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Hassle continues for Mohali residents, road gullies still blocked- Sohana

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The ongoing monsoon season has once again exposed the lackadaisical approach of the Municipal Corporation (MC) Mohali in resolving civil issues including cleaning road gullies stated SAD Leader Parminder Singh Sohana.

While it is an annual task of the civil body to clean the road gullies before the arrival of monsoon the state of road gullies in the city shows a different picture.

Sohana added that most of the road gullies of city areas including Ph- 3B2 Main Road, Mohali Village road near Coal Depot in Phase 1, Parking area of Phase 5 Market, Roads leading to Industrial Area are blocked and elected representative has failed to work as per the promises made during the elections with the residents. SAD Leader Parminder So-



hana said that the plastic, poly bags, silt and leaves had choked the road gullies and stormwater drainage system but the concerned officials are unable to act.

It is pertinent to mention here that in June this year, the Mohali Municipal Corporation announced that it has

allotted tenders for cleaning road gullies to two companies, Kubaheri Co-Operative Society and Red Rose Co-operative Society, at a total cost of at a total cost of Rs 90.6 lakh.

As per MC records, there are around 5,900 road gullies under the Municipal Corpora-

tion Mohali limit. Although the tenders were allotted, the city residents faced major water logging issues with sewerage water entering their houses this monsoon and demanded that steps should be taken to provide relief to the residents.

“These road gullies should have been cleaned premonsoon with the machine to facilitate the flow of water and prevent water logging but the road gullies are choked with plastics,” said a resident and added that this is same story after the rain in Mohali and even demanded from Punjab Government to dissolve the house and let residents elected new and energetic candidates who may perform better in the interest and safety of Mohali Residents.

Will pass Bill to ensure capital punishment for rapists: Mamata Banerjee

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Kolkata : Under fire after the ghastly rape and murder of a junior doctor at the state-run R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said today that her government will pass a Bill in the Assembly to ensure capital punishment for convicts in rape and murder cases. “We will move a Bill in the state Assembly within 10 days seeking capital punishment for culprits in rape and murder cases. We will send it to the Governor, and if he doesn't pass the Bill, we will sit on indefinite protest outside the Raj Bhavan. This Bill must be passed... He cannot evade accountability this time. Why should rapists not be hanged,” Banerjee asked while addressing an even to mark the foundation day of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), her party's students' wing. Echoing the statements of Trinamool General Secretary and Lok Sabha MP Abhishek Banerjee, who spoke just before her, the Chief Minister questioned the progress made by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probing the R.G. Kar rape and murder case, 14 days after the case was handed over to the probe agency by the Calcutta High Court.

“The progress of the investigation has been ruined after the case was handed over to the CBI,” the Chief Minister claimed.

She also complemented the Kolkata Police and West Bengal Police for the manner in which they handled the ‘Nabanna Abhijan’ (March to Secretar-



iat), saying: “I salute my police. They maintained restraint even after they were attacked. They did not fall into the trap of the BJP which is doing politics over bodies.”

The Chief Minister also gave a call to the junior doctors of Bengal to resume their duties in the state-run hospitals keeping in mind the interest of the patients going there for treatment. Describing the rape and murder incident as thoroughly unfortunate, Banerjee said now it remains to be seen that no errors are made in the follow-up action in the matter.

“That is why we wanted to complete the investigation quickly so that the trial could be conducted on a fast-track basis,” the Chief Minister said.

Pb CM inaugurates new office of Anti-Narcotics Task Force

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann inaugurated the new office of Narcotics Task Force, During this, CM Bhagwant Mann cornered BJP by attacking BJP MP and actress Kangana Ranaut over the farmers' movement and also Launched anti-drug helpline and WhatsApp chatbot (97791-00200). After inaugurating the new building of anti-narcotic task force in Mohali, CM Mann said that initiatives have been taken by our government in every field. Accordingly, now the Special Task Force has been updated, it has been named as New Anti Narcotic Task Force, it will replace the Special Task Force.

The number of employees in this force has also been doubled and increased to 800.

Along with this, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has also inaugurated WhatsApp Chatbot, now anyone can report drug abuse on WhatsApp number 9779100200, and an immediate action will be initiated and name of the informant will be kept confidential. He said that we consider drug addicts as patients, they will not be sent to jail but to hospital, drug dealers will not be spared.

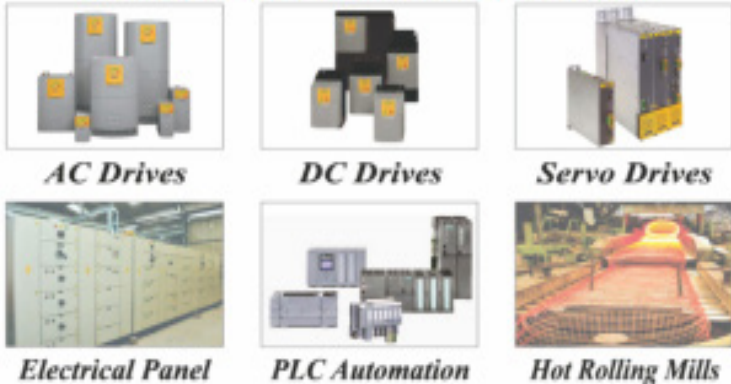
Chief Minister further said that the police is effectively solving serious cases related to law and order. CM Bhagwant Singh Mann said



that the police is effectively deployed along the 532 km international border bordering the state to protect the unity and integrity of the country and added that 379 drug traffickers have been registered and assets worth Rs 173 crore have been seized and more actions are underway.

On Kangna Ranaut's Controversial statement Punjab CM said, ‘People have elected her as an MP to resolve the issues of Mandi constituency and not to make absurd and baseless statements that will create unrest in the society and said I would like to ask the BJP government to control its MPs.

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Webb image alert! The six-sided features are suns, everything else is a galaxy

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Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) has captured a new image of a tiny block in space revealing a cluster of galaxies hiding in plain sight.

The data sparked a new understanding of early universe galaxies, challenging initial perceptions of their size and mass.

A recent study led by Katherine Chworowsky from the University of Texas at Austin has revealed that some of these ancient galaxies are not as massive as they first appeared, potentially resolving a conflict with the standard model of cosmology.

When JWST first captured images of early universe galaxies, astronomers were surprised by their apparent size and brightness. These observations seemed to contradict existing simulations and theories about galaxy formation in the early cosmos.

However, Chworowsky's research, published in the *Astronomical Journal*, suggests that black holes within these galaxies are responsible for their deceptive appearance.

The study found that rapidly consuming black holes in



some galaxies emit significant heat and light due to friction in the fast-moving gas around them. This additional luminosity makes the galaxies appear much brighter and more massive than they actually are.

When these "little red dots" - named for their red color and small size - are removed from the analysis, the remaining early galaxies align more closely with predictions of the standard cosmological model.

While this discovery alleviates concerns about a fundamental flaw in our understanding of the universe's evolution, it introduces new questions.

The research team noted that there are still approximately twice as many massive galaxies in Webb's early universe data than expected. One possible explanation is that star formation occurred more rapidly in the early universe compared to today.

Chworowsky suggests that the denser early universe may have made it harder to expel gas during star for-

mation, potentially accelerating the process. This theory could account for the higher-than-expected number of massive galaxies observed.

Concurrent research on the spectra of these "little red dots" has found evidence of fast-moving hydrogen gas, a characteristic of black hole accretion disks. This supports the idea that a significant portion of light from these compact, red objects originates from gas surrounding black holes rather than stars.

While this study has addressed major concerns about the standard model of cosmology, it also opens new avenues for research into star formation processes in the early universe.

As more data from JWST becomes available, astronomers anticipate further insights into these intriguing cosmic phenomena.



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
29th Aug

Born on 29th Aug : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality. They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime. This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been. The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

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Aries

(March 21 - April 19)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule. Planetary placement doesn't seem favourable for you today in regard with money matters. Hence, keep your money safe. Gracefully accept the invitation- if you are invited to somewhere you haven't been.



Taurus

(April 20 - May 20)

Aug 29 th 2024 : If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you.



Gemini

(May 21 - June 20)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule. Good day for real estate and financial transactions. Right time to disclose ambition to your parents. They will fully support you. You also need to focus and make sure to work hard to achieve this. Be cheerful and courage to face downs in love.



Cancer

(June 21 - July 22)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Friends supportive and will keep you happy. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. Invitation in a award function of your child would be the source of happiness. You would likely to see your dream coming true as he lives upto your expectations.



Leo

(July 23 - Aug 22)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Keep an eye on your weight and do not indulge in overeating. Finances will definitely get a boost- but at the same time expenditures too will be on the rise. Relatives/friends drop by for a wonderful evening. Opportunities for a romance are apparent- but will be short lived. Good day for retailers and wholesalers.



Virgo

(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Energy wanes even as success seems closer at hand. You need to accumulate your money and know when and where to spend wisely, otherwise you will have to repent in the coming time. To utilize your time, you can go to the park, but there are chances of you getting into an argument with someone unknown.



Libra

(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Health remains perfect. Today you can easily raise capital- collect outstanding debts- or ask for funds to work on new projects. New relationship would be long lasting and highly beneficial. Don't wear those clothes which your lover doesn't like as it may offend him.



Scorpio

(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

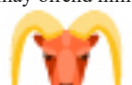
Aug 29 th 2024 : A day of recreation and fun. Together with your spouse, you can discuss finances and plan your wealth for your future. Evenings with friends will be good for pleasure as well as some holiday planning. You would spread love pollution today.



Sagittarius

(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Ruffle of temper could lead to an argument and confrontation. You should refrain from consuming alcohol or any such item today, as you may lose your items in toxic state. Today you will benefit as family members will respond to you in a positive manner. Be cheerful and courage to face downs in love.



Capricorn

(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Your jolly nature will keep others happy. Today, you may have to spend a lot of money on your mother or father's health. This will, though, deteriorate your financial condition but also strengthen the relationship. Supporting your children concerns would be essential. Don't act like a slave in love affair.



Aquarius

(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Aug 29 th 2024 : You will be loaded with energy and will do something extraordinary today. Today, a creditor can visit you and ask you to repay your loan. Although you will repay the amount, but it can further create financial hardships in life. Therefore, you are advised to avoid borrowing.



Pisces

(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Aug 29 th 2024 : Special precaution should be taken especially while eating exposed food. But don't take undue stress as it would only give you mental tension. Bank dealing need to be handled very carefully. Your charms and personality will help you make few new friends.

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Big blow to Shiromani Akali Dal many join AAP

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Mohali : Aam Aadmi Party got a big boost in Mohali as many senior leaders and workers of Shiromani Akali Dal joined Aam Aadmi Party in presence of MLA Kulwant Singh.

MLA Mohali Kulwant Singh welcomed them to the Aam Aadmi Party under the leadership Ex MC Gurmukh Singh Sohal. While welcoming the SAD leaders in the Aam Aadmi Party MLA Kulwant Singh assured that everyone will be given due



respect. MLA Kulwant Singh said that the AAP government led by Bhagwant Singh Mann is doing development-oriented works by understanding the difficulties and needs of the people of every section of the society, every region and

every community. While praising Ex MC Gurmukh Sohal MLA Kulwant Singh said that he is committed towards strengthening the organizational structure of Aam Aadmi Party, and is working as a source of inspiration for other party workers.

Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon joined the Aam Aadmi Party

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Sri Muktsar Sahib : Senior leader of Giddarbaha Constituency Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon (Operator Deep Bus Service) who bid farewell to Shiromani Akali Dal today joined the Aam Aadmi Party under the leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Bhagwant Mann in a function held at Giddarbaha district Sri Muktsar Sahib. On this occasion, supporters of Dimpy Dhillon from



Giddarbaha Constituency had arrived in large numbers. On this occasion, many leaders including

Jagdeep Singh Kaka Brar MLA Sri Muktsar Sahib, Balkar Singh Sidhu MLA Rampurafal were present.

Rs 39.69 crores released for free textbooks to SC students: Dr. Baljit Kaur

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur has announced that the Punjab Government has released an amount of Rs. 39.69 crore for the provision of free textbooks to Scheduled Caste students across the state. Cabinet Minister Dr. Baljit Kaur highlighted that the Punjab Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, is not only focusing on the welfare of other sections of society but is also making concerted efforts to ensure the education of Scheduled Caste children in the state. The Minister further elaborat-



ed that this amount has been released under the Free Textbooks Scheme for Scheduled Caste students from Class I to Class X. She emphasized that this amount is to be utilized strictly for the intended purpose as specified in the scheme.

Dr. Baljit Kaur reiterated the Government's commitment to the development and upliftment of students' living standards. She assured that the Government would ensure that students do not face financial barriers in their pursuit of education.

NSUI president Sikandar Bura resigned in the ongoing press conference

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Chandigarh NSUI president Sikandar Bura resigned today in the ongoing press conference. Bura resigned in the press conference expressing his displeasure at the name of the candidate for the new president.



Sunder Sham Arora re-joins Congress

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Hoshiarpur : Senior BJP leader and former cabinet minister Sunder Sham Arora rejoined the Congress party today. The inclusion of Arora will give a big boost to the Congress party, as he has considerable influence in the Hoshiarpur



constituency as well as in

the Chabewal constituency, after which his impact can be seen in the by-election to be held in Chabewal constituency.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

No end to garbage in Mohali! Bad state of sanitation a common scene



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Mohali : The sanitation system in Mohali city has become bad and is getting worst day by day. Residents said that due to the lack of cleanliness in the city, the city dwellers are upset because of the piles of garbage.

The condition of the city has become that garbage has started piling up at many places. Apart from the residential areas of the city, garbage is seen piled up everywhere in the market parking lots, outside the parks and on the roadsides. Due to the stench coming from the pollution, people are facing a lot of trouble, due to this and there is also a fear of spreading diseases

among the residents. Present, situation shows that due to this, the beauty of Mohali city has also been eclipsed.

The municipal corporation has also built RMC plants at many places in the city where the waste of different areas is dumped but the situation there has become such that the garbage has reached the roads and started taking the form of a mountain.

Residents fear that if the situation continues like this, the condition of the city will get worse in the coming days. The city of Mohali, which was called a clean city, will now become a city of garbage unfortunately. **But Who Care???**

Mohali Health Department on alert dengue, viral fevers surge

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The alarming rise of cases of Dengue in Delhi and Telangana has also put the district health department on alert. As the number of patients visiting the hospitals with fevers, colds, and other health complications in these states has increased in the recent days, the district health department also has intensified its door-to-door drive against dengue.

As per information, Health workers have surveyed as many as 1,34,677 houses and other places in the district since March in Mohali. Mosquito larvae have been found in as many as 2059 houses and other places and 562 challans have been issued to the violators by the M.C

Common symptoms of Dengue, preventive measures

WHO on Dengue

Dengue (break-bone fever) is a viral infection that spreads from mosquitoes to people. It is more common in tropical and subtropical climates.

Most people who get dengue will not have symptoms. But for those who do, the most common symptoms are high fever, headache, body aches, nausea, and rash. Most will get better in 1-2 weeks. Some people develop severe dengue and need care in a hospital.

Symptoms

Most people with dengue have mild or no symptoms and will get better in 1-2 weeks. Rarely, dengue can be severe and lead to death. If symptoms occur, they usually begin 4-10 days after infection and last for 2-7 days. Symptoms may include: high fever (40°C/104°F) severe headache pain behind the eyes muscle and joint pains nausea vomiting swollen glands rash.

Second-timers at greater risk

Individuals infected for the second time are at greater risk of severe dengue.

Severe dengue symptoms often come after the fever has gone away:

severe abdominal pain persistent vomiting rapid breathing bleeding gums or nose fatigue restlessness blood in vomit or stool being very thirsty pale and cold skin feeling weak.

Dengue a global burden

The incidence of dengue has grown dramatically around the world in recent decades, with cases reported to WHO increasing from 505 430 cases in 2000 to 5.2 million in 2019.



A vast majority of cases are asymptomatic or mild and self-managed, and hence the actual numbers of dengue cases are under-reported. Many cases are also misdiagnosed as other febrile illnesses.

The highest number of dengue cases was recorded in 2023, affecting over 80 countries in all regions of WHO.

Since the beginning of 2023 ongoing transmission, combined with an unexpected spike in dengue cases, resulted in a historic high of over 6.5 million cases and more than 7300 dengue-related deaths reported.

Prevention and control The mosquitoes that spread dengue are active during the day.

Lower the risk of getting dengue by protecting yourself from mosquito bites by using: clothes that cover as much of your body as possible;

mosquito nets if sleeping during the day, ideally nets sprayed with insect repellent; window screens; mosquito repellents (containing DEET, Picaridin or IR3535); and coils and vaporizers.

Mosquito breeding can be prevented by: preventing mosquitoes from accessing egg-laying habitats by environmental management and modification; disposing of solid waste properly and removing artificial man-made habitats that can hold water; covering, emptying and cleaning domestic water storage containers on a weekly basis; applying appropriate insecticides to outdoor water storage containers.

If you get dengue, it's important to: rest;

drink plenty of liquids; use acetaminophen (paracetamol) for pain; avoid non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, like ibuprofen and aspirin; and watch for severe symptoms and contact your doctor as soon as possible if you notice any. So far one vaccine (QDenga) has been approved and licensed in some countries. However, it is recommended only for the age group of 6 to 16 years in high transmission settings. Several additional vaccines are under evaluation.

Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Sidhupur asked the Government to improve roads

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : A meeting of Bharatiya Kisan Union Ekta Sidhupur was held under the leadership of Ravinder Singh District President Mohali at village Kurdi which was attended by many people from the area. The issue regarding the poor condition of roads in the area was discussed in the meeting. Roads from Aerocity Mohali to village Kurdi and many other areas are in very poor condition, towards which the government has failed to pay attention due to which residents of the villages and passer bys had to



suffer a lot. It is pertinent to mention here that, the farmers had also warned the government that if attention is not paid to these roads soon to improve the condition of the road then they will be left no other option other than to protest against the Government.

'Sampark Se Samadhan' Ex-Servicemen Rally Helds



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Ambala : Kharga Corps organises 191st Raksha Pension Samadhan Aayojan at Ambala Cantt today displaying Indian Army's commitment towards its Veterans, Veer Naris, Widows, their families and Defence Civilians. The rally, which will extend over two days is a huge success with more than 500 attendees consisting of Ex-Servicemen with families, Veer Naris, widows of soldiers and Defence Civilians from Ambala, Yamunanagar & Kapurthala districts. The rally was attended by Major General Shreya Nitin Mehta, Chief of Staff, Kharga Corps on behalf of Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar, General Officer Commanding, Kharga Corps, lived upto its motto of "Sampark Se Samadhan" by reaching out to maximum veterans and families, and resolution of issues related to family pensions, SPARSH and pay fixation. To enable on the spot resolution of issues a number of stalls have been established at the site, to include PCDA, SPARSH, Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, Unit Run Canteen, Sain-

ik Boards, Helpline, Record Offices, Army Welfare Placement Organisation, among many others. Medical checkup & referral for all attendees is also being facilitated through a fully equipped Medical Camp at the rally site. The rally was concluded by felicitation of Ex-Servicemen by the General Officer. The General Officer while addressing the rally highlighted Indian Army's solidarity with its retired fraternity and assured the gathering that the government and the Army are sensitive to their needs and would take every step to ensure that the Ex-Servicemen, Veer Naris and their families are cared for and looked after well. The event concluded with felicitation of Ex-Servicemen & Veer Naris. The success of the event is indicative of dedicated efforts by the Kharga Corps to establish contact with Veterans, Veer Naris, Widows of soldiers and Indian Army's commitment to honour its veterans, fallen heroes and their families for their unflinching loyalty and selfless service to the nation.

Minimum age for marriage of girls in Himachal will be 21 years



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Shimla : The minimum marriage age for girls in Himachal will be 21 years. In this regard, the amendment bill was presented on Tuesday on the first day of the monsoon session of the Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha, which was unanimously passed without discussion. The bill will now be sent for the Governor's assent. After this, the bill will become a law and it will be implemented. So far the age of marriage for girls in Himachal is 18 years. The government has extended it by three years. Social Justice and Empow-

erment Minister Dhaniram Shandil introduced Child Marriage Prohibition (Himachal Pradesh Amendment Bill-2024) in the House. Shandil said that with the passing of this bill, girls will get a chance to move forward. Even now some people marry girls at a young age. With this, girls cannot be educated. The government wants the marriage age to be increased, so that people can also be protected from malnutrition. Early marriage of girls and early motherhood has a bad effect on their health.

Punjab Cabinet meeting on 29 August

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has called the cabinet meeting on August 29 at 11.00 am. This meeting will be held in the Punjab Civil Secretariat. Decisions can be made on many important matters in this meeting. This meeting is being held before the Punjab Vidhan Sabha session. The session is to be held from September 2 to 4. It is being told that in the cabinet meeting to be held on August 29, other rules will be approved to remove the condition of NOC for property registration. Apart from this, the Punjab government can also take concrete steps to



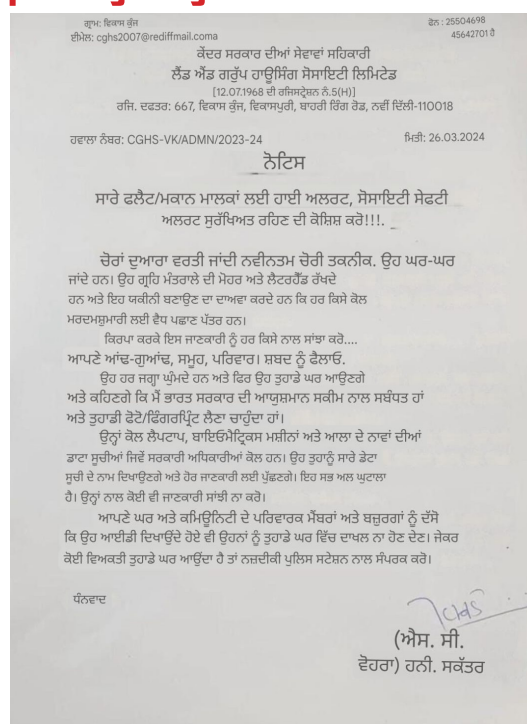
regularize the illegal colonies in the state, so that the residents of 15 thousand illegal colonies in the state do not have to be deprived of their permanent residence. Apart from this, in the meeting, necessary changes can be made to simplify some rules

for the purpose of setting up new industries to promote industries in the state. However, the agenda of the August 29 cabinet meeting will be presented on the table. In this context, State Chief Secretary Anurag Verma issued orders.

High alert for all flat/house owners, gang of thieves trying to enter homes posing as government officials

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : A circular issued by the managing committee of a housing society in Delhi warning residents about a gang of thieves posing as government officials trying to enter homes. The latest theft technique used by thieves, they go door to door. They carry the seal and letterhead of the Ministry of Home Affairs and claim to ensure that everyone has more identity cards for the census. The letter claims that thieves have come up with a new way to enter houses by pretending to be from Ministry of Home Affairs employees conducting a



survey under the Ayush-

man scheme and want to take your photo/fingerprint. They have laptops, biometrics machines and data lists of device names like government officials. They will show you all the data list names and ask for more information. It's all a scam. Circular issued warns people to not let any stranger enter into their house even if they show a government ID.

AIIMS, Osaka University to set up medical device development centre

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : The All India Institute Of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in Delhi has collaborated with Osaka University in Japan to set up a medical device development centre in Haryana's Jhajjar. The new National Centre for Medical Device Development, Validation, and Skill Training, in line with the Centre's 'Make in India' initiative will enable surgeons, physicians, and biomedical engineers in the country to conceptualise, design, develop, and test medical device prototypes. The initiative between the countries is part of a decade-long partnership signed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the late Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe. AIIMS and Osaka University signed a Memorandum of Understanding in October 2014, to develop novel and affordable surgical instruments. As part of it, a delegation from Osaka University, accompanied by officials



from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) visited AIIMS and the proposed site for the centre in Jhajjar. The latest project aims to reduce India's reliance on imported medical devices, which currently stands at over 70 per cent. It will also provide doctors a platform to boost the preparation of designs and technologies and perform tests on

animals and human cadavers. The centre aims to develop high-quality, affordable medical devices accessible to the Indian population. It will encourage the growth of small and medium-sized enterprises in the sector. AIIMS and Osaka University have been working on the project for two years. Previously a delegation from AIIMS had visited Japan to gain insights into technological research and hands-on experience in prototype conceptualisation, computer-assisted designing, and 3D printing. As the land has been finalised, AIIMS has reportedly sought a budget of Rs 300 crore from the Union Health Ministry to set up the centre.

PGI's Eye Center extends online registration, now get consultation on priority with advance reservation

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Chandigarh : In the view to tackle the increasing foot-fall of patients who queue up hours before registration begins and OPD starts, PGI's Ophthalmology Department (Advanced Eye Center) has extended its online registration facility. From August 30, patients who have registered online in advance will be given priority. Online registration will be available from 8 am to 9.30 am, while in-person registration can be done from 9 am to 11 am. Dr SS Pandav, head, of Advanced Eye Centre informed



that the online registration has been increased to 200 daily. "The idea is to decongest the OPD, especially the morning hours. There are various slots for online registrations. While 80% of the follow-up pa-

tients use the online system, the idea is to encourage new patients to use the PGIMER website for registration, with the facility of booking an appointment seven days in advance," told Dr. SS Pandav.

Rajkumar Rao's 'Calm Down' cover in 'Stree 2' cost Rs 25 lakh: Abhishek Banerjee

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New Delhi : Actor Abhishek Banerjee, who portrayed the character of Jana in Amar Kaushik's 'Stree 2,' revealed that Rajkumar Rao improvised a costly version of the popular song 'Calm Down' for the film. This improvisation added an extra expense of Rs 25 lakh to the production. 'Stree 2' is currently enjoying a successful run at the box office, having surpassed the Rs 500-crore mark worldwide.

Abhishek Banerjee, jokingly referring to it as the most expensive improvisation in history, told Fever FM that Rajkumar Rao's spontaneous inclusion of the 'Low Low Low' segment from Rema's popular song, proved to be a costly endeavour. The filmmakers had to acquire the music



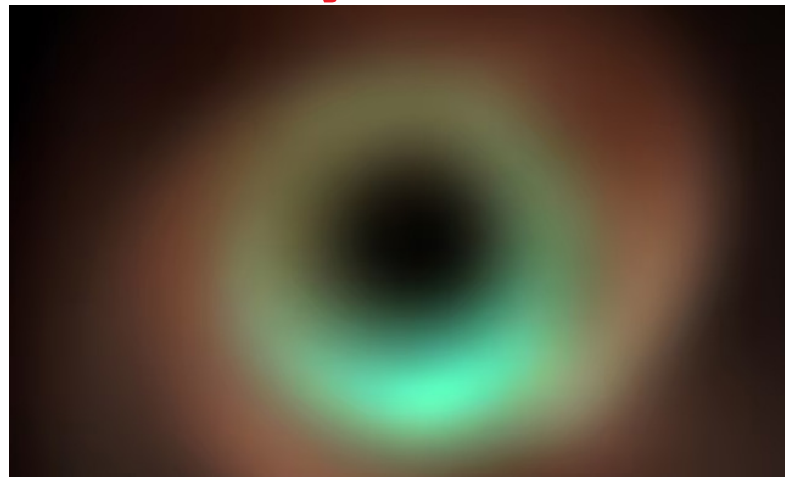
rights for this unplanned improvisation at a staggering cost of Rs 25 lakh.

Earlier, in an exclusive interview, Abhishek Banerjee had shared his thoughts on working with Akshay Kumar in the film. He said, "It was just one day [for the shoot] but I had been waiting for that one day for probably 25 years of my life, since I started watching Akshay Kumar's films. Since I have watched 'Kh-

iladi', 'Khiladiyon Ka Khiladi', 'Sabse Bada Khiladi', 'Mr and Mrs Khiladi', 'Mohra' [all these films]. I used to be a huge Akshay Kumar fan."

Abhishek plays the role of Jana in 'Stree 2'. He is joined by Rajkumar Rao, Aparshakti Khurana, Shraddha Kapoor and Pankaj Tripathi in the film. The film is successfully running in theatres with a massive box office turnover.

Earth-sized telescope makes highest resolution image of distant black hole



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New Delhi : The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) Collaboration has made a groundbreaking advancement in astronomical observation, achieving the highest resolution images of black holes ever obtained from Earth.

A black hole is a place in space where gravity is so strong that even light cannot escape its pull. According to Nasa, the gravity in black holes is so strong because matter has been squeezed into a tiny space.

By detecting light from distant galactic centers, the EHT has pushed the boundaries of ground-based observations, promising to reveal new details about these cosmic phenomena.

This technological leap will not only make existing black hole photographs 50% sharper but also enable multi-color views of the regions immediately surrounding these celestial objects.

When combined with previous images, these new results are expected to provide unprecedented insights into the nature of supermassive black holes, such as those at the hearts of M87 and our own Milky Way galaxy.

"At 345 GHz, our images will be sharper and more detailed, which in turn will likely reveal new properties, both those that were previously predicted and maybe some that weren't," explained Alexander Raymond, a co-lead author of the study published

in The Astronomical Journal. The EHT uses very-long-baseline interferometry (VLBI) to link radio telescopes across the globe, creating a virtual Earth-sized telescope.

This latest achievement marks the first successful use of VLBI at 345 GHz, overcoming significant technical challenges, including increased atmospheric absorption of signals at this frequency.

Sheperd Doeleman, Founding Director of the EHT, likened this advancement to the transition from black-and-white to color photography, emphasising its potential to distinguish between the effects of Einstein's gravity and the behavior of hot gas and magnetic fields around black holes.

This breakthrough paves the way for future developments, including the planned next-generation EHT project, which aims to create high-fidelity movies of the environment surrounding black holes.

As Lisa Kewley, Director of the Center for Astrophysics | Harvard & Smithsonian, noted, "By pushing the limits of resolution, we're achieving the unprecedented clarity in the imaging of black holes we promised early on, and setting new and higher standards for the capability of ground-based astrophysical research."

Composite Skill Lab is a Mandatory Requirement For all CBSE Schools

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New Delhi : The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has released a notification on setting up of 'Composite Skill Labs' in schools. With an aim to enhance skill education, National Curriculum Framework for School Education (NCF-SE), has proposed to set up 'Composite Skill Labs' in CBSE schools. Schools are advised to set up either one Composite Skill Lab of 600 sq ft area for classes 6-12, or two separate labs of 400 sq ft area each, one for classes 6-10 and the other for classes 11-12.

A Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equipment and machinery is a mandatory requirement for all schools seeking fresh affiliation with CBSE. Schools already affiliated with CBSE are required to establish a Composite Skill Lab with all necessary equip-



ments and machinery, within a period of three years, the notification reads.

Emphasising that schools must provide opportunities for students to engage in real-world tasks and projects related to their chosen skills, NCF-SE has advocated the establishment of well-equipped skill labs and vocational training centers within schools.

These facilities are crucial for providing the necessary resources and environment for

effective skill development and practical, hands-on learning experiences.

As per the notification setting up 'Composite Skill Labs' will help in providing training on practical skills aligned with industry needs, enhance employment prospects for students in various trades and vocations, enable exploration of diverse career pathways beyond traditional options, and foster entrepreneurial capabilities among students.

It's story TIME

The Frog & the Mouse

A young Mouse in search of adventure was running along the bank of a pond where he

met a Frog. When the Frog saw the Mouse, he swam to the bank and croaked: "Won't you pay me a visit? I can promise you a good time if you do." The Mouse did not need much coaxing, for he was very anxious to see the world and everything in it. But though he could swim a little, he did not dare risk going into the pond without some help. The Frog had a plan. He tied the Mouse's leg to his own with a tough reed. Then into the pond he jumped, dragging his foolish companion with him. The Mouse soon had enough of it and wanted to return to shore; but the treacherous Frog had other plans. He pulled the Mouse down under the water and drowned him. But before he could untie the reed that bound him to the dead Mouse, a Hawk came sailing over the pond. Seeing the body of the Mouse floating on the water, the Hawk swooped down, seized the Mouse and carried it off, with the Frog dangling from its leg. Thus at one swoop he had caught both meat and fish for his dinner. Those who seek to harm others often come to harm themselves through their own deceit.



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12 leaders elected unopposed to Rajya Sabha. NDA touches majority mark

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New Delhi : The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) reached the majority mark in Rajya Sabha after nine BJP leaders and two members from the allies were elected unopposed in the by-polls for the upper house.

From the BJP, Mission Ranjan Das and Rameshwar Teli were elected to Rajya Sabha from Assam, Manan Kumar Mishra from Bihar, Kiran Choudhary from Haryana, Union Minister George Kurian from Madhya Pradesh, Dhairyasheel Patil from Maharashtra, Mamata Mohanta from Odisha, Ravneet Singh Bittu from Rajasthan, and Rajevee Bhattacharjee from Tripura.

Among the NDA allies, Nitin Patil from the Ajit Pawar faction of NCP secured a seat, while Upendra Kushwaha, the President of Rashtriya Lok Morcha, was elected unopposed from Bihar.

Senior Congress leader and advocate



Abhishek Manu Singhvi also got elected to the Rajya Sabha from Telangana, taking the Opposition's INDIA bloc numbers in the Upper House to 85.

With today's bypoll results, the BJP's strength in the Rajya Sabha has increased to 96 members, while the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) now holds 112 seats.

The Rajya Sabha currently has eight

vacant seats, with four from Jammu and Kashmir and four for nominated members, bringing the majority mark in the 245-member house to 119.

A majority mark in the Rajya Sabha for which the NDA has been trying for a decade will reduce its dependence on parties like the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), YSR Congress, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), and AIADMK for passing crucial bills.

On the other hand, the Congress will retain the Leader of the Opposition position in the Rajya Sabha, with its strength increasing to 27 members, which is two more than the required 25 seats for this position.

Congress. National Conference's 'friendly fight' for 5 seats in J&K polls

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Srinagar : The Congress and the National Conference, which is also part of the INDIA bloc, finalised seat-sharing talks ahead of the Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir. While the National Conference will contest from 51 seats out of the 90 constituencies, the Congress will contest from 32 seats.

Meanwhile, both parties will take on each other in "friendly fights" in five Assembly constituencies, which include four in Jammu division and one in the Kashmir valley.

The Congress and the National Conference will contest against each other in Banihal, Doda, Bhaderwah and Nagrota constituencies in Jammu, and in Sopore region in Kashmir.

Sources said that it was the only option left for both parties as an alliance agreement on these five seats would have triggered a rebellion in both parties.

BANIHAL CONSTITUENCY

Congress has fielded Vikar Rasool Wani from the Banihal constituency, while the National Conference has fielded Sajjad Shaheen from the Muslim majority seat.

Wani was elected as the Banihal MLA twice, in 2008 and 2014, and also served as the Jammu and Kashmir Congress president from 2022 to 2024. He was recently replaced by Tariq Hameed Karra as the Congress chief.

Meanwhile, Sajjad Shaheen is the National Conference's district president of Ramban. Notably, he contested from Banihal in 2008 and 2014, but was defeated by Wani.

The Doda constituency was split into two seats after demilitation, into Doda and Doda West. Doda is a Muslim majority seat, while Doda West is a Hindu majority seat. In 2014, the BJP had won the Assembly elections in Doda.

The Congress has fielded Sheikh Riyaz from Doda, while the National Conference has fielded Khalid Najib Suharwady from the region.



Sheikh Riyaz started his political career as a sarpanch and was the general secretary of J&K Congress when Vikar Wani was the Congress president. His wife is a District Development Council member.

On the other hand, Najib Suharwady comes from a political family. His father, Maulana Attaullah Suharwady, had won from Doda in the 1996 Assembly elections. Najib Suharwady was elected from Doda in the by-elections in 1997 after his father's demise. Najib served as J&K's home minister from 2001 to 2002 in the then chief minister Farooq Abdullah's government. He also served as an MLC from 2009 to 2015 and is seen as a strong candidate.

BHADERWAH CONSTITUENCY

Congress has fielded Nadeem Sharief from the Bhaderwah constituency, while the National Conference has fielded Sheikh Mehboob Iqbal from the seat.

Notably, the BJP had won from Bhaderwah in the 2014 Assembly elections. A relative of former Congress MP Ghulam Nabi Azad, Sharief won the District Development Council election in 2020 and is a member of the district development council of Doda as well.

His father, Mohammad Sharief, was a two-time MLA of Bhaderwah, and also served as

a minister in 1989 and 2002.

On the other hand, Sheikh Iqbal is a bureaucrat-turned politician. Iqbal retired as the commissioner secretary in the Jammu and Kashmir government and has also served as the divisional commissioner of Kashmir division and a deputy commissioner in several districts in Jammu and Kash-

mir.

He joined the People's Democratic Party (PDP) after retirement and found from Bhaderwah in the 2014 Assembly polls. Later, he left the PDP and joined the National Conference.

NAGROTA CONSTITUENCY

The Hindu majority seat of Nagrota will go to polls in the last phase on October 1. Notably, Devender Singh Rana had won from this seat in 2014 on a National Conference ticket. However, Rana joined the BJP later and is now the BJP's candidate from Nagrota.

The Congress and the National Congress will have a "friendly fight" from this seat as well, but are yet to decide their candidates.

SOPORE CONSTITUENCY

Two-time MLA Abdul Rashid Dar has been fielded by the Congress against National Conference's Irshad Kar.

Irshad Kar is the son of Ghulam Rasool Kar, a senior Congress leader from North Kashmir, who was also the president of the Congress.

Both leaders have a strong support base in the once terrorist hotbed of Sopore, due to which both parties didn't backdown from fielding their candidates.

Actor Darshan to be shifted to different prison amid 'jail party' row

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Bengaluru : A Bengaluru court ordered the transfer of actor Darshan Thoogudeepa and other accused in the Renukaswamy murder case to different prisons across the state. The order comes after a video went viral where Darshan is seen relaxing with a beverage and a cigarette inside the jail.

As per the court order, Darshan will be shifted from Bengaluru's Parappana Agrahara Central Prison to Ballari jail.

Pavitra Gowda, Darshan's rumoured girlfriend and a co-accused in the case, will remain at Parappana Agrahara Prison.

The undated viral picture shows Darshan, sitting in what seems like a park inside a jail, and relaxing with a beverage and a cigarette. Some inmates are also seen with him.

One of the men (in black shirt) seen sitting near Darshan is a notorious history-sheeter Wilson Garden



Naga.

After the picture went viral, the Congress-led state government suspended nine prison officials, including Chief Jail Superintendent V Sesumurthy and Jail Superintendent Mallikarjun Swamy.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah admitted that there was a lapse on the part of prison officials. "There has been a lapse on the part of the officers concerned. We have already suspended

seven officers. A few more will also be suspended. I have told the Home Minister G Parameshwara to visit the place and remove those who facilitated," he said.

Darshan, Pavithra Gowda, along with 15 others, were arrested in connection with the murder case of Renukaswamy, who was a

fan of the Kannada actor. Renukaswamy, a 33-year-old auto driver, was found near a flyover in Bengaluru on June 9. According to the police, Renukaswamy, who was a fan of Darshan, was kidnapped and murdered by a gang at the actor's direction after he allegedly sent offensive messages on social media to actor Pavithra Gowda, who is rumoured to be Darshan's partner.

Case against former Maharashtra DGP. 6 others for criminal conspiracy

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : A case has been registered against former Maharashtra Director General of Police (DGP) Sanjay Pandey and six others over alleged criminal conspiracy.

The FIR was filed at Thane Nagar police station based on a complaint by businessman Sanjay Punamiya. Besides Pandey, two police officials, an advocate who allegedly impersonated a Special Public Prosecutor, and three businessmen, were named in the FIR.

They have been charged under sections related to criminal conspiracy, criminal intimidation, extortion,



forgery, and producing false evidence.

According to Punamiya, between May 2021 and June 2024, the accused reopened a 2016 FIR registered against him at Thane Nagar

police station.

They allegedly harassed him and other businessmen, extorted money, threatened to frame them in false cases, and presented fabricated evidence in court to mislead the judiciary. In addition to former DGP Pandey, the FIR names retired ACP Sardar Patil, Police Inspector Manohar Patil, Advocate Shekhar Jagtap, and businessmen Shyamsunder Agarwal, Shubham Agarwal, and Sharad Agarwal.

As of now, no arrests have been made.

K Kavitha walks out of jail after bail in liquor policy case. 'Jai Telangana'

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New Delhi : BRS leader K Kavitha walked out of Tihar Jail on last evening after the Supreme Court granted her bail in Delhi excise policy case.

K Kavitha raised the slogan of 'Jai Telangana' as she stepped out of the jail. She received a warm welcome from her supporters, who burst crackers and played drums outside the prison premises.

The video from outside the Tihar Jail showed K Kavitha hugging her son and husband. Her brother and BRS leader KT Rama Rao was also present on the spot.

Addressing reporters outside, BRS leader K Kavitha said, "I want to thank all of you. I became emotional after meeting my son, brother and husband today after almost 5 months. Only politics is responsible for this situation. The country knows that I was put in jail only because of politics, I did not make any mistake I will fight."

"We will fight it out legally and politically. They have only made the BRS and KCR's team



unbreakable," K Kavitha said.

K Kavitha then met BRS leaders and workers at the party office in Delhi's Vasant Vihar. she also fed sweets to her brother KTR.

The Enforcement Directorate had arrested K Kavitha from her Banjara Hills residence in Hyderabad on March 15. Days later, the CBI had arrested her from Tihar jail on April 11 in the same case.

The BRS leader was granted bail today. The Supreme Court bench of Justices B R Gavai and K V Viswanathan noted that Kavitha had been in custody for around five months and the probe against her by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED) was complete in these cases.

Railway Board appoints first ever Dalit chairman

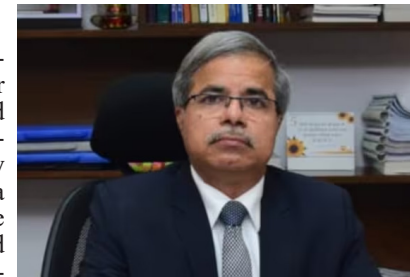
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New Delhi : Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) officer Satish Kumar has been appointed as the chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of the Railway Board. His appointment marks a historic moment as he becomes the first individual from the Scheduled Caste or Dalit community to be selected for this position.

Kumar's tenure is slated to commence on September 1, when he will replace the incumbent chairperson and CEO of the board, Jaya Varma Sinha, who will be retiring on August 31.

"The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Shri Satish Kumar, Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), Member (Traction & Rolling Stock), Railway Board to the post of Chairman & Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board," an order from the department of personnel & training (DoPT) reads.

Kumar, a notable officer from the 1986 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Mechanical Engineers (IRSME), has made remarkable contributions to Indian Railways over a distinguished career spanning more than 34 years, as acknowledged by the Railway Board. "On November 8, 2022, he took



charge as the General Manager of North Central Railway, Prayagraj, marking another milestone in his journey of public service," an official from the Board was quoted.

"His educational background is as impressive as his professional achievements; he holds a B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from the prestigious Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, and has further enhanced his knowledge with a Post Graduate Diploma in Operation Management and Cyber Law from Indira Gandhi National Open University," he said. Kumar embarked on his career with Indian Railways in March 1988 and has since held various pivotal posts across multiple zones and divisions. Throughout his tenure, he has been instrumental in driving innovation, enhancing efficiency, and implementing critical safety improvements within the railway system.

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Trump agrees to debate with 'comrade' Kamala Harris

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Washington : Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump has agreed to a debate with his Democratic opponent Kamala Harris on September 10, saying that "the rules will be the same as the last CNN debate, which seemed to work out well for everyone."

Sharing a post on his social media platform Truth, Trump said, "I have reached an agreement with the Radical Left Democrats for a debate with Comrade Kamala Harris. It will be broadcast live, by far the nastiest and most unfair newscaster in the business, September 10th, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania."

This comes after a statement issued by the former US President over the weekend, hinting at possibly cancelling the debate due to ongoing disputes between the campaigns over the debate rules. On Truth Social, Trump stated that he and Harris had reached an



ance by ABC that this will be a "fair and equitable" debate and that neither side will be given the questions in advance (No Donna Brazile!), he added.

The 78-year-old former US President went on to

agreement to follow the same set of rules that he and President Joe Biden followed during the June 27 debate, including no live audience and muted microphones when the candidates aren't speaking.

After the June debate, US President Joe Biden quit the presidential race and endorsed Kamala Harris for president.

Trump stated that with the CNN rules, the candidates would not be able to bring notes or "cheat sheets."

"We have also been given assur-

say that the "Radical Left" would not agree to the third debate, which was supposed to be broadcast live on Fox News on September 4.

"Harris would not agree to the Fox News debate on September 4th, but that date will be held open in case she changes her mind or Flip Flops, as she has done on every single one of her long-held and cherished policy beliefs. A possible third debate, which would go, has not been agreed to by the Radical Left," he stated.

New indictment filed against Trump for 2020 election actions



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Washington : Special Counsel Jack Smith filed a revised indictment against former President Donald Trump, refining the charges related to his attempts to overturn the 2020 election results.

While retaining the core allegations, the superseding indictment omits certain elements in response to the Supreme Court's ruling on immunity. Sharing a post on his X, Smith said, "A superseding indictment was filed in the DC election interference case today. It streamlines the charges and supporting evidence in the original indictment, in keeping with the SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) ruling re: executive immunity."

The post further said, "It circumvents the need for an evidentiary hearing (the "mini trial") to determine what charges apply. The DOJ has stated its position in this indictment. The majority of the charges levied against Donald Trump fall outside the scope of immunity."

The reworked indictment keeps the same charges but addresses a US Supreme Court decision that broadens presidential immunity, trimming away interactions Trump had with the Department of Justice and zeroing in on his role as a political candidate.

Taking to the social media platform Truth, Trump criticised Smith for filing the case against him and said, "In an effort to resurrect a "dead" Witch Hunt in Washington, DC, in an act of desperation, and in order to save face, the illegally appointed "Special Coun-

sel" Deranged Jack Smith, has brought a ridiculous new indictment against me, which has all the problems of the old indictment and should be dismissed immediately. His Florida Document Hoax Case has been completely dismissed."

Notably, the central charge remains the same: that Trump attempted to subvert the 2020 presidential election and overturn his loss to Democrat Joe Biden. Trump has long claimed, falsely and without evidence, that widespread voter fraud marred the 2020 race.

The Republican presidential candidate further said that the filing of the case is an attempt to interfere with the upcoming elections. He added, "This is merely an attempt to interfere with the election, and distract the American people from the catastrophes Kamala Harris has inflicted on our nation, like the Border Invasion, Migrant Crime, Rampant Inflation, the threat of World War III, and more...."

The reworked case, unfolding in Washington, DC, is one of four indictments against Trump. He is the first US president to face and be convicted of criminal charges.

Out of the four cases against Donald Trump, only one has resulted in a conviction so far. In May, Trump was found guilty of 34 counts of falsifying business records in New York.

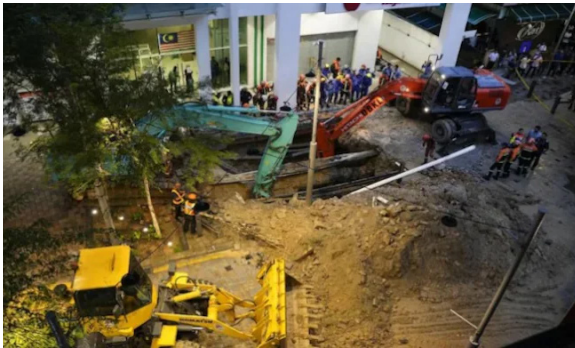
However, even this conviction is now uncertain due to a recent Supreme Court ruling that grants sweeping immunity to presidential actions, potentially overturning the verdict.

Special tech to search for Indian tourist who fell into sinkhole

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Kuala Lumpur : A 48-year-old Indian tourist from Andhra Pradesh disappeared after falling into a sinkhole in Malaysia's capital Kuala Lumpur on August 23. It's been five days and she is untraceable. The Indian High Commission in Kuala Lumpur on Wednesday said that authorities were continuing their search with specialised techniques for Vijaya Lakshmi Gali.

The sinkhole was created after a section of a pavement caved in. "The search continues to locate Indian citizen (Ms Vijaya Lakshmi Gali) who fell into a sinkhole in Kuala Lumpur on Friday 23 Aug. The SAR teams are methodically deducing newer probable paths and likely locations of the missing Indian national," stated the Indian High Commission in



Malaysia on X.

The woman fell into the 8-metre-deep (26-foot-deep) sinkhole in the Dang Wangi area of the Malaysian capital, where local police chief Sulizmie Affendy Sulaiman said witnesses saw the paved walkway suddenly collapse under her while she was walking. After flushing parts of the drain system, the search is being intensified with "specialised techniques".

"After flushing through portions of drain system, search is being augmented with specialised techniques including high pressure water jets to remove obstacles, remote cameras and ground penetrating radars to map inaccessible areas," the Indian High Commission in Malaysia stated in a post on X.

"@hcikl is in close contact with the relevant agencies engaged in the search efforts as the search has entered its fifth day. @hcikl officers are also in touch with the family members to extend continued support," the post added.

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Bangladesh frees terror group chief

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The caretaker government in Bangladesh led by Nobel peace laureate Muhammad Yunus has freed Jashimuddin Rahmani, the chief of the Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT), an al-Qaida-affiliated terrorist outfit. The release is a matter of concern for India as the terrorist group has been trying to establish a jihadi network with the help of sleeper cells.

Rahmani, jailed for murdering blogger Rajib Haider, was released on parole on Monday, reported the Dhaka Tribune.

In the past, several terrorists linked to the Ansarullah Bangla Team were arrested in India. Two terrorists linked to ABT, Bahar Mia and Rarely Mia, were arrested at Guwahati railway station by the Assam Police in May this year.

ABT is an affiliate of a terror outfit, namely Al-Qaida in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS), which is banned in India.

Jashimuddin Rahmani, a convict in the hacking death of the blogger, was released on parole from the Kashimpur High Security Central Jail in Gazipur on Monday. He also faced charges under Bangladesh's anti-terror laws.

He was sentenced to five years in prison for the killing of Rajib Haider on February 15, 2013. Haider was hacked to death in front of his house in Dhaka, following which Rahmani was arrested in August 2013.

Rahmani's ABT was banned in Bangladesh in 2015 during Sheikh Hasina's rule. Later, it rebranded itself as Ansar al-Islam, which was again banned in 2017.

HOW ANSARULLAH BANGLA TEAM TIED UP WITH LASHKAR-E-TAIBA

Sources told India Today that the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) reportedly partnered with the ABT to carry out terrorist attacks in India's northeastern states. LeT's collaboration with ABT dates to 2022, when they established a base in Bengal with the aim of launching attacks in India, according to sources.

Intelligence inputs from 2022 also indicate that around 50 to 100 ABT cadres were planning to infiltrate Tripura.

Assam Police has on several occasions arrested ABT terrorists, foiling the terror group's plans to establish a network in the northeastern state.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that ABT jihadis weren't using regular communication tools but highly encrypted devices to avoid getting detected.

POST-SHEIKH HASINA FEARS FOR INDIA

Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina, as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh, had always kept India's security concerns in her mind. Hasina's regime saw a crackdown on anti-India forces in Bangladesh that had found the country a safe haven during the earlier Bangladesh Nationalist Party-Jamaat-e-Islami regime from 2001 to 2006.

As the Sheikh Hasina regime was overthrown after violent nationwide protests, India feared that forces inimical to its inter-



ests would now move to the centre from the periphery.

That fear seems to be coming true with the release of ABT chief Jashimuddin Rahmani within weeks of Hasina leaving Bangladesh. Coinciding with Hasina's dramatic exit on August 5, some jailed leaders of the terrorist group were freed by an armed mob attack on a high-security prison in Sherpur (northern Bangladesh, bordering Meghalaya) on August 6.

More than 500 inmates escaped, one of them being Ikrumul Haque alias Abu Talha, the India operations head of Ansarullah Bangla Team (ABT).

He was arrested in Dhaka in 2023 following intelligence provided by Indian agencies.

These and a few other incidents in the troubled neighbouring country missed the headlines but could be worrisome for the north-eastern part of India, whose development is contingent on a stable, secure, and friendly Bangladesh.

A Think Tank by former IAS Radha Krishna Mathur, The Society to Harmonise Aspirations for Responsible Engagement (SHARE) warned India about the consequences of the jailbreaks.

"This is an exceptionally alarming situation, especially for Assam and Tripura, where several modules of ABT and JMB have been busted in recent times. Between 2022 and 2023, more than 60 members of ABT were arrested from these States, of which more than 30 were from Bangladesh," a SHARE document said.

This also brings to question the intent of the leadership in Bangladesh caretaker government.

ANTI-INDIA SENTIMENTS HAVE GROWN IN BANGLADESH

Sheikh Hasina had cracked down on anti-India forces and that got a section of the population in Bangladesh, which is pro-Jamaat and pro-Pakistan, viewed New Delhi's role with suspicion. A political narrative was built and peddled that Hasina clinged on to power in Bangladesh with the active support of India.

There have been episodes in which anti-Indian sentiments have been exposed.

Right after Hasina's re-election in January, a call for a boycott of Indian goods gained momentum on social media.

The recent devastating floods in Bangladesh have also been blamed on India, which New Delhi has rejected with evidence.

Monkeypox kills 610 in Congo: Health Minister

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Kinshasa : At least 610 people were killed due to monkeypox in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), said Health Minister Roger Kamba.

The minister urged the population to adhere to protective measures, especially with the upcoming school year in early September, and to get vaccinated as soon as vaccines become available, news agency reported.

The country has reported 17,801 suspected cases so far.

Suspected cases are being reported in conflict-affected provinces that host the majority of the country's 7.3 million internally displaced people, which



(WHO) launched a Global Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan for monkeypox also known as mpox to end human-to-human transmission of smallpox through coordinated efforts at global, regional, and national levels.

"The mpox outbreaks in the DRC and neighbouring countries can be controlled, and can be stopped," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

risks "worsening an already untenable situation for a population devastated by decades of conflict," said a statement released Tuesday by the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. The World Health Organization

2 workers killed. 1 injured in explosion at US airlines facility

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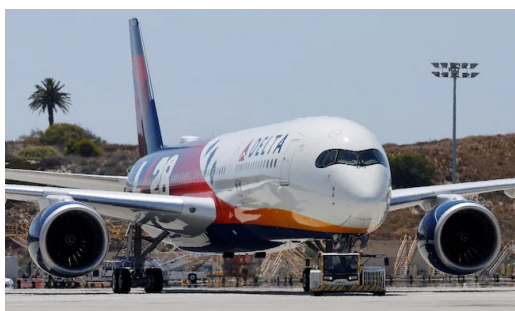
Atlanta : Two workers were killed and another seriously injured Tuesday in a tyre explosion at a Delta Air Lines maintenance facility near the Atlanta airport.

Delta said the explosion occurred while wheel components were being disassembled for maintenance at a wheel and brake shop. The parts were not attached to a plane at the time, the airline said.

The federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration said it opened an investigation. Delta said it was working with authorities and the cause of the explosion has not been released.

Several Atlanta fire units and police responded to the maintenance hangar near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport shortly after 5 am. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. The airport said flights were not affected, and Delta said its maintenance operation was not impacted.

"The Delta family is heartbroken at the loss of two team members and the injury of another following an incident this morning at the Atlanta Technical Operations Maintenance facility," Delta said in a statement. "We have extended our full support to fam-



federal workplace-safety agency had started an investigation.

The facility where the explosion happened is part of Delta TechOps, which performs maintenance, repair and overhaul work for Delta and more than 150 aviation and airline customers around the world.

The president of TechOps, Delta Executive Vice President John Laughter, said in a note to staff that the airline will make counsellors available to employees.

"We're all in this together, and we'll get through this by supporting each other," he said.

Atlanta Mayor Andre Dickens posted on X to offer his condolences to relatives of the victims.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, which is trying to organise 20,000 ground workers at largely nonunion Delta, called on the airline and authorities "to quickly launch a thorough investigation into how this happened."

ily members and colleagues during this incredibly difficult time."

Delta thanked first responders and medical teams, and said the injured worker remained under medical care late Tuesday afternoon.

"We are now working with local authorities and conducting a full investigation to determine what happened," the Atlanta-based airline said.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it was in contact with Delta, but FAA referred a request for additional information about the apparent accident to the airline. Eric Lucero, a spokesperson for OSHA, said the

15 dead, 20,000 evacuated as Gujarat sees massive flooding after heavy rain



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Ahmedabad : At least 15 people died, while more than 23,000 were evacuated and over 300 rescued in different districts of Gujarat as heavy showers continued to lash the coastal state.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted a respite from the rain fury in the coming days as the deep depression hovering over the Saurashtra-Kachchh and north Gujarat regions is expected to move out of the affected areas by Wednesday evening.

Meanwhile, to increase the pace of rescue and relief operations, the Gujarat government has sought six Indian Army columns--one each in Dwarka, Anand, Vadodara, Kheda, Morbi, and Rajkot districts.

In addition, 14 NDRF (National Disaster Response Force) platoons and 22 of SDRF have already been deployed to support the disaster management efforts.

Earlier on Tuesday, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel convened a high-level meeting to review the relief and rescue operations.

"The Chief Minister instructed the District Collectors to take full vigilance and caution by taking the help of the police so that no one goes into the overflowed rivers, drains and lakes as a result of heavy rains. Apart from this, the Meteorological Department has specially urged the District Collectors of the coastal areas to strictly follow the warning to the fishermen not to venture into the sea," the Chief Minister's Office said in a post on X.

Patel also received the details of the Army, Air Force, NDRF and SDRF personnel who have been assisting the local administration in disaster management, including rescue operations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also spoken to Bhupendra Patel regarding the rain situation in Gujarat and sought details of the relief and rescue operations.

In a post on X, said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a telephonic conversation with me regarding the heavy rain situation in Gujarat and got detailed details of the relief and

rescue operations. He provided guidance on protection of lives and livestock of citizens. Also, Gujarat was assured of providing all necessary support and assistance from the Central Government. Hon'ble Prime Minister is constantly monitoring the situation by worrying about Gujarat. He has a deep affection in his heart for the people of Gujarat. During natural calamities and whenever needed, they always stand by Gujarat and the people of Gujarat, providing warmth and invaluable guidance."

15 PEOPLE DIE IN RAIN FURY

At least 15 people have lost their lives in rain-related incidents.

According to the details shared by the Gujarat government, at least one person died in Morbi, Vadodara, Kheda, Bharuch and Ahmedabad districts. While two people died in the Gandhinagar and Mahisagar districts and six people died in Anand.

More than 12,000 people were relocated on Tuesday in Vadodara (8,361) and Panchmahals (4,000)-- the two worst affected states.

So far, more than 23,870 people have been shifted to safe places and 1,696 rescued. Those evacuated in the last two days included 1,200 in Navsari, 800 in Valsad, 200 in Bharuch, 235 in Kheda and 200 in Botad districts.

Among those who were evacuated were 75 pregnant women -- 45 in Vadodara and 30 in Devbhumi Dwarka district -- who were shifted to the nearest health centres.

RIVERS BREACH SAFETY MARK

Amid the continuous rain in Gujarat, many rivers in the state have crossed the danger mark.

In the state's Bharuch district, several low-lying areas were inundated after the Narmada river crossed the danger mark of 24 feet at Golden Bridge following the continuous inflow of dam waters from adjoining Madhya Pradesh.

Similarly, in the Vadodara district, more than 3,000 people living in low-lying areas were shifted to safer places after the Vishwamitri River crossed the danger mark of 25 feet.

Bandh partially affects life in Bengal. BJP leader claims shots fired at car

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Kolkata : Normal life was partially affected in West Bengal as the BJP called for a statewide 12-hour bandh (strike) to protest against the police action on agitators who took part in the march to the state secretariat 'Nabanna' over the rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata.

Clashes between Trinamool and BJP workers were reported in the outskirts of Kolkata. A BJP leader claimed TMC supporters attacked and fired on his car in Bhatpara in North 24 Parganas.

In Kolkata, a lesser number of buses and cabs were seen plying on the roads as compared to a normal weekday. Several BJP workers were detained while they were forcefully trying to shut the gates of Shyambazar metro station in Kolkata. In Nadia district, Trinamool and BJP workers clashed during the 12-hour shutdown. Train services were also disrupted between Bangaon-Sealdah, Gocharan station, Murshidabad station, and Barrackpore station.

Bengal Bandh Today: Latest Developments

The Bengal bandh did not have much of an effect in Kolkata, even though the normal weekday morning buzz was missing on the streets. A lesser number of buses, auto-rickshaws and taxis were seen plying on the roads even though markets and shops remained open.



Schools and colleges were open. Most private offices, however, asked their employees to work from home. Heavy police deployment was seen on the streets. Seven BJP workers were detained while they were forcefully trying to shut the gates of Shyambazar metro station in Kolkata. In Nadia district, Trinamool and BJP workers clashed during the 12-hour shutdown. Train services were also disrupted between Bangaon-Sealdah, Gocharan station, Murshidabad station, and Barrackpore station. In north Bengal, drivers of the state-run North Bengal State Transport Corporation (NBSTC) buses were seen wearing helmets. "We are wearing helmets because of the bandh called by the BJP today. The department has given us the helmets to wear for safety."

At Nandigram in Purba Medinipur

district, BJP activists blocked roads, disrupting traffic. BJP activists also demonstrated at the Bankura town bus stand.

In Bhabanipur, BJP MLA Agnimitra Pal urged people not to take out their vehicles. "They have all become spineless. Police have invalidated the orders of the Supreme Court... They used water canons mixed with chemicals on the protestors..."

They are unable to provide safety to women of the state and when women protest, they use force to disperse them," she said.

The Bengal government has issued a notification stating that all government offices would remain open, and all employees would have to report for duty or face a show-cause notice. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said she was dedicating the foundation day of Trinamool Chhatra Parishad to the 31-year-old trainee doctor who was raped and killed at the state-run RG Kar Hospital. large-scale violence rocked Kolkata during a 'Nabanna Abhijan' protest march called by a newly floated student body, which demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. More than 200 people were arrested from across the state.

Senior IPS officer B Srinivasan appointed as new NSG Director General

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New Delhi : The Centre has appointed senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer B Srinivasan as the new Director General of the National Security Guard (NSG).

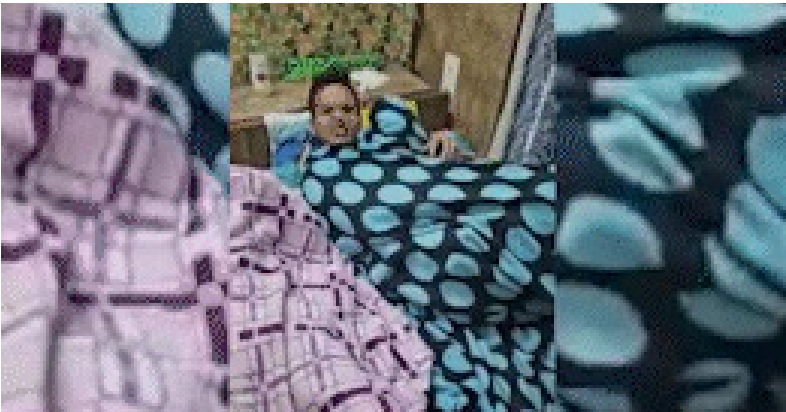
Srinivasan, a 1992 batch IPS officer from the Bihar cadre, has been appointed to the role of NSG Director General following the exit of Nalin Prabhat, who has been assigned as the Special Director



General of Police in Jammu and Kashmir. As per the Ministry of Per-

sonnel order, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Srinivasan as Director General, NSG, from the date of joining the post and up to August 31, 2027, ie, the date of his superannuation.

Wake up, Anuj. We are Jaipur police: Kidnapped man's dramatic rescue on camera



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Jaipur : In a dramatic twist of fate, a man, kidnapped from Rajasthan, held hostage in Himachal Pradesh, took a sigh of relief after he found himself rescued by the Jaipur police on his birthday.

Held hostage in a remote hotel in Himachal Pradesh, Anuj's terrifying ordeal came to an end when a team of Jaipur Police officers burst through the door, their presence captured in a now-viral video. "Anuj, get up son... this is Jaipur Police. Relax, we are here for you," the officers announced, turning what could have been a tragedy into a miraculous rescue.

Police Commissioner Biju George Joseph shared that Anuj had gone to Nahargarh Hill in Jaipur with a friend on August 18. While they were there, kidnappers noticed Anuj. Seeing his well-dressed appearance, they assumed he belonged to a wealthy family. They gagged him, tied his hands and feet, and forced him into a vehicle. They assaulted his friend and left him on the roadside before fleeing.

After receiving the information, Brahm-puri police in Jaipur arrived at the scene and conducted a drone search but could not find Anuj. Suspecting a possible abduction due to some dispute, the police formed several teams to initiate an operation.

During this time, the kidnappers contacted Anuj's family, demanding a ransom of Rs 20 lakh. The family, unable to arrange such a large amount, asked for some time. Meanwhile, the police were tracing the phone number and searching for the kidnappers, who kept changing locations to evade capture. Eventually, they instructed the family to deliver the money on the last carriage of the Kalka-Shimla Express train. Following a strategic plan, police teams

were deployed along the train's route. As soon as the kidnappers instructed the family to drop a bag of money near Dharanpur railway station, a man was arrested. Interrogation led to the arrest of other accomplices involved in the crime. Subsequently, the police located the hotel where Anuj was being held captive. One of the kidnappers was asleep in the room with Anuj, but he was taken by surprise during the police action. The police successfully rescued Anuj and arrested a woman and four men involved in the kidnapping.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Virendra Singh, Vinod, Amit Kumar, Jitendra Bhandari, and Jamuna Sarkar. According to the police, the mastermind behind the kidnapping was Virendra Singh, a software engineer with a background in business. Having suffered financial losses in his business, he used his technical knowledge and involved his old acquaintances, Amit Kumar and Vinod Singh, along with his live-in partner Jamuna Sarkar, to execute the plan of kidnapping for ransom.

With Jitendra Bhandari's help, they included another friend and, on August 18, set up on the heights of Nahargarh Hill in Jaipur. They brought along a vehicle, sleeping pills, water bottles, cutting tape, ropes, and sharp tools such as knives and screwdrivers to carry out the abduction. Using walkie-talkies and code words in the dense darkness, they kidnapped Anuj.

The operation has garnered widespread appreciation, with social media buzzing with praise for the Jaipur Police's bravery and tactical planning in rescuing the man and arresting the kidnappers.

Heavy rain lashes Delhi-NCR for 2nd day

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New Delhi : Parts of Delhi-NCR (National Capital Region) received incessant rain along with thunderstorms and lightning for the second consecutive day following days of humid weather conditions.

Safdarjung Observatory has predicted that the national capital will witness moderate rain today with a cloudy sky hovering above. Tomorrow, as per the weather department, light rain is expected to occur in Delhi.

On Tuesday, light to moderate rain lashed several parts of the national capital. The sky was overcast throughout the day. The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) on August 27 predicted light to moderate rainfall likely to occur at several places of the national capital.



The temperature in Delhi today is 34 degrees Celsius, with temperatures expected to dip no lower than 23 degrees Celsius. For tomorrow, Delhi's temperature is expected to rise slightly, with forecasts predicting a low of 24 degrees Celsius and a high of 34 degrees Celsius. With today's temperatures hovering around 34 degrees Celsius, it's advisable to stay hydrated.

In August of this year, Delhi and its surrounding regions experienced an unprecedented weather pattern. According to data from the IMD, the city recorded an exceptional 269.9 mm of rainfall, the highest for August in the last decade.

Beyond the total rainfall, the frequency of rainy days in Delhi also surpassed expectations. Typically, August averages around 10.2 days of rainfall, where each day sees more than 2.4 mm of rain. This year, however, the number of such rainy days significantly exceeded the norm.

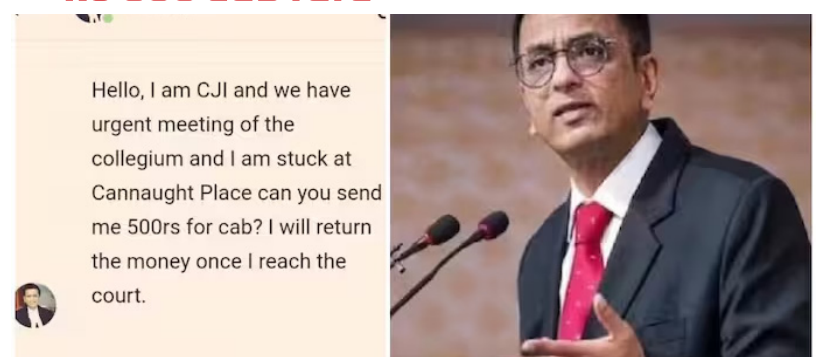
Scammer poses as Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, seeks Rs 500 cab fare

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New Delhi : A day after a post on X went viral, a complaint has been filed with the cyber unit of the Delhi Police against a social media handle for impersonating Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and seeking money.

According to a screenshot of the post on the microblogging platform that has gone viral, the impersonator, who claimed to be CJ Chandrachud, was stranded at Connaught Place (CP).

The impersonator said he urgently needed Rs 500 for trans-



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portation to attend an important collegium meeting in the Supreme Court. "Hello, I am CJI and we have urgent meeting of the collegium and I am stuck at Connaught Place. Can you send me

Rs 500 for cab? I will return the money once I reach the court," the impersonator wrote. The top court authorities took note of the viral post and got an FIR lodged with the cyber branch of the Delhi Police.