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Deputy Commissioner Reschedules Nodal Officer Responsibilities to Combat Stubble Burning



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Mohali : In a bid to intensify efforts against stubble burning, Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Aashika Jain has revised the responsibilities of Nodal Officer Incharges for various sub-divisions during the leave period of ADC (G) Viraj S. Tidke. Under the new duty order, Sonam Chaudhary, ADC (D), will oversee the Kharar Sub Division; MC Commissioner T. Benith and Joint Commissioner Deepankar Garg will manage the Derabassi Sub Division; and SDM Damandeep Kaur will be in charge of the Mohali Sub Division. Deputy Commissioner Jain

emphasized that these Nodal Officers are tasked with enforcing the provisions set by the National Green Tribunal and taking necessary actions against violators. They are also responsible for educating farmers about the dangers associated with stubble burning. All officers and departments involved in stubble burning prevention have been instructed to fully cooperate with the newly appointed Nodal Officer In-charges to ensure effective monitoring and action against this environmental issue.

3 Terrorists Who Attacked Army Vehicle In J&K's Akhnoor Gunned Down



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Srinagar : Security forces gunned down three terrorists responsible for attacking an Army vehicle in Jammu and Kashmir's Akhnoor sector yesterday. The operation spanned 27 hours and concluded early today morning. The encounter began when the terrorists fired at an ambulance that was part of an Army convoy near the Line of Control (LoC). By evening, one attacker was neutralised, while two others were eliminated on Tuesday during a final assault near the Assan temple in Jogwan village. Following a night of relative quiet, the joint teams of the Army and police initiated a renewed push at around 7 am, resulting in intense gunfire and

two subsequent fatalities within two hours. The operation involved the use of BMP-II infantry combat vehicles, special forces, and National Security Guard (NSG) commandos, alongside aerial support from helicopters and drones. After a night-long lull, the security forces pushed for a final assault against the holed-up terrorists at around 7 am, leading to a fresh gunfight," an official said. A notable casualty was Phantom, a four-year-old Belgian Malinois service dog, who died after sustaining injuries while drawing enemy fire during the operation.

Lord Ram At His Ayodhya Temple After 500 Years': PM Modi Terms This Diwali 'Special'

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ayodhya : Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said this year's Diwali is special as Lord Ram is seated in his grand temple, the newly built Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Mandir in Ayodhya. Speaking via video conferencing after distributing appointment letters under the Rozgar Mela, the Prime Minister also extended Dhanteras wishes to the country.

I extend my heartfelt greetings to all the citizens on Dhanteras. In just two days, we will also celebrate Diwali, and this year's Diwali is particularly special. After 500 years, Lord Ram is seated in his grand temple in Ayodhya, and this will be the first Diwali celebrated with him in his magnificent temple," PM Modi said.

We are all very fortunate to witness such a special and grand Diwali. Today, on this auspicious day, we are distributing appointment letters to 51,000 youths during the Rozgar Mela. I congratulate you all," the Prime Minister said.

The process of providing permanent government jobs to lakhs of youth of the country under the government of India is continuing. Appointment letters have been given to lakhs of



youth even in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and National Democratic Alliance (NDA)-ruled states," he said, also congratulating those who received appointment letters in the Haryana government.

The sale of Khadi has increased by 400 per cent compared to the UPA government. This clearly indicates that the Khadi industry is growing, benefiting artisans, weavers, and traders alike. This growth is beneficial not only for the Khadi industry but also for various sections of society. It leads to increased employment opportunities and boosts economic development," the Prime Minister said.

Preparations for the eighth edition of Deepotsav in Ayodhya are in their final stages with plans afoot to illuminate the city with 25 lakh earthen lamps on October 30.

Nagpur Cops Arrest Man Behind Hoax Bomb Threats To Airlines, Hotels

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

The Nagpur Police arrested a 35-year-old man from Maharashtra's Gondia, who was allegedly behind the spate of hoax bomb threats that triggered panic, caused flight delays, and led to increased security at airports and other establishments, said sources familiar with the matter today.

The Nagpur Police Special Branch identified the suspect as Jagdish Uikey, who is not only an author of a book on terrorism but also holds an arrest record in a 2021 case, said officials. They added that he was identified after the hoax emails were traced back to him.

The investigation, led by Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shweta Khedkar uncovered detailed information linking Uikey to the emails. Uikey sent emails to various government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), Railway Minister, Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, airline offices, the Director General of Police (DGP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF), an official said.

The Nagpur police stepped up security

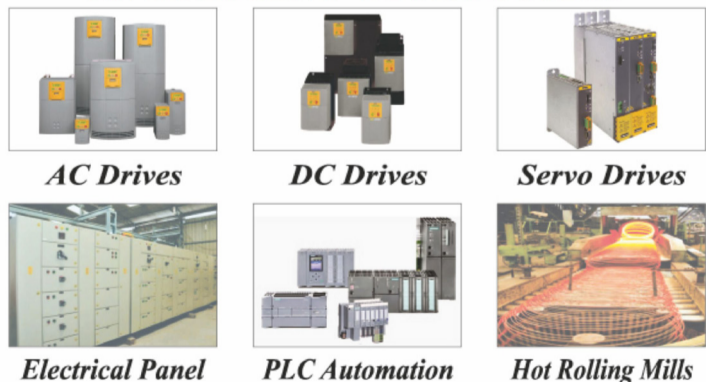


outside Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Devendra Fadnavis's residence in the city after Uikey sent an email threatening to protest unless given a chance to present his information on the secret terror code he claimed to have deciphered.

He also requested a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss his knowledge of terror threats. Bringing turbulence to India's aviation industry, more than 300 flights operated by the Indian carriers received hoax bomb threats in 13 days till October 26, with most of them being issued through social media platforms.

On October 22 alone, around 50 flights, including 13 each of IndiGo and Air India received bomb threats, prompting the airline authorities to conduct thorough security checks at airports.

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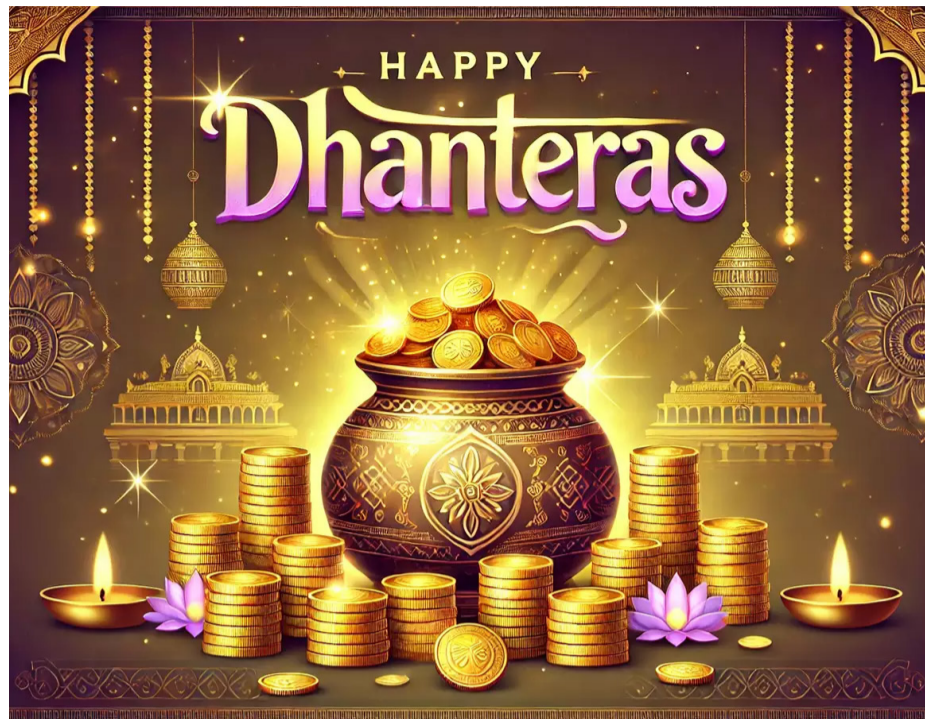
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Dhanteras: The Auspicious Start to Diwali Celebrations

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Dhanteras, celebrated on the first day of the five-day Diwali festival, marks the beginning of this vibrant celebration in most parts of India. In 2024, Dhanteras is being observed today, October 29, setting the stage for a season filled with joy, prosperity, and togetherness. Significance of Dhanteras, derived from the words "Dhan" meaning wealth and "Teras" meaning thirteenth, falls on the thirteenth day of the dark fortnight (Krishna Paksha) in the Hindu month of Kartik. This day holds immense significance, particularly for the Hindu community, as it is dedicated to Lord Dhanvantari, the God of Ayurveda and health, who is believed to have emerged from the ocean of milk (Samudra Manthan) on this day, bringing with him the nectar of immortality (amrit). Dhanteras is also regarded as a day to worship Goddess Lakshmi, the deity of wealth and prosperity. Devotees pray for health, wealth, and well-being, making it a time



for renewal of hopes and aspirations. Traditions and Rituals On Dhanteras, it is customary to clean and decorate homes, symbolizing the welcoming of prosperity and good fortune. People adorn their homes with colorful rangolis (artistic designs made with colored powders) and light oil lamps (diyas) to invite positive energy. One of the most popular

traditions on Dhanteras is the purchase of new items, especially metal objects. Many people buy gold, silver, or brass utensils, coins, or jewelry as a sign of good luck. This tradition stems from the belief that new acquisitions will bring prosperity and ward off negative energies. In the evening, families gather for prayers, offering sweets and fruits to Lord Dhanvantari and Goddess Lakshmi. Special rituals, known as "Lakshmi Puja," are conducted to invoke blessings for wealth and

health. Celebrations Across India The celebrations of Dhanteras vary across different regions of India. In some states, the day is marked with vibrant fairs and markets, where artisans showcase their crafts. In urban areas, the buzz of shopping for gold and silver jewelry creates an electrifying atmosphere. While Dhanteras primarily emphasizes material wealth, it also underscores the importance of health and well-being, reminding people that true prosperity encompasses both. Looking Ahead to Diwali As Dhanteras sets the tone for the Diwali festivities, families begin preparations for the upcoming celebrations, which include Naraka Chaturdashi (Choti Diwali), the main Diwali day, Govardhan Puja, and Bhai Dooj. Each day carries its own significance and rituals, culminating in a grand celebration of lights,

joy, and togetherness. In 2024, as families come together to celebrate Dhanteras, they reflect on the past year while looking forward to new beginnings filled with hope and prosperity. The festival serves as a reminder to cherish relationships, spread happiness, and cultivate gratitude for the blessings in life. Conclusion Dhanteras is more than just the beginning of Diwali; it is a celebration of life, health, and wealth. As people light lamps and fill their homes with joy, they also embrace the spirit of giving and sharing, making it a truly auspicious start to one of India's most beloved festivals.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

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30th Oct

Born on 30th Oct : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality. They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime. This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been. The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

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 Aries <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Health will be perfect despite a hectic day. Together with your spouse, you can make them annoyed unnecessarily. One-sided infatuation will prove disastrous today. Your hard work and dedication will speak for yourself and win you confidence.</p>	 Taurus <p>Oct 30th 2024 : You need to sit back and relax today- and get involved in hobbies and things that you enjoy doing the most. confidence regarding your new projects and plans. Your boyfriend or girlfriend may remain angry today because of their familial conditions.</p>	 Gemini <p>Oct 30th 2024 : void overeating and visit a health club regularly to stay fit. Someone with big plans and ideas will catch your attention- Verify the credibility and authenticity of the person before making any investments. Quarrel with wife could lead to mental tension.</p>
 Cancer <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Your personality will act like a perfume today. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. You will make favorable changes in your home environment. Handle things properly as mood of your spouse does not sound very good.</p>	 Leo <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Too much worry may disturb mental peace. Avoid this as every bit of anxiety fretfulness and worry affects body adversely. Profits in business can bring joy to the faces of many traders and businessmen today. Some people could get on your nerves simply ignore them.</p>	 Virgo <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Do not waste your time in criticizing others as it may affect your health. A long-awaited message from a distant relative will convey good news for the entire family and especially for you. Be original in your appearance romance with your better half.</p>
 Libra <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Not a very good day for expectant mothers. You need to be more careful while walking. Money gains will not be to your expectations. You will have limited patience today-but take care as harsh or imbalance words might upset people around you.</p>	 Scorpio <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Domestic worries may make you anxious. Investment made today will enhance your prosperity and financial security. Give proper time to your family. Let them feel that you care for them. Spend your quality time with them. Don't give any chance to complain.</p>	 Sagittarius <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Today you will be full of energy-Whatever you do- you will be able to do it in half the time you generally take. Don't overspend too much in order re planning to have a party then invite your best friends- There will be lot of people who will be cheering you up. Romance</p>
 Capricorn <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Suffering from a body pains is high on the card. Try to avoid any physical exertion that would put more stress on your bodynew investment opportunities that come your way today-but commit yourself only after you have studied the viability of these projects.</p>	 Aquarius <p>Oct 30th 2024 : You will find people around you highly demanding-Don't promise more than you can deliver- and don't stress yourself to exhaustion just to please others. Unexpected bills will increase financial burden. supporting you in the difficult situations today.</p>	 Pisces <p>Oct 30th 2024 : Smile as it is best antidote for all your problems. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. Unexpected guests crowd your place in the evening. Show your love by placing flower at your window.</p>

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Farewell Party Held for DGM Davinder Singh Kanth at Punjab Mandi Board

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Mohali : A farewell party was organised at the Punjab Mandi Board's headquarters for Deputy General Manager (Marketing) Mr. Davinder Singh Kanth, who is retiring after an esteemed career. The event was attended by Punjab Mandi Board Chairman, Mr. Harchand Singh Barsat, along with various officials.

During the gathering, Chairman HS Barsat praised Mr. Kanth for his 38 years of dedicated service across multiple positions within the Mandi Board. He noted that Mr. Kanth's extensive experience would continue to benefit the public, emphasizing the importance of such a long tenure in public service.

Wishing Mr. Kanth well for his future endeavors, Barsat expressed hope that he would continue to contribute to societal welfare and inspire others to engage in community service. In



response, Mr. Kanth thanked Chairman HS Barsat and acknowledged that his time spent at the Mandi Board would always be cherished.

The farewell event was attended by several high-ranking officials, including Mr. Ramveer, Secretary, Punjab Mandi Board, Chief Engineer

Mr. Jatinder Singh Bhangu, Chief Engineer Mr. Gurinder Singh Cheema, GM Enforcement Mr. Manjeet Singh Sandhu, DGMs Mr. Swaran Singh and Mr. Maninderjeet Singh Bedi, and other staff members, all of whom extended their best wishes to Mr. Kanth for his future.

Special Correction Program for Voter Lists Announced

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : With an aim to ensure that the voter lists are accurate and up to date, facilitating fair electoral processes in the upcoming elections, Additional District Election Officer, SAS Nagar has announced the commencement of a special correction program for voter lists based on the eligibility date of January 1, 2025, this was discussed during a meeting held today with representatives of recognized political parties in the district.

It was informed that, in accordance with the directives of the Election Commission of India, the draft voter lists have been published by the booth-level officers and election registration officers today. Copies of the draft photo voter lists and CDs of the non-photo lists have been provided to the representatives of the recognized political parties in the



district.

The special correction program will run from October 29, 2024, to November 28, 2024, during which claims and objections will be accepted. According to the instructions from the Chief Electoral Officer of Punjab, special camps will be organized at polling stations on October 9 (Saturday) and October 10 (Sunday), as well as November

23 (Saturday) and November 24 (Sunday), from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Each polling station will host these camps on both days. During these special camps, booth-level officers (BLOs) will collect claims and objections from citizens and voters using Forms 6, 7, and 8.

Representatives from various political parties, including Mr. Johan Verma from the Congress Party, Mr. Satnam Singh from the Shiromani Akali Dal, Mr. Bahadur Singh Chahal from the Aam Aadmi Party, Mr. Mohinder Singh from the Bharatiya Janata Party, and Mr. Sukhdev Singh from the Bahujan Samaj Party, attended the meeting.

Punjab's 'School of Eminence' Revolutionizes Education, Outshines Private Institutions

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The Punjab government's innovative initiative, the 'School of Eminence,' is setting new benchmarks in the education sector, significantly surpassing private schools. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the government has established 118 Schools of Eminence across 23 districts, heralding a new era in Punjab's educational landscape.

These schools are designed to provide high-quality education to every child in the state, creating an inclusive environment where children from diverse backgrounds—ranging from judges to rickshaw pullers—learn together under one roof. The remarkable facilities, including state-of-the-art classrooms, libraries, laboratories, and clean restrooms, are a testament to the Punjab government's commitment to



excellence in education.

The Schools of Eminence emphasize a holistic approach to student development, fostering creativity and instilling essential values to prepare students for the challenges of the 21st century. To ensure accessibility, the Punjab government has also arranged

free transportation for students commuting from remote areas.

This initiative has garnered widespread praise from the public, as the students of these schools are achieving significant success in various fields, further elevating Punjab's reputation in education. The transformative impact of the Schools of Eminence is reshaping

the future for countless students across the state, marking a pivotal shift towards educational excellence. As Punjab continues to rise in the educational sector, the day is not far when it will be recognized as a leader in quality education in India.

Residents Benefit Daily from CM's Yog shala in Mohali

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Punjab CM's Yoga Shala initiative is making a significant impact, with large number of residents participating in daily yoga sessions across various locations in the district. The program aims to promote health and happiness, fostering a positive change in the lives of the participants.

T. Benith, District Nodal Officer for CM's Yoga Shala and the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation Mohali, reported that attendees have expressed their satisfaction with the benefits of yoga. Participants believe that while yoga postures contribute to their physical health, they also strengthen community bonds. The sessions create a sense of camaraderie among individuals who come together in different parks.

Yoga sessions are being held at multiple venues:
Zorawar Sandhu Park in Phase 10 from 5:00 AM to 6:00 AM
Beverly Golf Avenue in Phase 11 from 6:05 AM to 7:05 AM
Sky Garden in Sector 66



from 7:20 AM to 8:20 AM
Evening sessions at Phase 11 Park No. 3 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Phase 11 Park No. 4 from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Senior Citizen Society in Sector 48C from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

These sessions aim to provide flexible time slots to accommodate everyone's schedules. Yoga instructor Sanjay Saluja noted the positive transformations among participants. For instance, Urvasi, who suffered from liver and blood pressure issues, has found relief

and lost 4 kilograms through these classes. Similarly, Surinder Saini has experienced increased flexibility after struggling with stiffness. Each session requires a minimum of 25 participants, and registration is available at the website cmdiyogsala.punjab.gov.in or through a dedicated helpline at 76694-00500. Importantly, there are no fees for participating in these yoga classes.

The district administration encourages more residents to take advantage of this initiative for a healthier lifestyle.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who CARES...?

No end to road side Encroachments in Mohali



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Illegal encroachments on roadsides, outside showrooms and at marketplaces have become a common affair in Mohali. It has been noticed that roadside encroachments are leading to regular traffic congestion.

The traffic near Phase 4 Entry and in Phase 1 moves at a snail's pace during the morning and evening rush hours, moreover several vital roads turned from residential areas into a commercial hub over the past few years.

Resident said, "The district administration had constructed footpaths for the safe movement of pedestrians, but roadside vendors have illegally encroached upon the roads as well as the footpaths and cause traffic congestion."

Residents/Commuters while talking to The Aman Sandesh Times said, ever-increasing encroachments in different localities of the city have become a permanent source of nuisance for commuters with roadside bazaars, street hawkers and push up carts, prop up almost along every main or connecting road.

Residents added, "Seeing them doing all this bravely also raises doubt of alleged involvement of some officials who could provide them shelter." The Aman Sandesh Times team found that the numbers of street vendors is multiplying, choking the busy stretches and slowing down traffic. Even National Highway on International Airport Road has not been spared, with the number of carts on its wide pavements going up every week. The encroachers range from food vendors to vegetable sellers, nurseries, and fruit, furniture shops. Road is further eaten up by illegal parking that makes traffic chaotic in many parts of the city, squeezing moving vehicles into one lane and in they are everywhere encroaching busy roads, pavements and footpaths leaving no space for pedestrians.

Most of such roadside businesses Mohali areas have been set up without permission from relevant authorities, encroaching space illegally cannot be acceptable.

But Who CARES???

PNB Mohali Circle Observes Vigilance Awareness Week



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : In alignment with the directives of the Central Vigilance Commissioner, the Circle Office of Punjab National Bank (PNB) in Phase-2, Mohali, has launched Vigilance Awareness Week from October 28 to November 2. The initiative, led by Mohali Circle Head, Sh. Pankaj Anand, aims to promote transparency and integrity in banking operations.

Kicking off the week, Sh. Pankaj Anand and staff members took an integrity pledge to combat corruption and uphold honesty in their work. To further raise awareness about corruption in the community, a walkathon was organized, with participation from around 70 staff members from various branches.

Sh. Pankaj Anand emphasized the importance of integrity in financial institutions, stating, "Our ultimate

goal should be to fulfill the financial needs of the public with complete honesty. Honesty not only drives the progress of our institution but also enhances our moral values and contributes to the upliftment of our families and society."

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Deputy Circle Head Sh. Sanjit Koundal, MCC Head Sh. Sanjay Verma, LDM Sh. MK Bhardwaj, and other senior officers.

Throughout the week, the Mohali Circle will host various activities, such as street plays, essay writing contests, and customer conferences, encouraging customers to adopt an honest lifestyle.

The observance of Vigilance Awareness Week reinforces PNB's commitment to ethical banking practices and community engagement.

Punjab Government Issues Strict Guidelines on Firecracker Sales For Festive Season



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The Punjab government has announced comprehensive regulations regarding the sale and use of firecrackers for the upcoming festive season, which includes Diwali, Gurburab, Christmas, and New Year. An official spokesperson emphasized that the use of firecrackers poses health risks, particularly for those suffering from respiratory diseases and the elderly.

In line with directives from the Supreme Court of India and the National Green Tribunal, the Punjab government is enforcing strict prohibitions and regulations under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986. This includes a statewide ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, and sale of traditional firecrackers, allowing only "green crackers" that do not contain harmful substances like barium, mercury, or arsenic. Sales are limited to licensed dealers, and fireworks

exceeding permitted decibel levels are strictly prohibited. The government has designated specific time slots for firecracker use: on Diwali (October 31, 2024), from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM; on Gurburab (November 15, 2024), from 4:00 AM to 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM; and on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, from 11:55 PM to 12:30 AM.

Additionally, the sale of firecrackers through e-commerce platforms like Flipkart and Amazon is banned. Deputy Commissioners have been tasked with launching public awareness campaigns about the dangers of firecrackers. Law enforcement agencies are also directed to ensure compliance with these regulations, allowing only approved green crackers at specified times and locations. The government urges the public to celebrate responsibly while considering the health and safety of all citizens.

Punjab Government Attracts Global Investment with Strategic Initiatives



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The Punjab government, under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is making significant strides in attracting industry and investors to the state, yielding impressive results. Through the Invest Punjab initiative, over ₹70,000 crore has been invested in the state to date, with ongoing efforts to further increase this amount.

A notable development is the encouragement of the Canadian company Nebula Group to establish a food processing plant in Punjab. The company plans to utilize approximately 10,000 hectares for the cultivation of tomatoes, lemons, and potatoes, aiming to enhance the shelf life of fresh and frozen food products using

ozone technology. To facilitate this growth, the Punjab government has implemented a pro-industry policy, including a single-window system designed to streamline processes for investors. Chief Minister Mann highlighted that these historic decisions are attracting leading companies from around the world, solidifying Punjab's position as a competitive investment destination.

The government's proactive approach and commitment to fostering a conducive business environment are set to boost economic development and create numerous job opportunities across the state.

Punjab CM Mann Dedicates Rs 41 Crore Projects

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Bathinda : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has inaugurated two significant projects worth ₹41 crore for the people of Bathinda: a newly constructed Girls School and the Balwant Gargi Auditorium. This initiative underscores the state government's commitment to holistic development and the welfare of its citizens.

Addressing a gathering at the inauguration of the Balwant Gargi Auditorium, CM Mann emphasized that the government is prioritizing health, education, and employment. He affirmed that there are ample funds available for the state's development and highlighted the administration's focus on providing a transparent and efficient governance.

The Balwant Gargi Auditorium, built at a cost of ₹30 crore, features a seminar hall, two conference rooms, and an exhibition hall, equipped with necessary facilities for public use.



Named after the renowned literary figure Padma Shri Balwant Gargi, the auditorium serves as a tribute to this eminent son of Punjab.

CM Mann noted that such modern auditoriums were previously only found abroad, but through the government's dedicated efforts, Bathinda now has this state-of-the-art facility. He expressed hope that the auditorium would host workshops and seminars, aiding in the proper

guidance and development of the youth.

Encouraging the youth, the Chief Minister remarked that they possess the innate qualities to excel in various fields, and the government is committed to providing the necessary support for their advancement. He likened the potential of students to an airplane, asserting that the state government will act as their launch pad.

Mann urged the youth to remain grounded and work hard, emphasizing that diligence is the key to success. He reassured them that there are vast opportunities for growth and prosperity in Punjab, and the government will continue its efforts to enhance the state's development and the well-being of its residents.

Punjab Police, in a joint operation with UP Police, arrest two shooters

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : In a breakthrough against organised crime, Punjab Police, in a joint operation with Uttar Pradesh Police, have apprehended two shooters from Lucknow, both wanted in separate incidents of sensational murders in Punjab, Director General of Police Gaurav Yadav said today.

The arrested man has been identified as Bikramjit, alias Vicky, who is an accused in the murder of Gurpreet Singh in TarnTaran, which took place in March. Another arrested accused, Punjab Singh, is the key person in the triple murder in Ferozepur in September. Both accused possess extensive criminal histories, with multiple serious offences registered against them and were reportedly operating under the directions of foreign-based gangsters, said Yadav.

Earlier in a breakthrough, Mumbai Police, in a joint operation with Punjab Police, apprehended Sujet Sushil Singh, a resident of Mumbai, wanted in the high-profile murder of NCP leader



and former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique.

Sujet was involved in the murder conspiracy and was informed about the plan to kill Baba Siddique three days in advance by Nitin Gautan Sapre, another accused. He also provided logistical assistance," Yadav had said. He has been handed over to Mumbai Police for further investigation.

"United in our commitment to seamless cooperation, @PunjabPoliceInd and @MumbaiPolice have successfully executed an interstate operation. This highlights our unwavering dedication to public safety and justice, strengthening

security across state boundaries," Yadav had added.

Last week, the Delhi Police's Special Cell arrested seven suspected shooters from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, who were allegedly planning an attack in Rajasthan.

The seven accused were arrested from Punjab and other states and a huge quantity of arms and ammunition have also been recovered from those nabbed, police claimed.

"It is suspected that they were planning to target someone in Rajasthan on the direction of Arzoo Bishnoi, who is a close confidant of jailed gangster Lawrence Bishnoi," a police official was quoted as saying, adding, "The accused are being further interrogated and it will also be probed if they are in any manner linked to the attack on Baba Siddique."

The NCP leader was shot dead on October 12 near his MLA son Zeeshan Siddique's office in Nirmal Nagar in Banda East.

HC raps state for misclassifying EWS reservation

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Chandigarh : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has virtually reprimanded the state of Punjab for breaching constitutional principles by categorising economically weaker section (EWS) reservations incorrectly as horizontal instead of vertical.

The admonition came as the Division Bench of Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Sudeepti Sharma quashed "category-wise merit lists" dated July 17, 2020, for the general and the EWS category for appointment to the posts of Agriculture Development Officer. The state was also directed to reframe/re-cast the merit list. The Bench clarified that EWS candidates selected on the basis of merit and not on account of reservation would not be counted towards the quota. The Bench was hearing a bunch of 12 petitions filed through senior counsel DS Patwalia and other advocates.

In its detailed judgment, the Bench labelled the deviation from constitutional mandates as a clear violation of established law, emphasising that the state



of Punjab could not issue instructions/ letters contrary to the provisions of the Constitution of India. "We are of the view that the action of the state is in violation of Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution of India," the court observed.

Referring to a letter dated October 30, 2020, issued in this regard, the Bench asserted: "It shows that the state of Punjab on its own ignored the provisions of the Constitution of India and has wrongly

considered EWS reservation as horizontal." The Bench asserted that the EWS fell within vertical reservation as outlined under Articles 15 and 16 of the Constitution, which mandate non-discrimination and equality in employment. Referring to the Supreme Court's judgment in the case of "Janhit Abhiyan versus the Union of India", the court observed it held that reservation categories for economically disadvantaged groups were required to align with constitutional frameworks. The case before the Bench involved the selection process for 141 posts of Agriculture Development Officer on the basis of an advertisement dated January 30, 2020. The Bench during the course of hearing was told that Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) had categorised the EWS reservation as horizontal rather than vertical, thereby excluding EWS candidates from the general merit list.

Chance of rain in 3 districts of Punjab: Cold weather in the morning and evening

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Chandigarh : Changes are being seen in the weather of Punjab and Chandigarh. Morning and evening cold has increased. Along with this, the maximum temperature of the day has also decreased. The average maximum temperature has dropped by 0.1 degree in 24 hours.

The highest temperature was recorded in Bathinda at 36.6 degrees. Rain is likely to occur at some places in the three districts of Pathankot, Gurdaspur and Amritsar today.

On the other hand, stubble burning is not stopping. Due to this, the Air Quality Index (AQI) is continuously falling. AQI situation in Chandigarh is worse than Punjab. Chandigarh's AQI was recorded at 228 at 5 am on Tuesday. The city is now in the



Orange Zone. The situation is likely to worsen on Diwali. Along with this, the health department has advised people to be vigilant.

It has often been seen that after the month of October, the weather starts to change significantly. Meanwhile, the effect of heat starts to decrease and the cold starts showing its effect gradually. Winds start to cool in the mornings and evenings and the

temperature gradually drops during the days, making the weather feel pleasant.

The cold is spreading rapidly in Punjab now. According to the new update of the Meteorological Department, the effect of cold weather will begin to increase in the state in the next few days. Temperatures are tipped to drop, bringing chilly mornings and nights. Especially in the hilly and northern areas of Punjab, the intensity of cold will be more. The Meteorological Department has also said that people are being advised to take care of their health and wear warm clothes, as the next few days will bring very cold nights with chilly winds.

Sunita Williams celebrates Diwali in space, sends message for the world

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New Dehli : NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, currently aboard the International Space Station (ISS), shared Diwali wishes with people celebrating the festival in the United States and around the globe.

In a heartfelt video message recorded from space, Williams reflected on her unique experience of observing Diwali 260 miles above Earth.

"Greetings from the ISS," she said. "I want to extend my warmest wishes for a Happy Diwali to everyone celebrating today at the White House and around the world."

Her message was played during the White House Diwali celebrations. Williams also expressed her gratitude to US President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris for their participation in Diwali festivities and for recognising the contributions of the Indian-American community.

Thank you to the President and the Vice President for celebrating Diwali with our community today and for recognising the many contributions of our community," she added, underlining the significance of cultural acknowledgement at such high levels of government.



In her message, Williams spoke of her father's efforts to instil their cultural roots in her family, highlighting how he taught them about Diwali and other significant Indian festivals.

"This year I have the unique opportunity to celebrate Diwali from 260 miles above the earth on the ISS... My father kept and shared his cultural roots by teaching us about Diwali and other Indian festivals," she said.

She emphasised the festival's uplifting message of hope and renewal, stating, "Diwali is a time of joy as goodness in the world prevails."

Her message resonated deeply as it coincided with a special Diwali celebration held at the White House, which highlighted the festival's importance in American society and its ability to bring people together across diverse backgrounds.

Williams has been aboard the ISS since June 6, 2023, after launching with fellow astronaut Butch Wilmore on Boeing's Starliner spacecraft.

Initially scheduled as a week-long test flight, their mission has been extended due to a decision to return the spacecraft to Earth without its crew.

NASA deemed it "too risky" to bring Wilmore and Williams back prematurely, resulting in an extended stay of nearly eight months. They are expected to return to Earth in February 2025.

Calcutta High Court YouTube Channel Hacked During Live Hearing



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Kolkata: In a shocking incident, the YouTube channel of the Calcutta High Court was hacked, resulting in the live streaming of an obscene video during a court hearing. The incident occurred while the vacation bench, presided over by Justice Subhendu Samantar, was in session.

As the inappropriate content began to play, the court's IT department promptly intervened, halting the live stream. A new link was quickly generated to resume broadcasting the proceedings.

The High Court's IT department has since filed a complaint with the Kolkata Police, which has launched an investigation into the cybercrime. An official from the police department stated,

"We are actively investigating the matter and working to trace the individuals responsible for this crime."

This incident raises concerns about the security of online court proceedings, especially following a similar hacking incident involving the Supreme Court's YouTube channel in the past. The High Court's IT team is currently conducting a thorough investigation to determine how the breach occurred and to enhance security measures.

Authorities are urging vigilance and reinforcing the need for robust cybersecurity protocols to protect judicial proceedings from future cyber threats.

Railways to Run 250 Special Trains Today Amid Festive Rush of Diwali, Chhath Puja

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New Dehli : With Diwali and Chhath Puja around the corner, the Indian Railways will run over 250 special trains today to help meet the surge in demand amid the festive season. The Indian Railways last week announced that it will operate 7000 special trains to complement the regular operations for the convenience of passengers.

For the convenience of passengers, Indian Railways will run more than 7,000 trips of special trains this festival," the Railways said in a post on X on Monday. It said that more than 120 trains will run on 29 October. Out of these, 40 trains will be managed by the Mumbai Division, in UP, Bihar, Bengal and Odisha.

7,000 special trains During a press briefing last week, Railway Minister



Ashwini Vaishnav said the Indian Railways will run 7,000 special trains for Diwali and Chhath Puja this year to facilitate two lakh extra passengers daily. According to railway officials, 4,500 special trains were run during Diwali and Chhath Puja last year to cater to the festive rush. Considering the increase in passengers' footfall, the ministry has decided to enhance the services this year, the officials said.

The Northern Railway (NR)

will operate a substantial number of trains as a lot of passengers travel to the eastern parts of the country during this period. In a recent press statement, the NR said it will operate around 3,050 trips of special trains to help people reach their respective destinations.

"In 2023, Indian Railways operated festival special trains in which Northern Railway had run 1,082 trips of special trains. This year, 3,050 trips shall be operated which is an increase of 181 percent," it said. "Apart from special trains, extra coaches are being augmented in trains to generate more capacity for travel," it added.



A Glass of Milk

There was a poor boy who would sell newspapers to pay for school. One day, he was ravenous and decided to ask for food at the next house he visited. Several people denied him food. However,

a girl at one house offered him a glass of milk. She refused to take payment for it. After many years, this girl fell sick. No doctor wanted to help her. She decided to go to the best doctor in the town. The doctor spent months treating her, though she could not afford the service. When she received the hospital bill, it read 'Paid in full, with a glass of milk.'



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PM Modi distributes over 51,000 appointment letters under Rozgar Mela

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly appointed youth during a Rozgar Mela event conducted via video conferencing. This initiative underscores the Prime Minister's dedication to enhancing employment opportunities. It aims to empower young individuals by offering them significant roles in the process of nation-building. The Rozgar Mela will take place at 40 locations across the country, with new appointees joining various Ministries and Departments of the Central Government, including the Department of Revenue, Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and Ministry of Health and



Family Welfare, among others. Newly appointed recruits will have the chance to engage in foundational training via 'Karmayogi Prarambh,' an online module accessible on the iGOT Karmayogi portal. More than 1,400 e-learning courses are offered, designed to provide recruits with the necessary

skills to perform their duties effectively and contribute to the vision of a Viksit Bharat. The Rozgar Mela represents a significant initiative in fulfilling the Prime Minister's commitment to prioritize employment generation across the nation.

BJP's Shaina NC joins Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena after party fields her as candidate

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New Dheli : BJP leader Shaina NC surprisingly featured on Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena candidates' list after the party fielded her from Mumbai's Mumbadevi Assembly seat though on a BJP ticket. However, hours later, the 51-year-old jumped ship to the Shiv Sena ahead of next month's assembly elections.

Shaina NC was among 15 candidates named by the Shiv Sena on Monday. A fashion designer by profession, she was keen to contest from Worli. However, the seat was ultimately given to Shiv Sena's Rajya Sabha MP and former Congress leader Milind Deora, who is pitted against Uddhav Thackeray's son Aaditya Thackeray of the Shiv Sena (UBT). Shaina NC thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Eknath Shinde and his deputies Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar for giving her an opportunity to contest the election.

Later, speaking to news agency ANI, Shaina NC said it was an opportunity for her to serve the Mumbai citizens and said she would visit the Mumba Devi



Temple on Tuesday morning before filing her nomination. "I would like to thank PM Modi and the leadership of Mahayuti because I believe this is an opportunity to serve my Mumbaikars and to show that we are here as 'pradhan sewaks' (prime servants) in every field. I have been living in South Mumbai all my life and I realise the kind of challenges citizens here have to face, whether it is cluster development, local hygiene, or open spaces," she said.

"It is always the Mahayuti leadership who decides which candidate should be fielded from where. I don't want to just be an MLA, but I want to be their voice. I believe that it is the collective consciousness of the administration, the legislation, and the citizens, that needs to be showcased in terms of good public service," she added.

"I assure the people that I have no personal assistant and I answer all my calls. I will always be accessible and accountable to my citizens and all my voters. Tomorrow (Tuesday) morning, I will go to Mumba Devi Temple and I will then go to file my nomination," she further said.

Like Shaina NC, Sanjana Jadhav, the daughter of former Union Minister and BJP leader Raosaheb Danve, was also nominated from Kannad Assembly seat on a BJP ticket. But, she too joined the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena later.

Kunal Kamra accepts Ola CEO's offer to work, but with 4 conditions

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New Delhi : Comedian Kunal Kamra jokingly said he had "no choice" but to accept Ola CEO Bhavish Aggarwal's "offer to work" at the company's service centre if it committed to four "action points", including completing service in seven days and free service insurance. This came days after Kamra and Aggarwal had a heated conversation on X when the comedian pointed out the piling up of Ola Electric scooters outside what appeared to be an Ola store.

During the back and forth, the Ola CEO told Kamra to "come to the service centre" if he was so



wounded by the situation, and said that he would "pay better than your flop shows pay you" (referring to his stand-up comedy shows). Kamra's post on Monday was a response to Aggarwal's "offer" to work at the service centre.

"I have no choice but to accept @ bhash's offer to work with Ola. After being tagged thousands of times, I anyway, feel like I am an

Ola employee. Ola can seal this collaboration by committing to the below action points and looking forward to joining," he tweeted. Kamra added that for repairs beyond seven days, "customers will first receive either a temporary replacement scooter or daily conveyance reimbursement of Rs 500 until repair completion". "Additionally, customers will earn Rs 500 per delayed day (up to Rs 50,000)," he further said. The comedian also said that every new Ola Electric scooter should be sold with two insurances, which includes one for the vehicle and one for the services. The service insurance should be free for the customers, he added.

Apple Ships \$6 Billion of iPhones From India in Big Shift from China

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New Dheli : Apple Inc.'s iPhone exports from India jumped by a third in the six months through September, underscoring its push to expand manufacturing in the country and reduce dependence on China. The US company exported nearly \$6 billion of India-made iPhones, an increase of a third in value terms from a year earlier, people familiar with the matter said, asking not to be named as the information is private. That puts annual exports on track to surpass the about \$10 billion of fiscal 2024.

Apple is expanding its manufacturing network in India at a rapid clip, taking advantage of local subsidies, a skilled workforce and advances in the country's technological capabilities. India is a crucial part of the company's effort to lessen its reliance on China, where risks



have grown along with Beijing's tensions with the US. Three of Apple's suppliers - Taiwan's Foxconn Technology Group and Pegatron Corp., and homegrown Tata Electronics - assemble iPhones in southern India. Foxconn's local unit, based on the outskirts of Chennai, is the top supplier in India and accounts for half of the country's iPhone exports. Salt-to-software conglomerate Tata Group's electronics manufacturing arm exported about \$1.7 billion in iPhones

from its factory in Karnataka state from April to September, the people said. Tata acquired this unit from Wistron Corp. last year, becoming the first Indian assembler of Apple's bestselling product.

The dollar figure refers to the devices' estimated factory gate value, not the retail price. Representatives for Apple declined to comment. Pegatron also declined to comment, while Foxconn and Tata spokespersons didn't respond to requests for comment.

iPhones account for the bulk of India's smartphone exports and helped the product category become the top export to the US at \$2.88 billion in the first five months of this fiscal year, according to federal trade ministry data. Five years ago, before Apple expanded manufacturing in India, the country's annual smartphone exports to the US were a meager \$5.2 million.

Indian real estate sector raises Rs 13,500 crore via IPOs in 2024 to date

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New Delhi : The real estate sector in India raised nearly Rs 13,500 crore via initial public offerings (IPOs) from the markets this year to date, almost double the amount raised in 2023, according to a report today.

With 123 fresh issues (As of October 20) across multiple sectors, 2024 has already surpassed the total number of IPOs witnessed in 2023, according to a report by Colliers India.

Since 2021, the bourses have witnessed 21 real estate IPOs, significantly higher than the 11 listings in the previous four years, during 2017-2020.

In the post-pandemic era, 21 real estate companies have raised Rs 31,900 crore through IPOs, more than double the funds raised in the preceding four-year period (2017-2020).

Traction in IPOs in real estate is largely led by housing finance institutions, that attracted 46 per cent of the capital raised during 2021-2024, followed by real estate investment trusts (REITs), at 22 per cent share.

Leading real estate developers with a primary focus on residential assets too raised significant funds at Rs 5,600 crore, more than 10 times compared to the preceding four-year period, the report noted.

"The positive outlook for IPO activity in India is underpinned by higher investment in infrastructure, favourable demographics, and higher consumer spending supported by a conducive



regulatory framework," said Badal Yagnik, Chief Executive Officer, Colliers India.

Driven by strong demand across residential, commercial, and retail segments, IPOs by real estate developers, HFCs, and REITs with underlying assets such as Grade A offices and malls are likely to see continued momentum in the near-mid-term.

Furthermore, the expectation of a probable reduction in the lending rates can further boost real estate activity, said the report.

In recent years, real estate IPOs on the stock exchanges have not only grown in volume but have also diversified into newer categories as well. Leading flex space operators have been expanding their portfolios across cities and expediting their IPO process.

At over 30 per cent gains, the year-to-date performance of the BSE Realty Index has been impressive, significantly outpacing the Sensex," said Vimal Nadar, Senior Director and Head of Research, Colliers India.

1 dies, 15 fall sick after eating momos from same vendor

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Hyderabad : Fifteen people fell ill after consuming momos from a roadside stall in Hyderabad's Banjara Hills, and a 31-year-old woman reportedly died after eating the snack at a different location in the city.

Police reports indicate that all ten victims consumed momos prepared by the same vendor, although they bought them from different stalls within the Banjara Hills police jurisdiction last week.

According to the police, the woman and others ate momos from a food stall named 'Delhi Momos'. The stall, located in Chintal Basti, had been set up around three months ago by six men who had come from Bihar. The police said that those operating the stalls have been taken into custody.

A family member of the woman, who died after eating momos, complained to police that she fell sick after eating the snack and was later admitted to a hospital.

A local, while speaking to reporters, claimed that the woman started showing symptoms of food poisoning an hour after consuming the snack. He said that the woman died around 8.30 am.



The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has initiated an investigation into the vendor's operations. Food safety officials, in collaboration with police, located the stall and discovered it was operating without a valid licence.

They collected food samples for analysis and have ordered the vendor to cease all business activities.

The GHMC has also requested the Banjara Hills police to conduct a thorough inquiry into the matter to determine the cause of the woman's death and the illnesses affecting the other individuals.

Authorities have advised the public to exercise caution when consuming street food, especially from unlicensed vendors.

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Not China or Russia. pro-West India is milking Brics the most

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Moscow : Five years, they never met and here you go, in Brics," noted UAE-based foreign policy commentator Hassan Sajwani on the bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping. "It seems Brics is becoming the platform to resolve disputes, bring mutual trust, and build trade relations," Sajwani added. The visuals from the Brics summit in Russia, where Modi and Xi shook hands and held a bilateral meeting after five years, coincided with the announcement of military de-escalation in eastern Ladakh, speak volumes of how India is effectively using the multilateral forum. What is most interesting is that India is the most pro-West country in Brics, which originally started with just Brazil, Russia, India and China, and then added South Africa in 2010. This year, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the UAE were added as members. India has used the Brics, which has two of the most anti-American forces -- Russia and China -- to walk a complex geopolitical tightrope and use



opportunities to its advantage. A neutral and non-aligned India is leveraging the opposing bloc of Brics to advance its economic, diplomatic, and geopolitical interests, just like it did by shaking hands with China, and conveying a positive message. And this effective diplomacy of India's in using Brics, is taken note by many experts, including foreign policy analyst Michael Kugelman, who wrote, "Ironically, India, perhaps the most Western-oriented Brics member -- is one of the biggest

beneficiaries" of Brics. India's engagement with Brics extends far beyond the mere economic cooperation that the bloc was initially meant for. Brics was meant as a counter to the G7, a western economic bloc. The Brics Summit at Kazan demonstrated how the bloc was transformed into a platform for India to address a wide range of issues, including conflicts, technological cooperation, battling for an overhaul of the United Nations and most importantly mending India-China relations. Brics is proving its strength as more than just an economic alliance; it's becoming a platform for diplomacy and trust-building. India and China's meeting shows the potential for resolving disputes and deepening cooperation," Sky News Arabia journalist Nancy Tabet wrote on X. "Brics' priorities are India's priorities," foreign policy analyst Michael Kugelman wrote in an article for the BBC News website.

Bangladesh ex-PM Sheikh Hasina's palace to be converted into revolution museum

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Dhaka : The once luxurious palace of Bangladesh's autocratic ex-leader Sheikh Hasina will become a museum to honour the revolution that ousted her, the leader of the caretaker government said. The museum should preserve memories of her misrule and the people's anger when they removed her from power," Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus said as he toured the battered Ganabhaban palace, the former official residence of the prime minister. The 84-year-old microfinance pioneer was appointed the country's "chief advisor" after the student-led uprising that forced Hasina to flee by helicopter to India on August 5. Hasina's 15-year rule saw widespread human rights abuses, including the mass detention and extrajudicial killings of her political opponents, and a Bangladeshi court this month issued an arrest warrant for her arrest. More than 700 people were killed, many in a brutal police crackdown, before Hasina's fall.



As she fled, thousands stormed her former residence, which the government said was a "symbol of repression". The walls of the palace, looted and damaged in the chaos after Hasina escaped, are daubed with graffiti condemning her fallen regime. The museum will include a replica of the notorious "House of Mirrors" Aynagarh detention centre operated by Hasina's regime -- given its name because its

detainees were never supposed to see any other person besides themselves. The Aynagarh should remind visitors of the torture endured by secret prisoners," Yunus said. Hasina's overthrow resulted in at least two days of chaos, which included the looting of a museum at the home of her father, Bangladesh's first president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Apurba Jahangir, a press official in the office of Yunus, said construction would start by December. "The museum construction hasn't begun yet, but it will start soon," Apurba told AFP. Hasina has not been seen in public since fleeing Bangladesh. The 77-year-old's last official whereabouts was a military airbase near India's capital New Delhi.

'Grate cheese robbery': Jamie Oliver seeks help after Rs 3 crore cheddar theft

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London : Nearly 22 tonnes of high-end, award-winning cheddar cheese were stolen from a dairy in London and celebrity British chef Jamie Oliver has sought help from his followers to solve the "grate cheese robbery". Oliver, also known as the "Naked Chef", asked his 10.5 million Instagram followers to be on the lookout for "lorry loads of very posh cheese". There has been a great cheese robbery. Some of the best cheddar cheese in the world has been stolen," Oliver wrote. Calling it a "brazen heist of shocking proportions", Oliver said the stolen cheddar was worth about £300,000 (Rs 3,26,93,954) or over Rs 3 crore. "If anyone hears anything about posh cheese going for cheap, it's probably some wrong'uns," Oliver said in his post. Neal's Yard Dairy, a distributor of British artisan cheese, delivered around 1,000 wheels of cheddar to alleged fraudsters who posed as a wholesale distributor for a major French retailer. It later found that



it had been duped. The incident happened on October 21. Cheddar, which is named after a village in south-west England where it originated, is the world's best-known and one of the most expensive varieties of cheese. The products that were swindled include Hafod Welsh organic cheddar, Westcombe cheddar, and Pitchfork cheddar. The award-winning cheeses are among the

most sought-after in the UK. "I don't know what they are going to do with it, really... Are they going to unpeel it from the cloth, and cut it and grate it and get rid of it in the fast food industry, in the commercial industry? It feels like a really weird thing to nick," the celebrity chef further said. The dairy has appealed to cheese lovers around the world to contact them if they have spotted the stolen cheese, particularly "clothbound cheddars" weighing around 10 kg or 24 kg. The Scotland Yard and international agencies have launched a probe and a lookout for the culprits.

UN body for Palestine banned from operating in Israel despite West's concerns

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Jerusalem : Israel's Parliament passed a law to ban the UN relief agency UNRWA from operating inside the country, alarming some of Israel's Western allies who fear it will worsen the already dire humanitarian situation in Gaza. The lawmakers who drafted the law cited what they described as the involvement of some United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) staffers in the October 7, 2023, attack on southern Israel and staffers having membership in Hamas and other armed groups. The vote came the same day Israeli tanks thrust deeper into two north Gaza towns and a refugee camp, trapping about 100,000 civilians, the Palestinian emergency service said, in what Israel's military said were operations to eliminate regrouping Hamas terrorists. The Israeli military said soldiers captured around 100 suspected Hamas terrorists in a raid into Kamal Adwan Hospital in the Jabalia camp. Hamas and medics have denied any terror presence at the hospital.



The Gaza Strip's health ministry said at least 19 people were killed by Israeli airstrikes and bombardment on Monday. The Palestinian Civil Emergency Service said around 100,000 people were marooned in Jabalia, Beit Lahiya and Beit Hanoun without medical or food supplies. Reuters could not verify the number independently. The emergency service said its operations had come to a halt because of the three-week Israeli assault into northern Gaza,

where Israel had said it wiped out Hamas combat forces earlier in the year-long war. Talks led by the US, Egypt and Qatar to broker a ceasefire resumed after multiple abortive attempts, with Egypt's President proposing an initial two-day truce to exchange four Israeli hostages held by Hamas for some Palestinian prisoners, followed by talks within 10 days on a permanent ceasefire. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said mediators would resume talks in coming days "in a continued attempt to advance a deal", without elaborating. Israel has repeatedly said the war will go on until Hamas is eradicated, while the group has ruled out any end to fighting until Israeli forces leave Gaza.

Stormy affair with Tim Walz left Chinese official's daughter suicidal



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Washington : Kamala Harris's running mate and Democratic vice-presidential nominee Tim Walz had a love affair with the daughter of a top Chinese Communist Party official during his teaching stint in China in 1989, according to a report in the Daily Mail. Jenna Wang, 59, said the stormy love affair with Walz had left her devastated and suicidal. The development comes days before the November 5 US presidential polls, where Harris is pitted against Republican Donald Trump. It also comes at a time when Walz has faced backlash for falsely claiming that he was in Hong Kong during the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre. Walz served as a high school English teacher in Foshan in China's Guangdong province before moving to the US and taking up politics. He is now the governor of Minnesota. In her interview with the Daily Mail, Wang said her first interaction with Walz was when she attended one of his lectures to brush up on her pronunciation. She claimed Walz removed her headphones and whispered into her ear, "You are very beautiful". The duo soon started meeting over walks and went to dances in the evening. She said Walz would travel to Hong Kong in the weekends and bring back luxury gifts like Ray-Ban sunglasses and jewellery. 'FELT BEING TREATED LIKE A PROSTITUTE'

Wang claimed their relationship blossomed in secrecy as her father would never have approved of her association with a Western man. The passionate relationship led the then 24-year-old Wang to dream about marriage and a new life in the US. "Tim Walz was very passionate and very romantic... The fact we couldn't touch or kiss in public just made it all the more exciting and intense when we were finally alone," Wang said. However, she claimed there was never any proposal for marriage from Walz. Wang claimed they soon started having heated arguments over whether she really loved Walz or merely wanted to obtain a US visa. She said the treatment eventually left her angry and suicidal. The ill-fated romance saw Wang fleeing China for Italy. Knowing that he wasn't going to marry me made me feel cheap and common, as if I was being treated like a prostitute... I was deeply insulted, hurt, and I had to leave that place, because many people knew that we had a relationship," Wang said. Walz married Gwen Whipple after returning to the US in 1993. They have two children. With Walz now the Democratic vice presidential nominee, Wang said he doesn't have the "character and integrity to do one of the most important jobs in the world".

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Tired of Speed Breaker Politics": Milind Deora Challenges Aaditya Thackeray



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Mumbai : Shiv Sena leader Milind Deora - the Eknath Shinde faction's pick to try and win back the Worli Assembly seat from Uddhav Thackeray's Sena bloc - played down any talk of a 'personal' contest with Aaditya Thackeray, the former Chief Minister's son, who claimed an imperious win in the 2019 election.

He did, however, criticise Aaditya Thackeray and his party's failure to develop Worli, declaring the people of the south Mumbai neighbourhood were "tired of speed breaker politics" hampering growth of the area.

Mr Deora, 47, was nominated to the Rajya Sabha by the Sena weeks after ending his family's 55-year relationship with the Congress. On Sunday he was named the party's Worli candidate to set up a blockbuster clash against the younger Thackeray.

It is not a personal battle... I've known Aaditya Thackeray for a long time. But the people of Mumbai... of Maharashtra... had high expectations of him when he came into politics five years ago."

"But now I think people are tired of speed breaker politics. The people want Maharashtra to move ahead... that is the objective, criticising Aaditya Thackeray and the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance that was in power till the rebellion of June 2022.

That development is visible across the rest of Mumbai, thanks to the efforts of the Shinde government, whether you are an ordinary woman or someone using public transport, or someone commuting by car... there is a huge spirit in infrastructure development..."

The former Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai (South), a seat he won twice

with the Congress and which his father, Murli Deora, won thrice with that party, also hit out at the Thackerays and the opposition combine over a "fake narrative" against the ruling Mahayuti alliance of the BJP, the Sena group led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, and the NCP breakaway unit of Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar.

"The Maharashtra government has performed very well... whether it is for social welfare or infrastructure. And, therefore the people will re-elect this government"

As for himself, Mr Deora declared, "I want to serve the people. If I get an opportunity to serve via Parliament or if through the Assembly... to me, service is service. The objective is - how do you empower people? That is my objective."

Aaditya Thackeray junior holds the Worli seat - a Shiv Sena stronghold - that will vote, with the state's 287 other Assembly constituencies, on November 20.

Except Worli isn't just a Sena stronghold.

The posh neighbourhood is in the Mumbai (South) Lok Sabha constituency that is widely seen as the backyard of the Deora family, but it has been with the Thackeray Sena since 2014.

It has held the Worli Assembly seat since 1990, except for the NCP's 2019 win.

And the margin of Aaditya Thackeray's win in the 2019 state election - a 65 per cent vote share advantage - underlines the magnitude of the task. The good news is that in the Lok Sabha election, although the Thackeray Sena won Mumbai (South), the margin from Worli was less than 6,500.

Indian Army eliminates 3 terrorists in Akhnoor operation

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Srinaga : Security personnel eliminated three terrorists who were involved in an attack on an Army vehicle in the Akhnoor sector of Jammu and Kashmir yesterday. The operation lasted for 27 hours and was completed early today morning.

The confrontation commenced when the terrorists opened fire on an ambulance that was accompanying an Army convoy close to the Line of Control (LoC).

By the evening, one assailant had been neutralized, while the remaining two were killed during a final offensive near the Assan



temple in Jogwan village today. After a night marked by relative calm, the combined forces of the Army and police commenced a renewed offensive at approximately 7 am, leading to heavy gunfire and two fatalities within a span of two hours.

The operation incorporated BMP-II infantry combat vehicles, special forces, and National Security Guard (NSG) commandos, complemented by aerial assistance from helicopters and drones.

Denied ticket for Assembly polls, Shinde Sena MLA Shrinivas Vanga goes missing

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Mumbai : Two days after the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena named former MP Rajendra Gavit as its candidate for the Palghar constituency, incumbent MLA Shrinivas Vanga went missing. Police are currently searching for him, as the Shinde Sena MLA has not been reachable for the last 15 hours.

After being denied a ticket to contest the upcoming Maharashtra elections, Vanga's phones were switched off, leaving his family concerned for his well-being.

In the visuals, police officers can be spotted outside Shrinivas Vanga's residence.

Vanga expressed guilt and remorse for leaving Uddhav Thackeray-led



Shiv Sena following the split of the Shiv Sena in 2022.

He blamed Chief Minister Eknath Shinde for not protecting the loyal party members.

Earlier, speculation was going that Shinde-Sena would field Shrinivas Vanga from the Palghar seat.

However, after reaching an understanding with the BJP, the Shinde Sena decided to give the ticket to Rajendra Gavit, who left the BJP and rejoined the party just a few days ago.

Meanwhile, the BJP has fielded Hemant Savara from the Palghar constituency.

The 42-year-old Vanga broke down in tears as he admitted that leaving Uddhav Sena was a mistake.

Elections for Maharashtra's 288-member Assembly are scheduled for November 20, with votes to be counted on November 23, just before the current Assembly term ends on November 26.

Baba Siddique's son, Salman Khan receive death threats, 20-year-old arrested

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Mumbai : Zeeshan Siddique, son of NCP leader Baba Siddique, and Bollywood actor Salman Khan received death threats, weeks after the former Maharashtra minister was shot dead in Mumbai allegedly by members of the Bishnoi gang. The 20-year-old suspected caller was arrested today in Noida.

The calls were made on Friday (October 25) evening and the police have also registered a case based on a complaint filed by the office of Zeeshan Siddique, an Ajit Pawar-led NCP MLA from the Bandra East constituency.

Besides the threats, the caller, Mohammad Tayyab alias Gurfan, also demanded ransom from Zeeshan Siddique and Salman Khan.

Tayyab, 20, was arrested on Tuesday morning in Noida's Sector 39 area and the Mumbai Police are bringing him to the



city on a transit remand.

Earlier on October 25, Zeeshan Siddique formally joined the Ajit Pawar-led NCP faction, nearly three months after his expulsion from the Congress for allegedly cross-voting in the Maharashtra legislative

council elections. He said joining the party was emotional, adding that he would contest the November 20 Maharashtra Assembly elections from the Bandra East constituency, the seat he won in 2019 on a Congress ticket.

Baba Siddique was the Congress MLA from the formerly undivided Bandra seat for two terms. He had resigned from Congress earlier this year and joined the NCP.

The police have so far arrested 15 people in connection with Baba Siddique's murder.

A member of the Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for killing the former state minister, saying he was targeted due to his close association with Salman Khan.

Over 150 injured, 8 critical, in fireworks accident at Kerala temple festival

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Jammu :Over 150 people were injured, with eight in critical condition, in a fireworks' accident during a temple festival in Kerala's Kasaragod, the police said.

The incident took place at around 12.30 am during the annual Kaliyattam festival at the Anjootambalam Veerarkavu Temple. Following the incident, the police filed a case against eight people, who are part of the temple committee, under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the explosive substances act.

The injured were shifted to several hospitals in Kasaragod, Kannur, and Mangaluru, where they are receiving treatment. The police suspect that the accident occurred after a fireworks' storage factory near the temple caught fire.

Soon after the news of the accident



came out, several senior district administration officials, including the collector and the district police chief, arrived at the spot.

Authorities are conducting an investigation to find out what led to the fire, as local communities gathered to support the injured and their families.

Earlier this week, the Kerala Police registered an FIR in connection with

the alleged disruption of the iconic Thrissur Pooram festival in April this year despite Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan blaming the Opposition for running "exaggerated campaigns" against the event.

The FIR, filed without naming the accused, lists charges that include criminal conspiracy, outraging religious sentiments, and incitement to riot.

In a statement, Vijayan said that there were attempts to disrupt the Thrissur Pooram festival, renowned for its elephant and drum parades, though the event ultimately proceeded without interruption. He accused the Sangh Parivar of seeking to interfere with the festival and labeled the Congress-led UDF as the "B-team of the Sangh Parivar."



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