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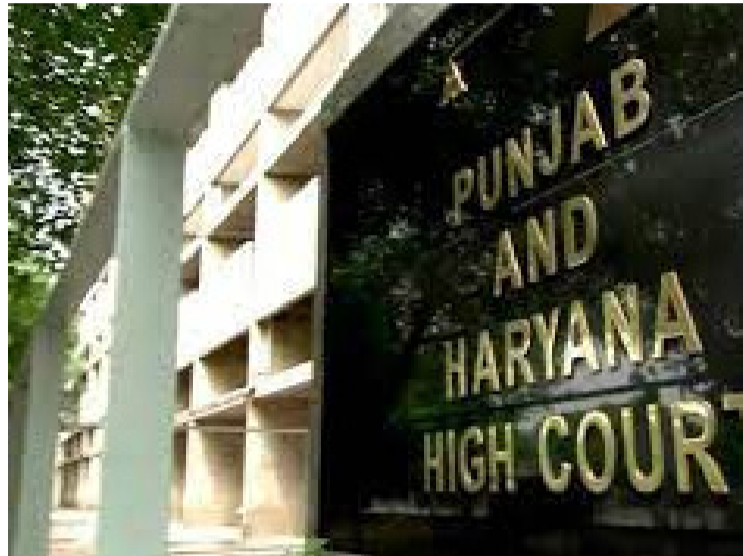
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HC dismisses petitions filed regarding Panchayat elections with directions. polls on schedule



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Chandigarh : Punjab and Haryana High Court has dismissed petitions filed regarding Panchayat elections in Punjab with certain directions in different matters. Around 170 petitions were filed in High Court regarding alleged wrong conduct of elections.

SC pauses police action against Sadhguru's Isha Foundation

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The Supreme Court today paused a Madras High Court order that allowed police action against spiritual guru Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev's Isha Foundation in Tamil Nadu's Coimbatore and transferred the case to itself.

The Supreme Court's judgment came after the Isha Foundation approached the top court against a Madras High Court order, directing the Tamil Nadu government to submit details of all criminal cases registered against the foundation.

"Police shall not take any further action in pursuance of directions of the High Court's order. With reference to the said allegations, the Coimbatore Rural Police having jurisdiction shall conduct an enquiry and file a status report before this court," said a three-judge bench headed by Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud.

During the hearing, the Supreme Court asked the bench to file a status report and submit it. The next hearing will take place on October 18.

The Supreme Court's order came on a plea filed by S Kamaraj, a retired professor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University in Coimbatore, who had alleged that his two daughters had been brainwashed and kept hostage in the yoga centre of Isha Foundation ashram.

CJI Chandrachud said he spoke to



Kamaraj's daughters, who appeared in the hearing virtually, and said that they were living in the ashram on their own will. Kamaraj had alleged in the plea that the Isha Foundation was brainwashing individuals, converting them into monks and preventing them from maintaining contact with their families. Recently, a team of police officers conducted probes at Isha Foundation in Coimbatore following the Madras High Court's order. While hearing Kamaraj's plea alleging his two daughters, aged 42 and 39 years, were being held against their will at the centre, the Madras High Court had raised questions about the practices at the foundation. The High Court questioned why Sadhguru had encouraged women to live as monks when his own daughter is married and settled.

Nothing happening but meetings: Top court raps Pb, Hry over air pollution

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : With the air quality in Delhi expected to deteriorate in the next few days, the Supreme Court today came down heavily on the Centre, and Punjab and Haryana governments, for failing to take enough steps to tackle air pollution in the national capital and stressed that nothing concrete was happening on the ground, except for meetings.

The Supreme Court hit out at the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) and the Punjab and Haryana governments, questioning why they did not take penal action against farmers over stubble burning and officials involved in taking action against them.

"Last meeting was on August 29 and no discussion was held on stubble burning. This entire September, there was no meeting. So many pollution control board members were not present (at the meeting). It is all in the air and a total lack of sensitisation," a bench led by Justice Abhay S Oka said.

"These committees have IPS officers who can enforce the rules and they did not meet after August 29. If the statutory committee does not hold meetings then who else will do the work of enforcement?" it questioned.

"For different reasons, they do not want to prosecute anybody. It is a problem as simple as that. They do not want to take penal action but only hold meetings. We are not ready to see whether the machines are being used. The harsh reality is



except meetings, nothing is happening. Let us face it," it said.

The Supreme Court stressed the need to set aside political compulsions and said no change would occur if penal action was not being taken at the grassroots level.

The Punjab government said the state needed money from the Centre and Delhi government to pay for crop management machines. "Punjab farmers don't have money to pay for machines," the lawyer representing Punjab government said.

The lawyer, representing the Haryana government, said that data on stubble burning for this year was not available as officers were busy with the upcoming Assembly polls slated for October 5.

On its part, the Centre said softer provisions were being deliberately used while sensitising farmers about the negative effects of stubble burning.

"You must implement your own orders. Everything is in the air. You are showing action plans and (outcome) of sectoral meetings, but there is no implementation of your orders," it said.

BJP slams Kejriwal for deteriorating state of Delhi's roads, pollution

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : BJP National General Secretary Dushyant Kumar Gautam visited the Vivek Vihar New Friends Colony underpass on Thursday and criticised former Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal for the deteriorating state of Delhi's roads and rising pollution levels. Gautam also brought a cutout of Arvind Kejriwal labelled 'Kattar Corrupt.'

During his inspection of the damaged roads along with BJP workers, Gautam said, "The way the roads are broken, pollution and dirt is spreading — Kejriwal is solely responsible for this. He has neither built new schools nor hospitals and has failed to bring development to the national Capital."

Gautam also urged voters to support the BJP in the upcoming elections, stating, "Now, is the time for change. Delhi needs a capable and progressive government, and the BJP is the only party that can ensure the development of the city."

He emphasised the importance of removing Kejriwal from power to pave the way for a 'double engine government' that would drive development forward.

He also promised that under the BJP's leadership, a new era of development would begin in Delhi, reiterating the party's commitment to improving infrastructure, including roads and highways. As the Assembly elections approach,



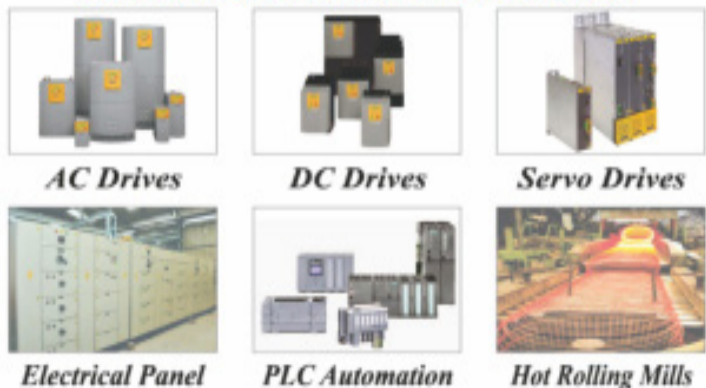
both the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party are actively engaging with the public.

While the AAP's National Convener promotes his government's achievements, the BJP continues to highlight its claims of the ruling party's failures.

Earlier on September 29, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi announced a road assessment and repair plan. All AAP Cabinet ministers have been designated with the task of identifying roads that are in poor condition in the next week, after which the Public Works Department (PWD) will carry out repairs.

Last week, CM Atishi, Kejriwal and several other AAP leaders and ministers hit the ground to take stock of the situation on Delhi's roads and assured the people that repair work on the roads of the national Capital would be taken up on a war footing.

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Are Democrats stealing US presidential election through illegal immigrants?

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

In the battleground of American democracy, where every vote can tip the scales, the stakes are higher than ever. In some swing states, the margin between a winner and a loser can be as narrow as 20,000 votes. This tension has led leaders and supporters of the Republican Party to raise alarm about the potential for illegal immigrants being naturalised as citizens just in time for the November 5 elections. They argue that this influx could sway the electorate toward the Democratic presidential candidate, Kamala Harris, capitalising on the belief that newly naturalised voters typically lean Democratic.

The rate of naturalisation of immigrants in the US in 2024 is the highest in 10 years. And some swing states are seeing a high level of new citizens.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his supporters are saying this might lead to gains for the Democrats in the seven swing states: Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

The latest opinion survey, conducted by AtlasIntel, shows Trump leading in two swing states, Michigan and Pennsylvania, which together account for 33 electoral votes.

A New York Times poll of battleground states showed Trump was narrowly ahead in three swing states -- Arizona, Georgia and North Carolina.

However, the slim leads for Trump could get upstaged during real voting in these swing states.

In this tough fight for swing states or battleground states, the Republican supporters are claiming that the Democrats are fast-tracking citizenship applications of 'illegal immigrants' and naturalising them to sway the votes in battleground states.

SWING STATES GET THE VOTES OF NATURALISED AMERICANS?

Several reports are claiming that the naturalisation rates in some of the swing states, including Arizona, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada and Wisconsin



have crossed each state's 2020 presidential vote margin.

"You look at the maths there, and you can ascertain that if people were engaged, they would have a decisive impact in the election," Nicole Melaku, executive director of National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), told NPR. "You can take any part of the country, and you can see what role immigrants and naturalised voters would play in this year's election," Melaku said.

Generally, green-card holders or lawful permanent residents who have been in the US or have been married to a US citizen for at least three years become naturalised citizens.

Trump and some of his biggest supporters like Elon Musk are claiming that the Democrats are naturalising "asylum seekers" to gain votes. Musk claimed it could be the last election in American history if the Democrats won.

"The Biden/Harris administration has been flying 'asylum seekers', who are fast-tracked to citizenship, directly into swing states like Pennsylvania, Ohio,

Wisconsin and Arizona. It is a surefire way to win every election," said Musk, the CEO of Tesla Motors and owner of X. Many of these naturalised citizens live in the swing states of Georgia, Arizona, Nevada and Pennsylvania.

"They won't admit it. They will describe it as naturalisation is the ultimate goal, and we want people to become Americans but it's always a political tactic to get more citizens with the assumption they will vote for you," Lora Ries, director of the Heritage Foundation's Border Security and Immigration Centre, told Fox News.

FOUR MILLION IMMIGRANTS BECAME CITIZENS, HIGHEST RATE NOW

Nearly 4 million immigrants have gained citizenship in the US since 2020, according to government figures. The current pace of naturalisation has not been seen since 2013 and 2014, reported the New York Times. Around 3.3 million immigrants have become citizens during Biden's tenure, it said.

In some swing states, these naturalised citizens might make a difference.

"In Arizona, we keep talking about how there's a 10,000-vote margin of victory," said Nicole Melaku of NPNA, pointing towards Joe Biden's win in Arizona in 2020 by 10,457 votes.

"That vote share is growing and if people make sure that [naturalised] folks engage in this year's election, they can make a significant difference," Melaku added.

NATURALISED VOTERS CAN AFFECT SWING STATES

Another poll released by the National Partnership for New Americans highlighted how 76% of the naturalised citizens from the swing states and Democrat-leaning California said they would vote.

"Over 40% of naturalised voters in Nevada, Arizona and Georgia call themselves Democrats, as well as more than a third of voters in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Florida," read the NPR report.

According to a Los Angeles Times report, some naturalised citizens are Democratic-leaning.

Now, the US is processing citizenship applications at a much quicker rate.

The average time for processing a citizenship certificate has decreased from 11.5 months in 2021 to 4.9 months in 2024, according to US Citizenship and Immigration Services data through July 31.

This was reportedly done to fasten the process after many applications had been accumulated after the pandemic. However, this addition of immigrants at a high rate could be reshaping voting dynamics.

"The surge in naturalisation efficiency isn't just about clearing backlogs; it's potentially reshaping the electorate, merely months before a pivotal election," said Xiao Wang, chief executive of

Boundless, a company which analyses immigration trends, told the NYT.

"Every citizenship application could be a vote that decides Senate seats or even the presidency," Wang added.

'PANIC RACISTS OVER IMMIGRANTS VOTING,' SAY DEMOCRATS

While the naturalisation process might be reshaping voter dynamics and could benefit Democrats, the Republicans are also trying to stir this illegal immigration fear among voters.

Russian chess legend Garry Kasparov, who lives in New York, said Elon Musk was trying to "panic racists".

"Instead of worrying about the 50% of eligible US voters who don't vote, or Trump, who literally tried to cancel out the last election with violence, he's trying to panic racists over immigrants voting someday. Which is normal and good and an American strength for centuries," said Kasparov.

Reports say that different groups among the naturalised voters vote for different parties and that naturalised Americans are not a homogenous category. So, even as the US gives citizenship at a decade-high rate, with a chunk of those new voters leaning Democrat, there is no guarantee that most of those voters will vote for Democrats. However, the voting dynamics in the swing states are seeing a change, and might end up determining the outcome.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
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Born on 04 th Oct : They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality.

They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime.

This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been.

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 <p>Aries (March 21 - April 19)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Do not worry about your health as it may make worsen your sickness. Sudden inflow of funds takes care of your bills and immediate expenses. Devote your spare time in selfless service. It will give happiness and tremendous joy to you and your family.</p>	 <p>Taurus (April 20 - May 20)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Monetary transactions will continuously take place throughout the day, and after the end of the day, you will be able to save enough.</p>	 <p>Gemini (May 21 - June 20)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Divine knowledge from a saintly man provides solace and comfort. If you want to become financially strong in the future, then you have to start saving money from today. Your charms and personality will help you make few new friends.</p>
 <p>Cancer (June 21 - July 22)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Your partners will lose patience if you neglect his/her opinions.</p>	 <p>Leo (July 23 - Aug 22)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : A beneficial day to work on things that will improve your health. Today, you won't need to spend your own money, as an elder of your house can help you with your finances. Do not let your friends take advantage of your generous behaviour.</p>	 <p>Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Boundless energy and enthusiasm will grip you and you would use any given opportunity to your advantage. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Support from seniors as well as colleagues at workplace lifts your morale.</p>
 <p>Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Friends supportive and will keep you happy. Put your extra money in a safe place that will promise you returns in times to come. Health of your spouse may cause worry and need some medical attention. You will have serious problems with your lover if you dictate what to do.</p>	 <p>Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Health definitely needs care. Today's formula for success is to put your money on the advice of people who are innovative and hold good experience. Time spent with relatives will be to your advantage. However, your partner will calm you down with better understanding.</p>	 <p>Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Don't hesitate to express your views. Let not allow confidence deficiency take over you as it will only complicate your problem and could retard your progress. Express yourself to regain your confidence and smile hearty to tackle the problem.</p>
 <p>Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Blood pressure patients could take the help of red wine to lower their blood pressure and keep cholesterol under control. It will further relax them. The court will make decisions in your favour today if you were involved in a case regarding money-related matters.</p>	 <p>Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Avoid conflict as it may worsen your illness. Stick to your budget to avoid financial constraints. Family function would make new friends. But be careful in your selection. Good friends are like a treasure you always want to preserve.</p>	 <p>Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)</p> <p>Oct 04th 2024 : Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule but don't take your life for granted realize that the care for life is the real vow. Those seeking emotional reassurances may find their elders coming to their aid. You can watch any web series on your mobile in free time today.</p>

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BJP should take substantial action against Kangana Ranaut. her words fuel hatred and aim to divide our people: Malvinder Singh Kang

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Chandigarh : The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab leader and Member of Parliament Malvinder Singh Kang expressed strong condemnation of Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut's latest remarks targeting the Punjabi community. Kang's statements come in response to Ranaut's continued controversial commentary, which he believes fosters division and hatred among communities. Kang highlighted the alarming prevalence of drug-related issues in BJP ruled states, particularly Gujarat, where significant drug busts have been reported over the past few years. He pointed out that despite the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) being in power in Gujarat for decades, no substantive action



has been taken to combat the drug crisis. "Kangana Ranaut chooses to ignore the facts and instead directs her ire towards the Punjabi community, failing to address the larger issue of drug trafficking that is rampant in regions under BJP governance," Kang stated. Furthermore, Kang expressed concern over Ranaut's frequent use of inflammatory language and her pattern of making provocative statements that serve no constructive purpose. He

argued that such behavior could indicate deeper issues, suggesting that the pressures of a declining film career might lead individuals to resort to negative habits, including substance abuse. "It seems that when faced with frustration, some individuals may turn to harmful coping mechanisms," Kang remarked.

Kang also criticized the BJP for its dismissive attitude towards Ranaut's statements. "It's time for the BJP to stop playing drama and instead take concrete actions against the hate speech that aims to divide our society," he stated. He called on the BJP to address these issues seriously rather than allowing such divisive rhetoric to escalate.

Dhanoa gave the best status to Baba Nanak's doctrine of 'Kirat' in his writings: Harsimran Singh Ball

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : The first book 'Dhanna Baba' written by Amarjit Singh Dhanoa, a budding writer of the city, was launched today. The book was launched in an impressive ceremony held at Canview Hotel in the presence of associated readers and dignitaries. It may be mentioned that Amarjit Singh Dhanoa has retired from Electricity Board as Accounts Officer. Whatever he felt during his childhood living in his village Rupalheri became the basis of his book. DSP was the chief guest of the event. Harsimran Singh Ball said in his address after releasing the book that writer Amarjit Singh Dhanoa deserves congratulations, who has written remarkable writings in his first book. He said that the author has well mentioned the incidents that happen in ordinary life, which often remain neglected from our attention. He said that in all the writings of the book, Baba Nanak's principle of 'Kirat Karo' has been given the highest status and this is what separates this book from other literary writings. In his address on this



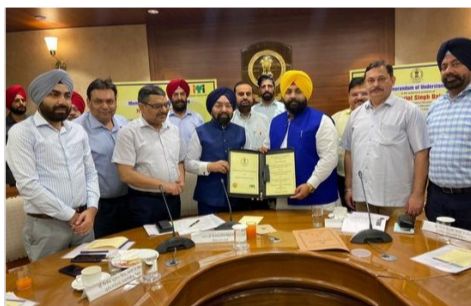
occasion, former councilor and president of Punjabi Heritage Cultural and Welfare Society Satveer Singh Dhanoa said that what the writer saw and experienced in his childhood has been well described in the book. He said that the author has written this book after being influenced by the impressive personality of an old man living in the neighborhood in his village Rupalheri. Finally, Amarjit Singh Dhanoa said in his address that what we see and feel in childhood, it goes with us throughout our life. He said, 'I used to be sensitive to every incident since

childhood. Every small incident was very important to me. Although the nature and behavior of the elder of our neighborhood would be normal for others, but I used to watch and think about him very carefully. So, I have given the form of a book to those memories, which are in front of you today. I hope that you will respect my writings." Inderpal Singh Dhanoa Director Tricity Voyagers, Navkirat Kaur Dhanoa, Hardeep Singh Sergil, Vikramjit Singh, Jaswinder Singh, Harjinder Singh, Hardeep Singh Dhanoa, Harwinder Kaur etc. were present.

Harjot Bains inks MOU with MP Sahni to adopt six technical education institutes of Pb

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : With the efforts of Technical Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains, MOU signed with Rajya Sabha Member Vikramjit Singh Sahni to adopt Punjab's six Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs). While giving information regarding this, Cabinet minister Harjot Singh Bains said that technical education department has continuously been taking initiatives to provide vocational training to the youth of Punjab. He added that due to some issues, the ITIs were not able to impart the modern education and to address these issues, he has coordinated with Vikramjit Singh Sahney following which a MOU has been signed to adopt 6 ITIs. As per the MOU, Dr Sahney would spend around Rs. 11 crore on ITIs located at Patiala, Ludhiana, Manikpur Sharif in SAS Nagar, Sunam (Sangrur) and Lalru. Mr. Bains said that these ITIs will be



connected with the local industry and the institutes will ensure placements and apprenticeships of students through this industry connect. Under this agreement, courses for air hostesses, beauty wellness and junior nurses will be initiated at Mohali ITI Women, aimed at empowering the girls of the state. He said that these initiatives will provide

employment opportunities to ten thousand youth. Bains stated that the Lalru and Manakpur Sharif ITIs will be developed as drone academies, which will be counted among the country's leading institutions in the field of drone technology. The minister said that in upcoming November, an excellence centre of ITI Ludhiana will also be launched. Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains said that the Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann led government is continuously working towards providing vocational training to the state's youth, which is exemplified by increasing the number of seats in ITIs from 28,000 to 35,000. He added that this will not only supply skilled workers to industrial units but also help curb unemployment in the state and assist in eradicating the drug menace.

MC Mohali conducts flash mob at CP 67 under "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : As a part of the "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign running from September 17 to October 2, the Municipal Corporation (MC) Mohali organized last evening an engaging flash mob event at CP 67 to promote cleanliness and waste management awareness among citizens. The event featured enthusiastic participation from the students of Gian Jyoti College, who performed a dance to the popular song "Charche Mohali Sher De," captivating the audience and spreading the message of Swachh Mohali. The event was graced by the presence of Joint Commissioner Deepankar Garg, and Assistant Commissioner Ranjeev Kumar. The dignitaries emphasized the importance of community involvement in making Mohali a



cleaner and greener city. The flash mob was one of the many awareness activities planned under the "Swachhta Hi Seva" campaign, aimed at fostering a sense of responsibility among residents towards keeping their surroundings clean.

The energy and spirit of the participants made the event a grand success, contributing towards Mohali's ongoing mission of sustainable waste management and better Swachh Survekshan rankings.

PIC OF THE DAY

WHO CARES...?

No end to road side Encroachments in Mohali



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mohali : Illegal encroachments on roadsides, outside showrooms and at marketplaces have become a common affair in Mohali. It has been noticed that roadside encroachments are leading to regular traffic congestion. The traffic near Phase 4 Entry and in Phase 1 moves at a snail's pace during the morning and evening rush hours, moreover several vital roads turned from residential areas into a commercial hub over the past few years. Resident said, "The district administration had constructed footpaths for the safe movement of pedestrians, but roadside vendors have illegally encroached upon the roads as well as the footpaths and cause traffic congestion." Residents/Commuters while talking to The Aman Sandesh Times said, ever-increasing encroachments in different localities of the city have become a permanent source of nuisance for commuters with roadside bazaars, street hawkers and push up carts, prop up almost along every main or connecting road.

Residents added, "Seeing them doing all this bravely also raises doubt of alleged involvement of some officials who could provide them shelter." The Aman Sandesh Times team found that the numbers of street vendors is multiplying, choking the busy stretches and slowing down traffic. Even National Highway on International Airport Road has not been spared, with the number of carts on its wide pavements going up every week. The encroachers range from food vendors to vegetable sellers, nurseries, and fruit, furniture shops. Road is further eaten up by illegal parking that makes traffic chaotic in many parts of the city, squeezing moving vehicles into one lane and in they are everywhere encroaching busy roads, pavements and footpaths leaving no space for pedestrians. Most of such roadside businesses Mohali areas have been set up without permission from relevant authorities, encroaching space illegally cannot be acceptable. **But Who Cares???**

Chandigarh police action. 3 crore property of fugitive accused of drug trafficking attached



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Chandigarh Police's Anti-Narcotics Task Force (NTF) has launched a major campaign against drug traffickers. For the first time, property worth Rs 3 crore of a fugitive accused (drug smuggler) has been attached. Its aim is to take strict action against drug trafficking and economically weaken its perpetrators. Due to this, the police has given a strong message to the drug traffickers. The property of the accused, whose property has been attached by the police, is Resham Singh. According to the police, the accused has created properties in the name of himself and his family members through drug trafficking. The attached properties include a plot in Aerocity in Mohali, a house in Green City in Zira in Ferozepur, a flat in Kharar and an agricultural land in Balachore.

Orders have been issued to freeze these assets under Section 68F of the NDPS Act, 1985. This section empowers the police to confiscate property of persons accused of drug trafficking. Its objective is to undermine this illicit trade by confiscating the assets acquired from the illicit drug trade. This section forms the basis of strict action against those persons and organizations who are involved in this illegal business. According to the police, the total value of these properties is around Rs 3 crore and they were bought with money earned from illegal drug trade. It is believed that this action of the police will give a big blow to the accused. Currently, the accused is out of police custody and many cases are registered against him in Punjab as well. Punjab Police is also looking for the accused. He has also been declared a fugitive from there.

Imprisonment up to 10 years for obstructing election officers & officials - CEO



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Haryana Chief Electoral Officer, Pankaj Agarwal said that polling parties will depart for polling stations on October 4 for the 2024 Assembly general elections in the state.

He informed that strict action will be taken against the anti-social elements and political parties if they will try to create disturbance during the election duty using their influence.

Agarwal said that individuals who disrupt the polling process or disobey the orders of the presiding officer within the polling station may be taken out of the polling station by police personnel on duty. If such individuals re-enter the polling station without the presiding officer's permission, they may be arrested. Under Section 132 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, these individuals could face up to three months of imprisonment, a fine, or both.

Provision for a 2-year imprisonment for bringing weapons to polling booths. He further said that bringing weapons to a polling station is a serious offense. Only the Returning Officer, Presiding Officer, police officers, or designated personnel are permitted to carry weapons inside polling stations.

Anyone else caught with a weapon may face up to two

years of imprisonment, a fine, or both, under Section 134B of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

Agarwal further said that if the presiding officer suspects someone of removing or tampering with ballot papers or electronic voting machines (EVMs), they have the authority to arrest that person or direct police to do so.

Under Section 135 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, offenders can face up to one year of imprisonment, a fine, or both.

Provision of punishment up to 2 years for fraudulently destroying the official symbol on the ballot paper or EVM.

It was informed that under Section 136 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, anyone who fraudulently defaces or destroys a ballot paper, EVM, or any official symbol may face penalties.

If committed by an officer or clerk on election duty, the punishment can be up to two years of imprisonment or a fine, or both. For others, the punishment may be up to six months of imprisonment, a fine, or both.

Agarwal stressed that causing injury to a public servant in an effort to prevent them from performing their duties can result in severe penalties, including imprisonment upto 10 years and a fine.

Harpal Singh Cheema leads AAP's roadshow in Shahbad in support of Asha Pathania

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Shahbad : In a massive show of strength, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Punjab Minister Harpal Singh Cheema addressed a mammoth gathering of residents and supporters at a roadshow in Shahbad, held in support of the AAP candidate Asha Pathania.

The overwhelming public turnout signals that Haryana, particularly Shahbad, is ready to embrace the proven governance model of Arvind Kejriwal.

Addressing the gathering, Harpal Singh Cheema said that the enthusiastic participation of Shahbad is a clear sign that the people are eager for a change.



"The good governance model introduced by Arvind Kejriwal in Delhi has not only transformed the capital but also set a new benchmark in Chandigarh and Punjab. Haryana is next in line to benefit from this revolutionary change," Harpal Singh Cheema.

AAP leader also emphasized the party's commitment to bringing transparency, accountability, and people-centric policies to Haryana, echoing the same principles that have garnered widespread support in other states.

Campaigning for Hry Assembly elections ends this evening: Polling on Oct 5

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Chandigarh : Campaigning for Assembly elections in Haryana will end today. The single-phase polling for the 90-member Haryana Assembly will be held on Saturday.

The counting of votes will be taken up on 8th of October along with Jammu and Kashmir. On the last day of the campaigning, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will address public rallies at Kalayat and Safido assembly constituencies.

The Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma, will participate in a road show and public rally to support BJP candidate Aseem Goyal, who



is contesting from Ambala city constituency. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will address public meetings at Nuh, Mahendergarh, Ateli, and Narnaul assembly constituencies, while the party leader Deepinder Singh Hooda will campaign in Bhiwani, Sirsa, Hisar, and Yamunanagar

districts today. Indian National Lok Dal leader Abhay Singh Chautala will be campaigning at Dabwali and Ellenabad assembly constituencies.

Meanwhile, the Election Commission has banned the release of exit polls for the Haryana Assembly elections until 6:30 PM on October 5, the day of polling.

The ban includes any publication or dissemination of exit polls via print, electronic media, or any other means. Violators may face imprisonment and fines.

Giani Raghbir Singh Jathedar of Akal Takht contracted dengue, admitted to hospital

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Chandigarh : Giani Raghbir Singh Jathedar of Sri Akal Takht Sahib has been diagnosed with dengue. He has been admitted to the local Guru Ramdas Medical Institute in Amritsar.

According to the information received, he



was suffering from fever for

the last few days. He was taken to the said hospital for a check-up and the doctors conducted tests on him in which dengue was confirmed. Due to this, he will rest in bed for a few days.

More than 69,646 metric tons of paddy purchased so far: Hry Govt

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Chandigarh : The Government of Haryana has procured over 69,646 metric tons of paddy at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) so far, despite the ongoing strike by rice millers in Haryana and Punjab. The procurement process continues smoothly, with government agencies ensuring that farmers are not affected by the strike.

A spokesperson from the Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, while sharing this information, stated that as of today, a total of 2,96,211 metric tons of paddy have arrived in 241



mandis (markets) across the state. He stated that government agencies have purchased a total of 69,646 metric tons of paddy with up to 17% moisture content, of which 5,267 metric tons have already been lifted. Timely payment to farmers is

being ensured, with Rs. 3 crore directly transferred to the bank accounts of over 7,276 farmers.

It is worth noting the fact that on 2 October alone, 1,662 metric tons of paddy were lifted, bringing the total lifted quantity to 5,267 metric tons. The procured paddy is currently being stored in warehouses, plinths, and designated locations.

Special arrangements have been made by the department ensuring that farmers do not face any inconvenience in selling their crops.

Congress leader's son killed in broad daylight with sharp weapons

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Mandi Gobindgarh : Big news has come out from Mandi Gobindgarh. Here, the young son of Congress leader Manjit Singh, resident of Vikas Nagar, Tarnjit Tarni has been killed in broad daylight with sharp weapons. 4 persons have carried out this incident.



According to the information

received, Taranjit was returning in his car near Badinpur village last night when the men in a black colored Scorpio attacked him and killed him. Loha Nagri Mandi Gobindgarh and its surrounding areas are in a state of panic due to the incidents of looting and murder.

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Raveena Tandon, Rajpal Yadav visit Govinda at hospital, share his health update

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New Delhi : Actors Raveena Tandon and Rajpal Yadav were clicked as they arrived to visit Govinda at CritiCare Hospital. In a video shared online, Yadav is seen speaking to the paparazzi, providing an update on Govinda's health. He reassured fans that the actor is on the road to recovery, adding that Govinda 'has good karma.' As Govinda recovers from a bullet injury, fellow actors and family members have shared updates on his health. On October 2, Rajpal Yadav, who co-starred with Govinda in Bhagam Bhag, paid him a visit. After his visit, as he was leaving, he spoke to the cameramen and said, "He's recovering very well. He has such good karma that he's escaped what could've been a fatal tragedy. He's a legend, and among the top 10 actors in the 100 years of Hindi cinema. He's safe now. We only pray that he comes back and does



a lot of work. Govinda bhaiya zindabad." Earlier in the day, Raveena Tandon also visited Govinda. About his health, she said, "He looked better. He is recovering. I wish him a speedy recovery." Govinda and Raveena have appeared together in several films, including Dulhe Raja, Akhiyon Se Goli Maare, and Bade Miyan Chote Miyan. The incident occurred when Govinda's revolver misfired at 4:30 in the morning. As he was preparing to leave home,

he was placing the revolver into a suitcase in the cupboard when it fell and accidentally discharged. Sources revealed that Govinda was about to leave for an event in Kolkata. The bullet has been removed, and the actor is currently recuperating. Actor Govinda's wife Sunita Ahuja recently addressed the media outside the hospital where he has been admitted. She said that he is doing fine and that he will be discharged soon.

India are team to beat in T20 World Cup but need to be wary of Australia: Harbhajan

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New Delhi : Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh believes that India need to be wary of Alyssa Healy's Australia in the Women's T20 World Cup 2024. India have been grouped with Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Pakistan in the 9th edition of the tournament, which began on October 3.

Speaking on Star Sports ahead of India's first match against New Zealand, Harbhajan said that India were the team to beat in the tournament, but needed to be careful of Australia's big-game prowess. Australia are the most successful team in tournament history, making it to the finals 7 out of 8 times.

"I think India needs to be very careful when playing against Australia. Looking at this group, India has Australia, New Zealand, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. All these matches will definitely be important. But one match that I think will be a little tough is the India-Australia match," Harbhajan said on Star Sports ahead of India's first match.

"Australia is a good team, even though these matches are being played in Dubai, on subcontinent pitches that might not suit them as much as their home conditions. But Australia, no matter where they play, are hard to beat. So, the biggest challenge for India maybe Australia. Sri Lanka, too, after their recent series win against India, will be confident when they play against India. So, that will also be a good

contest," he further added. T20 World Cup 2024: India's complete schedule Harbhajan believed that India's biggest strength is that the team has a great mix of youth and experience, which would help them in the tournament. Harbhajan also backed the Women in Blue to win the tournament in UAE.

"Team India will be the team to beat in this tournament. The World Cup is about to start, and I think India's team is very strong. They have both experience and youth. Harman is in good form, Smriti is in good form, and Deepti is an unbelievable spinner. They are a very capable team and have been playing very good cricket. The unit looks solid. If Team India plays good cricket overall, I believe they will win this tournament," Harbhajan said.

India have not won the T20 World Cup yet. They came the closest in the 2020 edition, finishing as the runner-ups. The team, however, has reached three back to back semi-finals and would like to go one step better this time around.

"You have to try to give your best and not take pressure. At this stage, the only thing that matters is Gurda, Jigra. Know yourself, play as a unit, and give your best. Results will follow. Don't think about the big picture; just take small steps with each match and focus on the process. I hope if they follow these things, our team will perform very well," concluded the former spinner.

Mohammad Azharuddin gets ED summons in Hyderabad cricket body corruption case

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Mumbai : The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday summoned former cricketer and Congress leader Mohammed Azharuddin in connection with a money laundering case involving the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA).

Azharuddin, who previously served as president of the HCA, is accused of misappropriating funds during his tenure. This is the first summons issued to the Congress leader, requiring him to appear before the probe agency today.

The case pertains to alleged misappropriation of Rs 20 crore, allocated for the procurement of diesel generators, firefighting systems, and copiers for the Rajiv Gandhi Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad's Uppal.

The money laundering case stems from four criminal cases



lodged by the Hyderabad Police in October 2023. Azharuddin and other former officials of the HCA were charged with criminal breach of trust, cheating, forgery, and conspiracy, under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code. According to the details, a forensic audit conducted at HCA's request uncovered fund mismanagement and diversion to private agencies between

March 2020 and February 2023. Following these findings, HCA CEO Suneel Kante Bose filed a complaint. Azharuddin denied the allegations, calling them "false" and politically motivated, saying, "This is just a stunt pulled by my rivals to ruin my reputation." In November 2023, a Hyderabad court granted him anticipatory bail in three of the four cases.

It's story TIME

The Elephant and the Ants

There was once a proud elephant who constantly bullied smaller animals. He would go to the anthill near his home and spray water at the ants. The ants, with their size, could do nothing but cry. The elephant just laughed and threatened the ants that he would crush them to death. One day, the ants had enough and decided



to teach the elephant a lesson. They went straight into the elephant's trunk and started biting him. The elephant could only howl in pain. He realized his mistake and apologized to the ants and all the animals he bullied.

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Arvind Kejriwal to relocate at AAP RS MP Ashok Mittal's residence after vacating CM house

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New Delhi : Following his resignation as the Delhi Chief Minister, AAP Supremo Arvind Kejriwal is expected to vacate the official CM residence.

According to party sources, he will be relocating to a bungalow at 5, Ferozshah Road, which is currently allotted to AAP Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Mittal.

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) confirmed the move, stating, "Arvind Kejriwal will shift to the bungalow allocated to party MP Ashok Mittal at 5, Ferozshah Road." Notably, as per sources, Mittal had himself extended the offer for Arvind Kejriwal to shift to his residence.

Earlier, the party stated, "Arvind Kejriwal is looking for a property which is dispute free and there is no problem in living there." "AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal will soon leave CM residence and search for his new house has been intensified. He is giving preference to living around New Delhi, from where he is an MLA to remain connected with the people. Many



MLAs, councillors, party workers and common people are offering them their houses to the AAP Chief," AAP added in the statement.

Notably, on September 17, Kejriwal tendered his resignation as Chief Minister to Delhi LG VK Saxena, following which Atishi staked claimed to form the new government days after the AAP chief was released on bail from Tihar jail in the excise policy case. Kejriwal said that he would return to the post only if he gets a renewed mandate

and a "certificate of honesty" from the people of Delhi in the assembly polls likely to be held in February 2025.

Atishi took oath as the Chief Minister of Delhi on September 22 after she was named successor to the post by AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal.

In an emotional gesture towards Kejriwal, Atishi placed an empty chair beside her CM chair, saying, "This chair belongs to Arvind Kejriwal. Today I took charge as the CM of Delhi. Today

I have the same pain in my heart as Bharat ji had. Just like Bharat ji worked by keeping Lord Shri Ram's sandals, I will take charge as CM for the next four months."

She exuded confidence in Kejriwal returning as Delhi CM in the upcoming assembly elections.

At 43, Atishi took charge as the third woman Chief Minister of Delhi, following the footsteps of Sushma Swaraj and Sheila Dikshit.

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New Delhi : Salaries in India are projected to increase by 9.5 per cent in 2025, compared to an actual increase of 9.3 per cent this year, a report showed today.

The engineering and manufacturing and retail industries project double-digit increases at 10 per cent, closely followed by financial institutions at 9.9 per cent, indicating the strategic importance employers place on talent in these sectors in the current economic landscape, according to the report by Aon, a leading global professional services firm.

Global capability centres (GCCs) and technology products and platforms expect a more optimistic salary increase at 9.9 per cent and 9.3 per cent, respectively, while the technology consulting and services projected increments at a lower end of 8.1 per cent.

Looking at the attrition analysis, a downward trend is apparent with attrition reported at 16.9 per cent on average this year, compared to 18.7 per cent reported in 2023 and 21.4 per cent in 2022.

"Despite evolving global economic challenges, the study indicates a positive business outlook across several sectors in India. This sentiment continues in many of the domestically driven sectors illustrated by the projected increments in the manufacturing, life sciences and retail industries," said Roopank Chaudhary, partner and head of reward solutions in India for Aon.



The study, the largest and most comprehensive rewards survey in the country, analysed data across 1,176 companies from over 40 industries between July and August.

Organisations committed to retaining talent in a competitive job market must keep abreast of changing market data and understand the rapidly evolving compensation trends.

"Having a holistic rewards strategy based on data and analytics will ensure organisations attract and retain the right talent and continue to build a resilient workforce," Chaudhary added.

According to Tarun Sharma, associate director for Talent Solutions in India for Aon, the softening in attrition provides businesses a unique opportunity to focus on internal growth, capability building and driving long-term productivity. Phase two of the study will include data collected in December and January and will be published in early 2025, said the firm.

Fake SBI Branch comes up in Chhattisgarh. People Duped of Lakhs

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Raipur : Various cases of fraud in bank transactions, cheating through fake documents, and other financial scams have been discovered in recent years. However, a recent incident in Chhattisgarh stands out as one of the most audacious schemes ever recorded. Like a plot straight out of a movie, criminals meticulously planned and executed a massive banking fraud, creating a fake branch of the State Bank of India (SBI). The scam involved illegal appointments, fake training sessions, and elaborate setups to defraud both unemployed individuals and local villagers.

Around 250 kilometers from the state capital Raipur, in a quiet village named Chhapora in the Sakti district, six unsuspecting individuals were recruited for what they believed were legitimate jobs at the country's largest bank, SBI. The branch, which opened just 10 days ago, featured all the elements of a real bank - new furniture, professional papers, and functioning bank counters.

The villagers, unaware of the ongoing scam, began visiting the "bank" to open accounts and conduct transactions. The newly hired employees were also thrilled to secure jobs at a reputed bank. Everything appeared normal until top



police and SBI officials showed up for an interrogation at the bank on September 27 after the manager of the nearby Dabra branch raised suspicions. It was discovered that the "branch" in Chhapora was a fraud, and the appointments handed out were fake.

"The manager of the Dabra branch informed us of his suspicion regarding a fake bank operating in Chhapora. Upon investigation, it was confirmed that the bank was fake, and several employees had been appointed with counterfeit documents," senior police official Rajesh Patel said.

He said that they have so far identified four people involved in the scam, including Rekha Sahu, Mandir Das, and Pankaj, who posed as the manager of the fake SBI branch.

Mr Patel said the accused seem to be connected.

Employees Received Offer Letters

The fake branch hired employees with offer letters that looked real, and job titles such as managers, marketing officers, cashiers, and computer operators.

The fraudster also provided training to all the recruits.

These jobs, however, came with a price tag, with the employees paying between ₹ 2 lakh and ₹ 6 lakh rupees to secure their positions.

The mastermind behind the scam had demanded exorbitant fees from the unemployed, promising them lucrative government jobs in return.

Ajay Kumar Agarwal, a local villager, had applied for an SBI kiosk in Chhapora. When he discovered that an SBI branch had suddenly appeared overnight, he grew suspicious. His nearest legitimate branch was in Dabra, and he couldn't believe that a new branch could open without notice. Upon his inquiry, the bank's employees failed to provide satisfactory answers, and no branch code was listed on the signboard.

Ajay's suspicion and subsequent report to the Dabra branch manager led to the unraveling of this intricate scam.

Sensex crashes 1,700 points as Middle East crisis triggers bloodbath on D-Street

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New Delhi : As the Iran-Israel conflict continues to escalate, the domestic stock market is feeling the heat, with the Sensex plunging over 1,400 points.

The sharp decline has raised alarm bells among investors, prompting concerns about the potential ripple effects on the Indian economy.

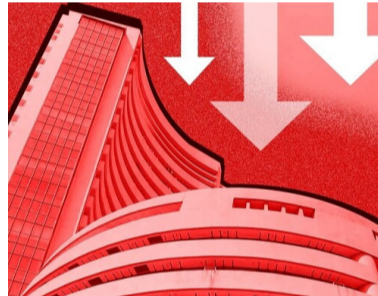
The Sensex was down 1,737.30 points, trading at 82,528.99 at around 1:47 pm, while the NSE Nifty50 tumbled 530.70 points to 25,266.20.

The total market capitalisation of BSE-listed companies witnessed a staggering decline of approximately Rs 8 lakh crore. At the heart of this market turmoil is the surge in oil prices triggered by escalating tensions in the region.

Iran's missile strikes on Israel have stoked fears of disruptions to global oil supply, pushing Brent crude prices beyond \$75 per barrel and West Texas Intermediate to approximately \$72.

For oil-importing nations like India, these price hikes could lead to increased inflationary pressures, impacting everything from transportation costs to corporate earnings.

Trivesh D, COO, Tradejini, highlighted that rising oil prices could add pressure on India's fiscal deficit, forcing the government to reallocate funds from key



infrastructure or public welfare projects to cover the higher costs.

Dr. VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, said, "If Israel retaliates by targeting Iranian oil installations, we could see an unprecedented spike in crude prices, which would be particularly damaging for India's economy."

Market experts are advocating for a cautious approach during this period of heightened uncertainty. Vijayakumar suggests that investors diversify their portfolios into defensive sectors like pharmaceuticals and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG), which tend to be less volatile during geopolitical crises. Dr. Manoranjan Sharma, Chief Economist at Infomeries Ratings, elaborated on the broader implications of the ongoing conflict.

Five arrested for attempting to sell fake gold coins

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Thiruvannamalai : Five people were arrested for attempting to sell fake gold coins, claiming they were treasures recovered from an excavation in Thiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu.

Based on a tip-off about a gang trying to sell fake jewellery worth a ₹36 lakh near Sengam in Thiruvannamalai, the police set a trap and arrested the suspects.

The gang, led by Dharmalingam, 62, from Muraiyar, was caught during a deal on the outskirts of Muraiyar. Dharmalingam, along with the other gang members, was waiting in his SUV to sell the fake gold coins.

Two men, Kamal and Rajkumar from Chennai, approached the gang on a bike for the transaction. While the police managed to arrest the gang, the two bikers absconded.

Police registered a case and arrested



Dharmalingam, his son Venkatesan, Arul Murugan, Sathiyaraj, and Suresh. They also recovered 40 grams of fake gold coins and seized the SUV. Further investigation is on and a search is on for the two people who absconded.

Dharmalingam had previously claimed to a potential buyer that he recovered treasures while digging wells and had sold them to others. He was attempting to sell gold coins worth Rs 4 lakh to a potential buyer. However, the buyer alerted the police, which followed Dharmalingam's arrest.

Talking about Dharmalingam's modus operandi, police said that he would initially offer a genuine gold coin to the potential buyer as a sample. Once the buyer inspected it and agreed to the deal, he would sell fake coins to them.

Israel-Iran clash hits Dalal Street. Sensex nosedives over 900 points

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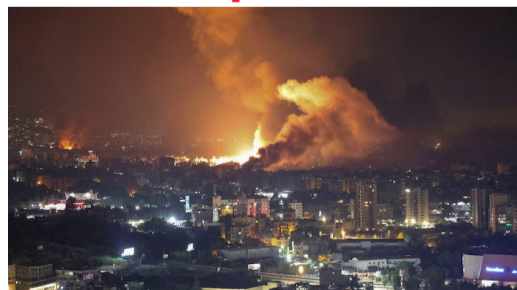
New Delhi : Benchmark stock market indices took a sharp dive as escalating tensions between Israel and Iran rattled global investors.

The Sensex plunged over 900 points as of 10:21 am, while the Nifty fell over 280 points, weighed down by widespread selling across sectors.

Concerns over the impact of the conflict on oil prices and global trade contributed to the bearish sentiment, leaving investors on edge.

Broader market indices followed suit, with all sectors trading in the red amid rising oil prices and global instability concerns. Dr. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Financial Services, said, "The hallmark of a bull market is its ability to climb all walls of worries. This bull market is doing exactly that. The market is ignoring even the worsening situation in the Middle East."

"The steady US market yesterday signals the market's belief that the conflict between Israel and Iran is unlikely to



impact economies and corporate earnings. However, the situation will change if Israel attacks any oil installations in Iran, which will trigger a huge spike in crude. If it happens, it can turn out to be more damaging for oil importers like India," he added.

"Therefore, investors should watch the emerging situation very closely. A partial switch in portfolios to defensives like Pharma and FMCG also can be thought of," Vijayakumar explained.

Iran launched 180 missiles into Israel

amid the Jewish nation's airstrikes in Lebanon. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to make Iran "pay the price" for firing more than 180 ballistic missiles. Israel and its allies managed to intercept most of the missiles but said that they would retaliate.

Iran's latest attack on Israel came amid Israel's continuous airstrikes in parts of Lebanon, including parts of Beirut, to target Hezbollah strongholds. Soon after eliminating top Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, Israel began targeted ground raids in Lebanon.

The Jewish nation launched an airstrike in central Beirut today, killing at least two people and injuring 11 others. The Lebanese health ministry reported that 46 individuals were killed, and 85 others injured due to "enemy Israeli strikes" across the country in the last 24 hours.

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Recalls India Envoy in Major Diplomatic Reshuffle

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Bangladesh : Bangladesh's interim government has recalled five envoys, including the ambassador to neighbouring India, in a major diplomatic reshuffle, a foreign ministry official said today.

Major political changes in the South Asian nation ushered in the interim government led by Nobel Peace laureate Muhammad Yunus after weeks of violent protests forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to resign on August 5 and flee to India.

The foreign ministry ordered envoys in Brussels, Canberra, Lisbon, New Delhi and the permanent mission to the United Nations in New York to immediately return to the capital,



Dhaka, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They were asked to hand over their responsibilities immediately and return, the official added, without elaborating. The step follows the recall of Saida Muna Tasneem, the high commissioner,

or ambassador, to Britain, who was similarly asked to return. More than 700 people died as a result of the student-led movement that ousted Hasina, straining ties with India. The two have a 4,000-km (2500-mile) border and maritime boundaries in the Bay of Bengal. Minority groups in Bangladesh have made accusations of attacks on Hindus after the political changes, though the government says the violence was motivated by politics, not religion.

Iran, firing missiles at Israel now, worked with it on a missile project

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Tehran : As around 200 Iranian ballistic missiles rained on Israel targeting its strategic military and security infrastructures, it prompted many to speculate if the sworn enemies had come on the verge of an all-out war. However, the now fierce foes, Israel and Iran were once strategic partners.

Amid the fast-paced developments and shifting dynamics of today's world, many might be surprised to learn that Iran and Israel once collaborated on a covert project in the 1970s, known as 'Project Flower'. This multibillion-dollar mission aimed to jointly develop missile technology was a rare partnership between two nations, now considered staunch adversaries.

Project Flower was aimed at developing surface-to-surface missiles, potentially capable of carrying nuclear warheads, according to a New York Times report from 1986.

Project Flower, one of six oil-for-arms contracts between Iran and Israel, was conceived and signed during the reign of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, the Shah of Iran, in 1977. This was just a couple of years before his regime was toppled in the Iranian Revolution in 1979. Yitzhak Rabin was the Israeli Prime Minister then. The rule of the Shah saw a cordial and symbiotic relationship between the two



nations, where each would benefit from each other.

PERIOD OF COOPERATION BETWEEN IRAN AND ISRAEL

At the height of the Cold War, Iran was seeking to modernise its military capabilities, and Israel, with its advanced technological expertise, emerged as an attractive partner next door.

On the other hand, Israel, battling an Arab oil embargo, benefitted from Iranian oil to keep its war, security and industrial machinery running. As a result, both countries entered into 'six oil-for-arms contracts', and the \$1.2 billion 'Operation Flower' was one of them.

During that time, Israel even helped Iran with the training of its secret police, SAVAK, which came with the assistance of the American CIA and Israeli Mossad. "In Iran they treated us like kings. We did business with them on a stunning scale. Without the ties with Iran, we would not have had the money to develop

weaponry that is today in the front line of the defence of the State of Israel," Israeli Defence Ministry official Yaakov Shapiro, in charge of coordinating the negotiations with Iran, was noted as saying in Israeli author Ronen Bergman's book 'The Secret War with Iran'.

"The Pahlavi regime sharply increased its huge military spending. Iran's air force was, by far, the strongest in the region, and the Shah invested in a range of weapon systems. The plan to build and expand a missile capability was further consolidated through cooperation with Israel," American political scientist Gawdat Bahgat, writes in his 2019 research paper.

Back then, Iran was the only West Asian nation to recognise the Jewish state.

THE SPECIFICS OF OPERATION FLOWER OF ISRAEL AND IRAN

The primary goal of Project Flower was to develop and modify surface-to-surface missiles, potentially capable of being fitted with nuclear warheads. Citing documents left behind by Israeli officials in Iran, the New York Times, in 1986, reported that the Israelis had conveyed that the missiles could be developed to have nuclear capabilities.

The pact to co-produce the missiles was signed in Tehran in April 1977.

Israel launches localised, targeted ground operations in southern Lebanon villages

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Tokyo : Miyazaki Airport in southwestern Japan resumed operations Thursday morning, a day after its closure due to the explosion of a wartime dud shell that damaged a section of its taxiway.

A Japan Airlines plane to Fukuoka departed at around 7:40 a.m. local time in the first flight since the airport was shut for safety checks. The transport ministry office at Miyazaki Airport said that a blast was heard on a taxiway shortly before 8 a.m. local time as air traffic controllers saw smoke



rising from the site. The airport office said the explosion created an oval-shaped hole measuring about 7 meters long, 4 meters wide and 1 meter deep on asphalt pavement near

the taxiway. No one was injured and a total of 87 flights to and from the airport were cancelled as of 2 p.m. local time as the runway was closed for the day. Japan's Self-Defense Forces and authorities investigating the site have determined that the explosion was from a 500-pound that was dropped during World War II.

Portugal tightens migrant labour laws: Here's what is changed

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Portugal : Portugal has discontinued the policy that permitted migrant workers who arrived illegally to remain in the country while seeking a work permit.

This change is merely a compliance measure with European regulations, states Rui Armindo Freitas, the Deputy Minister responsible for immigration policy in the country. "The possibility of entering the country first and then obtaining the necessary papers attracted many illegal migrant workers," said Freitas. He informed me that



the changes are crucial because of a backlog of around 400,000 legalization applications at the immigration agency AIMA. Portugal's economy heavily

relies on migrant workers, primarily from Asian countries, who are engaged in agriculture, harvesting broccoli and olives for low pay and picking berries for export to other European nations. Migrant laborers in Portugal typically arrive without the required documentation. Although they often wait years for their residence permits, they have been permitted to work and contribute to taxes and social security during this time.

100 newborns named Nasrallah in Iraq after Hezbollah chief's killing

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Baghdad : In the days following Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's death in an Israeli airstrike in Beirut, Lebanon, Iraq has seen a surge of newborns named in his honour.

According to Iraq's health ministry, around 100 babies across the country were registered under the name "Nasrallah".

Nasrallah, who had been at the helm of Hezbollah for over three decades, was seen by many as a symbol of resistance against Israeli and Western influence in many Arab nations. He commanded a significant following in Iraq, particularly among the country's majority Shia community.

His assassination sparked anger across the country, triggering large-scale demonstrations in Baghdad and other cities. Protesters condemned Israel's actions and declared the killing a violation of international law.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia al-Sudani described Nasrallah as "a martyr on the path of the righteous." During a three-day state mourning, vigils were held nationwide to honour the Hezbollah leader.

Nasrallah's ties to Iraq run deep, rooted in both religion and political ideology. Born to humble beginnings in 1960, Nasrallah went on to study Islam at a Shia seminary in the Iraqi city of Najaf. It was here that his political views took shape as he joined the Dawa party, eventually setting him on a path that would define his militant career.

He rose to prominence after joining Hezbollah in 1982, following Israel's invasion of Lebanon. Formed with the backing of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, Hezbollah was initially a militia aimed at resisting Israeli forces.

Nasrallah took the reins of Hezbollah in 1992 after the assassination of his predecessor and mentor, Abbas Musawi. Over the next three decades, he transformed the group into a regional powerhouse, influencing conflicts from Syria to Yemen and training Palestinian fighters in Gaza.

Under Nasrallah's leadership, Hezbollah's power grew, both militarily and politically. The



organisation helped provide missiles and rockets to groups like Hamas and militias in Iraq and Yemen, all part of a broader 'Axis of Resistance' to Israel and its allies.

Nasrallah was particularly popular among Iraqis critical of the US presence in Iraq following the 2003 invasion, solidifying his image as a symbol of resistance to Western intervention.

However, his leadership was not without controversy. While revered by supporters, others saw the Hezbollah commander as an Iranian proxy, whose actions deepened Lebanon's sectarian divides.

Hezbollah's suspected involvement in the 2005 assassination of then Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq al-Hariri polarised Lebanon. The group's participation in the Syrian Civil War, fighting alongside Bashar al-Assad's forces, alienated many of Lebanon's Sunni population, sharpening sectarian tensions.

While Iran and its allies in Iraq and Syria have condemned Nasrallah's killing, other Arab nations, particularly those in the Gulf led by Saudi Arabia, have remained distant. This divide reflects the historical sectarian conflict between Sunni and Shia Muslims, as well as differing geopolitical priorities.

Israel's decision to target Nasrallah appears to be a calculated move to disrupt Iran's influence in the region. However, the immediate outpouring of support for Nasrallah, particularly in Iraq, suggests that the legacy of resistance he embodied may persist beyond his death.

Though one Nasrallah is gone, the naming of the babies shows that hundreds of Nasrallahs have been born.

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Didn't mean to hurt you. Samantha: Telangana minister retracts divorce remark

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New Delhi : Faced with a defamation suit and massive backlash, Telangana minister Konda Surekha today withdrew her remarks alleging BRS leader KT Rama Rao's role in actors Samantha and Naga Chaitanya's divorce. Tagging Samantha in tweets, the 59-year-old Congress leader expressed regret, saying she did not mean to hurt the actor's sentiments.

"My comments are meant to question a leader's belittling of women and not to hurt your @Samanthaprabhu2 sentiments. The way you have grown up with self-power is not only an admiration for me, but also an ideal," the minister tweeted.

If you or your fans are offended by my comments, I unconditionally retract my comments. Don't think otherwise," she added.

A video of Konda Surekha accusing KTR of meddling in the personal lives of celebrities and being involved in drugs-related controversies surfaced on social media. In the video that swiftly went viral, the minister alleged that KTR was responsible for Samantha and Naga Chaitanya's separation, also dragging in the latter's father and veteran actor Nagarjuna.

"Naga Chaitanya's divorce happened 100 per cent due to KTR. This is because to not demolish N Convention hall, you had to send Samantha to me. Nagarjuna had forced Samantha to go (to KTR) and they said 'Either you (Samantha) listen to us or give us a divorce'. That is the reason why the divorce took place. The whole industry knows about it," she alleged.

"The reason for injustice towards Samantha is KTR. Two to three heroines also got married early due to drug cases. (Actor) Rakul Preet (Singh) got married and another two-three heroines as well. Why do we have to bear this headache (because of drug cases)



and get married soon? With the power they had previously, they tapped phones, made records and threatened them," she claimed.

Konda Surekha's remarks drew sharp criticism from Nagarjuna, Naga Chaitanya, Samantha as well as top actors from the Telugu film industry. Samantha slammed Konda Surekha over the controversy and said her divorce with Naga Chaitanya was mutual and that no political conspiracy was involved. On the other hand, Nagarjuna asked the minister not to use the lives of film stars who stay away from politics to criticise her opponents, and respect other people's privacy.

Slamming the Congress for its "disgusting and nauseating politics", KTR shared the legal notice he had sent to the minister on X, urging Rahul Gandhi to send her to rehab.

"Served legal notices to the minister. Disgusting and nauseating politics by Congress. Request @RahulGandhi to send your minister and chief minister to a mental health specialist or a rehabilitation therapist," KTR said on Tuesday night.

BRS spokesperson Dasoju Sravan demanded the Congress to sack Konda Surekha from her ministerial post. "If Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge ji truly believe in humanity and decency in politics, she must be sacked from her ministerial post in the Telangana government," he said.

Naga Chaitanya and Samantha Prabhu announced their separation in 2021. Naga Chaitanya recently got engaged to actor Sobhita Dhulipala in August this year.

Kangana Ranaut's "Country Don't Have Fathers" Remark Sparks Row

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New Delhi : Actor-politician Kangana Ranaut courted a new controversy with a social media post about Mahatma Gandhi and former prime minister Lal Bahadur Shastri.

The actor, who previously faced backlash for her comments on the farmers' protests, paid homage to Lal Bahadur Shastri on his 120th birth anniversary through a post that appeared to downplay Mahatma Gandhi's stature as the Father of the Nation.

"Desh ke pita nahi, desh ke to lal hote hai. Dhanye hai Bharat ma ke ye lal (The country does not have fathers; it has sons. Blessed are these sons of Mother India)" Ms Ranaut wrote on her Instagram Stories.

In a follow-up post, the actor credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for carrying forward Mahatma Gandhi's legacy on cleanliness in the country.

The post on Lal Bahadur Shastri and Mahatma Gandhi has led to yet another row for the BJP MP from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, with Congress leader Supriya Shrinete criticising Ranaut for her "lewd jibe" at Mahatma



Gandhi. "BJP MP Kangana made this lewd jibe on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. Godse worshippers draw distinctions between Babu and Shastri ji. Will Narendra Modi wholeheartedly forgive his party's new Godse devotee? There is the Father of the Nation, there are sons, and there are martyrs. Everyone deserves respect," Ms Shrinete said in a post on X.

In March, Ms Shrinete herself had been embroiled in controversy before the Lok Sabha elections over an objectionable post regarding the actor. Manoranjan Kalia, a senior BJP leader from Punjab, also criticised Ms Ranaut

for her latest remarks. "I condemn Kangana Ranaut's comments made on Gandhi ji's 155th birth anniversary. In her short political career, she has developed a habit of making controversial statements," Mr Kalia said in a video posted on social media.

"Politics is not her field. Politics is a serious affair. One must think before speaking... Her controversial remarks

cause trouble for the party," he added. It was only last month that Ms Ranaut faced backlash for advocating the return of the three farm laws repealed in 2021. The actor, who was elected as an MP in June, alleged that the farmers' agitation against the three farm laws was leading to a "Bangladesh-type situation in India", claiming that "dead bodies were hanging, and rapes were taking place" at the protest sites.

Ms Ranaut later retracted her statement, acknowledging that she should remember she is not just an artist but also a BJP member.

'Kingpin' of Rs 5,000-crore drug bust in Delhi has Congress connection

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New Delhi : The alleged kingpin behind Delhi's biggest drug bust was found to be a former Congress party worker, police sources said. Tushar Goyal, the main accused, was arrested following the recovery of more than 500 kg of cocaine and 40 kg of hydroponic marijuana worth over Rs 5,600 crore in a raid conducted in south Delhi.

Goyal, 40, reportedly admitted during questioning that he previously served as the chairman of the RTI cell for Delhi Pradesh Congress until 2022. Investigators also discovered that Goyal had a social media profile where he listed his title as RTI Cell Chairman, Delhi Pradesh Congress.

Goyal, who used the alias "Dikki Goyal" on social media, posted photos with several prominent Congress leaders, including Lok Sabha MP Deepender Singh Hooda and Haryana unit chief Uday Bhan.



Additionally, he was pictured with Haryana BJP leader Anil Jain, and former Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad before the latter's resignation from the party.

Goyal was arrested alongside three others—Himanshu Kumar, Aurangzeb Siddiqui, both from Delhi, and Bharat Kumar Jain—in connection with the massive drug seizure.

According to police, the cocaine was smuggled into Delhi by road from various states while the marijuana originated from Phuket, Thailand.

The accused allegedly used cryptocurrency to evade detection by law enforcement agencies.

Sources close to the investigation hinted at the involvement of a prominent Dubai-based businessman behind the cocaine shipment, which investigators believe was being supplied to high-profile parties in the capital.

"The kingpin of the drug cartel has been running his operations in India from a West Asian country," a senior Delhi Police officer said, adding that efforts are on to track down and arrest all suspects involved in the drug syndicate.

The case has been registered under relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and investigations are on into the broader network behind the record-setting drug bust.

Karnataka issues warning after cancer-causing agents found in 12 bakery cakes

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Bengaluru : The Karnataka Food Safety and Quality Department has issued an advisory cautioning people about the potential health risks associated with cake, highlighting the presence of cancer-causing ingredients in the popular dessert.

In a statement, the Karnataka Food Safety and Quality Department said that several carcinogenic substances were found in 12 cake samples collected from several bakeries in Bengaluru.

The advisory came months after Karnataka banned the use of artificial food colours, including Rhodamine-B, in cotton candy



and gobi manchurian due to health concerns.

According to the details, out of 235 cake samples tested by the Karnataka government, 223 were found safe, while 12 contained dangerous levels of artificial colouring. Popular varieties

like red velvet and black forest, often made with these vibrant colours, pose significant health risks, Karnataka's food safety department said.

The government body has now directed bakeries to comply with safety standards, warning against the use of artificial colours in cakes, such as Allura Red, Sunset Yellow FCF, Ponceau 4R, Tartrazine, and Carmoisine, among others.

The high use of artificial colours not only increases cancer risks but may also harm mental and physical health, the Karnataka Food Safety and Quality Department said in its statement.

Two teens enter Delhi hospital under pretext of injury. shoot doctor

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New Delhi : A 55-year-old doctor was shot dead by two teenagers inside a hospital in Delhi in the early hours of today, October 3, police said. The accused, aged between 16 and 17 years, arrived at Nima Hospital, in Delhi's Jaitpur area, at around 1.30 am seeking treatment. One of them asked the hospital's staff to change the dressing for his injured toe.

After the dressing, the accused entered the cabin of the doctor, identified as Dr Javed Akhtar, a practitioner of Unani Medicine, and shot him in the head, following which he died on the spot.

The accused had also arrived at the hospital, under the pretext of getting treatment on October 1, for recce, police said.

Speaking after the incident, one of the



hospital's staff said, "At around 1 am, two teenage boys came to the hospital for treatment. After the treatment, they entered the doctor's cabin and shot him in the head. Dr Javed was on night duty from 8 pm. He worked in the hospital for two years."

Upon receiving an alert about the incident, a team of Delhi Police reached the post and started scanning

the CCTV cameras in the areas to get details about the accused.

A team from Delhi Police's Forensics Unit also reached the spot to recover all the technical evidence from the crime scene.

"The doctor was found in a chair oozing blood from the head. Prima facie, it seems to be an instance of targeted killing..." a Delhi Police official said.

Earlier in August this year, a female resident doctor and a medical dresser were attacked by a patient's attendant in Delhi's Doctor Hedgewar Hospital. The patient, who was under the influence of alcohol, and his son pushed the doctor and also threatened her during the treatment.

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