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## Trinamool Backs AAP in Delhi Polls, Kejriwal Thanks 'Didi' for Support



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The Trinamool Congress has announced its support for the Aam Aadmi Party in the Delhi Assembly elections, AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal said today. Thanking West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, Kejriwal said, "Thank you Didi", adding that she has always supported AAP. The former Delhi chief minister said in a post on X, "TMC has announced support to AAP in Delhi elections. I am personally grateful to Mamta Didi. Thank you Didi. U have always supported and blessed us in our good and bad times." Trinamool joined the list of INDIA bloc allies that have vowed support to the AAP

in the Delhi elections. Before this, the Samajwadi Party and Shiv Sena (UBT) had also extended support to Kejriwal's party. Notably, the AAP has opted to contest the upcoming Assembly elections alone after having stitched an alliance with the Congress for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. The ruling AAP swept the 2015 and 2020 elections with 67 and 62 seats, respectively, and is aiming for a hat-trick in the capital. Polling for the 70-member Delhi Assembly will be held on February 5 and the votes counted on February 8.

## MK Stalin Confirms Accused's Alleged DMK Ties in Anna University Assault Case

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chennai : Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin, today, admitted in Tamil Nadu assembly that the accused in the Anna University sexual assault case was a DMK sympathiser. However, the Chief Minister clarified that he was not a party member. "I assure you that the one arrested in the Chennai student case is not a member of DMK. He is a DMK sympathiser we don't deny," Stalin said. Stalin also defended the accused's images with DMK dignitaries. "He could have taken pictures with ministers and politicians, nothing wrong in it. But he is not a DMK member but a sympathiser. That is the truth," he said. Nevertheless, Stalin also clarified that even if the accused "had been from DMK", "I would have taken action," the chief minister said. "We did not save the accused, immediately arrested and imprisoned him and charged him under the Goondas Act," Stalin stated in the Assembly. While speaking in the assembly, the Chief Minister admitted to the severity of the issue. "The sexual assault case is a very serious issue. Nobody can deny that. The Tamil Nadu government has no other aim but to ensure that justice is given to the victim in this case," Stalin assured. He also stated that the Tamil Nadu government will ensure the CM chargesheet in this case is filed within 60 days. "And there is a speedy trial in a special court to ensure the perpetrator gets



the maximum punishment," he said. Meanwhile, the Opposition party AIADMK walked out of the Assembly and staged a protest outside the House. AIADMK leader chanted "We condemn the CM" and "Don't tell lies" after Stalin's speech on the Anna University sexual assault case. The case, where a 19-year-old Anna University student was sexually assaulted inside the campus, rocked the state and made national news. In the aftermath, Tamil Nadu police even asked the public to refrain from spreading misinformation about the case. Since the crime was reported, the AIADMK and the BJP held the ruling DMK responsible for the rising incidents of crimes against women. BJP state chief K Annamalai staged a 'penance' where he whipped himself. The party's women's wing held a protest march from Madurai to Chennai to demand justice in the case. The AIADMK, on the other hand, cornered the ruling party asking about 'who is that sir', referring to another person named in the survivor's FIR.

## Bungalow Row Escalates: AAP at PM's Residence, BJP at Delhi CM's Home

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : Delhi today witnessed high-voltage political drama as the showdown between AAP and BJP over allegations of extravagant renovations of Chief Minister's residence during Arvind Kejriwal's tenure escalated. AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Saurabh Bharadwaj attempted to protest near the Prime Minister's residence but were stopped by the police en route. This was followed by an attempt to conduct a media tour of the Chief Minister's residence, which was also thwarted by the police. Meanwhile, BJP leaders gathered outside the Chief Minister Atishi's residence, questioning her claim of the Centre "snatching" her residence. The BJP has accused Kejriwal of spending an exorbitant amount of over Rs 40 crore on renovating the Chief Minister's official residence-6 Flagstaff Road-dubbing it 'Sheeshmahal'. In response to the BJP's accusations, AAP fired back with a 'Raj Mahal' jibe, alleging that the Prime Minister leads a lavish lifestyle in a residence constructed at a staggering cost of Rs 2,700 crore. Outside the Chief Minister's house, the AAP leaders engaged in a heated argument with the police and staged a dharna outside the 6 Flag Staff Road bungalow after being denied entry. The



police cited lack of permission to allow entry, and Bharadwaj countered as to why a Minister and MP needed permission to enter the Chief Minister's residence. "The police and PWD officials are saying that there is order from the top to not allow anyone inside the CM residence. I told them that I am the minister... this means that there is an order from the LG," Delhi Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said, adding, "BJP will be happy with the police action". The AAP leaders had challenged the BJP to visit the residence and point out the alleged exorbitant renovations. "BJP used to send new videos and photos every day. Today, we came here with all the media persons. Now, the BJP is running away. A three-layer barricading has been put up. This has been turned into a border so that the media can't go in. Show us where the swimming pool and bar are," Minister Bharadwaj said. MP Sanjay Singh also asked, "Let me ask why the route has been barricaded".

## PM Modi Set to Inaugurate Z-Morh Tunnel in Kashmir on January 13

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Srinagar : Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Jammu and Kashmir on January 13 to inaugurate the Z-Morh tunnel on the Srinagar-Sonamarg road to make Sonamarg an all-weather tourist destination. Official sources said that the PM will arrive here on January 13 to physically inaugurate the Z-Morh tunnel that will bypass the road from Gagangir to Sonamarg allowing visitors and locals to visit the hill station throughout the year. At present, the Gagangir-Sonamarg stretch of the road gets blocked by heavy snowfall and avalanches that hit the area every year. The Z-Morh Tunnel is a 6.5 km long 2-lane road tunnel between Gagangir and Sonamarg in the Ganderbal district of Jammu and Kashmir. It is named after the Z-shaped stretch of road that the tunnel has replaced (Z-Morh translates to "Z-turn" in English). The road used before was avalanche-prone and often got blocked for several months, but the Z-Morh tunnel provides all-weather connectivity to the Sonamarg tourist town. It takes only 15 minutes to travel the 6.5 km long tunnel compared to hours over the zig-zag road up and down the hills. Together with the adjacent Zoji-La Tunnel, this geographically important tunnel on the Srinagar-Leh Highway will provide year-round weather-proof connectivity to Baltal (Amarnath cave), Kargil and other



places in the Ladakh region. It will also enhance military logistics and boost tourism and the economy. In addition to providing all-weather connectivity to Sonamarg, the tunnel will help the employment of local youth and boost tourism and allied activities in the area. It is one of the 31 road tunnels, 20 in Jammu and Kashmir and 11 in Ladakh. The construction of the tunnel was started in 2018. The tunnel workers came under terror attack on October 20, 2024, when two terrorists entered the workers' camp at Gagangir and fired indiscriminately. Seven civilians, including six non-local workers of the infrastructure company building the Z-Morh tunnel, were killed. A local doctor was also killed in the attack.

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# Taiwan Defeats China in Epic Battle, Captures Over 5,000 Prisoners of War

## THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

In his New Year speech a week ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping threatened that "no one can stop the reunification" of Taiwan with China. As President Xi delivered his speech, the People's Liberation Army Navy carried out military drills to show its might to Taiwan and the rest of the democratic world.

Much of the military manoeuvres were carried near the islands of Kinmen and Matsu - which are a sovereign territory of Taiwan and barely 5.3 nautical miles (10 km) and 10 nautical miles (19 km) respectively from the coast of mainland China. In comparison, these islands are 150 nautical miles (280 km) and 114 nautical miles (211 km) from the coast of Taiwan.

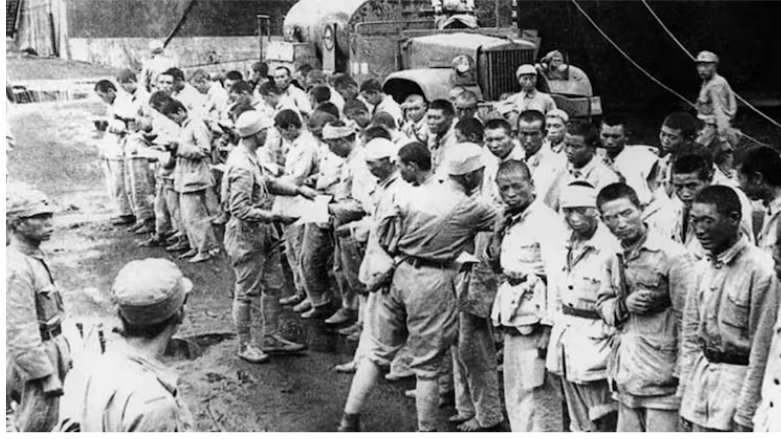
Despite being right on the coastline with mainland China, it is interesting to note that Beijing has never been able to take over these Taiwanese islands in battle. In fact, China has lost two battles decisively to Taiwan.

### PRC vs ROC

China and Taiwan are separated by the Strait of Taiwan - a waterway that connects the South China Sea to the East China Sea between the two nations.

Before 1949, China was known as the Republic of China and was founded on the ideology of democratic values. It was led by the Kuomintang Party, founded in 1912 and advocated by its founder and ideologue Sun Yat-sen, who organised the party on a values of democratic centralism. Years later, during the civil war with communist forces led by Mao Zedong, the Kuomintang was led by Chiang Kai-shek, a co-founder of the party and then President of the Republic of China.

The Chinese civil war ended in 1949 with a victory of Mao Zedong's communist movement and defeat of Chiang Kai-shek's ruling Kuomintang



party, which had to flee to Taiwan. Mao Zedong declared that the Republic of China will henceforth be known to the world as People's Republic of China - a communist country.

The Kuomintang and its democratic ideals took shelter in the island nation of Taiwan, whose official name is still the Republic of China - a democratic nation.

This is the way it has remained for the last 76 years, despite multiple attempts by communist forces to decimate democracy and wipe out its ideals from Taiwan and its territories - all of which have failed.

China, now considered a global superpower, still aims to make Taiwan its own, and Xi Jinping, who currently leads the Chinese Communist Party desires to fulfill what Mao Zedong couldn't.

### THE BATTLE OF KINMEN

Towards the end of the civil war, when victory over Mainland China was certain, Mao Zedong's Communist Party decided to launch a crushing offensive against Taiwan - the final frontier yet to be conquered. So fervent their hatred for the Kuomintang and its democratic ideals that the Communist

Party wanted to eradicate every square inch of the Republic of China. Beijing's stance to take over Taiwan "at all cost" stems from the policy that as long as there is a Republic of China, there is a chink in the armour, from where an uprising, a civil war or the spread of another ideology is possible.

Taking over Taiwan would mean leaving the mainland and sending troops overseas to the island nation and going to war with them in their own territory - a move that would not be easy. Mao Zedong decided that to finally take over Taiwan, it is a must to first take over its islets and territories which are located closer to the mainland - namely the Kinmen and Matsu.

Kinmen consists of two large islands and thirteen islets. Being the closer of the two Taiwanese territories, Mao Zedong decided to target these first. Greater Kinmen - the largest island - became the primary target. But its geography was an advantage to the Taiwanese forces. Its eastern side has mountainous terrain and its coastline rocky and rugged makes it a challenge for an external threat. Its western side, facing mainland China has beaches which are easier for an enemy to breach in times of war - and for Beijing logistically suitable too.

The Chinese Army decided to do this in two bursts - the first comprising roughly 10,000 soldiers who would reach the island and set up a garrison, then wait for reinforcements to arrive - another 10,000 soldiers. This they

thought would be enough to overpower the Taiwanese forces, which were estimated to be of a similar strength in numbers. China assumed that the Taiwanese forces would be demoralised with the fall of mainland China and would be easy to defeat. But that wasn't to be.

Anticipating such a move by communist China, Taiwanese forces had lined up the coastline with nearly 7,500 landmines. The beaches were secured to stop any form of amphibious transport and the rest of the island was fortified with strategically placed mines, traps, and hundreds of bunkers.

Taiwan had also prepared well for such an attack by strengthening its infantry as well as its armoured divisions, including two tank regiments. The battle began on October 25, with China aiming to wrest control of the island in three days. So began the Battle of Kinmen, which is officially known as the Battle of Gunningtou.

The land mines and traps led to heavy Chinese casualties and the armoured divisions of the Taiwanese forces gave a crushing blow to the Chinese troops. The amphibious transport vessels were damaged by anti-amphibious weapons and ended up being beached on the island. Their failure to return to the mainland meant that the next round of soldiers could not be sent in time.

The artillery firing from mainland China did not help much. Meanwhile the Taiwanese air force and navy began a counter-offense by first damaging all the Chinese boats near the Kinmen islands. Soldiers of the Chinese Army faced heavy casualties against the US-made machine guns and tanks which the Taiwanese soldiers used.

At the end of day one itself, the Chinese army lost more than half its soldiers and more than 70 per cent of its ammunition and transport. With its boats and amphibious vessels destroyed, the troops were isolated. The Taiwanese military also further strengthened its positions by vastly cutting off Gunningtou.

The next day reinforcements managed to reach with approximately 1,000 Chinese soldiers joining the battle. But by then the Taiwanese were on the

offense and with US-made M5A1 Stuart light tanks aiding the infantry, took control of Gunningtou, which was under communist control at the time.

By the end of day two, the Chinese troops ran out of food and supplies. The following morning Taiwanese soldiers overpowered the communist forces and more than 5,000 soldiers were kept as prisoners of war. Not only was Kinmen retained by Taiwan, but the communist forces lost the control of Gunningtou too. It was a humiliating defeat for Mao Zedong and People's Republic of China - a name declared just earlier that month.

Throughout the 1950s and beyond, multiple invasions were attempted by China, but each attempt failed. The United States has on several occasions come to the aid of Taiwan as China's influence grew, but China never dared attack the US navy directly as Beijing did not want direct war with Washington.

Even today, China considers Taiwan a renegade island province - one that it must take over "at all costs". Beijing has repeatedly said it will not renounce the use of force to bring Taiwan under its control. Its war drills are increasing in scale and frequency with the latest manoeuvres as recently as New Year's day.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
Rajesh Kumar

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**Born on 09 th Jan :** 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.

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<h3 style="color: red;">Aries</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> You might find it difficult to control your emotions-Your unusual behaviour will confuse people around you and leave you frustrated. Surplus money should be invested in real estate. Try not to force others to do things that you won't do.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Taurus</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> 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. Investment in stocks and mutual funds recommended for long-term gains.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Gemini</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> If you haven't been taking sufficient rest then you will feel extremely tired and will need extra rest. Monetary transactions will continuously take place throughout the day, and after the end of the day, you will be able to save enough.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Cancer</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Special precaution should be taken especially while eating exposed food. But don't take undue stress as it would only give you mental tension. Stick to your budget to avoid financial constraints. Romantic evening filled with beautiful gifts and flowers for some.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Leo</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Overeating and high calorie diet needs to be avoided. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially. Visit to a religious place or to a relative seems likely on your cards.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Virgo</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> You are likely to face some criticism due to your habit of criticising others. Keep your sense of humour up and your defences down and you will be in a better position to ward off cryptic comment. Help someone to visualize himself succeeding in love.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Libra</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Outdoor sports will attract you-Meditation and yoga will bring gains. Any issues related to money can get solved today and you can attain financial benefits. For some- a new arrival in the family brings in moments for celebration and party.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Scorpio</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You can give new heights to your business today.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Sagittarius</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Make your life more sublime to enjoy the richer grandeur of infinite life. Absence of worry is the first step in this direction. Visiting the house of close relatives can add to your financial troubles. Sisterly affection will encourage you.</p>
<h3 style="color: red;">Capricorn</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> You will remain very active and agile today. Your health will fully support you today. If you feel that you do not have enough money, then seek the advice from an elder regarding money management and savings. Good day to send your resume or appear for an interview.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Aquarius</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Don't let little thing bother your mind. Speculation will bring in profits. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness and cheers for the entire family. Love is synonymous to worshipping God; it is very spiritual as well as religious.</p>	<h3 style="color: red;">Pisces</h3> <p><b>Jan 09th 2025 :</b> Your fondest dream will materialize. But keep your excitement under control as too much happiness may cause some problems. Today, you are likely to attain economic benefits due to your children. This will make you very happy.</p>

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## Pb Health Minister Urges Precautions Amid HMPV Outbreak: 'Avoid Gatherings, Wear Masks'

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Chandigarh** : Punjab's health department is on high alert following central government directives to enhance surveillance against the Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV). The virus, which causes flu-like symptoms, has not been reported in Punjab yet, but Health Minister Dr. Balbir Singh has advised the public to take precautions, especially vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and those with respiratory conditions. Dr. Balbir Singh has urged people to wear masks when stepping out of particularly crowded places. He emphasized that individuals with asthma or other respiratory illnesses should avoid public gatherings. "This virus is not as severe as COVID-19. It is a mild virus causing flu-like symptoms and is not life-threatening," he assured.

The health department has ramped up its readiness to tackle any situation. Doctors across the state have been put on alert, and advisories have been issued to ensure quick response and treatment. Importantly, the government has pledged that all the treatments related to HMPV will be provided free of charge in the state. "We have learned valuable lessons from COVID-19 and are fully prepared. There is no need to panic," said Dr. Balbir Singh, adding that the government is



in close coordination with the central authorities to monitor the situation.

The central government has highlighted India's robot surveillance system for influenza-like illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Illness (SARI) through ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) and IDSP (Integrated Diseases Surveillance Programme). Current data indicated no usual spikes in ILI or SARI cases. However, as a precaution, ICMR plans to increase the number of labs testing for HMPV and will monitor the virus throughout the year.

Dr. Balbir Singh has advised children, senior citizens, and people with weak immunity to wear masks and avoid crowded places. "People shouldn't fear this virus. We are well-equipped to handle any eventually, and all steps are

being taken to ensure public health and safety," he said.

The Punjab, Health Department has assured that all medical care related to HMPV will be completely free in Punjab. Dr. Balbir reiterated that while the virus is not new or deadly individuals with respiratory conditions should exercise caution.

HMPV primarily affects children, the elderly, and individuals with weak immunity. Symptoms include cough, fever, nasal congestion, difficulty in breathing, fatigue, sore throat, and red rashes. The virus spreads through respiratory droplets and contact with contaminated surfaces, much like the flu. The Punjab government continues to work closely with the central authorities and remain vigilant to safeguard public health.

## Notification Issued: Mayoral Elections Set to Take Place Within a Month

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Chandigarh** : The highly anticipated 'roster system' for the reservation of SC, BC, and women candidates for the mayoral posts in the municipal corporations of Amritsar, Jalandhar, Phagwara, Ludhiana, and Patiala was officially notified on Tuesday evening. The elections for these civic bodies took place on December 21 last year.

According to the notification issued by the Special Secretary-cum-Director of Local Government, the mayoral position in Ludhiana has been reserved for women candidates under The Punjab Reservation for the Offices of Mayors of Municipal Corporations Rules-2017. The mayor's positions in the other four cities have been reserved for general category candidates.

Upon the release of the notification for mayoral elections, both the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and Congress ramped up their efforts to consolidate support among their councillors and sway others to back their mayoral candidates. The Opposition Congress accused the ruling party of engaging in horse-trading to form a majority. The Divisional Commissioners of Ludhiana and Patiala have been directed to initiate the process for electing mayors, senior deputy mayors, and deputy mayors. The mayoral elections must take place within a month, according to government sources.

None of the major political parties — AAP, Congress, or BJP — have a clear majority in the municipal corporations of Ludhiana, Phagwara, and Amritsar. In the 85-member Jalandhar Municipal Corporation, AAP claims to have a majority with 44 votes, bolstered by the support of six councillors, including two from BJP, two from Congress,



and two Independents. AAP also holds a majority in the Patiala Municipal Corporation.

Pargat Singh, Congress MLA from Jalandhar Cantt, claimed that AAP's lack of a majority in several civic bodies, coupled with internal party disagreements over mayoral candidates, had delayed the notification.

In Ludhiana, AAP is working hard to assert its majority after talks between Congress and BJP to form a coalition failed. The Ludhiana Municipal Corporation has 95 wards, and 48 councillors are needed to form the House. AAP won 41 seats, Congress secured 30, BJP won 19, SAD got two, and three seats were captured by Independents.

In Amritsar, the Congress party's plans were disrupted when four Independent councillors joined AAP. However, no party has yet secured a majority in the 85-member House, which also includes five MLA members. AAP now has 28 councillors and five MLAs, and the leadership is reportedly seeking to add two more members from Jandiala and Attari constituencies to strengthen their position for the upcoming House session. Congress holds 40 councillors and has secured the support of two Independent councillors, though two other Independents remain undecided.

Several prominent figures, including Vikas Soni (nephew of former Deputy CM OP Soni), and former opposition leaders Raj Kawal Preet and Sunil Dutti, are in the race for the post of Mayor. AAP hopes internal rifts within Congress will work to its advantage. Both parties are also eyeing support from the nine BJP and four SAD councillors.

The Phagwara Municipal Corporation, with 50 wards, remains highly competitive. Congress claims to have the numbers to secure the mayor's post, while AAP, despite having only 12 councillors, is still in the race. Congress won 22 wards in the recent election, falling short by four seats of the required number. However, after gaining the support of an Independent and three BSP winners, Congress MLA Balwinder S Dhaliwal has claimed the party is prepared to lead the new MC House. AAP insiders believe the party has secured the support of all four BJP councillors, three SAD winners, and at least one of the six Independents, and that Congress's internal differences could lead to cross-voting.

Additionally, a notification has been issued for elections to the top posts in 44 municipal councils and nagar panchayats. The post of president in Mullanpur Dakha Municipal Council has been reserved for SC candidates, while the post in Rampura Phul has been reserved for women, including SC candidates. The top posts in the nagar panchayats of Ghaneri, Khemkaran, and Mahilpur are reserved for SC, women, and BC candidates, respectively. The remaining civic bodies will allow general category candidates to contest.

## Cops Informed About 'Missing' Child of Atul Subhash at Hry Boarding School

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Chandigarh** : A boarding school in Haryana's Faridabad has confirmed that the child of Bengaluru techie Atul Subhash, who died by suicide last month accusing his wife of harassment, was staying in its hostel. The school provided the information to Bengaluru Police following an inquiry into the whereabouts of the child after Atul's death.

The principal of the school sent a letter to the Marathahalli police station confirming the child's enrolment at the school. The letter clarified that the four-year-old boy was a bonafide student, and enrolled in nursery. The boy's mother, Nikita Singhania, had completed his admission process. She had also claimed that she was the child's sole guardian, removing the father's details from the admission form.

In response to a query from Bengaluru



Police regarding the child's location. Relevant documents, including the admission form, were shared.

The school also mentioned that no one had come to take the child during the winter holidays and special arrangements were made for him at the hostel.

The development comes at a time when Atul Subhash's mother has filed a habeas corpus plea in the Supreme Court seeking the custody of her grandson. The court has, however, refused to give custody to her, saying she was "virtually a stranger" to the

child.

Subhash's wife revealed for the first time that their child was at a boarding school in Haryana's Faridabad and would soon be taken to Bengaluru to meet his mother.

Atul Subhash died by suicide last month, allegedly due to demands from his estranged wife for a Rs 3 crore divorce settlement.

Later, Nikita, her mother and brother were arrested on charges of abetting Atul's suicide. They were granted conditional bail last week.

Meanwhile, Nikita's family accused Atul Subhash of demanding a large dowry, which allegedly led to the death of her father.

Pavan Kumar Modi, Atul Subhash's father, expressed concern for his grandson's safety. He accused Nikita Singhania of using the child to obtain money under the pretext of caring for him.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### WHO CARES...?

## Heaps of Garbage Plague Ward No. 10-Kahalon



**Atul Sharma**

**Mohali** : Residents Call for Immediate Action as Piles of Waste Persist Across the ward No 10 stated former MC Paramjit Singh Kahalon.

Ward No. 10 – Heaps of garbage have become a common and troubling sight in Ward No. 10, as piles of waste accumulate on streets, in alleyways, and near residential areas. Former MC Paramjit Singh Kahalon said Residents have voiced their growing concerns over the lack of waste management services, which has led to unsanitary conditions, unpleasant odors, and a worsening public health crisis.

Kahalon said residents have been forced to navigate through overflowing trash bins, causing an eyesore and a potential breeding ground for pests. The situation has been further exacerbated by inadequate garbage collection, with some areas going days without a pickup and added that,

"The situation is unbearable." It feels like the authorities are ignoring us.

Several complaints have been filed with the municipal corporation, but there has been little response, residents are frustrated with the slow pace of improvement, pointing to the lack of proper infrastructure for waste disposal in the area.

Experts warn that uncollected waste can lead to serious public health issues, including the spread of diseases or infections. "Without timely garbage collection and proper waste management, the risk of these diseases increases," said former MC Paramjit Singh Kahalon. Meanwhile, concerned residents are calling for immediate steps to address the growing garbage problem. They are urging local officials to act quickly to restore cleanliness and prevent any further public health risks.

**But Who Cares...?**

## Indian Air Force Agniveer Vayu Recruitment: Apply Online by January 27, 2025

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APPLY ONLINE FOR AGNIVEER VAYU IN IAF



**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mohali** : The Indian Air Force is inviting applications for the recruitment of Agniveer Vayu under the Agnipath scheme for a duration of four years. Interested candidates can apply online until January 27, 2025, by 11 pm.

Harpreet Singh Manshahia, Deputy Director, Employment Generation and Training Department, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, shared this information and emphasized that applications must be submitted online through the official website: [https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in](https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in) [https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in].

Candidates eligible for this

recruitment must have their date of birth between January 1, 2005, and July 1, 2008. The recruitment is open only to unmarried individuals, and applicants will be required to provide a certificate of unmarried status during the recruitment process.

For further details, candidates can visit the official website of the Indian Air Force at [https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in](https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in) [https://agnipathvayu.cdac.in] to view qualifications, registration instructions, and other necessary information. Please note that the registration deadline will not be extended.



## 'Sheesh Mahal' Row: AAP Leaders Blocked From Entering Delhi CM's Bungalow



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** AAP leaders Sanjay Singh and Saurabh Bhardwaj were stopped by police from entering the Delhi Chief Minister's official residence at 6, Flagstaff Road. The leaders had invited the media for a tour of the premises to counter the BJP's "Sheesh Mahal" allegations. The BJP claims the residence, renovated during Arvind Kejriwal's tenure, features extravagant fittings, including a "golden commode," a claim that has fueled political controversy. Police set up barricades outside the bungalow and deployed personnel, preventing the AAP leaders from entering. When questioned if they had sought permission to visit, Singh and Bhardwaj argued they did not need approval to enter the CM's official residence. Bhardwaj, a minister, was heard questioning the officials about

the instructions to block their entry, suggesting they might have received orders from the lieutenant governor, the only authority above him. Earlier, Bhardwaj had announced plans to tour the residence and locate the alleged "golden commode, swimming pool, and mini bar" mentioned by the BJP. He also emphasized that the property, built during the pandemic using taxpayer money, should be investigated if there were concerns of misappropriation. The controversy has become a focal point for the BJP's election campaign, with party leaders like Virendra Sachdeva claiming valuable items, including the "golden commode," were missing when the bungalow was vacated by Kejriwal. In response, AAP has challenged the BJP to allow a media tour of the prime minister's residence, which they have labeled "Raj Mahal," accusing the PM of living a luxurious lifestyle.

## Himachal Launches Its First Drug-Testing Laboratory



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Solan :** Eight years after receiving funds from the Centre, the state's first drug laboratory, equipped with the state-of-the-art testing facilities, became functional at Baddi today. The functioning of the lab will give a boost to high-quality drug manufacturing as the drug inspectors will now be able to step up the sampling of drugs. Earlier, such samples were sent to labs in Chandigarh, making the task time-consuming. Its work has been outsourced to Panchkula-based ITC Labs, who will be paid Rs 6 crore annually by the state government to operate this lab. It has deputed 30-40 technicians and 10 administrative officials while the state government has provided two government analysts to oversee its functioning. The Rs 32 crore lab will cater to 650-odd industrial units. Earlier, only limited drug testing was undertaken in the absence of a lab. With 15 sophisticated HPCL machines and other paraphernalia, the preliminary testing was undertaken on 70 drug samples today. State Drugs Controller Manish Kapoor, while confirming the news, said, "The drug inspectors have been directed to step up drug sampling for regular testing, which will also help maintain a check on the drug quality. The lab has a capacity to test 8,000-10,000 drug samples annually."

Despite housing Asia's biggest pharmaceutical hub in the Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh (BBN) industrial belt, the state lacked a fully equipped drug-testing laboratory till now. The need to set up such a lab assumes significance as the drug samples from the state's drug firms repeatedly fail quality parameters. "With the Central Drug Standard Organisation imposing stringent conditions such as bio-equivalence and stability data for every product, the absence of such a lab forced the industry to outsource such tests to private labs. The creation of a stability chamber and related facilities is a costly affair for small manufacturers," said a pharmaceutical manufacturer, who welcomed the setting up of the lab. The Union Government had provided Rs 30 crore to the state Health Department in 2017 to set up this lab under the 12th Five-Year Plan. Remaining funds were pooled by the state government as part of its share. A building was purchased from the HP Housing and Urban Development Authority for this lab in 2017, but the setting up of the lab was hanging fire for nearly eight years. Public-sector enterprise HCL had set up the lab. Though the lab was inaugurated in April last year, it could not be made functional as the state had to seek permission from the Centre to run this lab as it lacked the requisite mandate to operate such a lab.

## NIA Announces Rs 5 Lakh Reward for Information on Terrorist

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has announced a reward of Rs 5 lakh on the mastermind of the grenade attack on Chandigarh's residence and on the police stations in Punjab and terrorist Happy Pasia, who is hiding abroad. People can give information to NIA through telephone, WhatsApp and email. Hence the numbers have been released. Recently, in the case of a hand grenade attack on a bungalow in Chandigarh, the NIA had issued an arrest warrant against the terrorist Happy Pasia. In this regard, an application has been filed in the



Chandigarh District Court. A decision on this application will be taken on January 9. On September 11 last year, there was a grenade attack on Kothi No. 575 located in Sector-10. Here two

youths named Rohan and Vishal Masih threw hand grenades and ran away. US-based terrorist Harpreet Singh alias Happy Pasia has claimed responsibility for the attack through internet media. Happy Pasia has been living in the US for a long time and works for Pakistan-based terrorist Harvinder Singh Rinda of the Babbar Khalsa International Organization. Weapons were provided to the perpetrators of this attack only through him.

## Shatabdi and Shan-e-Punjab Trains Canceled as Ladhawal Track Repairs Disrupt Punjab-Delhi Routes

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Amritsar :** Many important trains, including Shan-e-Punjab, connecting Punjab to Delhi, have been cancelled, while operations of many trains including Shatabdi have been affected. These trains are being sent back from Ludhiana. Due to the disruption of more than 50 important trains, passengers from Ludhiana to Amritsar are facing a lot of problems. These problems will be relieved to a great extent after January 8. According to the information given by the railways, repair work is being done on the Ladhawal track near Ludhiana, due to which multiple trains will remain affected for the next few days. Trains like 12029-12030 Swarn Shatabdi and 12031-12032 Amritsar Shatabdi will start their operations for Jalandhar and Amritsar after January 8. The operation of Shan-e-Punjab 12497-



12498 will also start from January 9, which will provide relief to the passengers. Railway officials say that the above information is according to the schedule, but there can be changes at the last moment, so rail passengers should get updated information about their trains before leaving so that they do not face any problem or trouble. Talking about delay of trains, according to the late-night update, 19416 Sabarmati Express reached the city station after 9 o'clock, 2 hours late from its scheduled time of 7 o'clock. Additionally, 12716

Sachkhand Express was seen showing a delay of 15 hours from 6.35 in the morning. Apart from this, many other trains including Jammu Mail were also running late from their scheduled time, which was causing trouble for the passengers. According to the information, the operation of the trains which were affected till January 7 has started. Buses were also closed and trains were also affected, due to which passengers had to face problems on both sides. Due to delay in trains, many passengers were seen going from the station to the bus stand, but after reaching there, buses were not available as well, due to which the passengers had to return to the station. Due to this many passengers left for their journey by taking taxis.

## Police Ambushed During Raid on Drug Smuggler's Hideout

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Jalalabad :** In Jalalabad, the police party that went to catch the drug smuggler was attacked. The police have also registered a case regarding this attack. Sadar Jalalabad SHO Amarjit Kaur was on patrol with the police party when the informant informed that the accused Amandeep Singh, the accused in the NDPS Act case, is hiding in someone's house near Dhani Natha Singh. When the police reached the spot and knocked the door, all the people present in the house attacked the police party



and also pushed and beat the police. The accused tore the uniform of the gunman and took away the mobile phone and

papers. On this, the police have registered a case against 10 people including five women in this case. The police have also arrested a woman and a man. This case has been registered on the statements of the SHO. The DSP said that the accused had a case of possession of half a kilo of heroin, which was chased away from the spot by the people providing shelter.

## 2 Aides of Notorious Gangster Arrested Following Encounter

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Tarn Taran :** Two associates of the foreign-based gangster Prabh Dasuwal were arrested after a brief encounter in the Valtaha area. The police seized a pistol, live cartridges, and empty bullet shells from the suspects. Both individuals were injured and have been admitted to the local Civil Hospital. SSP Abhimanyu Rana confirmed on Tuesday that the arrested men were identified as Karanpreet Singh, alias Karan, from Toot village, and Gurlaljit Singh, alias Laali, from Bhangala village. They were involved in an extortion racket under the direction of Dasuwal, who is linked to the Ghanshyampur gang. The SSP further mentioned that the two



suspects had been involved in two firing incidents over the past month. Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by SP

(Investigation) Ajayraj Singh, DSP (Investigation) Rajinder Minhas, and Bhikhiwind DSP Preet Inder Singh tracked the suspects down. When signalled to stop at a checkpoint in Valtaha, they opened fire on the police, who retaliated. The suspects were injured in the exchange of gunfire. Karanpreet, who has a criminal background, was also wanted in several other cases. The Valtaha police have registered a case under Sections 109, 132, 221, and 3(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Section 25(6)(7) of the Arms Act.

## Cyber Fraud Suspect Dies After Jumping from Hotel Balcony in Escape Attempt

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Gurugram :** A cyber fraud accused jumped off a hotel's balcony to escape from police custody but died after sustaining serious head injuries in Gurugram. During the investigation of a cyber fraud case, Madhya Pradesh Police had arrested four accused from a society in Dhunela village of Sohna. The Gwalior Police were staying on the third floor of a hotel in front of Sohna's general bus stand with four accused who were arrested in the cybercrime case. "At around 1 p.m. on Tuesday, an accused Himanshu, a resident of Sukhshin village in Madhepura district of Bihar, sought permission to relieve himself but went towards the balcony next to it. To escape from police custody, he jumped down using the wire attached to the pole in front



of the balcony. But while jumping, he could not hold the wire and fell. His head hit the ground while being dragged along the pole. He suffered serious injuries," a police officer said. The police team took him to Sohna Hospital, where he was declared dead on arrival. Gurugram Police spokesperson Sandeep Kumar said: "The body was sent for postmortem, which will be

conducted today." A case has been registered on the complaint by the Madhya Pradesh Police. The police said in a statement that the accused tried to escape from custody. The police have started an inquiry into the matter. In December last year, a team of the Gurugram Police busted an illegal call centre in Udyog Vihar, Phase-2 and arrested 18 people in this connection. The call centre used to cheat US nationals on the pretext of providing technical support by creating a fake website of an accounting company, the police said.



## Varun Dhawan and Natasha Dalal Acquire Rs 44 Crore Luxury Property

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Varun Dhawan and his wife, Natasha Dalal, have reportedly purchased a luxury property worth Rs 44.52 crore in the upscale Juhu area of Mumbai. Property registration documents accessed by IndexTap reveal that the apartment is situated on the seventh floor of an under-construction building. According to MahaRERA, the project is set to be completed by May 31, 2025. The newly acquired apartment spans 5,112 sq ft of carpet area and includes four car parking spaces. The per-square-foot price for the property is said to be over Rs 87,000.

As per The Times of India, the property registration was completed on December 3, with Varun paying Rs 2.67 crore in stamp duty. However, an official confirmation from the actor's side is still awaited. The Juhu and Bandra areas, where the property is located, are



home to numerous Bollywood celebrities, including Amitabh Bachchan, Akshay Kumar, Ajay Devgn, Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol, Dharmendra and Aamir Khan among others.

In addition to this new property, Varun Dhawan also owns an apartment in Carter Road's Sagar Darshan, valued at around Rs 60 crore, according to investormart.co.in. Before moving into the family home with Natasha, Varun had a bachelor pad in Mumbai.

After the birth of their daughter

Lara, it was reported that Varun and Natasha moved into a house previously owned by Hrithik Roshan in Juhu, for which they were paying a rent of Rs 8.5 lakh.

On the work front, Varun was last seen in the action film Baby John. He will next be starring in Boney Kapoor's No Entry 2 alongside Diljit Dosanjh and Arjun Kapoor. He will also be seen in Border 2, directed by JP Dutta, which will feature Sunny Deol, Diljit Dosanjh and Ahan Shetty among others.

## Diamond Necklace Worth Over Rs 1 Lakh Stolen From Actress Poonam Dhillon's Home

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A diamond necklace worth over a lakh was stolen from Bollywood actor Poonam Dhillon house in Mumbai. A man who allegedly worked at the house, also stole Rs 35,000 in cash and some dollars, police said.

The accused man, 37-year-old Sameer Ansari, had been at the actor's home in Khar from December 28 to January 5, as part of a team painting the flat. During that time, he allegedly took advantage of an unlocked cupboard and stole the items.

The actor lives in Juhu, but



often spends time at the Khar residence where her son, Anmol, lives.

Ansari allegedly spent some of the stolen money throwing a party.

Poonam Dhillon was last seen in Jai Mummy Di co-

starring Sonnalli Seygall and Sunny Singh. She has featured in several other films including Pathar Ke Insan, Jai Shiv Shankar, Ramaiya Vastavaiya, Batwara, to name a few.

## Adam Gilchrist Hints at Virat Kohli's Possible Return as Test Captain



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Legendary Australian wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist has voiced concerns about Jasprit Bumrah becoming India's full-time Test captain, citing workload challenges. While expressing doubts about Rohit Sharma's future in the format, Gilchrist said he wouldn't be surprised if Virat Kohli agrees to take up the leadership role in the longest format of the game.

India's loss of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy has sparked questions about the team's future in Tests. Senior batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli struggled for form during the five-Test series, which India lost 1-3. Rohit opted out of the fifth Test, citing his form, but clarified he wasn't contemplating retirement. The Indian captain acknowledged the unpredictable nature of form in cricket, hinting at a possible return to the Test arena.

India's failure to qualify for the World Test Championship final has intensified the scrutiny. Their next Test assignment is a five-match series in England, starting on 20 June.

It remains uncertain if the selectors and team management will make bold decisions regarding the futures of the two ageing stars. Gilchrist, however, expressed scepticism about Rohit continuing to play international cricket beyond the Champions Trophy, set to begin on February 19.

"I don't see Rohit going to England. He says, 'he is going to assess when he gets home.' I mean, the first thing he is going to be met with when he does get home is a two-month-old baby that he has to change nappies on. I don't see him pressing on. I think he will probably have a crack at the Champions Trophy. They have got some white-ball cricket coming up against England. Then they go to the Champions Trophy. I reckon he might have a crack at that, and then that might see him out," Gilchrist said on the Club Prairie Fire Podcast. Jasprit Bumrah, who led India to a

win in Perth and captained the team in Sydney during Rohit Sharma's absence, is the designated vice-captain and a strong candidate for the full-time role. However, concerns about managing his workload could complicate his captaincy aspirations. Bumrah was unavailable to bowl in the final innings of the last Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Sydney. Without their premier pacer, who claimed a record-breaking 32 wickets in five Tests, India failed to defend a target of 162. Kohli was the acting captain in the final innings of the Sydney Test.

### CAN BUMRAH BE FULL-TIME CAPTAIN?

Gilchrist acknowledged Bumrah's leadership potential but cautioned against the challenges of being a full-time Test captain. He also predicted a tough phase ahead for India in the longest format.

"Change of leadership? I don't know whether Bumrah should be full-time captain. I reckon that might get a little bit challenging for him. So, who the next captain maybe is anyone's guess, really. Whether they go back to Virat, I wouldn't be surprised if he wouldn't mind doing it," Gilchrist said.

"It's a challenging period coming up for India. They have got ready-made replacements. The IPL has produced a number of talented players that are lined across every position, 1-11, that they could draw on. But, it doesn't mean that it's instant success in international cricket. I think they could be in for a challenging little period. If the England bowlers are fit in the England home summer, I think England will be dominating the series."

Meanwhile, former England captain Michael Vaughan suggested a different approach, advocating for Jasprit Bumrah to take on the full-time captaincy, with someone like Shubman Gill serving as his deputy. Virat Kohli, India's most successful Test captain, quit from the role after India's tour of South Africa in 2022, citing workload concerns.



## The Rabbit and the Partridge

A partridge could not find food near its home, so it travelled far away to some cornfields. It stayed there for a few days before returning home. Meanwhile, a rabbit had found the empty nest and made itself at home. When the partridge returned, they both fought over whose house it was. The other animals suggested going to a judge. They found a praying cat by the river and decided to ask for help. Seeing how the cat was praying, they trusted it. The cat heard them both out but asked them to come closer as he couldn't hear well. When they got closer, the cat killed and ate them both.



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## Air Force Chief Warns of Rising Military Tensions as China and Pakistan Ramp Up Militarisation

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** Indian Air Force (IAF) chief, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh has expressed concerns over "increased militarisation by China and Pakistan", saying that forces were growing at a rapid pace at India's northern and western border. His remarks at the 21st Subroto Mukherjee Seminar came in the wake of China unveiling its two new sixth-generation stealth fighter jets, a development that has intensified global concerns over Beijing's growing military modernisation. "The world today is in a precarious position dominated by conflicts and contests. We have our own security concerns on the western and northern borders, with increased militarisation by China and Pakistan," the Air Chief said. Referring to China's unveiling of its latest stealth aircraft and its heavy investments in the air force, he added, "China is investing heavily in its air force.. The recent unveiling of its new stealth aircraft is a case in point." "As far as China is concerned, it is not just the numbers, even the technology is growing at a very rapid pace." The IAF chief also expressed concerns over delays in India's indigenous fighter programmes, especially the Tejas Mark-1A project, which is currently hindered by



the slow supply of GE-F404 jet engines from the US.

### COMPARISON WITH CHINA

China has made significant strides in aerospace technology, with its Chengdu J-20 jets already deployed at airfields like Hotan and Shigatse, near India's borders. The Asian giant also recently conducted the maiden flights of its new sixth-generation stealth fighters. In contrast, India is still far from producing even a fifth-generation fighter, with the development of the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) only beginning last year.

The AMCA prototype is expected to take another four to five years for its maiden flight, with production slated for after 2035.

Reiterating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the

IAF chief highlighted the Air Force's efforts to drive self-reliance.

He outlined key initiatives, including indigenisation with IAF's Base Repair Depots having indigenized nearly 50,000 components in collaboration with MSMEs. Numerous contracts have been awarded under the Mehar Baba-1, iDEX, and ADITI schemes to encourage innovation while a dedicated Directorate of Aerospace Design has been set up to collaborate with private industries on futuristic technologies, with airbases being opened for industry outreach programs.

The Air Force chief emphasised the need to embrace risks in research and development (R&D).

"Technology delayed is technology denied," he remarked, adding that self-reliance might come at a higher initial cost but would ultimately ensure the country's strategic independence.

### THE COST OF LAGGING BEHIND

As China advances rapidly in air power, India risks falling behind if delays in indigenous programs persist.

"Amortising R&D costs and limited production numbers will push the costs up, but this will give us the much-needed self-reliance," the Air Force chief said, calling for greater acceptance of risks and failures in defence R&D.

## KT Rama Rao Slams 'Politically Motivated' Charges in Formula-E Race Controversy

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** BRS working president KT Rama Rao asserted that he has "done nothing wrong" and termed the charges of corruption in the Formula-E race case as "politically motivated".

Telangana High Court dismissed the quash petition filed by him in the Formula-E race case.

"I am hoping that I will get a positive result in the Supreme Court. This case that has been foisted in me is a frivolous case which has no substance...I do hope the Supreme Court will hear my plea and will deliver justice...I have asked the anti-corruption bureau officers as to what their objection is to taking my lawyers along with me..." KTR told ANI a day earlier. "I will make a request in High Court about it...It is a politically motivated case...I have nothing to hide and I have done nothing wrong..." he added.

Notably, the court also revoked the prior order that prevented his arrest.

Telangana's Anti-Corruption Bureau



(ACB) is investigating KTR's alleged involvement in a money laundering case over alleged financial irregularities linked to the Formula E race held in Hyderabad in February 2023.

The ACB summoned KTR to its office in Hyderabad for questioning in connection with the case.

On December 19, Telangana ACB registered a case against the KTR over alleged payments, some of it in foreign currency without approvals, to conduct a

Formula E race in Hyderabad during the previous regime.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has also registered an enforcement case information report (ECIR) under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) against KTR and others in the case.

Enforcement Directorate filed the ECIR after the Telangana ACB registered a First Information Report (FIR) against KTR and others in the Formula-E funding case.

The FIR lists KTR as the primary accused, with senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar and retired bureaucrat BLN Reddy named as the second and third accused, respectively. The case was filed under applicable sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act, along with provisions of the IPC related to criminal breach of trust and conspiracy.

## Fraudster Poses as Army Captain to Deceive Women, Dupes Them of Lakhs

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Lucknow :** A 40-year-old man has been arrested in Lucknow for allegedly posing as an Army captain to woo women into relationships and then duping them of lakhs. Police have said Haider Ali, originally from Odisha's Balasore district, would introduce himself as Hartik Beglo, an officer of the Army Medical Corps, and lure women into relationships. He would then ask them for money, citing various reasons. Once he got the money, he would end all communication, move to a different state and look for the next target. The imposter, police said, would lead a luxurious lifestyle with money he made from such frauds. Luck ran out when he met a Lucknow woman and she smelled a rat. The woman registered a police complaint and a probe began. Police were shocked by the revelations. They found that Haider Ali had worked in security firms across several cities across



Hyderabad, Kerala, Karnataka, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh. In each of these cities, he targeted women and then fled. Police have found that he would post photographs in Army uniform on multiple Instagram profiles with names such as 'Indiamcommandoharik', 'armanbeglo', 'armybeglo', 'soldiers3889'.

Police have recovered an Army uniform, three-star flaps, an Army beret, a fake

Aadhaar card, an Army canteen card and other incriminating documents from Haider Ali and are now investigating if he has a criminal record.

Senior police officer Nipun Agarwal said the complainant told police that the accused cheated her into a physical relationship and then duped her of money. "We arrested him and questioned him. His original name is Haider Ali Beg. He hid his religion and introduced himself as Hardik Beglo and lured several women into relationships and duped them. He talked them into financing cars for him and also borrowed huge sums from them. We are also scanning his call records to locate the women he targeted. He has told us about four women so far," the senior officer said.

## BSF Dismisses Claims of Bangladesh Controlling Indian Land as Baseless

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Kolkata :** The BSF rejected reports that the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) has taken control of a 5-km stretch of land belonging to India along the International Border as "baseless and irresponsible". In a statement, the BSF South Bengal Frontier said the reports that appeared in a section of the Bangladeshi press lacked "truth and merit".

"The area in question is on the Indian side, in Ranghat village of Bagda block, North 24 Parganas district. The International Boundary (IB) runs along the Kodaliya River, which is well-demarcated by reference pillars on both sides. The status of the IB and the duty pattern of the BSF have remained unchanged for decades," the statement said.

It also refuted claims that BGB personnel had started 24-hour patrolling the area



using motorised boats and ATVs since December 19.

"These reports are nothing but concocted stories. The BSF and BGB continue to perform their duties on their respective sides of the river, which serves as the IB," he said.

The BSF said the area is unfenced and prone to smuggling and infiltration by

Bangladeshi nationals. Strict measures have been taken to curb such activities, bringing infiltration attempts in the region down to negligible levels, it said.

"Not an inch of Indian land has been, or will be, taken over by the counterpart. Both the BSF and BGB are peacefully dominating their respective areas in accordance with the

'India-Bangladesh Border Guidelines, 1975', ensuring the integrity of the IB is maintained," it said.

The reports had attributed the claims to the newly-appointed commanding officer of the 58 BGB Lt Col Rafique Islam.

"Such false and fabricated claims will only erode the goodwill between the two border-guarding forces," the BSF said.

## V. Narayanan Appointed New ISRO Chief, Succeeds S. Somanath

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**New Delhi :** The Centre has appointed V Narayanan as the new chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation and Secretary, Department of Space. Mr Narayanan will take over from S Somanath, the current head of the organisation, on January 14.

In a notification on Tuesday, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet said Mr Narayanan, who is the head of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC), Valiamala, will have a tenure of two years. Mr Narayanan, who will also be the Chairman of the Space Commission, played a key role in India's development of the cryogenic engine, a technology that was denied to the country.

The newly appointed ISRO chief said, "We have a clear roadmap for India and I hope to take ISRO to greater heights as we have great talent."

Mr Narayanan is a distinguished scientist (APEX Scale) and senior-most director in ISRO. The Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, which he heads, is engaged in the development of liquid, semi-cryogenic and cryogenic propulsion stages for launch vehicles, chemical and electric propulsion systems for satellites, control systems for launch vehicles, and transducers development for space systems health monitoring.

He is also the Chairman of the Project Management Council-Space Transportation System (PMC-STS),



the decision-making body in all launch vehicle projects and programmes, and the Chairman of the National Level Human Rated Certification Board (HRCB) for Gaganyaan, India's planned human spaceflight mission.

Having studied in Tamil-medium schools, Mr Narayanan chief completed his M Tech in Cryogenic Engineering and PhD in Aerospace Engineering from IIT, Kharagpur, where he was awarded a Silver Medal for achieving the first rank in the M Tech programme. The rocket and spacecraft propulsion expert joined ISRO in 1984 and rose through the ranks to become the director of the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre in 2018.

S Somanath took over as the ISRO chief in January 2022 and it was under him that India became the first country in the world to land a rover in the south pole region of the Moon. It also joined an elite club of countries to achieve a soft landing on the Moon, after the US, the former Soviet Union, and China.

## Shaving Company CEO Claims 99% of Indians Would Skip Work If Given Sustenance Money

**THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES**

**Mumbai :** Shantanu Deshpande, the head of Bombay Shaving Company, made an intriguing observation on LinkedIn that most Indian employees are not content with their jobs. He further speculated that many would opt out of work entirely if their financial needs were met.

In his post, he said that the sole reason why Indian employees return to offices every day is for financial security and sustenance.

"One of the tragic and late realisations I've had is - most people don't like their jobs. If everyone in India was given sustenance money and financial security their current jobs give them, 99 percent won't show up to work the next day," Mr Deshpande wrote. "From blue collar workforce to govt employees to gig workers to factories to insurance salesmen to banks to small business owners to even 'fun and employee-friendly startups' like BSC (my HR is gonna kill me) - the story is the same. 19-20 ka farak (There's hardly a difference)."

Deshpande likened the country's work culture to chasing a dangling carrot. He said, "To usurp someone away



from their homes and families all day from morning to night, sometimes for days and weeks, with a hanging carrot of a paycheck - we just assume it's alright to do that cos that's what's been happening for 250+ years. That's how nations have been built. So we do it." The Bombay Shaving Company CEO also addressed the wealth disparity in the country, pointing out that only 2,000 families control a significant portion of the nation's wealth. While the precise figures remain unclear, Mr Deshpande emphasised that these families pay less than 1.8 percent of the taxes.

Mr Deshpande concluded his post by sharing his personal reflections on the inequality inherent in such a work culture and urged those with resources to "be kind and generous, and help lift as many people up as possible."

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## Trump Unveils Controversial New US Map, Sparking Debate Over Canada's Role

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**Washington :** After teasing the "dawn of America's golden age", the US President-elect has shared a new map of the United States, which incorporated Canada as its territory. This comes hours after Mr Trump threatened to use "economic force" to absorb Canada into the United States. Taking to his social media platform Truth Social, the incoming US president shared a map showing Canada as a part of the United States, and wrote, "Oh Canada!"

This came hours after Donald Trump renewed his offer of making Canada the 51st state of America and threatened to use "economic force" to absorb Canada into the United States.

Speaking at a press conference at Florida Mar-a-Lago home hours after his election victory was certified, Trump said, "You get rid of that artificially drawn line, and you take a look at what that looks like, and it would also be much better for national security."

"Canada and the United States, that would really be something," Mr Trump added.



He also raised concerns about Canada's military spending and said, "They have a very small military. They rely on our military. It's all fine, but, you know, they got to pay for that. It's very unfair."

Asked if he would use military force to bring Canada to heel, the incoming president said "No, economic force."

Promising to "turn the economy around very quickly," Mr Trump said, "We're approaching the dawn of America's golden age."

Later, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau hit back at Trump's threat, saying there is no possibility of merging

countries. "There isn't a snowball's chance in hell that Canada would become part of the United States. Workers and communities in both our countries benefit from being each other's biggest trading and security partner," Mr Trudeau wrote on X (formerly Twitter).

Trump, 78, who never had a good relationship with Trudeau even during his first term from 2017-2021, has been floating the idea of making Canada the 51st state of the United States ever since he met Trudeau after his November 5 electoral victory in Mar-a-Lago. Thereafter, he has been mentioning this on his social media posts several times.

"Many people in Canada LOVE being the 51st State. The United States can no longer suffer the massive Trade Deficits and Subsidies that Canada needs to stay afloat. Justin Trudeau knew this, and resigned," he earlier said on Truth Social.

## Trump Proposes Renaming Gulf of Mexico to 'Gulf of America' in Bold Statement



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Palm Beach :** Donald Trump threatened military action to secure the Panama Canal and economic force against neighboring Canada, in a meandering press conference a day after Congress certified his election victory.

The Republican president-elect had gathered reporters at his home in southern Florida to announce a \$20 billion Emirati investment in US technology, but his remarks quickly became a rally-style rant as he returned at length to familiar campaign themes.

"Since we won the election, the whole perception of the whole world is different. People from other countries have called me. They said, 'Thank you, thank you,'" Trump said as he set out his agenda for the coming four years.

The billionaire announced he was going to rename the Gulf of Mexico the "Gulf of America" and threatened the US's southern neighbour again with massive tariffs if it does not halt illegal border crossings.

"We're going to be changing the name of the Gulf of Mexico to Gulf of America, which has a beautiful ring," he told reporters, adding that "It's appropriate. And Mexico has to stop allowing millions of people to pour into our country."

He refused to rule out using military force to seize Greenland and the Panama Canal -- both of which he has long coveted -- criticizing recently deceased Jimmy Carter for permitting a handover to local control of the Central American waterway when he was president.

Asked if he would use military force to bring Canada to heel, the incoming president said "no -- economic force," but added that eliminating the "artificially drawn" US-Canada border would be a boon to national security.

As with many of Trump's pronouncements, it was difficult to separate humor or bombast from genuine policy, but the remarks will be seen as an escalation of his rhetoric on territorial expansion and drew a dismissive response from across the border.

There is a "snowball's chance in hell" that Canada will merge with the United States, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded, while Foreign Minister Melanie Joly said it would "never back down" over Trump's threats.

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Built by the United States, the Panama Canal was handed to the Central American country a quarter-century ago and President Jose Raul Mulino has refused to entertain negotiations over its control.

"Look, the Panama Canal is vital to our country. It's being operated by China -- China! -- and we gave the Panama Canal to Panama, we didn't give it to China," Trump said. "And they've abused it, they've abused that gift."

Trump has also ruffled European feathers with a separate territorial proposal -- to buy Greenland, an island abutting the emerging Arctic geopolitical battleground that the former real estate developer sees as important to US security.

Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr., arrived on the island shortly before his father's remarks for what was described as a personal visit, with no official meetings scheduled.

Denmark -- which owns Greenland and says it is not for sale -- is a US ally and a fellow member of NATO, another target of Trump's ire as he demanded that nations in the western alliance boost their defense spending.

"Europe is in for a tiny fraction of the money that we're in," Trump said. "We have a thing called the ocean in between us, right? Why are we in for billions and billions of dollars more money than Europe?"

In a foreign-policy focused speech, the Republican hammered President Joe Biden over the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the conflicts in Ukraine and Syria, repeating a favorite false claim that America "had no wars" during the first Trump term.

The president-elect -- who spent much of the news conference focused on Biden -- also hammered the White House over the 2025 transition, claiming that officials were "trying everything they can to make it more difficult."

Trump, who returns to the White House on January 20, has not acknowledged his 2020 defeat and refused to participate in the transfer of power to Biden.

He baselessly accused his rival of being behind the multiple legal challenges he faces and vowed to overturn the Democrat's executive order banning offshore oil and gas development off swaths of US coastline.

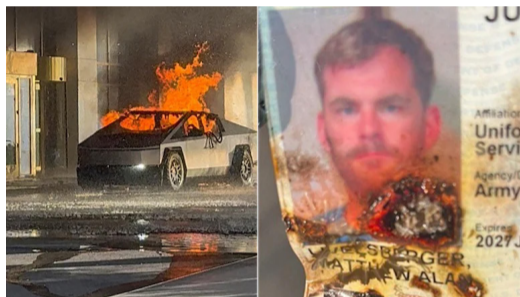
## ChatGPT Used to Plan Tesla Cybertruck Attack Outside Trump Hotel: US Police Reveal

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**Las Vegas :** Generative AI, including ChatGPT, was used to organise the New Year's Day attack outside the Trump International Hotel in the United States' Las Vegas, where a highly decorated soldier exploded a Tesla Cybertruck. During the investigation, Las Vegas police found that 37-year-old Matthew Livelsberger, who fatally shot himself just before the truck blew up, used the artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot to gather information about the legality of fireworks in Arizona and explosive targets.

Highlighting the possible abuse of easily accessible AI capabilities, Kevin McMahon, sheriff of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department said that their probe found that Livelsberger didn't intend to kill anyone, according to a report by Associate Press.

Livelsberger, a member of the elite US special forces, shot himself on New Year's Day in the rented Tesla vehicle filled with fuel containers and fireworks, which exploded. The blast left seven people with minor injuries.



A week after the attack, police said that an analysis of the soldier's ChatGPT searches showed that he used it to gather information about explosive targets, the velocity of specific rounds of ammunition, and whether or not fireworks were permitted in Arizona.

Calling the use of generative AI a "game-changer", McMahon noted that it was possibly the first incident on US soil when ChatGPT was used by someone to build a "particular device."

"This is the first incident that I'm aware of on U.S. soil where ChatGPT is utilized

to help an individual build a particular device...It's a concerning moment," he said, adding that police were sharing information with other law enforcement agencies.

In an emailed statement to AP, OpenAI said it was committed to seeing its tools used "responsibly" and that they're designed to refuse harmful instructions.

"In this case, ChatGPT responded with information already publicly available on the internet and provided warnings against harmful or illegal activities. We're working with law enforcement to support their investigation," the statement said.

Launched in 2022, ChatGPT is part of a broader set of technologies developed by the San Francisco-based startup OpenAI. Unlike previous iterations of so-called "large language models," the ChatGPT tool is available for free to anyone with an internet connection and is designed to be more user-friendly.

## Indian Navy Rescues Sailing Vessel Carrying 5 Chinese Nationals in Distress

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Indian Navy provided urgently needed fuel to a Malaysian-flagged sailing vessel with five Chinese nationals onboard in the Indian Ocean. Indian naval ship INS Kirch provided 1,000 litres of fuel to the vessel, enabling it to safely resume its voyage to its next port of call, the Indian Navy said.

It said the Malaysian-flagged vessel with five Chinese nationals was reported to be running low on fuel on January 4.

Subsequently, the sailing vessel transiting 225 nautical miles west of Indira Point, sought fuelling assistance from Indian Navy through Indian Navy's Information



Fusion Centre-Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR).  
"Responding swiftly, a surveillance aircraft was deployed to monitor the

movement of sailing vessel and diverted mission deployed Indian Naval Ship Kirch to provide assistance," the Navy said.

"INS Kirch on January 7 intercepted the vessel and provided 1000 litres of fuel, enabling the vessel to safely resume its voyage to its next port of call," the Navy said in a statement.

"The Indian Navy remains steadfast in its resolve to ensure safety of all mariners in the Indian Ocean Region," it said.

Indira Point is the southernmost point of India in the eastern Indian Sea.

## Meta to End Fact-Checking Program, Vows to 'Get Rid of Fact-Checkers'

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Washington :** Social media giant Meta slashed its content moderation policies, including ending its US fact-checking program on Facebook and Instagram, in a major shift that conforms with the priorities of incoming president Donald Trump.

"We're going to get rid of fact-checkers (that) have just been too politically biased and have destroyed more trust than they've created, especially in the US," Meta founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg said in a post.

Instead, Meta platforms including Facebook and Instagram, "would use community notes similar to X (formerly Twitter), starting in the US," he added.

Meta's surprise announcement echoed long-standing complaints made by Trump's Republican Party and X owner Elon Musk about fact-checking that many conservatives see as censorship.

They argue that fact-checking programs disproportionately target right-wing voices, which has led to proposed laws in states like Florida and Texas to limit content moderation.

"This is cool," Musk posted on his X platform after the announcement.

Zuckerberg, in a nod to Trump's victory,



said that "recent elections feel like a cultural tipping point towards, once again, prioritizing speech" over moderation.

The shift came as the 40-year-old tycoon has been making efforts to reconcile with Trump since his election in November, including donating one million dollars to his inauguration fund.

Trump has been a harsh critic of Meta and Zuckerberg for years, accusing the company of bias against him.

The Republican was kicked off Facebook following the January 6, 2021, attack on the US Capitol by his supporters, though the company restored his account in early 2023.

Zuckerberg, like several other tech leaders, has met with Trump at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida ahead of his January 20 inauguration.

- Ending 'Facebook jail' -

Meta in recent days has taken other gestures likely to please Trump's team, such as appointing former Republican official Joel Kaplan to head up public affairs at the company.

He takes over from Nick Clegg, a former British deputy prime minister.

Zuckerberg also named Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) head Dana White, a close ally of Trump, to the Meta board.

Kaplan, in a statement Tuesday, insisted the company's approach to content moderation had "gone too far."

"Too much harmless content gets censored, too many people find themselves wrongly locked up in 'Facebook jail,'" he said.

As part of the overhaul, Meta said it will relocate its trust and safety teams from liberal California to more conservative Texas.

"That will help us build trust to do this work in places where there is less concern about the bias of our teams," Zuckerberg said.

Zuckerberg also took a shot at the European Union "that has an ever increasing number of laws institutionalizing censorship and making it difficult to build anything innovative there."

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## Top Court Slams Army For Controversial Officer Appointment in Permanent Commission



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**New Delhi :** The Supreme Court pulled up the Army for acting with a "prejudiced mind" and not considering an "outstanding" Short Service Commission officer for permanent commission, saying this is the reason why people do not like to join the force.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and N Kotiswar Singh said when Major Ravinder Singh tried to look for an alternative appointment, he was not allowed to do so and when he applied for permanent commission, he was not considered.

"Prima facie it appears to us they (selection board) acted in a prejudiced mind against him. We would like to examine this issue. We can't allow an officer to be exploited like this," the bench said.

It asked Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Centre and the Army to produce the proceedings and original records of the previous Board, in which the appellant was considered for grant of permanent commission, on the next date of hearing.

Justice Surya Kant observed, "We know how these things work. If you keep saluting them day and night, then everything is fine but the moment you stop, they will go against you. Just because he applied for permanent commission and went to court, his ACRs are being targeted." Counsel for the officer said the moment he approached the Armed Force Tribunal, his ACR became unsatisfactory and out of the 10 years in service, he was given outstanding marks in his annual confidential report.

The bench told Ms Bhati "When he wanted to go out of the service, you did not allow him to do so. When he applied for permanent commission, you did not consider him. If you behave like this, why would the people join the Indian Army." Ms Bhati said the selection board

considered 183 officers out of which 103 were selected for permanent commission. She submitted that Singh got only 58 marks out of the cut-off of 80 marks and that was the reason he was not considered for the permanent commission.

The bench recorded the submission of Ms Bhati in its order, "some computerised records have been produced by Additional Solicitor of India in order to impress upon that the appellant could secure 58.89 marks as against the requirement of 80 marks for the purpose of grant of Permanent Commission." It said the records have been returned to the Additional Solicitor General of India after being perused by the courts.

"Since these marks have been awarded on the basis of Annual Confidential Reports (ACRs), let those reports, along with details of communication of such reports to the appellant, be produced on the next date of hearing," the bench ordered as it posted the matter for further hearing on February 4.

Counsel for the officer said that out of 10 years in service, Singh has served in the field including in Jammu and Kashmir and his seven ACRs were outstanding but suddenly after that his ACR became unsatisfactory.

"Now, they are trying to claim that he is insane," the counsel submitted.

The bench asked Ms Bhati when were the ACRs written and who wrote these ACRs of the officer and what were the parameters, everything should be produced.

Ms Bhati submitted that these are confidential documents and even the selection board is a closed board which is not given the name and identity of the officers and the members have only the ACRs based on which they consider the officers for permanent commission.

## Businessman and Jeweller Held in Connection with Malayalam Actor Sexual Harassment Case

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Bobby Chemmanur, a prominent businessman and jewellery brand owner in Kerala, was taken into custody following a complaint filed by Malayalam actor Honey Rose.

He was taken into custody following a Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed by the Kerala police to look into the sexual harassment complaint. Based on Rose's complaint, a case was registered against Chemmanur under non-bailable sections. According to a senior police officer, the SIT was formed to investigate the allegations made by the actress in her complaint. She, in an earlier social media post had accused the businessman of making "repeated sexually coloured" remarks against her.

The Circle Inspector at Kochi Central Police Station, where Rose came in person to file a complaint on Tuesday, would be the investigating officer, the senior officer said.

"Besides him, the team will also comprise



the personnel of the central station and of the Cyber Cell," he added.

Revealing that the accused was charged with non-bailable offences, the senior officer said the SIT would soon take the necessary steps.

"The statement of the complainant will be recorded first and other steps would be taken after that," he said.

On Tuesday night, based on Rose's complaint, the Kochi Central Police registered a case against Chemmanur

under various sections of the Bharat Nyay Samhita and Section 67 of the Information Technology Act.

The issue came to light for the first time on Sunday when the actress posted on Facebook, accusing an individual of stalking her and making sexually inappropriate remarks through various media platforms, which she claimed outraged her modesty.

At that time, however, she did not reveal the identity of the man.

The matter took an ugly turn when several people posted offensive comments on her post, prompting Rose to make her first formal police complaint. The Kochi Central Police registered a case against 30 people and arrested one of them.

In a fresh social media post on Tuesday, Rose revealed the identity of the person against whom she made sexual harassment allegations in her first complaint.

## India's Metro Network Surges to 1,000 km, Now Third-Largest Globally

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** In a major milestone, India's metro network has expanded to become the third-largest in the world, with a total length of 1,000 kilometers. This achievement underscores the government's efforts to enhance urban mobility and connectivity. This remarkable achievement follows the announcement of new metro projects and the Namu Bharat initiative for Delhi under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The journey of India's metro network, which began in 2002 with the launch of the modern metro by former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Delhi, has now reached this nationwide milestone. The transformation and expansion have been unprecedented under PM Modi's leadership, particularly since 2014.

In the past decade, the metro network has seen a threefold increase, with an additional 1,000 kilometres added to its length. The number of states with metro services has grown from five to eleven, while the number of cities benefiting from metro connectivity has surged from five to 23. Daily passenger ridership has also witnessed exponential growth, rising from 28 lakh in 2014 to over one crore, reflecting a 2.5 times increase.



Furthermore, the total distance travelled by metro trains has tripled, climbing from 86,000 kilometres to an impressive 2.75 lakh kilometres.

Under PM Modi's vision, the Centre remains committed to providing seamless, affordable, and modern urban transport to enhance the ease of travel and the quality of life for millions of citizens. As part of these transformative efforts, PM Modi is set to undertake a ride on the Namu Bharat Train from Sahibabad RRTS Station to New Ashok Nagar RRTS Station on Sunday morning. This ride will mark the inauguration of the 13-kilometer stretch of the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Namu Bharat Corridor. Built at an estimated cost of Rs 4,600 crore, this corridor will significantly enhance regional connectivity between Delhi and Meerut,

providing millions with high-speed and comfortable travel options.

In addition to the Namu Bharat corridor, PM Modi will inaugurate a 2.8-kilometer stretch of Delhi Metro Phase-IV between Janakpuri and Krishna Park. With an investment of Rs 1,200 crore, this marks the first operational segment of Delhi Metro Phase-IV. Residents of West Delhi, including areas such as Krishna Park, parts of Vikaspuri, and Janakpuri, are set to benefit greatly from this development. PM Modi will also lay the foundation stone for the 26.5-kilometer Rithala-Kundli section of Delhi Metro Phase-IV. With an estimated cost of Rs 6,230 crore, this new corridor will connect Rithala in Delhi to Nathupur (Kundli) in Haryana.

It aims to boost connectivity across North-West Delhi and Haryana, positively impacting key areas such as Rohini, Bawana, Narela, and Kundli. As India's urban landscape continues to evolve, the expansion of the metro network is expected to have a positive impact on the daily lives of citizens. With the government's focus on creating world-class transport systems, the future of urban mobility in India looks promising.

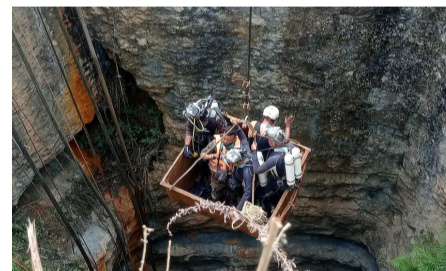
## Divers Recover Body from Flooded Assam Coal Mine, Dozens Still Trapped

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A body was recovered from a coal mine in Assam's Dima Hasao, two days after water gushed into it, trapping nine workers.

21 Para Divers retrieved one body from the bottom of the mine's well in Umrangso's 3 Kilo, while navy, army, NDRF and SDRF personnel continued rescue operations. The divers flew in from Visakhapatnam and conducted a recce, before entering the quarry.

The SDRF's de-watering pumps have departed from Umrangshu for the location. Additionally, the ONGC de-watering pump has been loaded onto an MI-17 helicopter at Kumbhigram, awaiting weather clearance for deployment. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma



said he has spoken to Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy, who has assured him that a team from Coal India will join the rescue operations from Wednesday. He said the water level inside the quarry has risen to nearly 100 feet.

Labourers trapped inside the 340-feet-

deep quarry were identified as Ganga Bahadur Shreth, Hussain Ali, Jakir Hussain, Sarpa Barman, Mustafa Seikh, Khushi Mohan Rai, Sanjit Sarkar, Lijan Magar and Sarat Goyary.

Mr Sarma said the mine "appears to be illegal", and that the police have arrested one person in connection with the incident.

"The police have registered an FIR under Umrangso PS Case No: 02/2025, citing Sections 3(5)/105 BNS, r/w Section 21(1) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, to investigate the incident. Prima facie, it appears to be an illegal mine. One Punish Nunisa has been arrested in connection with the case," the chief minister had posted on X.

## Man Kills Wife, Hides Body to Chop it; Planned to Kill Her Friend Too

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A man murdered his wife and hid her body in a bed in their home in Delhi with the intention of chopping it up, but his hunger for killing did not stop there. Having fled to Amritsar, he set out for Delhi a few days later, aiming to murder a friend of his wife that he suspected her of having an affair with.

He was arrested on the way back from Amritsar and is now in police custody.

Deputy Commissioner of Police Ankit Chauhan said the body of 26-year-old Deepika Chauhan was recovered from inside a box bed in southwest Delhi's Janakpuri on Friday. The mouth of the body was wrapped with white tape to delay its decomposition. Investigation revealed that Deepika, who used to work in a spa, was married to Dhanraj, a motorcycle rider for popular bike taxi apps. Dhanraj was an alcoholic and spent all his money



on his addiction and Deepika ran the household with her money.

The police's probe revealed that Deepika had been killed on December 29 and Dhanraj was on the run. They traced his location to Amritsar and arrested him when he was on his way back to Delhi. During interrogation, Dhanraj said

he intended to leave Deepika's body in the bed and then chop it up a few days later so he could scatter the pieces in a deserted place and avoid suspicion. He said he had also looked up ways of chopping up a person's body on YouTube.

Officials said Dhanraj also confessed that he was returning to Delhi to kill a friend of his wife that he did not like, but he was arrested before he could carry out the murder.

Police said even though his phone was off, a UPI payment made from one of his accounts gave Dhanraj's location away and enabled them to trace him. He had no criminal history. Three phones, including Deepika's, were recovered from him.

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