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Let's adopt Swacchta Hi Sewa fortnight permanently- Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh

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Mohali : Launching 'Swachhata Hi Sewa' fortnight at Mohali, MLA Kulwant Singh exhorts the residents to make it a permanent part of life to promote healthy living standards.

He said that the pledge administered to observe the fortnight from September 17 to October 2, asserts to be part of cleanliness 100 hours a year and add another 100 contributors to it, in line with that we should take care of cleanliness in our surroundings like a responsible citizen.

While flagging off an awareness March of students to promote the campaign at ground level, he said that these students would act as ambassadors of Swachhata. He also planted a sapling to mark the launch of the campaign.

He further said that the campaign has a 15-day activity chart in rural as well as urban areas focusing on solid waste, liquid



waste management, enhanced green cover, and cleanliness of public places like community centers, schools, religious places, water works, etc.

Exhorting the general public to be part of the campaign, he said that we need to make this campaign transform into a mass movement.

The officers present at the launch ceremony included Superintendent Engineer Anil Kumar, Executive Engineer Ramandeep Singh from the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation who has been running the campaign, and other prominent persons.

Atishi will be the new CM of Delhi: Kejriwal proposed the name in the legislature party meeting

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Education Minister Atishi Marlena will be the new Chief Minister of Delhi in the Kejriwal government. Arvind Kejriwal proposed his name in the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislature party meeting today.

Gopal Rai announced the name of Atishi. He said that we have taken this decision in difficult circumstances. Kejriwal's honesty was defamed, so he ran a public interest government from jail and came out and announced his resignation.

Kejriwal will submit his resignation to Lieutenant Governor (LG) Vinay Saxena at 4:30 pm. The swearing in of the new CM and Cabinet will also take place this week. A 2-day assembly session has been called on 26 and 27 September.

After getting bail from the Supreme Court in the liquor policy case on September 13, Kejriwal had announced to step down from the post of Chief Minister on September 15. He had said, 'Now the public should decide whether I am honest or dishonest. If the public washes away the stain and wins the assembly



elections, I will sit on the chair again.

"I will work with goal of bringing back Kejriwal as Delhi CM." - Atishi

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Aam Aadmi party leader Atishi, who has been picked as the successor of Arvind Kejriwal after he announced his resignation as Delhi Chief Minister, has affirmed that she will work for the next few months with the goal of returning Kejriwal to the post after the upcoming elections.

Expressing gratitude towards AAP Supremo Arvind Kejriwal, Atishi while addressing a Press conference on Tuesday said, "First, I would like to thank the Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for giving me such a big responsibility and showed trust in me. This can happen only in Aam Aadmi party that a first time politician becomes Chief Minister of a state"

"As much as I am happy for being given such a big responsibility, I am also sad that the Delhi Chief Minister is resigning. The BJP has left no stones unturned, creating hindrances for the AAP. Made all central agencies run behind him," Atishi said.

Urging the people to re-elect Arvind Kejriwal in the upcoming elections in the national capital, Atishi said, "The people of Delhi, Aam Aadmi party MLAs and I, who will remain the Delhi CM till the next elections will work with one resolution that we need to make Arvind Kejriwal the Chief Minister of Delhi again. On behalf of all AAP MLAs and the 2 crore people of Delhi, I want to say that there is



just one CM of Delhi - Arvind Kejriwal". Addressing media after Atishi took over as the Chief Minister, Delhi Minister Gopal Rai reiterated party's demand for early elections in Delhi and said that Atishi would carry responsibilities of the Chief Minister unless Arvind Kejriwal is elected by the people with a "thumping" majority.

"When he (Arvind Kejriwal) decided to resign, legislative party meeting was held today. In the meeting it was unanimously decided that until the next elections, that we want to be held in October-November at the earliest, and people make Arvind Kejriwal the Delhi CM with a thumping majority, Atishi would carry out the responsibilities as the new CM," Delhi Minister Gopal Rai said while addressing a press conference.

Speaking to the media, Delhi government minister Kailash Gehlot who was also seen as a potential candidate for taking over the CM seat said, "Everyone unanimously agreed on Atishi's name".

J&K polls: Tight security to ensure free & fair voting in first phase

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Multi-layered security arrangements have been put in place for the first phase of polling in J&K on Wednesday.

A total of 24 Assembly constituencies spread over seven districts of J&K -- Anantnag, Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian in Kashmir, and Ramban, Kishtwar and Doda in Jammu are going to vote on September 18.

The fate of 219 candidates, including many prominent leaders of the NC, PDP, Congress and independents, will be decided by 23.37 lakh voters.

V.K. Birdi, IGP (Kashmir) told reporters that strong security measures are in place to ensure that a large number of people turn out without fear to participate in the democratic process.

Police said multi-layered security manned by the CAPFs and J&K Police is in place in all the seven districts of J&K.

Area domination in these districts has already been undertaken and this applies to polling booths, polling locations, and distribution centres.

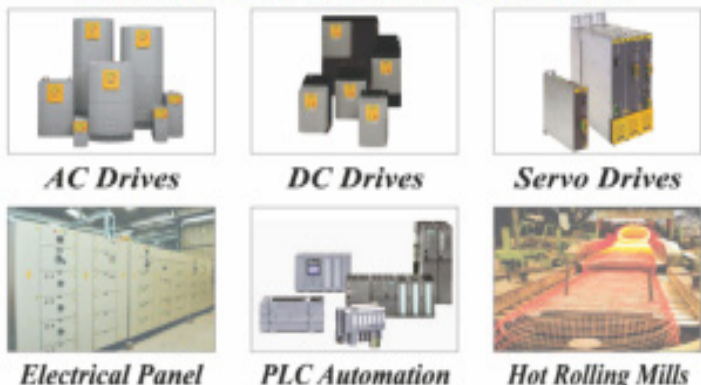
"Road opening parties have been deployed for smooth passage of poll staff, voters and supervisory staff so that they reach their destination without any hassle and on time. The mountainous



areas of Ramban, Doda and Kishtwar, hilltops and densely forested areas have been occupied by the security forces while the security forces are vigilant to conduct intelligence-based operations to prevent terrorists from interrupting the poll process," the police said.

"Individuals with criminal records are being kept under close watch to prevent them from indulging in anti-social activities. All polling stations in these seven districts are being taken over by the security staff to secure these 24 hours ahead of the voting process. Special security arrangements are in place for the movement of polling staff and polling materials, including EVMs, etc., to their respective stations and also to remote areas in the districts have already moved out to reach their destination," officials said.

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Humanity's last exam: Experts ready toughest questions to pose to AI

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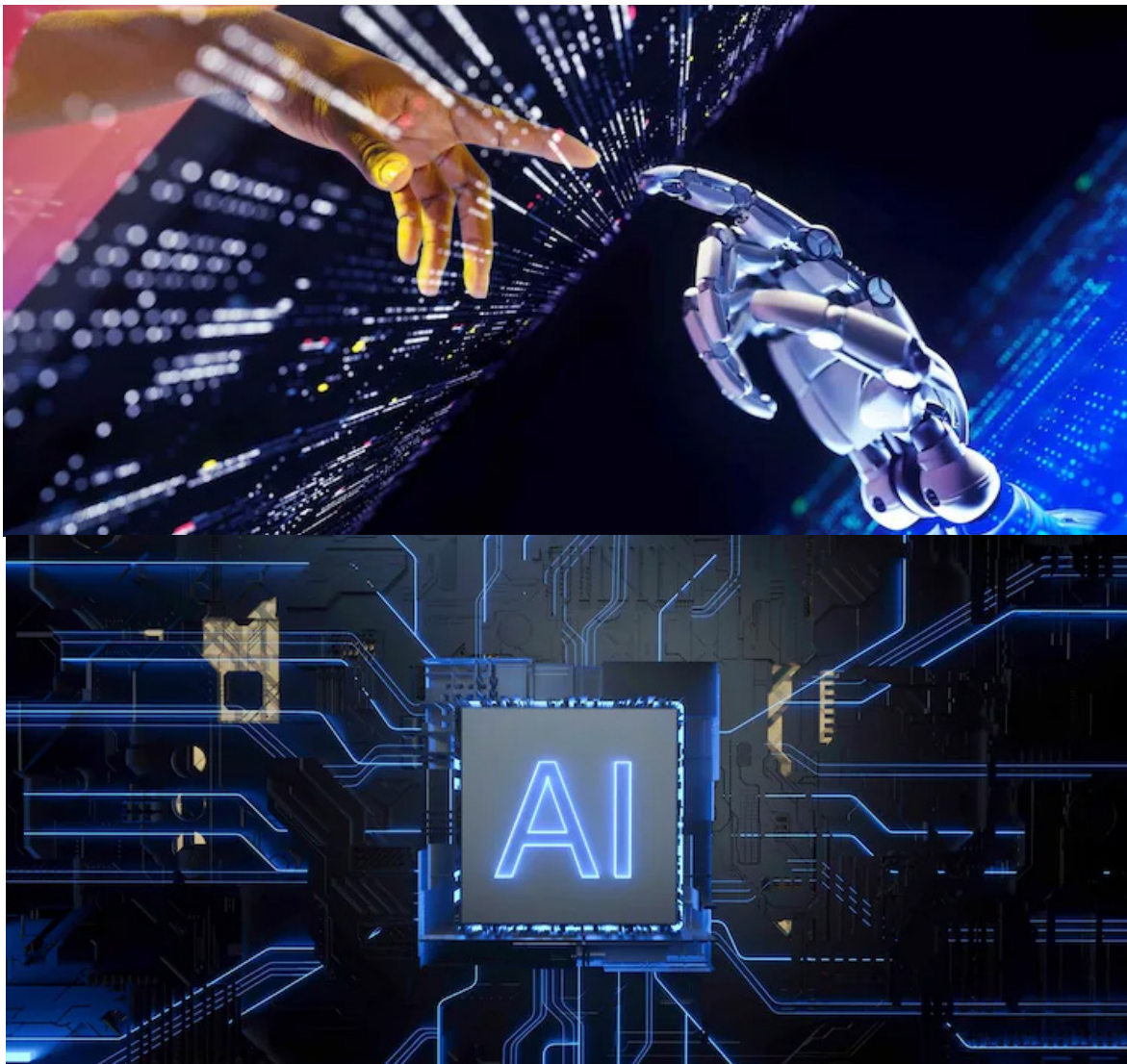
A coalition of technology experts has issued a global call for the most challenging questions to test artificial intelligence systems, in a project dubbed "Humanity's Last Exam."

Launched by the Center for AI Safety (CAIS) and startup Scale AI, this initiative aims to determine when AI reaches expert-level capabilities and to remain relevant as AI technology advances.

The call comes in response to recent developments in AI, such as OpenAI's latest model, which has reportedly "destroyed" popular reasoning benchmarks.

Dan Hendrycks, executive director of CAIS and advisor to Elon Musk's xAI startup, highlighted the need for more rigorous testing as existing benchmarks become less meaningful.

Previously established tests, including those co-authored by Hendrycks in 2021, have seen dramatic improvements in AI performance. For instance, Anthropic's Claude models have increased their scores on undergraduate-level tests from 77% to nearly 89% in just one year.



The project seeks to create a

comprehensive exam that will challenge AI systems in areas of abstract reasoning and expert-level knowledge. To ensure the integrity of the test, some questions will remain private to prevent AI systems from simply memorizing

answers.

"Humanity's Last Exam" will include at least 1,000 crowd-sourced questions, due by November 1, that are difficult for non-experts to answer. These questions will undergo

peer review, with successful submissions offering co-authorship opportunities and prizes up to \$5,000, sponsored by Scale AI.

Alexandr Wang, CEO of Scale AI, emphasized the urgent need for more challenging tests to accurately measure AI progress. The organizers have placed one restriction on submissions: no questions about weapons, due to potential safety concerns.

This initiative reflects the growing need to develop more sophisticated methods for evaluating AI capabilities as systems continue to advance rapidly. The results of "Humanity's Last Exam" could provide valuable insights into the current state of AI technology and help guide future development and safety measures.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
18th Sep

Born on 18th Sep : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality. They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime. This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been. The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

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Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

Sep 18th 2024 : Put your energy into self-improvement projects that would make a better you. Finances will definitely get a boost- but at the same time expenditures too will be on the rise. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters.



Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

Sep 18th 2024 : Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Improvement in finances is certain. Health of your parents requires extra attention and care. Romance will cloud your mind as you meet your sweetheart. Natives of this zodiac sign will get plenty of time for themselves



Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

Sep 18th 2024 : Chances of recovering from physical illness on the card. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. Relatives will provide support and lift the burden that bothering your mind. Disappointment in love would not discourage you.



Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

Sep 18th 2024 : Take physical education along with mental and moral only then all round development is possible. Remember a healthy mind always remains in a healthy body. Improvement in finances is certain. Festive atmosphere at home would ease your tension.



Leo

(July 23 - Aug 22)

Sep 18th 2024 : Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. Your money comes to your work only when you stop yourself from spending extravagantly, today you can understand this thing well. For some a new arrival in the family brings in moments for celebration and party.



Virgo

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Sep 18th 2024 : Use your energy to help someone in distress. Remember-what is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of others. Increase in income from past investment is foreseen. Spend some quality time in the company of people who love and care for you.



Libra

(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Sep 18th 2024 : Your willingness to help each and everyone will leave you tired and exhausted. Speculation will bring in profits. Go out in the evening with friends- as it will do lot of good. Romantic influences are strong on the card today.



Scorpio

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Sep 18th 2024 : Some of you might be forced to make important decisions today which might make you tensed and nervous. Those who were unnecessarily blowing their money till now should control their actions from today and start saving up.



Sagittarius

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Sep 18th 2024 : Keep your patience as your continuous effort coupled with common sense and understanding will guarantee your success. Your efforts to save money can fail today. Although you do not have to worry about it, as the situation will soon improve.



Capricorn

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Sep 18th 2024 : Health definitely needs care. Investment should be avoided today. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness and cheers for the entire family. The natives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie or match at home with their siblings today.



Aquarius

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Sep 18th 2024 : Pleasure trips and social get-togethers will keep you relaxed and happy. Any negligence in the workplace or business can cause you financial loss today. Love life brings hope Businessmen under this zodiac sign may have to go on an unwanted work-related trip.



Pisces

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Sep 18th 2024 : Evening with friends will be pleasant but take care of excessive eating and hard drinks. Some natives of this zodiac sign may have to spend money on any land-related issue today. You should avoid controversial issues that could cause arguments with loved ones.

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Vaccination center vacated by verbal orders

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Mohali : Apart from vaccinating children and pregnant women, malaria and dengue teams also operate from the center Punjab government is willing to take away facilities instead of providing facilities to the people stated Kuljit Singh Bedi, Deputy Mayor Mohali. "The Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab, which claims to provide comforts, good schools and hospitals to the people, is on the contrary constantly trying to deprive the people of the facilities provided by the Congress government. First, where the dispensary of Phase 3 B1 was shifted from here and this place was given to the Liver and Biliary Institute, now today the vaccination center running in a temporary shed next to it has been verbally ordered to be vacated by the government, about 400 to 500 children were vaccinated here in a month and Malaria and Dengue teams were also operated from here stated the statement issued by Dy Mayor Bedi. The District Health Department should withdraw this verbal decision



immediately and let this vaccination center remain operational here Kuljit Singh Bedi Deputy Mayor Mohali demanded. Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi said that he is surprised by the decision of this government that all the goods have been removed from the temporary shed by verbal order and still the employees do not even know where they have taken the goods. He said that the people of Phase 3B1, 3B2 and 3A used to come here to get their children vaccinated as this is the nearest vaccination center to them and now this facility is planned to be taken away from them which is very unfortunate. Also pregnant women

come here for there check up and vaccination. Along with this, there are nine teams to check for dengue in different areas of Mohali, being operated from this place. Bedi said that he has already filed a case in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court against moving the dispensary from here to open Liver and Biliary Institute. The hearing of this case is also going on. He said that now this vaccination center has also been vacated by giving verbal instructions and he will not hesitate to knock the door of the court against it after consulting his lawyer.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who CARES...?

Cobwebs continues to pose threat



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Loosely hanging overhead cables, wires pose a serious threat to both pedestrians and people on vehicles. The problem cannot be left unattended. Uncovered wires hanging loose can be spotted at several areas in the city. It's an open invitation to several road accidents. The tangled power lines hanging off the electricity poles and nearby transformers can prove as ugly to one's dear life as they can prove to filter the reliance. These cobwebs of wires are a threat to the general public. Sources stated with the load at its peak during the summer, the risk of a major mishap arising out of a possible short circuit also two-folds as the wires get heat up abnormally. Notably, in most of the fire accidents, the short circuiting of wires acts as a catalyst. Residents added, dangling power cables in various parts of the city are posing a risk to lives, People

can lose their lives if they come in contact with these wires. The situation becomes worse during the monsoon. Anyone may lose precious life only because of electrical wires which are in turn hanging loosely above the heads of people. Residents demanded, government should maintain a proper construction and design of electrical system which can save the precious life of several people. The government can consult trained electricians and also provide them with proper equipment to handle the problem. Residents suggested, the Electricity Department should come forward to put all electricity wires underground and all cable operators should be issued an instruction to put cable underground otherwise their license be terminated and demanded preventing measures should be taken by the authorities concerned. **But Who Cares???**

Executive Committee of cooperative society to protest against GMADA

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The executive committee of Madanpur Co-op House Building Society Chapparchiri, Mohali, which is suffering at the hands of various authorities today held a conference. During conference they stated that society came into existence after 1984 Anti-Sikh riots in Delhi and other parts of the country and shared that the society has 1083 members and is registered under the Punjab Co-op Act. Society bought its own land at Chapparchiri Khurd and Chapparchiri Kalan in Mohali without any aid from the government. The earlier managements since 1986 till 2020 never showed interest in developing the land for houses of members hence they never applied for a CLU with PUDA or GMADA. The Co-op department also worked hand in glove with those managements. The Co-op department which should have been helping the societies in developing their housing projects has never guided or helped in securing CLU or other formalities, Rather at times societies faced several hindrances and unnecessary interference in their working from the department. This has resulted in maximum numbers of societies having disputes and getting defunct in the state of Punjab. The present management took charge in Feb 2020 and is working with all efforts for the welfare of members and striving hard to get a CLU from GMADA. After the COVID period the management applied for a CLU in July 2022 but the vicious process and repeated rejections and objections one after the other from GMADA authorities kept us running pillars to post but CLU is not being granted. The file has been kept pending on tables for long periods and on repeated follow ups they demand some documents or raised objections. Out of our land about 12.5 acres were acquired under the Fateh Burj memorial



of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. Although GMADA has released a press release on 4 August 2016 in which the proposed golf course was dropped and sector 91 and 92 were converted as residential areas. Still GMADA has marked approx. 22 acres of our land as a green zone and area not allowing us to include that area for our housing plan. We tried hard to seek an appointment with CM Punjab S Bhagwant Mann ji, who is holding GMADA as one of the portfolios with him to request him to intervene and help but never got time. We repeatedly submitted request letters through OSDs and E-Mails along with supporting documents to CM sir. In response to one of our letters, the legislative cell of CMO vide letter 2784054 dated 5/12/2023 had directed Superintendent House Construction (Branch 2) for appropriate action. This letter after nine months is still hanging at STP office without any result. Further on another request letter of society on the same subject dated 17/06/2024, the legislative cell of CMO

had written a letter to Administrative Secretary, Government of Punjab and Department of Housing and Urban Development vide letter number CMO/LCOMP/3/2023 -LC-2/ and CMO/LCOMP/3/2023-LC-2/E-3290596/1 dated 26/08/24 respectively to do the necessary in the matter. We are waiting for the outcome. In both cases, the CLU and converting and allowing our 22 acres of land for residential purposes are pending. Through today's press conference they had once again sought an appointment with CM sir to request him to help our 1083 members so that they can build their dream home on their land in the state of Punjab. The meeting was addressed by Jasbir Singh Kalsi, President, Mrs. Varjinder Kaur, Vice President, Gurdip Singh, Gen. Secretary, RS Chandhok, Treasurer, R P S Vig, Mrs. Asha Joshi, Iqbal Singh Oberoi, all executive members, Col. Jagjit Singh and Jaspal Singh Bhatia, spokesperson along with several members of the society.

PUDA, other Regional Development Authorities fetch Rs 2945 crore on single day

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Chandigarh : Owing to the pro-people and development-oriented policies of the Punjab government led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, the Punjab Urban Planning & Development Authority (PUDA) and other Regional Development Authorities have collectively earned a whopping Rs. 2945 crore from the e-auction of various properties concluded (September 16). Divulging the details, the Chief Minister said that the e-auctions which began on September 6, featured properties to the nature of group housing, multiplex, commercial chunks, residential plots, SCOs, booths, shops, SCFs, and others. Hailing this huge success, he said that the Development Authorities operating under the Department of Housing and Urban Development had extended an opportunity to people from all walks of society to own their dream properties. Bhagwant Singh Mann further said that the auction of these properties got a massive response by the general public, especially by those who either wanted to own a residential plot or had plans to start a commercial establishment. The Chief Minister further said that the result of the e-auctions had put a stamp on the investor friendly policies of the state government. He further said that every single penny received from the e-auctions shall be spent for carrying out development projects to provide state-of-the-art amenities to the people. Bhagwant Singh Mann commended the efforts of all the officials involved in conducting the e-auctions adding that each and every one of them performed duty professionally and with responsibility to ensure that the whole auction process ran smoothly and transparently. The Chief Minister said that PUDA received bids for 162 OUVGL properties, GMADA successfully auctioned two commercial chunks of



Sector 62, one chunk each situated in Eco City-1 and Aerocity, three group housing sites located in Sector 66, Ecocity-2 and Medicity respectively, besides 16 SCOs and 12 booths situated in different sectors of SAS Nagar. Likewise, he said that GLADA auctioned 32 properties, BDA was able to auction 23 properties, ADA and JDA found bidders for 34 and 22 properties respectively and PDA auctioned 17 properties. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that the successful bidders would be allotted the sites on depositing the 10% payment and possession would be handed over to them on payment of 25% of the total bid amount.

DETAIL OF DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES AND REVENUE GENERATED	Sr.	No.	DEVELOPMENT REVENUE
1. PUDA Rs. 224.11 crores			
2. GMADA Rs. 2505.45 crores			
3. GLADA Rs. 108.59 crores			
4. BDA Rs. 46.29 crores			
5. PDA Rs. 21.39 crores			
6. JDA Rs. 20.63 crores			
7. ADA Rs. 19.25 crores			
TOTAL Rs. 2945.71 crores			

Poshan Maah Awareness drive underway at GGSCW-26

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : NCC Naval Wing in collaboration with the department of Home Science of Guru Gobind Singh College for Women, Sector 26, Chandigarh held a Poshan Maah awareness drive for the NCC Naval wing cadets and college students on 17th September, 2024. The drive included a talk on the importance of Poshan (nutrition) in the life of a woman and child which was delivered by Ms. Jasneet Kaur Malhi, HoD, department of Home Science. The students were made aware about the risks of anemia, especially in the life of women and children



caused due to malnutrition and iron deficiency. The talk was followed by Ms. Malhi providing NCC Naval wing cadets with individual diet plans based on their physical requirements. As part of the drive, Vasudha, the Environment Society of the college undertook a tree

plantation drive as well under "Ek Pedh Maa ke Naam" campaign. Principal, Dr Jatinder Kaur, appreciated the efforts of the faculty members and motivated the cadets and students to spread awareness about the importance of healthy diet and nutrition in the life of women and children.

Vet Varsity to hold annual zonal workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras on Sept 18, 20



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ludhiana : A three days Annual Zonal Workshop of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) under ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute (ATARI), Zone 1, Ludhiana will be held at Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Ludhiana from 18-20 September, 2024.

Dr. Jatinder Paul Singh Gill, Vice Chancellor revealed that KVKs are playing a pivotal role in the development of the agriculture and allied sectors through the demonstration of cutting-edge technologies at the farmers' field apart from demo units at the centers.

He added that it is important to regularly review the prior work and establish goals for the upcoming year as it will aid in conducting the activities of KVKs as scheduled and as per need.

Dr. Parvender Sheoran, Director, ATARI Zone 1, Ludhiana said that scientists and heads of KVKs of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, and Uttarakhand under this zone shall be participating in this workshop and share their activities, achievements, and success stories from last year of

work.

During the program, apart from reviewing the work done by KVKs, the lectures on role and responsibility of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, data and database management, etc. will also be arranged to improve the functioning of KVKs.

He informed that Dr. Rajeshwar Singh Chandel, Vice Chancellor, Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni, Solan, Himachal Pradesh, will grace the occasion as Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session.

Dr. Parkash Singh Brar, Director of Extension Education, Vet Varsity and Organizing Secretary of the workshop emphasized on strengthening the KVKs as these mini universities are acting like bridges between research institutes and the farming community.

He highlighted that the state of Punjab has a total of 22 KVKs, out of which 18 are under administrative control of PAU, three under Vet Varsity and one at Abohar under ICAR.

The discussions during this workshop will help scientists to share their knowledge across the boundaries of the state.

CM: For uplift of farmers, state to frame horticulture policy



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Shimla : Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today said that Himachal would be the first state to formulate a horticulture policy to enhance its production and become the fruit bowl of India.

The Chief Minister, while reviewing the performance of the HP Shiva Project of the Horticulture Department, said, "The Rs 1,292 crore Shiva project will cover 6,000 hectares in seven districts of the state with thrust on inter-cropping. Saplings of guava, citrus fruits, pomegranate, dragon fruit, blue berry and jack fruits will be planted in two phases."

Sukhu directed the department to bring small and marginal farmers under this project to strengthen their economy. The state government was according top priority to strengthening the rural economy and the horticulture sector could play a crucial role in the uplift of

farmers, he added.

The Chief Minister said that 60 lakh fruit saplings would be planted under the project to cover 6,000 hectares by 2028. Under the project, 4,000 hectares would be covered in the first phase and the remaining 2,000 hectares in the second phase. "We are expecting 1.30 lakh metric tonnes of produce from the project by 2032 with around Rs 230 crore trade value per annum," he added.

He said that this project would also provide direct and indirect employment to 82,500 people of the state. He directed the department to incorporate modern technology in the project to ensure remunerative prices to farmers and provide necessary technical support. Secretary, Horticulture, Priyanka Basu, Secretary to Chief Minister Rakesh Kanwar and Director, Horticulture, Vinay Singh attended the meeting.

Governor approves Pb Panchayati Raj Amendment Bill

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria has approved the Punjab Panchayati Raj Bill Amendment Bill 2024 which was passed in the Monsoon Session of Punjab Vidhan Sabha earlier this month.



This approval will help

the government in holding the elections to 13,241 Panchayats of the state.

The government is planning to conduct the Panchayat Elections in mid-October.

PAU-PABI startup 'RTS Flowers' honoured with Swaraj Award

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Ludhiana : In a remarkable recognition of innovation and sustainability in the agricultural sector, Sardar Gurvinder Singh Sohi, founder of RTS Flowers, was awarded with "Swaraj Award" at the Outlook Agritech Summit and Swaraj Awards 2024, held at NASC, New Delhi.

The award acknowledged Sardar Sohi's outstanding contributions to flower farming, with a particular focus on sustainable practices, innovation, and dedication to the promotion of the floriculture industry in India.

Dr MS Bhullar, Director of Extension Education,



while admiring Sardar Sohi's achievements, said, "RTS Flowers has set a benchmark for future agripreneurs, looking to combine sustainability with commercial success."

Dr TS Riar, Principal Investigator of PABI, lauded Sardar Sohi's focus

on sustainability and said that his award at the Swaraj Agritech Summit was an inspiration for all aspiring entrepreneurs in the agri-tech domain."

Congratulating Sardar Sohi for his innovation in agriculture, Dr.

Poonam Sachdev, Co-Principal Investigator of PABI (Punjab Agri-Business Incubator), said that RTS Flowers has proven that even the most traditional agricultural sectors could benefit from modern technology and practices.

Chandigarh Mayor inaugurates renovated Community Centre at Dadumajra

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Chandigarh : Kuldeep Kumar, Mayor, Chandigarh today inaugurated the renovated Community Centre in Dadumajra colony, here in the presence senior officers of MC Chandigarh and prominent persons of the area.

While addressing the gathering, the Mayor said that this Community Centre has undergone extensive renovations to enhance its functionality and aesthetic appeal at a total expenditure of Rs. 43 lacs.

He said that the comprehensive renovation has addressed these issues, including new false ceiling, upgrading the windows and doors with toughened glass, wall tiling & curtains, acrylic painting, boundary



wall railing, renovation of toilet blocks, wiring along with other electrical works and plastering work around boundary wall.

A new open kitchen has been constructed, allowing it to be used without disturbing ongoing events.

All doors have been aesthetically enhanced with teak wood, and the entire building has been made handicapped-friendly,

ensuring accessibility for all, added the Mayor.

The Mayor said that the additional upgrades include covering the bathroom walls with ceramic tiles, adding a 3-foot vertical granite cladding to the corridor walls and repainting the entire building.

Various repair works have also been completed to done the facility to optimal condition.

Property will be expensive in Mohali, 26 to 50 percent increase in collector rates

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Mohali : Buying residential, commercial and industrial space in Mohali will now become more expensive as the district administration has hiked collector rates by 26 to 50 percent for 2024-25.

According to District Revenue Officer Aman Chawla, the increase in collector rates has



been implemented from

September 16. Earlier, the collector rate was increased by 35 percent in 2021. Then in 2022 it was increased from 42 to 76 percent.

Stree 2 beats Animal at domestic box office in 33 days, now only behind Jawan

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New Delhi : Stree 2 has created a rampage at the box office in India. The horror-comedy is now only one spot away from becoming the top Bollywood film of all time at the domestic box office. After its 33-day run, the film surpassed the lifetime collection of Animal and emerged as the second highest-grossing Bollywood film of all time in India.

The Amar Kaushik-directorial achieved the gigantic feat on its fifth Monday. While the Ranbir Kapoor-starrer ended its overall run at Rs 553.87 crore nett, Stree 2 stands at Rs 557.85 crore nett after 33 days, reported the trade website Sacnilk. The film's next target is to beat Jawan, which earned Rs 640.25 crore nett in India.

Check the day-wise box office breakup of Stree 2 in India - nett collection (source: sacnilk)

Week 1: Rs 291.65 crore

Week 2: Rs 141.4 crore

Week 3: Rs 70.2 crore

Week 4: Rs 36.1 crore



Friday: Rs 3.35 crore
Saturday: Rs 5.4 crore
Sunday: Rs 6.75 crore
Monday: Rs 3 crore
Total: Rs 557.85 crore
Starring Rajkummar Rao and Shraddha Kapoor in the lead, the film is performing fabulously even in its fifth week at the ticket window. It has so far collected around Rs 18.5 crore nett in four days, and with no other big Hindi release up for competition, the coming weekend is going to be equally solid.

Stree 2 will be sharing screens with Yudhra this weekend. The Siddhanth Chaturvedi and Malavika Mohanan-starrer is an action drama, and it will need excellent word-of-mouth to deter the smooth run of Stree 2 at the box office. The rest of the re-releases, namely Tumbbad and Veer-Zaara, will continue to perform at their own pace without hampering the film. The sky was the limit for Stree 2, and it now seems to be raising that benchmark as well.

India vs China, Asian Champions Trophy Final: Favourites India eye 5th crown



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New Delhi : Indian men's hockey team is set to face China in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy 2024. India thrashed South Korea 4-1 in the semi-final of the tournament at Hulunbuir on Monday, September 16. In the other semi-final of the tournament, hosts China shocked Pakistan to reach the final after they beat Men in Green 2-0 in the shootout.

India are heavy favourites in the final after their stellar performance against South Korea. A brace from captain Harmanpreet Singh and a goal each from Uttam Singh and Jermanpreet Singh helped India continue their dominant run in the continental tournament.

India have been exceptional with their field goals and creative passing. Uttam and Jarmanpreet's goals were a testament to how creative and lethal this team can be when they are at their best. Apart from the attackers, the defence has done well in the post-PR Sreejesh era. Goalkeepers Krishan Pathak and Suraj Karkera have been brilliant under the sticks and due to their collective effort, India have conceded just 5 goals in the tournament so far.

The Indian team are expected to clinch their 5th Asian Champions Trophy and it will be a huge upset if the Harmanpreet Singh's team are beaten by China in the summit clash. It is not like China have not beaten India before in men's hockey. The solitary victory for the Chinese side came in the 2013 edition of the same tournament when they beat India 2-0.

India are yet to be defeated in the Asian Champions Trophy this year. India beat China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and

Pakistan to reach the semi-final of the tournament. In the semis, India thrashed Korea 4-1.

India vs China: 3-0

India vs Japan: 5-1

India vs Malaysia: 8-1

India vs Korea: 3-1

India vs Pakistan: 2-1

Semi-final, India vs Korea: 4-1

China's Road to Final

China have won two and lost three games en route to the final of the Asian Champions Trophy. China lost to India 0-3, South Korea 2-3 and Pakistan 1-5. They managed to make it to the semis after beating Malaysia 4-2 and Japan 2-0. They then shocked Pakistan 2-0 in the shootout to reach the final.

China vs India: 0-3

China vs Malaysia: 4-2

China vs Korea: 2-3

China vs Pakistan: 1-5

China vs Japan: 2-0

Semi-final, China vs Pakistan: 2-0 (via shootout)

India vs China: Head-to-Head

India have dominated China in the head-to-head battle in men's hockey. Out of the 6 matches that they have played, India have won 5 and lost just 1 game. India and China are not regular rivals. In fact, they played just one match in 2023, one in 2016, one in 2014, and two in 2013 ahead of this Asian Champions Trophy.

India vs China: When and Where to Watch

India and China will square off in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy on September 17 at 3:30 PM. The match will be broadcast on the Sony Sports Ten 1 and Ten 1 HD channels. The match can be live-streamed on the SonyLiv app and website.

Junaid Khan paired opposite Khushi Kapoor in rom-com. Release date out

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New Delhi : In a highly anticipated announcement, Phantom Studios and AGS Entertainment revealed their upcoming film about love in the digital age, starring Khushi Kapoor and Junaid Khan in lead roles. Directed by Advait Chandan, this untitled romantic drama is slated for a theatrical release on February 7, 2025.

The poster shared on September 17, 2024 read, "Phantom Studios and AGS Entertainment announce the theatrical release of our film about love, likes and everything in between with Khushi Kapoor and Junaid Khan. Film to be Directed by Advait Chandan (sic)." The film, which will most likely explore the intersections



of modern romance, social media, and human connections, has already generated buzz due to its fresh pairing of Kapoor and Khan, both rising stars from influential Bollywood families. Chandan, known for his critically acclaimed work in Secret Superstar, is expected to bring his deft touch to this love story. Though the film's title remains under wraps, fans are eagerly

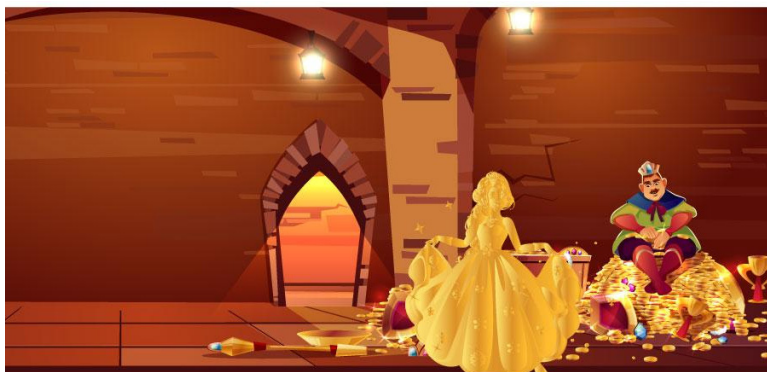
awaiting more details. With its Valentine's week release, the film is expected to be a key feature in the 2025 Bollywood lineup.

Khushi was last seen in The Archies, helmed by Zoya Akhtar and Reema Kagti. Junaid made his debut with Maharaj, in which he starred opposite Jaideep Ahlawat, Sharvari, and others.

It's story

The Golden Touch

The Greek king Midas did a good deed for a Satyr. This prompted Dionysus, the god of wine, to grant him a wish. Midas asked for everything he touched to turn to gold. Dionysus' warned him not to do so, but Midas could not be swayed. Midas excitedly started touching everything and turning them into gold. Soon, he became hungry. But he couldn't eat anything because even his food turned to gold. His beloved daughter saw him in distress and ran to hug him. However, she, too, turned to gold. He realised then the golden touch was not a blessing.



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100 days of Modi 3.0: BJP, ministries gear up to share success stories

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New Delhi : The BJP as well as different ministries and departments have made elaborate plans to mark the NDA government's 100 days in office on Tuesday, which coincides with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 74th birthday. Several Union Ministers will hold press conferences in the national capital to give a report card on the first 100 days of the third term of the Modi government.

To mark the milestone, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will address a press conference at 10:15 am.

Separately, BJP president JP Nadra will launch a blood donation camp under 'Seva Pakhwada'. He will also inaugurate an exhibition on Modi's life at the BJP headquarters to mark the Prime Minister's birthday.

The Ministry for fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying, led by Rajiv Ranjan Singh, will also hold its first press conference and highlight the achievements of the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. The Rs 6,000 crore scheme is aimed at enhancing fishery production, quality, and export potential.

Union Minister for MSME Jitan



Ram Manjhi will also address a press conference to give a report card on the ministry's achievements.

MODI 3.0 COMPLETES 100 DAYS: A RECAP

PM Modi and his new Council of Ministers were administered the oath on June 9, 2024, after the BJP-led NDA scraped past the majority mark in the Lok Sabha election to return to power for a third consecutive term.

The first 100 days have been marked by a determined infrastructural development push, with the government clearing and approving projects worth Rs 3 lakh crore, including the Polavaram irrigation project in Andhra Pradesh. Roads, ports, and airports have been the primary focus of

the government.

Speaking at an event in Ahmedabad, PM Modi said despite taunts and insults by the opposition, he worked to ensure that the government's agenda for the first 100 days was completed. "In the first 100 days of my third term, they made fun of me and insulted me. But I chose not to respond to any of their insults and ensure that the government's agenda for 100 days was completed," PM Modi said.

However, the first 100 days have also seen the BJP, which is dependent on its allies to remain in power, retracting some of its decisions -- a point that has been highlighted by the opposition.

Apart from withdrawal of the advertisement for lateral entry into top posts in central ministries, a draft of the Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill was also pulled back amid concerns that it would lead to greater government control over online content.

"From day one, Modi has proven to be a weak Prime Minister, dependent on crutches, setting new records for U-turns," Congress's Supriya Shrinate said.

CM Yogi takes cognisance of Firecracker Factory explosion in Firozabad: NDRF carries out rescue operation

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Lucknow : Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath took cognisance of the explosion incident that occurred at a firecracker factory located in a house in Firozabad's Naushera. Notably, four people were killed and several were injured in the explosion today. Several people are feared to be trapped under rubble, said police.

CM Yogi has instructed the district administration officials to immediately hospitalise the injured and ensure their proper treatment. He has also wished for the speedy recovery of the injured. He has directed the officials of the district administration to reach the spot and expedite the relief work.

The NDRF team along with sniffer dogs has reached the explosion site to carry out rescue operations. Earlier, Firozabad District Magistrate Ramesh Ranjan said, "The rescue team is present at the spot. District hospital and sub-district hospital, both are on high alert...team of doctors, ambulance, fire team, disaster team, all are present at the spot," Firozabad District Magistrate Ramesh Ranjan said.

Deepak Kumar IG Agra Range stated, "In the Shikohabad PS area, firecrackers were stored at a house and a blast occurred there. Due to the impact of the blast, the roof of a nearby



house collapsed. Police took out 10 people from the debris...6 people are undergoing treatment at a hospital and 4 people have died...further rescue operation is still underway." The police knew about the firecrackers getting manufactured here and everyone knew that an incident like this could happen but officials were given bribes to avoid any actions.

"The firecrackers were getting manufactured here. 16 houses have been fully damaged. Everyone knew that this was going to happen. Every time police were given bribes," she said. Another eyewitness stated that 5 km of area had been affected by the explosion.

Adding to that he said, "Several complaints were made regarding the firecracker factory but the police were given bribes and no action was initiated." More details are awaited.

CM Mamata Banerjee agrees to doctors' demands, removes Police Commissioner, top health officials

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Kolkata : West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee after meeting with the protesting junior doctors announced that she has agreed to most of doctors' demands -- the removal of Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal and removal of health department officials.

"Given the demand of junior doctors, Kolkata Police Commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal has said in the meeting that he is ready to resign," said Mamata Banerjee while addressing the protesting doctors today.

She said Vineet Goyal would hand over the responsibility to the new CP at 4 pm today, adding that her government has decided to accept demands laid down by junior doctors.

Also, deputy commissioner North, Abhishek Gupta will be removed, said CM Banerjee.

"We tried listening to junior doctors...we have decided to change the DC (Kolkata Police Commissioner)...he agreed to resign himself...in the health department, they demanded the removal of 3 persons and we agreed for 2. We have agreed 99%, what else can we do? We have requested the junior doctors to come back to work so that the common citizens won't suffer..."



she said.

"... We have accepted 3 of their 4 demands... DC North (Abhishek Gupta) will also be removed and a decision will be taken about the new DC tomorrow. Apart from this, full attention will also be paid to the security of the doctors..." she added.

This comes in wake of demands by West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front and Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) to remove Kolkata Commissioner of Police as well as the replacement of all the senior officials in the Health and Family Welfare Department of the Mamata Government. West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front and Resident Doctors' Association (RDA)

held a press conference in the national capital and laid down their demands.

Amid the ongoing protest against the rape and murder of the second-year postgraduate trainee doctor inside a seminar room of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College on August 9, the front noted down five-point demands, which include the call for justice for the victim "Abhaya" and to expedite the investigation process in the case.

They also demanded the removal of the Director of Medical Education (DME), the Director of Health Services (DHS), and the Health Secretary from the Department of Health and Family Welfare of the West Bengal Government.

The front called for "action against incompetent and complacent police authorities" and demanded the removal of Kolkata Commissioner of Police Vineet Goyal as well as the Deputy Commissioner of Police of North and Central for administrative failure and alleged evidence tampering.

Govt asks platform aggregators to register gig workers on e-Shram for social benefits

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New Delhi : With an aim to extend social security benefits to gig and platform workers, the Ministry of Labour and Employment has asked platform aggregators to register their workers on the e-Shram portal.

This registration is crucial to ensuring workers' access to social welfare schemes, while aggregators will help develop an accurate registry of beneficiaries.

To guide the process, the Ministry has issued an advisory with a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) outlining aggregator responsibilities, including



registering workers and updating their data. Upon registration, platform workers will receive a Universal Account Number (UAN), which will allow them access to

key social security benefits.

Central Government, working with a few aggregators, has successfully completed testing for API integration and is advancing the registration process.

This joint effort aims to ensure full coverage of gig workers, with ongoing collaboration between the Ministry and platform aggregators.

Through the guidelines, the Aggregators have also been requested to regularly update workers' details, including work engagement and payments. Any worker's exit must be reported promptly to maintain accurate records.

Mehul Choksi's properties to be sold, money to be deposited in court's name

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Mumbai : A special court in Mumbai has permitted two banks to carry out the valuation and sale of some properties belonging to fugitive economic offender Mehul Choksi. The order stated that the money generated from the sale of the properties shall be deposited in fixed accounts in the name of the court.

Punjab National Bank and ICICI Bank, which approached the court, argued that the delay in the release and restoration of the properties is hindering the recovery of public funds. They also stated that the properties are subject to general wear and tear, leading to a day-by-day decrease in their value.

The banks had approached the court in 2022 as well.

After hearing the arguments, Special Judge SM Menjoge allowed the plea, stating that the banks are permitted to carry out the requisite valuation of properties held by entities other than Gitanjali Gems Ltd (GGL), Nakshatra Brands Limited (NBL), Nakshatra World Limited (NWL), and Gili India Limited. The banks, through advocates Lalan



Gupta, Anuj Loya, and Megh Maneshinde, submitted that they had a meeting with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in January this year, where it was concluded that the banks should be allowed to monetise the properties during the proceedings.

"It is agreed that valuation of the subject properties in accordance with the applicable law to be carried out and those can be auctioned and sale proceed to be kept in fixed deposit in the name of Court in ICICI Bank, PNB Bank and the distribution of deposited amount would be subject to final outcome of applications," under Prevention of Money Laundering

Act, said the banks.

Under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), if a trial cannot be conducted, a Special Court may consider an application for the release or confiscation of property, or order the restoration of confiscated property to a claimant with a legitimate interest in it.

Diamond merchant Mehul Choksi is wanted by Indian agencies in connection with the Rs 13,000 crore Punjab National Bank (PNB) fraud case. An arrest warrant was issued for Choksi in 2018, and he has since absconded abroad. The trial against him is yet to begin.

In 2018, the ED provisionally attached 41 immovable properties worth Rs 1,217 crore in the case. The attached properties included two of his flats in a posh locality in Mumbai, a mall in Kolkata, 27 acres of land on the Mumbai-Goa Highway, 101 acres of land in Tamil Nadu, lands in Nashik, Nagpur, and Andhra Pradesh, two bungalows in Alibaug, and offices in Surat.

ED conducts searches in Kolkata over alleged financial irregularities at RG Kar Medical College

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Kolkata : The Directorate of Enforcement (ED) today morning conducted search operations at various locations in Kolkata in connection with the alleged financial irregularities at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, officials said.

One of the teams of the ED also conducted a search at the residence of Doctor Sudipto Roy, Trinamool Congress MLA, who is under the scanner of the central agency over the financial irregularities at the RG Kar medical college and hospital, they said. Further details are awaited.

Earlier this month, a team of ED reached the residence of the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Sandip Ghosh, at Chinari Park in Kolkata to carry out a search operation. ED had registered a case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) to probe money laundering charges against Sandip Ghosh in the financial irregularities case.

On September 10, a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) court remanded Sandip Ghosh and three others to judicial custody till September 23 in the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital financial irregularities case. The Anti-Corruption Branch of the Central



Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested Sandip Ghosh on September 2.

Ghosh was under investigation for alleged corruption and financial irregularities at the college and hospital, following a directive from a single bench of the Calcutta High Court, which ordered the CBI to probe the matter.

Earlier on August 26, the CBI also concluded a second round of polygraph tests on Dr Ghosh as part of their investigation into the rape-murder of a woman doctor at the institution.

The Calcutta High Court has granted the CBI three weeks to submit a progress report on the investigation, which is to be presented today, September 17. A woman trainee doctor was found dead in the seminar hall of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata on August 9.



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India, US hold 2+2 Interessional Dialogue, discuss strategic and defence matters

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New Delhi : Indian and the US officials held the US-India 2+2 Interessional Dialogue and discussions covered bilateral strategic and defence priorities as well as regional and global issues, an official statement said.

The officials of the Ministry of External Affairs and Defence and the US State and Defence Departments attended the 2+2 Interessional.

In a post on X, Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) official spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, "India and the US held the 2+2 Interessional on Monday with officials from India's Ministry of External Affairs and Defence, and the US State and Defence Departments. Key discussions covered bilateral strategic and defence priorities, alongside regional and global issues."

Earlier on September 13, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held a meeting with a delegation from the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) here in the national capital.

The delegation was headed by Deputy Chief Executive Officer Nisha Biswal.



The delegation included US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti and Assistant US Trade Representative for South and Central Asia Brendan Lynch.

According to the Ministry of Finance, discussions were centred on strengthening economic cooperation between India and the US, with a particular focus on investment opportunities in India.

"Union Finance Minister Smt. @nsitharaman interacted with a delegation from the US International Development Finance Corporation @DFCgov with Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Ms. @NishaBiswal; US DFC @DFCgov shared

that India offers good opportunities and is one of their key geographies for #investment," Ministry of Finance said in a post on X. During the interaction, representatives from DFC acknowledged India's significant potential as a key geography for investment.

They highlighted the favourable opportunities in various sectors and expressed their commitment to further expanding their investment footprint in the country.

Finance Minister Sitharaman also emphasised the broad-based and multi-sectoral cooperation between India and the US, noting that recent reforms and the country's evolving investment climate have created a conducive environment for growth.

She highlighted India's potential for increased economic cooperation, particularly in sectors crucial to sustainable development and innovation.

Otis Davis, former Oregon Duck and 2-time Olympic gold medalist, dies at 92



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New Delhi : Otis Davis, who won two gold medals in the 1960 Olympics in Rome while he was a student athlete at the University of Oregon, has died at the age of 92, the Oregon track and field program announced.

Davis was the Oregon track and field program's first Olympic gold medalist. It took more than 50 years for another Oregon Duck to match Davis as a two-time Olympic champion. Ashton Eaton did so when he won his second Olympic decathlon gold medal in 2016.

Davis' journey to get to the Olympic podium was about sacrifice and perseverance.

Davis was born on July 12, 1932. He grew up in segregated Alabama just a few miles from the University of Alabama campus. He couldn't attend the school because it didn't allow Black students until 1963.

After serving four years in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, the 26-year-old freshman decided to run track at the University of Oregon. He actually first arrived at Oregon on a basketball scholarship. But he joined the track and field program after he saw a workout from his dorm window and thought he could compete.

Two years later, he won gold at the 1960 Olympics in Rome in the 400-meter final with a time of 44.9

seconds, setting a new world record and becoming the first person to run it in under 45 seconds.

He took home another gold and helped set another world record in Rome, when he anchored the 4-by-400 meter relay, posting a winning time of 3:02.2 alongside Glenn Davis, Jack Yerman and Earl Young.

Davis returned to Oregon and earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1960. He was a high school teacher in Springfield for many years and later worked as an athletic director at U.S. military bases. He moved to New Jersey in 1991, where he served as a guidance counselor, truant officer and mentor to young students and aspiring athletes. In 1996, he was a torch bearer for the Atlanta Olympics.

In 2003, Davis was inducted into the National Track and Field Hall of Fame in 2003. A member of the University of Oregon Hall of Fame who received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the university in 2015, he's one of five icons from Oregon's track and field program depicted on a 10-story tower outside Hayward Field on the University of Oregon campus, joining legendary coach Bill Bowerman and athletes Eaton, Steve Prefontaine and Raevyn Rogers.

Trump, JD Vance blame Kamala Harris's 'rhetoric' for assassination bid

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New Delhi : Former US President Donald Trump and his running mate, JD Vance, have accused Vice President Kamala Harris and President Joe Biden of inciting divisive "rhetoric", which they claim played a role in a second apparent assassination attempt against the Republican candidate.

Following the second assassination attempt on his life in two months, Trump highlighted that the suspect, 58-years-old Ryan Wesley Routh, echoed Biden and Harris's language, suggesting that he is a threat to American democracy if he wins the upcoming November elections and retakes the White House.

Routh has been active on social media, sharing a range of political opinions, and was recently interviewed by major news outlets regarding his efforts to recruit Afghans in support of Ukraine amidst Russia's invasion.

In an April post, he emphasised, "Democracy is on the ballot, and we cannot lose."

However, the suspect's motive remains unclear as the FBI continues to conduct a probe into Routh's background, looking at whether he was unhappy with Trump's stance on Ukraine, ABC News reported while citing sources.

On Monday, Routh appeared in court to



face charges of illegal firearm possession. He remained calm throughout the proceedings, only responding with a few "yes" answers to the judge's questions, news agency AFP reported.

The 78-year-old leader accused Democrat candidate Harris of making false statements during the ABC debate, which he described as "rigged and highly partisan." He also expressed outrage over the lawsuits filed against him, which he believes are rhetoric, the bullets are flying, and it will only get worse!" Routh was arrested soon after he was spotted hiding with an assault rifle behind the bushes of Trump's Florida golf course. US Secret Service agents opened fire, not hitting him, and he fled before being arrested later.

In addition to his criticism of the political climate, Trump called for strict

border control, blaming the current administration for allowing what he termed an "invasion" of the US by criminals, terrorists, and the mentally ill. "Our borders must be closed, and the terrorists, criminals, and mentally insane must be immediately removed from American cities and towns," he said. He argued that while the US should welcome

immigrants, they must enter legally and through a merit-based system.

Both Harris and Biden have denounced the apparent assassination bid against the Republican candidate.

JD Vance, Republican Senator and running mate to Donald Trump in the 2024 presidential race, called for the left to "tone down the rhetoric".

He expressed his admiration for Trump's call for peace and calm amid the heated political climate. Vance pointed out the dangers of escalating rhetoric, emphasising how it has already endangered lives. "The rhetoric is out of control. It nearly got Steve Scalise and many others killed a few years ago. It nearly got Donald Trump killed twice," Vance said, referencing past incidents of political violence.

Five missing after cargo ship sinks off Brazilian coast

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Sao Paulo : At least five people were missing and four others were rescued after a cargo ship sank off the coast of the Brazilian northeastern state of Pernambuco, local media reported.

The boat, named "Concordia," sank 15 kilometres from Ponta das Pedras beach in the municipality of Goiania on Sunday night, news agency reported quoting local media.

The Brazilian Navy announced in a statement that it activated the rescue and emergency protocols through the



use of boats and an Air Force plane, which allowed the rescue of four crew

members of the boat who were in good condition.

The owner of the boat, Antonio Goncalves, told the Globo news network that the boat, with the capacity to transport 180 tons, carried construction materials and food to Fernando de Noronha, where some of the most

admired beaches in Brazil are located.

Mercedes-Benz to Jaguar Land Rover. India manufacturing in top gear

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New Delhi : As the market for luxury cars and top-notch electric vehicles (EVs) ramp up in India amid friendly government policies and shifting 'generational mindset', more and more global automakers are lining up to manufacture/assemble vehicles in India.

The German luxury carmaker Mercedes-Benz has just launched the EQS SUV which is assembled locally in India, which is now the second country to assemble the EQS SUV outside of the US. The made-in-India luxury EV is priced at Rs 1.41 crore. The auto giant has already been making the EQS sedan in India and has sold around 500 units, as per reports.

Mercedes-Benz is reportedly making an additional investment of Rs 200 crore in 2024 towards manufacturing operations, new product start-ups and digitisation of manufacturing processes in India.

Santosh Iyer, MD and CEO of Mercedes Benz India, said the



localisation of the EQS SUV "manifests our local competencies, creates value for Indian customers and supports the government's vision of 'Make in India.'"

In May this year, Tata Motors-owned Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) said it plans to start assembling the flagship Range Rover model, along with Range Rover Sport, in India for the first time, significantly bringing down the prices.

The company's Pune plant currently assembles the Range Rover Velar, Range Rover Evoque, Jaguar F-PACE, and Discovery Sport

models. The India-assembled Range Rovers will be available for delivery by the end of this month while Range Rover Sport will arrive in the market by August.

According to N. Chandrasekaran, Chairman of Tata Sons, the local assembly of the

flagship models marks an inflection point for the India subsidiary and shows the confidence the company has in the market.

As per industry data, the sale of luxury cars from brands like Lamborghini, Ferrari, McLaren and Aston Martin are experiencing strong demand in the Indian market. According to a latest wealth report by Knight Frank, India is likely to see more ultra-wealthy individuals, with those possessing a net worth exceeding \$30 million to reach 19,908 by 2028 — up from 13,263 in 2023.

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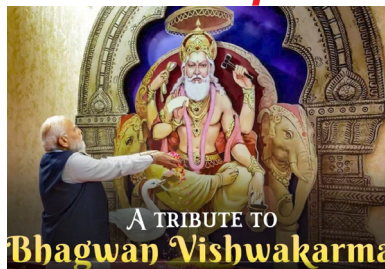
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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has extended greetings to the citizens on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti.

In a social media post, PM Modi praised skilled and hardworking craftsmen and creators associated with construction and creation.

The Prime Minister expressed confidence that their contribution will be unparalleled in the accomplishment of the resolution of a developed and self-reliant India.

"Many best wishes to all countrymen on the occasion of Lord Vishwakarma Jayanti. On this occasion, I pay my special respects to all my



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skilled and hardworking colleagues associated with construction and creation. I am confident that your contribution will be unparalleled in the accomplishment of the resolution of a developed and self-reliant India," PM Modi posted on X.

4 killed in explosion at firecracker factory in UP's Firozabad

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Firozabad : Four persons, including a three-year-old girl and a woman, were killed after an explosion occurred at a firecracker godown-cum-factory in Uttar Pradesh's Firozabad district, police said today.

Six persons were injured in the incident, which took place in the factory located in the Naushera area under Shikohabad police station limits on Monday night, a senior police official said.

The bodies of the deceased have been sent for postmortem and the injured have been hospitalised, the official said.

"In Shikohabad police station area, firecrackers were stored at a house and a blast occurred there. Due to the impact of the blast, the roof of a nearby house collapsed. Police took out 10 people from the debris... six people are undergoing treatment at a hospital and four people have died... further rescue operation is still underway," said Deepak Kumar, IG, Agra Range, said.

The house has collapsed due to the explosion and several people are feared to be trapped under rubble, the police added.

A team of fire and police departments, and district administration are engaged in relief work under supervision of the Superintendent of Police and CMO officials, Kumar added.

According to local residents, around 10.30 p.m., there was a sudden blast in the firecracker godown due



to which the walls of the building collapsed and about seven people of the same family living in it got buried under the debris.

According to information obtained from the district hospital, the deceased have been identified as Meera Devi (45), Aman (20), Gautam Kushwaha (18) and Kumari Ichha (3).

Responding to a question, Kumar said permission for any type of firecracker godown is prohibited in densely populated areas.

Necessary action will be taken in the matter after gathering information on how this godown was operating in a densely populated area, he added.

The senior police officer said a state disaster response force (SDRF) team will also reach the spot soon so that relief and rescue work can be expedited.

Meanwhile, Firozabad District Magistrate Ramesh Ranjan said that the rescue operations are underway. "Rescue team is present at the spot. District hospital and sub-district hospital, both are on high alert... team of doctors, ambulance, fire team, disaster team, all are present at the spot," Ranjan added.

PM Modi turns 74: BJP leaders extend birthday wishes

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New Delhi : Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha today extended his warm wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 74th birthday. "Warm birthday wishes to the visionary leader & great son of Maa Bharati, Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri @narendramodi ji," he wrote on Social media platform X. He further said "Your vision for a stronger, prosperous India resonates in every heart. May your dynamic leadership & unwavering dedication continue to transform India and inspire generations!"

Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde also extended birthday greetings to PM Modi, "My birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. I wish him good health and long life," Shinde said. "Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India is moving towards becoming



an economic superpower, I wish him the strength to fulfill his resolve of a developed India by 2047. Maharashtra is also making every possible effort to fulfill Prime Minister Modi's resolve of making the country a 5 trillion economy. I want to say that the 21st century is India's century because the captain of the country is Prime Minister

Modi. I wish him a very happy birthday," Shinde added.

Famous sand sculptor Sudarsan Pattnaik also extended birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "May Mahaprabhu's blessings be with you always and your dreams of a Viksit Bharat be realized. Happy birthday, Hon Prime Minister @narendramodi ji," he wrote on X. On this occasion, he also dedicated a sand art to PM Modi. "Please accept my good wishes through this sand art installation in New Delhi. Jai Jagannath!" he added.

On his 74th birthday, Narendra Modi is scheduled to interact with the PM Awas beneficiaries. The PM will leave the slum and later go to the Janata Maidan, where he will launch the Subhadra Yojana.

Congress, KCR's party spar over unveiling of Rajiv Gandhi's statue

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Hyderabad : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy unveiled the statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at the state Secretariat and slammed the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for opposing it.

While Revanth Reddy recalled the sacrifices made by the Nehru-Gandhi family for the nation, the BRS alleged that Congress made such a move to please "Delhi's bosses" and that it was undermining the state's interests.

Reacting to BRS's proposal to remove Rajiv Gandhi's statue with a statue of Telangana Talli (mother goddess of Telangana) if the party was voted to power again, Revanth Reddy challenged the party to do so and called it a politically motivated stunt.

Revanth Reddy recalled the sacrifices made by the Nehru-Gandhi family for the nation and also spoke about Rajiv Gandhi's contributions, such as the 18-year voting age reform, the computer revolution and women's reservation in local bodies.

He accused the BRS of being power-hungry and questioned why they did not install the Telangana Talli statue during their 10-year tenure.



"Some fools are talking about dynasty politics. Even though they've lost power, their arrogance hasn't diminished. You built a thousand-acre farmhouse and the Pragathi Bhavan. Didn't those ten years suffice to install a Telangana Talli statue? After looting the state for ten years, these people, who divided up positions, are now talking about family rule," he said.

Hitting out at BRS leader KT Rama Rao (KTR), Revanth Reddy further said, "Rajiv Gandhi brought a technological revolution to the country. Had Rajiv Gandhi not introduced computers, KTR would be selling idlis and vadas in Guntur or tea in Siddipet. This is not a political platform and I don't wish to discuss politics here."

He said he would install the Telangana Talli statue at the Secretariat by December 9, saying it was his promise to the people of the state.

"As soon as we decided to install Rajiv Gandhi's statue, they suddenly remembered the Telangana Talli statue. Some foolish people are saying they will remove Rajiv Gandhi's statue. Let's see who dares to remove it

and who will come," he further said.

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KTR, also the working president of BRS, claimed that the installation of Rajiv Gandhi's statue was an insult to Telangana's identity and heritage. He accused Revanth Reddy of "mortgaging Telangana's soul" to please Congress's "Delhi bosses". KTR said the BRS cadres and Telangana supporters would hold a symbolic protest by performing 'palabhishekam' (milk offerings) at the Telangana Talli statues across the state.

"This act would demonstrate the deep emotional hurt felt by the people of Telangana at what he termed a disrespect to Telangana's cultural and historical identity," he said.

Flood crisis deepens in UP's Sitapur: Over 25,000 trapped, crops damaged

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Sitapur : The lives of around 25,000 villagers in Uttar Pradesh's Sitapur have been severely impacted by incessant flooding due to heavy rain in the past few days. The situation worsened after lakhs of cusecs of water were released from nearby barrages.

Farmers have suffered significant losses, with crops, homes, and other properties destroyed across at least 80 villages, all affected by the swelling Saryu River.

As water submerged surrounding areas, Sitapur became virtually cut off, turning into an island. In about 30 villages, strong water currents made roads impassable, cutting off connectivity. In Angraure village, the water level was measured at over five feet.

Vast tracts of farmland have been submerged, destroying large amounts of crops.

As the water level continued to rise, particularly after the release from the barrages, villagers were evacuated to safer areas, some by boat and others on foot.

The worst-hit areas include Buchapurwa, Dhodepurwa, Lodhanpurwa, Nageshwar Purwa, Pitambar Purwa, Baiju Purwa, Baxipurwa, Fatepurwa, Jagroopurwa, Kewra, Akhari, Angraure, Mishranpurwa, Sotipurwa, Paramgonda, Shankarpurwa,



Babakuti, Ataura, Kanarkhi, and Bagasti.

Water has entered homes in more than 30 villages, while 50 villages remain marooned. Many schools have also been affected, and connectivity has been severed in numerous areas. Niranjan Purwa and Angraure villages to observe the situation on the ground. According to 50-year-old Ram Lal, the damage has been severe due to the flooding of homes.

"We are being forced to leave our homes and seek higher ground. The situation is worsening, and we have no choice but to survive in the floodwaters," he said.

Boats are now the only mode of transportation in these villages. Flood victims that their biggest problem is the lack of clean water for drinking, cooking, and daily

use. They also claimed that relief materials and food packets have not reached them, as many remain trapped in the flood.

A woman, who was forced to stay in a partially submerged house, said that the floodwater had completely destroyed her home and that the situation was deteriorating daily. She survived by cooking food on her terrace.

"Hundreds of bighas of paddy, sugarcane, mentha, and urad crops have been submerged. The situation is becoming alarming, with no sign of relief," she said.

Meanwhile, opposition parties have criticised the Uttar Pradesh government for its inaction in addressing the dire situation, while the government claims that measures are being taken to manage the crisis.

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