes for businesses and the wealthy during his 2017-2021 presidency, plans to impose tariffs of more than 10 percent on all US imports, which he says will enable him to lower taxes for Americans.

The Republican has also vowed to make the United States the "crypto capital of the planet," and launched his own cryptocurrency platform with his sons in September.

Democrat Harris, meanwhile, is appealing to the middle class with her promise to create an "opportunity economy," while pitching moderate tax hikes for the richest people.

The 60-year-old has also promoted child tax credits, support for first-



time homebuyers, and help for small businesses.

Immigration

Trump has taken a hard-line approach on immigration, saying that he will order mass deportations of millions of undocumented migrants if reelected.

The former president, who in 2016 promised to build a wall along the US-Mexico border, has accused immigrants of "poisoning the blood of our country."

For her part, Harris has pledged a tough stance and warned of "consequences" for people who enter the country illegally. She has supported President Joe Biden's

plan to tighten up immigration policy, notably by investing in physical barriers on the border.

Abortion

Reproductive rights are a big issue for some US voters after the federal right to abortion was removed in 2022 with the overturning of Roe v Wade, resulting in total abortion bans in some states.

Trump has often boasted of his role in appointing the Supreme Court justices who scrapped the 1973 decision, and has further hinted that he may restrict access to drugs used in medical abortions if reelected.

The 78-year-old, who was found liable last year for sexually assaulting writer E. Jean Carroll, has nonetheless promised to be "great for women."

Harris wants to pass a federal law to reinstate nationwide abortion rights, making the issue a key part of her presidential campaign.

On November 5, voters in 10 states will decide whether to adopt constitutional amendments that could shape the future of abortion access in their states.

## Zionist regime made a mistake, Khamenei's X account suspended

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Iranian** : Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei's Hebrew language account on the social media platform X was suspended a day after it was opened amid the escalating tensions between Israel and Iran.

The account was suspended hours after he threatened to retaliate for the recent Israeli strike on Iran, saying, "The Zionist regime made a mistake. It erred in its calculations on Iran. We will cause it to understand what kind of strength, ability, initiative, and will the Iranian nation has".

Khamenei opened the account to post in Hebrew, a language spoken in Israel, after Israel launched air strikes on military targets in Iran. The @Khamenei Heb account currently shows it has been suspended for violating X's rules.

Khamenei's main account on X, where he primarily posts in English and often in Hebrew, is live on the platform. He also has a separate account for posts in Arabic. Additionally, another twitter



handle 'Khamenei Media' also posts his words, which are often retweeted by his main account.

Israel conducted airstrikes targeting military sites in Tehran and surrounding areas, resulting in the deaths of four Iranian soldiers. This action was a response to Iran's recent barrage of rockets fired into Israel earlier this month. Initially, Iranian authorities attempted to play down the incident, claiming

the damage was limited. However, on Sunday, Khamenei asserted that the attack should not be downplayed. He said that Iranian officials should determine how best to demonstrate Iran's power to Israel.

"The evil committed by the Zionist regime (Israel) two nights ago should neither be downplayed nor exaggerated", Iranian media quoted Khamenei as saying.

He also tweeted, "Zionists are making a miscalculation with respect to Iran. They don't know Iran. They still haven't been able to correctly understand the power, initiative, and determination of the Iranian people. We need to make them understand these things".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, meanwhile, said Israel's airstrikes "hit hard" Iran's defences and missile production.

## Palestinian killed by Israeli gunfire after alleged ramming attempt

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ramallah** : A Palestinian was killed by Israeli gunfire after allegedly attempting a ramming attack on soldiers near a military checkpoint north of Jerusalem.

The Jerusalem Governorate of the Palestinian Authority said in a press statement that Sami Al-Amoudi, a young man residing in the Shu'fat refugee camp on the outskirts of Jerusalem, was killed as Israeli soldiers opened fire on him.

Earlier Israeli police announced that a vehicle driven by a Palestinian attempted to ram soldiers near the Palestinian village of Hizma, prompting soldiers to open fire on the attacker, news agency reported.

In a statement, police said that the attack caused no injuries and the "terrorist was immediately neutralised".

Following the incident, roads in the



area were closed, and a large number of soldiers and police were sent to the scene.

Nearly 33 people were physically injured -- six seriously -- when a truck rammed a bus near a military base in central Israel on Sunday, according to

Israel's Magen David Adom emergency services.

When paramedics first reached the scene, they said eight people were trapped underneath the truck that rammed into them.

The emergency services were able to rescue seven people from underneath the truck with the help of civilians, they said and rescued the final person with the help of the fire brigade.

## Thousands of kindergartens closed as birth rate declines sharply



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Beijing** : Thousands of kindergartens across China have closed as enrollment rates dropped sharply, driven by a significant decline in birth rates.

According to the Chinese Ministry of Education's annual report, the number of kindergartens in China decreased by 14,808 in 2023, bringing the total to 274,400. This marks the second consecutive year of decline, underscoring China's falling birth rates.

Kindergarten enrollment also fell for the third year in a row, dropping by 11.55 percent, or 5.35 million children, to a total of 40.9 million, the Hong Kong-based sources reported citing the ministry's report. Primary schools have experienced a similar trend, with numbers dropping by 5,645 to 143,500—a 3.8 percent decline in 2023. These decreases reflect broader demographic shifts in China, where declining birth rates and a shrinking population could pose risks to future economic growth.

China's population decreased for the second consecutive year in 2023, falling by over two million to 1.4 billion. The country recorded just nine million births, its lowest number since record-keeping began in 1949. India recently overtook China as the world's most populous country.

China now faces a dual crisis: not only are birth and fertility rates declining, but the elderly population

is also rising rapidly. By the end of 2023, nearly 300 million people were aged 60 and above, a number projected to surpass 400 million by 2035 and reach 500 million by 2050, A growing number of kindergartens

have been repurposed as care centers for senior citizens. The surge in the elderly population, largely influenced by the now-defunct one-child policy, has led to increased reliance on social security, adding pressure to government finances amid a slowing economy.

Officials attribute China's demographic crisis to the decades-old one-child policy, which ended in 2016. In 2021, the government revised the policy again, allowing up to three children per family to address couples' reluctance to have more children due to high costs.

In response to rising pension and elderly care expenses, China raised the retirement age last month, increasing it from 60 to 63 for men and from 55 to 58 for female office workers.

According to National Health Commission data from 2021, over 30 percent of families with infants and toddlers need childcare services, but only 5.5 percent have access to nurseries or pre-kindergartens.

In the face of a shrinking and aging population, China is aiming to simplify marriage procedures while making divorce more challenging.

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## Indian real estate developers secure Rs 12,801 crore



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**Mumbai** : Real estate developers in India raised Rs 12,801 crore via qualified institutional placements (QIPs) in the first nine months this year, which is over 17 per cent of the total QIP issuance across sectors at Rs 75,923 crore, a report showed today.

After renewable energy, real estate came in second highest among sectors to raise funds through QIP so far this year.

"This strong QIP activity highlights the sector's crucial role in India's broader capital markets - and the institutional investors' growing confidence in Indian real estate," said Anuj Puri, Chairman, Anarock Group. According to the report, enhanced transparency, a robust post-pandemic residential real estate recovery, and strong investor confidence are factors driving a surge in activity, thereby positioning the sector for continued growth.

The QIP route allows publicly-traded companies to raise capital by offering equities or securities convertible into equity to pre-approved institutional buyers. This fundraising approach lets companies skip the more conventional initial public offering (IPO) route and quickly raise substantial funds.

Robust housing sales growth after the pandemic has prompted leading developers to unleash relevant inventory across markets.

As per report, over 13.62 lakh units have been launched across the top seven cities between 2021 till this year (January-September).

Concurrently, housing sales in these cities have soared to nearly 14.36 lakh units in this period. Effervescent sales led to an over 10 per cent decline in unsold housing inventory in this period, despite the high rate of supply addition.

To fund their aggressive expansion, these developers are turning to IPOs and the QIP route. Their success in these capitalisation efforts underscore the sector's continued ability to attract both retail and institutional investors. We expect investor participation to grow manifold in the coming years," said Puri.

Simultaneously, the strong post-pandemic homebuyers demand has also prompted developers to raise funds via IPOs to fund new project launches across geographies. Since 2021, six developers have collectively raised Rs 5,275 crore through mainstream IPOs.

## Maturity in system to not discuss cases: CJ

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**New Delhi** : Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, who is set to retire on November 10, addressed the controversy surrounding Prime Minister Narendra Modi's presence at his residence for the Ganesh puja festivities in September.

He emphasised that such meetings are routine and focused on discussing infrastructure issues related to the judiciary, rather than judicial decisions.

Following the Prime Minister's visit to Chandrachud's home during the festival, the Opposition raised questions regarding the appropriateness of the meeting.

Chief Justice Chandrachud said, "There is enough maturity among judges of constitutional courts and the heads of the executive to firmly keep aside judicial matters out of the purview of any discussion."

The Chief Justice said that when the judiciary and executive engage, it creates



an impression that deals are being "cracked".

He, however, said that such meetings are essential and only a part of robust dialogue between different arms of government.

People think there are deals being made, but that is not the case. This is part of the robust dialogue between different arms of the government. The work of all three arms is dedicated to the betterment of the nation."

He further clarified, "We know our duties in the democratic system of governance, and the political executive know theirs. No judge, least of them the Chief Justice of India or Chief Justices, can even remotely invite any threat, actual or perceived, to the independence of the

judiciary." Speaking at the Loksatta lecture series, Chandrachud noted that in various states, it is customary for Chief Justices to meet with Chief Ministers. "You never meet for a judicial discussion and the maturity of our political system lies in the fact that there is a great deal of deference to the judiciary, even in the political class," he added.

## Tirupati Iskon temple gets bomb threat

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**Hyderabad** : The Iskon temple in Andhra Pradesh's Tirupati district received a bomb threat, following which the security of the temple was increased.

According to the police, the staff of the Iskon temple received an email on October 27, claiming "Pakistan's ISI-related terrorists would blow up the temple".

Upon receiving an alert about the threat email, teams of Bomb Disposal Squad (BDS) and dog squad reached the spot and a search operation was launched at the temple. However, no explosives or any other objectionable items were recovered from the temple premises.

A probe has been launched by the police after the bomb threat to the temple.



Earlier on October 26, two prominent hotels in Tirupati also received bomb threats, which were later confirmed as hoax threats by the police after a thorough search by BDS and sniffer dogs.

The threat mentioned the alleged drug

trafficking network kingpin Jaffer Sadiq, who was arrested in Tamil Nadu by the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Enforcement Directorate.

The mail, which appeared vague, claimed that Tamil Nadu's top cop "paired with PAK ISI" to carry out blasts to "divert attention from Kiruthiga Udhayanidhi", wife of Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister

Udhayanidhi Stalin.

Prior to this, three other hotels in Tirupati received bomb threats, which were also declared as hoax threats by the security forces following a thorough searches.

## No platform tickets' sale in Delhi stations till November 6

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**New Delhi** : There will be no sale of platform tickets at New Delhi, Old Delhi, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Anand Vihar and Delhi Sarai Rohilla railway stations till November 6 in anticipation of a heavy rush of travellers returning to their homes for Diwali and Chhath Puja, Northern Railways has said.

The move comes as 10 people were injured in a stampede at Mumbai's Bandra Terminus railway station on Sunday after hundreds were trying to board a Gorakhpur-bound unreserved train to travel to their native places for the upcoming festive season.

Platform tickets will also not be available at Ghaziabad Junction railway station till November 6. However, persons coming to the stations just to assist the aged, illiterate and women passengers, who are not in a position to fend for themselves, have been exempted from this restriction, Northern Railways said.



Northern Railways has announced the implementation of special crowd management and control measures at New Delhi and Anand Vihar railway stations till November 7 in view of the upcoming festive season.

"In anticipation of high passenger volumes during the upcoming Diwali and Chhath festivals, the Delhi Division of Northern Railway has implemented special crowd management and control measures at New Delhi Railway Station and Anand Vihar till November 7," Northern Railways said in a press release.

A designated holding area has been set up at New Delhi station (Ajmeri Gate side) and Anand Vihar station circulating area, equipped with additional ticket counters, Automatic Ticket Vending Machines, enquiry counters, 'May I Help You' desk, catering services, drinking water and mobile toilets to enhance passenger convenience.

The Delhi Rail Division has temporarily closed direct entry from the Delhi metro skywalk to the foot overbridge linking both the stations during the period.

Besides, some trains such as Bihar Sampark Kranti (12566), Sampoorna Kranti (12394), Vaishali Express (12554) and Purshottam Express (12802) have been temporarily reassigned to specific platforms for better crowd control. Northern Railways urged passengers to arrive at least an hour before their train's scheduled departure to avoid last-minute congestion and ensure a smooth boarding process.

## 3 terrorists killed after attack on Army vehicle in J&K's Akhnoor, gunfight on

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**Jammu** : At least three terrorists were killed in a gunfight after they opened fire on an Army vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Akhnoor sector today sources said. Security forces also seized arms and ammunition from the area, and the encounter was ongoing.

Official confirmation of the incident is awaited.

At around 7 am in the Batal area, three terrorists opened multiple rounds of fire at the Army vehicle. The security forces promptly cordoned off the area and launched a manhunt, according to sources.

The incident took place as security forces in Jammu and Kashmir had implemented elaborate security measures in the Jammu region in preparation for the Diwali festival season.



However, in a concerning development, at least 12 people, including two soldiers, have been killed in multiple gunfights across Jammu and Kashmir, especially in the valley, over the past week.

On October 24, terrorists ambushed an Army vehicle near Gulmarg in Baramulla, killing two soldiers and two porters, while earlier that day, a teenager from Uttar Pradesh was injured in a separate attack in Tral, marking the third assault on

migrant workers in Kashmir within a week.

On October 20, terrorists killed seven people, including a doctor and six migrant workers, at a construction site in Sonamarg, Ganderbal district. Another migrant worker from Bihar was attacked two days before this incident. In vire of these repeated terrorist attacks, a high-level meeting was held at Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor's house on October 24.

According to an official, an investigation into the attack in Ganderbal district has indicated significant gaps in intelligence and undetected infiltration since last one year along the Line of Control (LoC).



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