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Punjab Panchayat Polls continue to face roadblocks, candidates at the receiving end

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Chandigarh : The upcoming Panchayat elections in Punjab continue to face roadblocks, leaving the candidates at the receiving end.

Recently, the Punjab and Haryana High Court stayed the poll process in villages covered by 275 petitions that had alleged violation of norms during the course of filing and scrutiny of nomination papers.

The case will now be heard on October 14, a day before the panchayat elections are scheduled on October 15.

With just four days to the Panchayat polls being the tension, the candidates have no time for campaigning.

At this time when the tension has flared up in Punjab, the opposition is demanding the complete cancellation of the Panchayat poll.

Welcoming Punjab and Haryana High Court's decision that has stayed elections to all villages covered under 270 petitions filed before the court, the SAD President demanded the cancellation of the panchayat elections in Punjab that have been marred by alleged rampant illegalities.

"The truth is that this unanimity was forced by AAP functionaries and this is why we have demanded that the election be held afresh."

Asserting that he had never seen such oppression of the Opposition during his 40-year political journey, Badal said "it is for the first time that lists were revised after submission of nomination papers and completion of scrutiny to deny opposition candidates the right to contest the elections".

He also charged AAP ministers and MLAs of engaging in corruption by taking money for the submission of papers as well as ensuring the "unanimous" election of candidates.

An official spokesperson of the Punjab State Election Commission said that a total nominations withdrawal by candidates for Sarpanches are 20,147 and total nominations withdrawal by candidates for Panches are 31381 as on 07 October 2024 for Gram Panchayat Elections.

Solutions to problems can't come from battlefield- PM Modi

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the importance of dialogue over conflict during his address at the East Asia Summit, warning that solutions to global problems cannot emerge from the battlefield.

His remarks come as the world witnesses rising tensions in the Middle East and eastern Europe due to Israel's escalations with Iran and its proxies in Gaza and Lebanon, and the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

"Conflicts going on in different parts of the world are having the most negative impact on countries of the Global South," PM Modi said, adding that peace and stability should be restored as soon as possible.

PM Modi, attending the ASEAN-India and East Asia summits in Laos to strengthen ties with ASEAN countries, reiterated his stance that diplomacy and peaceful resolutions are the only path forward. "I come from the land of Buddha, and I have repeatedly said this is not an era of war; solutions to problems cannot come from the battlefield," he stated.

He advocated for a humanitarian approach to conflicts and reiterated India's commitment to peace and diplomacy. "Keeping a humanitarian approach, dialogue and diplomacy will have to be given priority. Fulfilling the responsibility of Vishwabhadhu (global citizen), India will continue to contribute in every possible way in this direction," he said.

The Prime Minister also pointed to the growing threat of terrorism, urging for global cooperation to tackle the issue.

"Terrorism is also a serious challenge to global peace and security. To face it, forces believing in humanity will have to work together. And mutual cooperation in the areas of cyber, maritime, and space will also have to be strengthened," he said.

PM Modi also called for a "free, open, inclusive, prosperous, and rule-based Indo-Pacific," signalling India's ongoing concerns regarding China's aggressive moves in the region. He noted that the peace, security, and stability of the South China Sea are vital to the progress of the Indo-Pacific.

"Our approach should be one of developmentalism and not expansionism," he stated.

Samajwadi Party worker chains himself in protest



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New Delhi : A Samajwadi Party worker chained himself in protest outside the residence of party chief Akhilesh Yadav. Akhilesh Yadav is set to visit the Jayaprakash Narayan International Centre (JPNIC) in Lucnow's Gomti Nagar today to mark the birth anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan. Police placed barricades outside Yadav's residence, and JPNIC has been sealed and barricaded.

IAF C295 aircraft lands successfully at Navi Mumbai International Airport

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Navi Mumbai : The Indian Air Force (IAF) C295 transport aircraft today successfully conducted an inaugural landing at the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NIMA).

The C295 was traditionally welcomed by the cannon salute of the fire brigade and the Sukhoi 30 jets did a flypast over the southern runway of the airport.

The function was attended by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, DCM Devendra Fadnavis, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation Muralidhar Mohol, CIDCO chairman Sanjay Shirsat, Shiv Sena MP Shrirang Barne and NCP MP Sunil Tatkare among others.

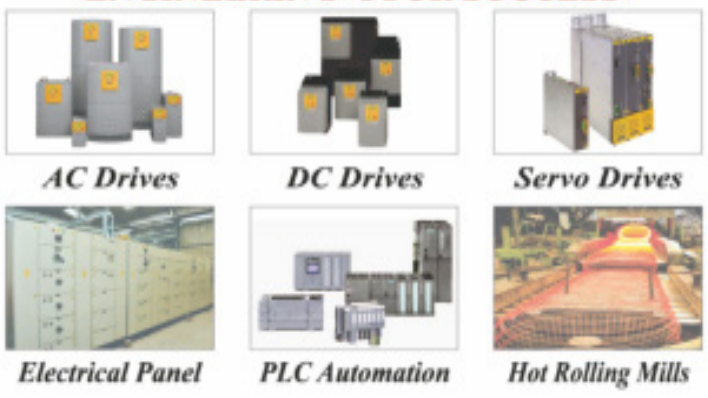
The Chief Minister said the two phases of the airport which handles 20 million passengers annually will be operational in March 2025 with the starting of domestic flights and thereafter international flight operations will be launched. He further stated that the airport will ease the traffic congestion at the Mumbai International Airport adding that the two airports will be connected through metro as well as roads.

CM Shinde said the Navi Mumbai International Airport (NIMA) will also handle 2.6 million tonnes of cargo annually. It will have two 3,700 m long parallel runways and four passenger terminals with a total terminal area of one million sq m. "It will be India's greenest airport with the potential to generate 36 MW of solar and wind energy. With four different terminals interconnected with each other, the passengers will have the option of an internal travel route to go from one terminal to another. It is India's first multi-modal aviation hub connected by expressway, highways, two metro rail corridors, high-speed rails and tower taxied," he added.

The Chief Minister said that with the commissioning of the Atal Setu sea link and the upcoming airport, the Navi Mumbai and the adjoining areas will be completely transformed with the opening of a slew of development opportunities.

He said that the airport has the capacity to park 350 aircraft at a time. Also, this airport has four different terminals, and, since they are interconnected the passengers will have the option of an internal travel route to go from one terminal to another," said the CM.

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Who is Noel Tata, new Tata Trusts Chairman and half-brother of Ratan Tata

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Noel Tata, the half-brother of Ratan Tata, has been appointed as the new Chairman of Tata Trusts, which plays a crucial role in the governance of the Rs 30 lakh crore Tata Group empire. The group unanimously named Noel as the new head in a meeting held in Mumbai on Friday.

Noel will succeed Ratan Tata, the Chairman Emeritus of the Tata Group, who died on Thursday at the age of 86.

Noel Tata has held leadership roles within the Tata Group for over four decades, demonstrating exemplary business acumen by heading various divisions of the group. Tata International, the Tata Group's arm for products and services abroad, and Trent, the group's retail arm, were among the companies that saw significant growth under Noel.

He is the Chairman and Non-Executive Director of Tata International Limited and also serves as the Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation. Noel also holds the position of a trustee of the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and the Sir Ratan Tata Trust, which together hold a 66 percent stake in Tata Sons, the Tata Group's holding company.



Noel has chaired Trent, the group's retail arm, for decades and is credited with transforming it from a single store in 1998 into a thriving chain of over 700 stores across India.

Additionally, he has served as Vice Chairman of both Titan Company and Tata Steel and holds key positions on the board of Voltas.

As the Managing Director of Tata International Limited, the 67-year-old businessman played a pivotal role in expanding the company's revenue from $500 million to over $3 billion between 2010 and 2021.

Noel Tata is the son of Naval Tata, who was also Ratan's father. His deep-rooted connection to the Tata family, coupled with his extensive business experience and leadership roles within various Tata companies, made him a natural successor to Ratan Tata at the Tata Trusts. The Parsi community's stance favouring someone with the Tata surname as the group's head also played a role in Noel's nomination.

Noel Tata graduated from Sussex University in the UK and later completed the International Executive Programme (IEP) from INSEAD, a leading global business school.

Noel's family is also closely involved with the Tata Group. His wife, Aloo Mistry, is the daughter of Pallonji Mistry, who was the largest single shareholder in Tata Sons. His son, Neville Tata, joined Trent in 2016 and has recently taken charge of Star Bazaar. His eldest daughter, Leah Tata, is currently serving as Vice President at Indian Hotels Company Limited, while his other daughter, Maya, is associated with Tata Capital.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
12 th Oct

Born on 12 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.

The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.



Aries
(March 21 - April 19)

Oct 12th 2024 : Don't get nervous and lose your confidence as you meet some high profile persons. It is as essential for good health as capital for business. Use your innovative idea to make some extra money. Guests crowd your house for a pleasant and wonderful evening.

Taurus
(April 20 - May 20)

Oct 12th 2024 : Your fondest dream will materialize. But keep your excitement under control as too much happiness may cause some problems. Married couples may have to spend a lot of money on the education of their children today.

Gemini
(May 21 - June 20)

Oct 12th 2024 : You are likely to enjoy some sporting activity which will maintain your physical fitness. Improvement in finances is certain. Friends will brighten up your day as they plan out something exciting for the evening.

Cancer
(June21 - July 22)

Oct 12th 2024 : Your confidence and energy will be high today. Unexpected bills will increase financial burden. Visit to a religious place or to a relative seems likely on your cards. The day is fabulous in terms of your love life. Keep making love.

Leo
(July 23 - Aug 22)

Oct 12th 2024 : You are likely to maintain a good health today which will give you the success. But you must avoid anything that will destroy your strength. Planetary placement doesn't seem favourable for you today in regard with money matters. Hence, keep your money safe.

Virgo
(Aug 23 - Sep 22)

Oct 12th 2024 : Make your life more sublime to enjoy the richer grandeur of infinite life. Absence of worry is the first step in this direction. If you are going on a trip, then look out for your valuables and bags, as they are likely to be stolen.

Libra
(Sep 23 - Oct 22)

Oct 12th 2024 : Attend some social gathering to change your mood. With the help of your siblings, today you will attain monetary benefits. Seek advice from your siblings. An old contact might create some problems for you Use your discretion power in love today.

Scorpio
(Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Oct 12th 2024 : Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice from their closed ones today, which can benefit them financially.

Sagittarius
(Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Oct 12th 2024 : Smile as it is best antidote for all your problems. Today, with the help of a close relative, you can do well in your business, which will also benefit you financially. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends.

Capricorn
(Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Oct 12th 2024 : Evening with friends will be pleasant but take care of excessive eating and hard drinks. Today, your account will be credited with the money from your debtor without any prior notice, which can surprise you and make you happy. Don't forget family obligation.

Aquarius
(Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Oct 12th 2024 : Do not worry about you health as it may make worsen your sickness. Today, your money can be spent on many things. Hence, you need to plan a proficient budget today so as to tackle all the challenges and money-related problems.

Pisces
(Feb 19 - Mar 20)

Oct 12th 2024 : Today's entertainment should include sports activities and outdoor events. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Your witty nature will make you popular at social gatherings.

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Preparations for Dussehra fair, a symbol of the victory of good and evil, are complete: Kuldeep Singh Samana

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Mohali : Mohali Kala, Culture and Welfare Club (Reg:) is organizing a Dussehra fair tomorrow, Saturday, October 12, 2024, about which people of the area are showing great enthusiasm. Regarding the Dussehra Mela being celebrated in the park in front of MT International School at Sector 79 Mohali, Club President Kuldeep Singh Samana while talking to the media said that the organization of the Dussehra Mela is a symbol of good over evil and a call for mutual brotherhood. This time it is being done at Sector 79 and keeping in view the religious faith and spirit of fellowship of this festival, all preparations have been completed and jalebis on the fair ground. Shops have been decorated by pakodas and other shopkeepers, Club President Kuldeep Singh Samana and General Secretary Phoolraj Singh - State awardee while answering the questions of journalists said that the statue of Ravana is 100 feet and the other statues are 80 and 70 feet, while the fourth Effigy - associated with social evils, corruption and drugs, which will be blown up. And the purpose of erecting these effigies is to send a message to the society that badi is burnt in the same way and this custom has started long and will continue for a long time, so that a meaningful message can be given to the young generation, with journalists. While talking, General Secretary Phoolraj Singh said that this Dussehra Mela is being organized under the supervision of Chief Coordinator Paramjit Singh Chauhan, Councilor Sarabjit Singh Samana and Club President Kuldeep Singh Samana with the inspiration of MLA Kulwant Singh, and this is special. Care will be taken that the people coming from all over the area to see the Dussehra Mela do not face any kind of problem, for this the duties of the office bearers and workers of the club have been assigned, on this occasion Dr. Satinder Singh Bhavra, RP Sharma, Dr. Kuldeep Singh, Numdar Harsangat Singh Suhana, Surinder Singh Roda Sohana, Harmesh Singh Kumbhara, Gurmukh Singh Sohal, Akwinder Singh Gosal, Jaspal Singh Mataur, Harpal Singh Channa, Amit Jain, Dr. Ram, Gobindar Mittal, Rajiv Vasist , Harpal Singh Brar, Gurpal Singh Grewal. Om Prakash was also present.

Dussehra Celebrations held at Kids 'R' Kids Secondary School

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Chandigarh : The Kindergarten wing of Kids 'R' Kids Secondary School marked the auspicious occasion of Dussehra with a vibrant and engaging celebration today.

Students from Pre-Primary and Grade 1 delighted the audience by depicting key scenes from the epic Ramayana, showcasing the timeless values of good triumphing over evil.

Dressed in colorful costumes, the young performers brought to life characters like Lord Ram, Sita, Lakshman, Vanarsena and Ravanathrough their charming enactments. With the guidance of their teachers, the students displayed enthusiasm and confidence, offering the audience a glimpse into the cultural significance of Dussehra.

Principal, Ms.AnupamGrewal, interacted with students and stated, "It's heartwarming to see our young learners embody the spirit of Dussehra and learn about the importance of values such as truth, courage, and righteousness through such creative performances."

The event concluded with the enthusiastic applause, symbolizing the victory of good over evil, leaving everyone with a sense of pride and cultural awareness.

Outsourced service workers strike, system affected

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Chandigarh : Following the strike of PGIMER's outsourced hospital attendants in Chandigarh from October 10, 2024, the organization has initiated an emergency plan to maintain essential services. OPD registration will continue as normal and patients will be screened at various OPDs. ICU and emergency services will function without any interruption. However, all elective surgeries have been postponed from October 11 and patients will be informed accordingly.

Also, no new replacements will be recruited from October 11. Hospitals in Chandigarh, Punjab, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have been requested not to refer patients to PGIMER during this period. The Institute appeals to the public for cooperation and patience in these challenging times.

Hundreds of patients and their families who came for treatment at the hospital faced a lot of hardship due to the strike by the attendants of the outsourced hospital in PGI Chandigarh. The administration has taken necessary steps in view of this situation but the impact on normal services could not be avoided. In fact, the employees have not received arrears for the last eight months.

Hundreds of patients of PGIMER are suffering due to this strike. Patients visiting the OPD have to wait for hours in long queues. Patients whose surgery was already scheduled are now being informed that the surgery has been postponed, causing frustration among the patients and their families.

All elective surgeries have been postponed from October 11, due to which the treatment of patients suffering from serious diseases is also being postponed. In such a situation, patients suffering from cancer, heart disease and other serious diseases are facing a lot of difficulties.

The organization has appealed to people to exercise patience and restraint. A hospital spokesperson said, "We know these are difficult times but we are doing everything we can to get patient services back to normal as soon as possible. We request the public to support us in this challenging time."

13 kg of suspected heroin recovered

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Tarn Taran : The Border Security Force (BSF) recovered 13 kilograms of suspected heroin in the Tarn Taran Border district of Punjab , officials said.

According to the Public Relations Officer of the Punjab Frontier BSF, the recovery was made following reliable information about narcotics concealed in a hume pipe in the border area. BSF troops swiftly responded and conducted a thorough search of the suspected location.

"At about 12:40 pm the troops recovered 06 plastic bottles filled with suspected heroin (Gross weight-13.160 Kg). This recovery, based on an intelligence developed by the BSF intelligence wing, took place in a farming field adjacent to village-Kalash of district Tarn Taran," the PRO said.

The accurate information provided by BSF intelligence wing and swift action of BSF troops resulted in this significant recovery of the huge heroin consignment smuggled in the country from across the border, it added.

In a post on X, BSF Punjab Frontier said, "This recovery has dealt a significant blow to trans-border criminals attempting to smuggle heroin into India from the Pakistan border."

On the same day, BSF troops, in collaboration with Tarn Taran police, conducted a search operation and recovered an improvised and assembled Pakistani drone.

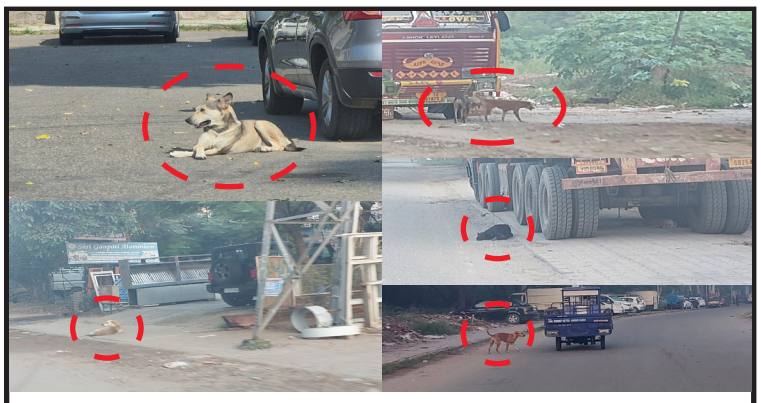
"During the afternoon hours, the search party recovered an improvised and assembled Pakistani drone from Naushera Dhalla village in Tarn Taran district," the BSF wrote on X.

The BSF said, "This recovery is significant as it highlights the innovative methods used by Pakistani smugglers. Countering the use of such assembled drones is a crucial step in curbing smuggling activities."

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Stray dogs Continue to Rule the Streets



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Mohali : India has the highest number of stray dog attacks in the world, along with the highest cases of rabies deaths. Several incidents of stray dog attacks have led to a public outrage against stray dogs, who have now been vilified as a menace and a threat to public safety. Due to the slow pace of implementation of the animal birth control programme for stray dogs in the city, their population has doubled in the last five years posing a threat to citizens, These Cows that were earlier found in large numbers near meat stalls. garbage dumps, and in residential areas.

Nowadays they are seen across the city and in public places in large numbers. Citizens wanted the programme to be expedited by increasing the mumber of doctors, and extending the facilities at the post operative centre. Residents claim that they have been spotting stray puppies in the area. It is concerning Some dogs chased children on their way to school. We are terrified after heanug incidents of dog bites and attacks in the city," residents said. As stray dog attacks increase, the Centre has decided to reach out to the States, local self-governments (LSGs) and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) on implementing the new set of Animal Birth Control Rules prepared by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry recently. Notified on March 10 last year, the Rules put the onus of maintaining and controlling the population of stray dogs on LSGs and RWAS. Talking to sources Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), S.K. Dutta, said the Rules of 2001, based on the Prevention of Cruelties to Animals Act, 1960, were amended to "adopt humane procedures for controlling stray animal population through open methods of surgeries and operations. After reviewing these Rules, the Ministry, in consultation with AWBI, revised these Rules and notified it on March 10, 2023, he said. The Ministry has requested all Chief Secretaries and State government departments to ensure proper implementation of these new rules. Sources added that nature of the dogs should be considered while dealing with complaints about man-animal conflict 'No court allows relocation of dogs. Dog is a territorial animal. They cannot be kept in closed confinement and they will be more furious if we do so. Animal welfare activists who go for feeding dogs face harassment at some places. So, we have framed a set of actions to be followed by RWAs and LSGs. It is elaborated in the new set of rules," he said. The new Rules prescribe that Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes for sterilisation and immunisation of stray dogs are to be camed out by LSGs. The Ministry is also concerned about complaints of cruelty involved in carrying out ABC programmes. "By effective implementation of these Rules, ABC can be conducted by local bodies which will help in reducing stray dog population while addressing animal welfare issues. Dr. Dutta said if garbage is managed at the source, stray animals can also be managed.

But Who Cares???

Pb Engineering College Signs MoU For Technical Collaboration and Research



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Patiala : Punjab Engineering College (Deemed to be University), Chandigarh, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) today, aimed at fostering technical support and research collaborations. The delegation from PSPCL, led by Er. Ravinder Singh Saini (Director HR), Er. Parmjeet Singh (Director - Generation), and Er. Abhiraj Singh Randhawa (Principal Technical Training Institute), Er. Anupam Joshi (Director, The/Nudge Institute) was warmly welcomed by Prof. Rajesh Kumar Bhatia, Director PEC, along with Prof. Rajesh Kanda (Head, Alumni, Corporate & International Relations), Prof. J.D. Sharma (Head, MMED), Prof. Uma Batra (Dean Faculty Affairs), Prof. Jimmy Karloopia (Professor-In-Charge, ACIR), and Ms. Rajinder Kaur (Manager, ACIR) from PEC.

In his address, Er. Ravinder Singh Saini emphasized PSPCL's commitment to providing technical support and engaging in research initiatives that would benefit both institutions. Prof. Rajesh Kumar Bhatia expressed his enthusiasm for this collaboration, underscoring the importance of building lasting partnerships that contribute to innovation and technical excellence. Prof. Rajesh Kanda initiated the signing proceedings of the MoU, and Prof. J.D. Sharma provided an overview of the agreement's terms, highlighting the mutual benefits of this partnership.

Following the formal signing ceremony, the PSPCL delegation, accompanied by PEC faculty members, visited the Departments of Electrical Engineering and Materials & Metallurgical Engineering, as well as the Siemens Centre. During the tour, discussions were held on potential areas of cooperation in research and development, with active participation from PEC's faculty members, including those from the departments of Electrical Engineering and Materials and Metallurgical Engineering.

This MoU is expected to strengthen the relationship between PEC and PSPCL by promoting impactful technical exchanges, research collaborations, and innovative joint ventures that will contribute to advancements in both academia and the power sector.

Rice Millers Association ends strike after assurance



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Chandigarh : Following an assurance from Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini to resolve all their issues, the Haryana Rice Millers Association has declared to end their strike and resume lifting paddy in mandis across the state.

In a meeting with representatives of the association held in Chandigarh today, Saini addressed several demands, noting that maximum demands are related to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) and the Central Government.

He assured the representatives that these issues would be taken up with the Central Government to prevent any inconvenience to farmers and traders.

In response, the Association thanked the Chief Minister and assured that they would restart the lifting process immediately.

With regard to the request to enhance milling charges, the Chief Minister stated that as milling charges are set by the Government of India, the State Government would request the Central Government regarding the enhancement.

In case, milling charges are not enhanced by the Central Government, the State Government may consider granting additional bonus to the millers, he added.

He also stated that the request to restore driage charges from 0.5 percent to 1 percent would also be taken up.

Regarding the out-turn ratio for hybrid paddy, the Chief Minister assured the Association that the matter will be taken up with the Central Government with the recommendation to consider the demand of millers to decrease the out turn ratio.

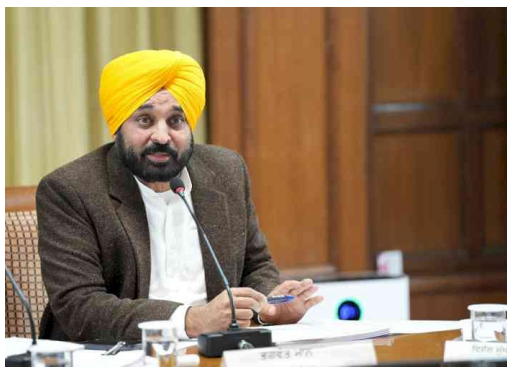
A study has been entrusted to IIT Kharagpur with the representatives of FCI. The study team is likely to visit the rice mills of Haryana in the month of October/November 2024.

The Chief Minister assured that adequate arrangements are being made for the storage of 16 lakh metric tons of paddy across various FCI godowns in the state.

Currently, 8 lakh metric tons of storage capacity is available, with an additional 8 lakh metric tons expected to be ready by December 2024.

Pb CM Mann slams Bajwa for 'half-baked knowledge'

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Chandigarh : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann slammed the Leader of the opposition Partap Singh Bajwa for misleading the people with his 'half-baked knowledge'.

"This is high time Bajwa must bid goodbye to politics as he is continuously chanting lies for hogging media limelight", said the Chief Minister in a statement.

The Chief Minister said that Bajwa's statement on PR 126 is completely irresponsible, baseless, irrational, and misleading.

He said that experts of Punjab Agricultural University has repeatedly emphasised that as compared to long-duration variety (Pusa 44), PR 126 saves 20-25 percent water.

Likewise, Bhagwant Singh Mann said that it has a lesser straw load (10%), provides 25-40 days more window period for residue management along with saving of about Rs. 5000 per acre of input costs thereby immensely benefitting the farmers.

The Chief Minister said that due to all these benefits, this variety has gained high popularity among the technology savy farmers of the state with expansion of area from 13.9 to 45.0 percent during last five years.

Rubbishing claims of Bajwa, he said that a meeting was also convened with the President of All India Rice Millers Association and its representatives on May 9,2024 at PAU, Camp office Mohali, where full satisfaction was expressed with the milling quality of PR 126 by the rice millers.

PM Modi to attend New Ministry oath taking ceremony

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Chandigarh : New Chief Minister of Haryana will take oath on October 15 at Panchkula. Haryana Governor has formed a 10 member Committee to oversee preparation for oath taking ceremony. Chief Secretary TVSN Prasad has written a letter to Deputy Commissioner informing that oath taking ceremony will be held at Panchkula on October 15.



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (PROTOCOL DEPARTMENT)

The Governor of Haryana is pleased to constitute a District Level Committee under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula comprising of the following officers for tentage and related arrangements for the oath ceremony of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Haryana on 15th October, 2024 at Panchkula, as under:-

1.	Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula	Chairman
2.	Additional Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula	Member
3.	Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Panchkula	Member
4.	Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Panchkula	Member
5.	Superintendent of Police, Panchkula	Member
6.	Executive Engineer, PWD(B&R), Panchkula	Member
7.	Executive Engineer, Public Health Engineering, Panchkula	Member
8.	Executive Engineer, UHBVN, Panchkula	Member
9.	District Information & Public Relations Officer, Panchkula	Member
10.	Any other Officer (as desired by DC, Panchkula)	Member

Sh.Sukhchain, Deputy Director, H.Q. and Sh.Tarun Verma, Dy.Director, H.Q. both from Local Audit Department will assist the above said committee.

The Committee will prepare BOQ for the tender of tentage and other miscellaneous requirements. All arrangements of the function will be made under the supervision of this Committee, the payment for which will be made by the Hospitality Organisation of Haryana. The Committee will put up bills of actual expenditure incurred on the function for obtaining ex-post-facto approval from the Government.

Dated:10.10.2024
Place:Chandigarh

TV.S.N. PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, HARYANA

No. 5915/2024-5Pro — Dated Chandigarh, the 10.10.2024

A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-
1. The Director, Hospitality Organisation, Haryana w.r.t.his proposal dated 10.10.2024.
2. The Deputy Commissioner, Panchkula
3. Chief Staff Officer to Chief Minister, Haryana
4. Secretary to Chief Secretary , Haryana
5. FI&CP/ECM
6. All Concerned.

Under Secretary, Protocol,
for Chief Secretary to Government, Haryana

No. 5915/6/2024-5PPro — Dated Chandigarh, the 10.10.2024

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend ceremony.

Blame game in Congress after Haryana election defeat, meeting held

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Chandigarh : Following its defeat in Haryana, Congress's central leadership convened a meeting to analyze the party's poor performance in the state elections. While the BJP secured a record 48 seats, surpassing Congress by 11, other parties like the JJP and AAP suffered heavy losses, with the INLD winning just two seats. AAP contested independently.

The meeting was attended by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, AICC General Secretary (Organisation) KC Venugopal, and senior poll observers Ashok Gehlot and Ajay Maken, among others.

Himachal Pradesh's motorable tunnel bypasses revered Hanogi Mata

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Manali : Unlike a must-visited temple for several decades, the revered Hanogi Mata temple, a "compulsory" stopover for almost every motorist on the Chandigarh-Manali highway along the mighty Beas river, in Himachal Pradesh dons a deserted look even during the nine-day Shardiya Navratri -- a Hindu festival celebrated with fervour across the country involving fasting and rituals.

The reason: A motorable tunnel on the highway bypassing the temple. Also, the old highway that passes through the temple has been shut down at Davada following a monsoon downpour.

The newly constructed 12.5-km-long twin tube tunnel built between the Pandoh dam and Aut as part of the Kiratpur-Manali four-lane highway project bypassed the landslide-prone stretch that passes via the Hanogi Mata temple which falls in the Drang Assembly constituency of Mandi district.

The temple of the Hanogi Mata dedicated to Goddess Saraswati is located on the road where all drivers stop over for a few minutes with a belief that the goddess fulfills the wishes of those who pray there.

In a first as per the living memory of old-timers, the temple wore a deserted look during the Navratri.

Temple priest Acharya Vivek Sharma told IANS that earlier, the devotees thronged the temple around the year, especially on festive days like Navratri, and the temple remained open even at night.

"After the four-lane highway was opened for traffic last year, the temple is lying empty. Now only a handful of people are coming here. Before the construction of the four-lane, all the traffic used to pass through the temple courtyard and every person used to go ahead after taking blessings of the Goddess," he said.

Former BJP local legislator Jawahar Thakur, who often comes to the temple and prays, said the government should restore the old highway passing through Hanogi temple.

After the old highway's closure, people of some local panchayats are also facing problems and the devotees are not able to reach the temple.

"The government should restore this highway so that the number of devotees in the temple increases and the people also benefit from it," he added.

Himachal Pradesh has been aptly called Dev Bhoomi since ancient times as it is the home to ancient temples and 'shaktipeeth'.

In the past, the Hanogi Mata temple near Pandoh remained in the news owing to heavy landslides that led to snapping of the road link for days between Mandi and Kullu towns.

Even on normal days, motorists are advised to travel with precaution between Mandi and Kullu owing to landslide-prone, narrow and sinking stretches due to loose rock strata and vulnerable to being flooded by the Beas River that runs along the highway.

At the closure of the road link, the Hanogi temple authorities were at the forefront of running community kitchens for stranded people, mainly lorry drivers.

The famous temple was partially damaged in a terrible landslide in 2020. However, the sanctum sanctorum of the temple was safe.

A mound of boulders and debris from the hill atop dislocated and hit the Hanogi Mata temple and shops near it.

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) is executing the four-lane road project that will shorten the distance between Kiratpur in Punjab and Manali from 232 km to 195 km, reducing the travel time by three hours.

This month NHAI opened an eight-km-long bypass, part of the four-lane road project, of Mandi town constructed at an outlay of Rs 725 crore. It has three major and seven minor bridges, along with four tunnels.

"On every road trip to Manali, we briefly halt at the Hanogi temple to seek blessings and pray for our safe onward journey," remarked Sarika Ghosh, a tourist from Kolkata heading to Manali.

"This time our cab driver told us that we have already crossed the temple as the new highway zooms through several tunnels, bridges and underpasses," she added.

The main temple of Hanogi Mata is at the edge of a cliff across the Beas.

As per locals, since trudging the hilltop for devotees across the river was tough and time-consuming, a replica of the original temple was built alongside the highway so that the travellers can visit the temple and be blessed for a safe onward journey.

Light Frost started in the morning and evening as weather changes

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Chandigarh : The weather in Punjab and Chandigarh has changed in a few days. Light frost has started in the morning and evening. It is definitely hot during the day though. Along with this, a drop of 0.3 degrees in the maximum temperature was recorded in the last 24 hours. Maximum and minimum temperatures have been recorded in all the districts. The maximum temperature in Punjab was recorded at Faridkot at 34.0 degrees.

Along with this, the temperature is below 34 degrees in 12 districts. These districts include Amritsar, Ludhiana, Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Jalandhar, SBS Nagar, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ferozepur, Gurdaspur, Hoshiarpur, Moga and Mohali.

According to the experts of the Meteorological Department, the reason for the change in temperature is the Western Disturbance which was active in Jammu and Kashmir on the one hand. Due to this, the temperature has fallen in the adjoining areas of Jammu and Himachal Pradesh. Also, the minimum temperature is below 21 degrees in all the districts. Pathankot recorded the lowest temperature of 17.1 degrees. While 19.8 degree has been recorded in Chandigarh.

According to the Meteorological Department, there is no chance of rain till October 24. Also, the maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to remain almost normal. Similarly, in the month of October, the state has received 2.4 mm of rain so far. While 4.0 mm of rain falls during these days. In such a situation, there has been 39 percent less rain so far.

Akali leader arrested for cheating of lakhs on the pretense of job

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Jalalabad : The police of Jalalabad Sadar police station of Fazilka district have arrested the leader of Akali Dal in a case of fraud, who is accused of cheating about 9 lakh rupees on the pretext of getting a job. It is being told that Malkit Singh Hira is accused of cheating a young man of about 9 lakh rupees by pretending to get him a job in the Punjab Police, in which the police have registered a case. Police remand will be obtained by presenting in court.

Giving information, police chief Balkar Singh said that the police had registered a case 173/23 in this regard, in which Bhajan Das, son of Laxman Das, a resident of village Gariba Sundar, had alleged that his son Sandeep Singh was working as a constable in the Punjab Police. The police have produced the accused in the court in the case of cheating of about 9 lakh rupees in the name of Malkit Singh Hira and his son.

After obtaining police remand, inquiries will be made as to where is the money found in this case and where is his son.

After this, the police has arrested the accused Malkit Singh Hira, who is being produced in the court, where he will be questioned after obtaining police remand. Let it be known that Malkit Singh Hira had contested the Jalalabad Assembly elections on the Congress ticket in 2012, after which he remained in the Congress for a long time.

Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala, Rajkummar-Triptii's film is a yawnfest

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Mumbai : As 90s kids, when I say I miss the 90s, I mean the aesthetics, the songs, the over-the-top harmless gigs, and a sense of guilty pleasure. So, when director-writer Raj Shaandilyaa gave his word to bring back the lost flavour of the 90s with Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video, it held a promise to entertain, the old-school way. But let's just say not all promises are meant to be fulfilled.

Set in 1997, when Rishikesh was a part of Uttar Pradesh (now Uttarakhand), Vicky (Rajkummar Rao) is a mehndi artist who is in love with Vidya (Triptii Dimri), a doctor by profession. Please note their profession is of little or no significance in this story. After a stretched love siyappa, they manipulate their families into accepting their marriage. On a Goa honeymoon, Vicky suggests Vidya that they record themselves in their intimate moments because foreigners do it. It is all hunky-dory till the CD gets misplaced, opening a floodgate for chaos.

On paper, the story seems to have a lot of potential to develop into a full-fledged comedy. Let me repeat. It had the potential, but Raj gets too ambitious by wanting to incorporate a little of everything. Result? It's a bland khichdi with no aftertaste. The tone of the film keeps stumbling between comedy, horror and melodrama, never fleshing out enough for one to completely invest in it. It had borrowed plots from Dhamaal, Welcome, and Stree (what!), perhaps triggering the franchise fandom into asking "Kehna kya chahate ho?"

The screenplay is as mediocre as it can get, with the writing ranging between poor and very poor. What started seeming like a 90s parody in the first half soon became a yawnfest in the second, with the last 15 minutes adding a tinge of melodrama that no one asked for.

When you have a talented star like Rajkummar Rao, the scope of going wrong is minimal, but sadly, Raj is not given enough tropes to explore. The writing never allows Vicky to go beyond a formulaic portrayal. Raj has previously featured in Guns and Gulaabs where the story was set in the 90s, and he was fantastic in it. This film marks Triptii's second attempt at comedy and while the actor puts in her efforts, it is clear that comedy is not truly her forte as yet. The fact that the writing did not give the duo enough space to explore decent chemistry is such a letdown as well.

Mallika, on the other hand, marks her return to Bollywood after a while, and she is perhaps the only breath of fresh air onscreen in this otherwise convoluted plot. She plays Chanda, a very straightforward, fun woman, much like herself [a recall to Welcome] and her banter with Vijay Raaz earned a few chuckles.

When you have a talented ensemble like Rajkummar, Triptii, Vijay Raaz and Mallika, it is criminal to not use them to their full potential.

The fact that the team has used a few 90s songs by Kumar Sanu to create a recall value without substance is another disappointment. The songs are coming in and going without any heads-up. If this was Netflix, a unanimous skip was inevitable.

Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video ends with a promise to return for a sequel. To which, I hope to only say "na na na na re".

1.5 out of 5 stars for Vicky Aur Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video.

India's food plate is greenest in the world - Study



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New Delhi : In a significant finding from the latest Living Planet Report, India has emerged as a leader in sustainable food consumption among the G20 nations.

The report underscores that if more countries were to adopt India's dietary habits, it would lead to a notable reduction in environmental damage and help mitigate the impacts of climate change by the year 2050.

Following India in the rankings are Indonesia and China, which are recognized for their environmentally sustainable diet patterns. In stark contrast, the report highlights that countries such as the United States, Argentina, and Australia have the least sustainable food consumption practices.

One of the pressing issues raised in the report is the alarming rise in global overconsumption, particularly of fats and sugars, which is fueling a worldwide obesity epidemic.

Currently, over 2.5 billion adults are classified as overweight, with approximately 890 million living with obesity.

A key focus of the report is India's National Millet Campaign, an initiative aimed at revitalizing the consumption of ancient grains known for their health benefits and resilience to climate change.

The report notes, "In some countries, promoting traditional foods will be an important lever to shift diets," emphasizing the role of indigenous foods in achieving sustainability.

India's diverse culinary landscape features a blend of vegetarian and non-vegetarian diets. In the northern regions, staples include lentils and wheat-based rotis, often accompanied by meat dishes.

In contrast, southern India predominantly enjoys rice and rice-based fermented foods like idli and dosa, typically served with dal-based sambhar and chutney.

Additionally, various types of fish are a staple in the western, eastern, and northeastern regions, along with a rich array of age-old millets such as jowar, bajra, ragi, and broken wheat known as Dalia.

The report issues a stark warning about the future of global food consumption: "If everyone in the world adopted the current food consumption patterns of the world's major economies by 2050, we would exceed the 1.5°C climate target for food-related greenhouse gas emissions by 263% and require one to seven Earths to support us." This highlights the urgent need for a collective reevaluation of dietary habits across nations.

The orange vertical line presented in the report represents the planetary climate boundary for food, indicating the maximum allowable greenhouse gas emissions to remain within safe limits for global warming.

As the world grapples with pressing sustainability challenges, India's approach to food consumption could serve as a vital model for nations seeking to balance dietary preferences with environmental responsibility.

The findings of the Living Planet Report urge all countries to reconsider their food systems, promoting traditional and sustainable practices that benefit both public health and

Actor Shruti Haasan slams IndiGo over delay, airline responds

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New Delhi : Actor Shruti Haasan recently voiced her frustration on social media after her flight was delayed by four hours without any updates from the airline. The actor expressed her disappointment with IndiGo, stating that passengers, including herself, were left stranded at the airport without any information. Shruti shared her ordeal on X and highlighted the 'chaos' because of the delay. "Hey I'm not one to normally complain but @IndiGo6E you guys really outdid yourself with the chaos today, we've been stranded in the airport with no information for the past four hours - maybe figure a better way for your passengers please? Information, courtesy and clarity (sic)," she wrote.

The airline responded to the actor's misery and wrote, "Ms Haasan, we sincerely regret the inconvenience caused by the flight delay. We fully understand how inconvenient extended wait times can be. The delay is due to weather conditions in Mumbai, which is affecting the arrival of the operating aircraft (sic)." Adding, "We hope you understand that these factors are beyond our control, and we assure you that our airport team is doing their utmost to assist customers and ensure their comfort (sic)."

Shruti is not the only actor to share her problems about travelling with IndiGo. Previously, Divya Dutta slammed IndiGo for cancelling her flight without prior notification. In a detailed post, she expressed her frustration on social media and accused the airline of causing her a 'horrendous experience'.

Meanwhile, on the work front, Shruti Haasan was last seen in Prabhas' Salaar: Part 1 - Ceasefire. She has Salaar: Part 2 - Shouryanga Parvam and Chennai Story in the pipeline. Besides these projects, Shruti also has Dacoit, co-starring Adivi Sesh, in her kitty.

It's story TIME

The Rabbit and the Partridge

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





RG Kar protest: Six doctors continue hunger strike on 7th day after one hospitalised

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Kolkata : The fast-unto-death agitation by junior doctors over their demands on the ghastly rape and murder of a junior doctor of R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata entered the seventh day today.

The number of strikers reduced to six after the hospitalisation of the seventh participant soon after last midnight

Aniket Mahato, who was the participant in the hunger strike from R.G. Kar, had to be admitted to the same hospital after last midnight, as his medical condition deteriorated drastically. He is currently admitted to the intensive care unit of R.G. Kar, with a five-member medical board attending him.

Meanwhile, the remaining six hunger-strikers namely Tanaya Panja, Snigdha Hazra, Sayantani Ghosh Hazra, Anushtup Mukhopadhyay, Arnab Mukhopadhyay and Pulastya Acharya, despite becoming weaker every day, on Friday, said that they will continue with their protests till their demands in the matter are fulfilled by the state government.

Among the six, the condition of Snigdha has started becoming quite critical. The doctors attending to them advised her to get admitted to the hospital on last night along with Mahato, which she refused.

On Friday morning, the Joint Platform of Doctors, an association of senior doctors in the state, wrote to Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee requesting her immediate intervention to fulfil the demands of the protesting junior doctors.

At the same time, West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF), the umbrella body of junior doctors spearheading the movement on this issue, has called for a mega rally near the hunger-strike dais on Friday afternoon and has invited the citizens to participate there in solidarity.

"We are already receiving spontaneous mass support. We are requesting them to join us in as many numbers as possible this afternoon. We will be distributing leaflets among people at the rally, where we will be updating them about our demands. We want to tell the people that our movement is not just in self-interest. Our movement is also to ensure better health services for the common people," said WBJDF representative Debasish Halder.

Tributes paid to Ratan Tata during Ganga Aarti at Dashashwamedh Ghat

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Varanasi : A large number of people gathered at Dashashwamedh Ghat in Uttar Pradesh's Varanasi, to pay tribute to veteran industrialist Ratan Tata during Ganga Aarti at the ghat on last evening. As devotees lit diyas and offered prayers, they commemorated Tata's extraordinary life, legacy, and his contributions to Indian industry and philanthropy.

The atmosphere was filled with a sense of reverence and gratitude as people remembered him not only for his visionary leadership but also for his commitment to social causes. Tata breathed his last night (October 9) at Mumbai's Breach Candy Hospital.

He was 86. His final rites were held on Thursday evening with full state honors at the Worli Crematorium in Mumbai. In a notable gesture, his stepmother Simone Tata and close aide Shantanu Naidu attended the ceremony. Tata's adopted stray dog, Goa, was also brought to pay respects.

Ratan Tata's demise has prompted an outpouring of tributes and condolences from global leaders, celebrating his visionary leadership, philanthropic efforts, and enduring impact on international relations. Tata, the former chairman of Tata Group and Tata Sons, passed away on October 9, 2024, leaving behind a legacy of business excellence and philanthropy.

He was the Chairman of Tata Sons, the holding company of the Tata Group, from 1991 until his retirement in 2012. Then he was appointed Chairman Emeritus of Tata Sons. He was honoured with the country's second-highest civilian award, the Padma Vibhushan, in 2008.

Under his leadership, Tata Group expanded globally, acquiring iconic brands like Jaguar Land Rover and Tetley. His commitment to innovation and sustainability inspired a new generation of entrepreneurs.

Hemkund Sahib portals closed for winter months

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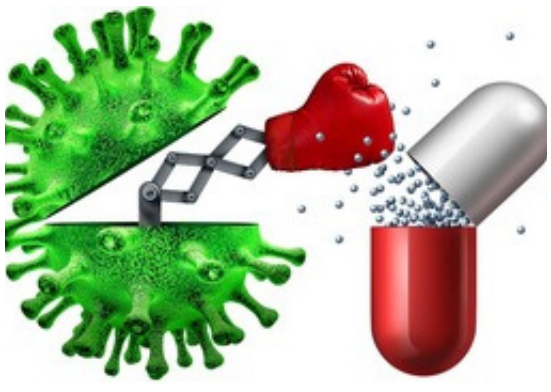
New Delhi : The portals of the renowned Sikh pilgrimage site, Hemkund Sahib, located in the Chamoli district, were officially closed for the winter season, following traditional customs.

A large gathering of devotees attended the ceremony. The final Ardas was also performed. Additionally, the doors of the Laxman Lokpal temple were also closed for the winter.

It may be recalled that the portals of Hemkund Sahib were opened on May 25 of this year, welcoming over 1,85,000 pilgrims throughout the season.

WHO report shows vaccines can reduce antibiotic use, fight resistance

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New Delhi : Vaccines are key to preventing infection and thus reducing the use of antibiotics, supporting worldwide efforts to tackle rising antimicrobial resistance (AMR), according to a new report by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The report showed that vaccines against 24 pathogens could help reduce the number of antibiotics needed by 22 per cent or 2.5 billion defined daily doses globally every year. If vaccines could be rolled out against all these pathogens, it could save a third of the hospital costs associated with AMR.

Misuse and overuse of antimicrobials cause AMR, making people sicker and increasing the risk of illness, death, and the spread of infections that are difficult to treat. Every year, AMR claims nearly 5 million lives worldwide.

"Addressing antimicrobial resistance starts with preventing infections, and vaccines are among the most powerful tools for doing that," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General.

Ghebreyesus called for "increasing access to existing vaccines and developing new ones for critical diseases, like tuberculosis (TB)," to fight AMR.

The report comes as world leaders at the recently concluded 79th UN General Assembly high-level meeting on AMR in September committed to reducing the deaths associated with bacterial AMR annually by 10 per cent by 2030.

The new report estimates that vaccines already in use against pneumococcus pneumonia, Haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib, a bacteria causing pneumonia and meningitis), and typhoid could avert up to 1,06,000 of the deaths associated with AMR each year.

An additional 5,43,000 deaths associated with AMR could be averted annually when new vaccines for tuberculosis (TB) and Klebsiella pneumoniae are developed and rolled out globally.

Further, the report showed that if the Immunization Agenda 2030 target of 90 per cent of the world's children were vaccinated, as well as older adults, it could save 33 million antibiotic doses against Streptococcus pneumoniae every year.

Typhoid vaccines can save 45 million antibiotic doses; jabs against Malaria caused by Plasmodium falciparum could save up to 25 million antibiotic doses -- often misused to try to treat malaria.

Similarly, new TB vaccines could have the highest impact once they are developed, saving between 1.2 to 1.9 billion antibiotic doses.

Akhilesh Yadav visits barricaded Centre, jabs BJP





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Lucknow : Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav alleged that the BJP government in Uttar Pradesh installed tin sheets before the main gate of Lucknow's Jayaprakash Narayan International Centre (JPNIC) to prevent him from entering the premises. He visited the JPNIC on last night to mark the birth anniversary of socialist leader Jayaprakash Narayan today.

Akhilesh Yadav questioned whether the BJP government was hiding something by erecting the tin sheets before the JPNIC gate. "This JPNIC is the museum of socialists and has the statue of Jayaprakash Narayan. There are things inside on how we can understand socialism," he told reporters outside the centre.

"What is the government hiding by erecting these tin sheds? Is it possible that they are getting ready to sell it, or want to give it to someone?" he said.

Asked if he would come to the centre on Friday to pay his tributes to Jayaprakash Narayan, the Samajwadi Party chief said, "We will decide the programme tomorrow (on Friday). For how long will they keep it barred behind tin sheds?"

In a video shared online, Akhilesh Yadav asked a painter to write 'Samajwadi Party Zindabad' (Long live Samajwadi Party) on the tin sheets. The party also posted a clip showing some workers erecting tin sheets before the JPNIC gate and accused the BJP of attacking democracy.

"The useless BJP government is constantly attacking democracy. "This anti-people government has insulted great men by ruining development work like JPNIC built in Lucknow. Socialists will not bow down to these dictators!" the party said on X.

It also termed the barricading the gate with tin sheets an instance of "dirty politics" of the BJP.

Later, Akhilesh Yadav, in a post on X, derided the BJP's rule as "ostentatious Amrit Kaal of freedom" and termed the barricading a symbol of the party's "closed thinking".

"The BJP holds ill-will and animosity towards every freedom fighter like Jayaprakash Narayan ji, who participated in the freedom struggle of the country. It is the guilt inside the BJP, whose members did not participate in the freedom struggle of the country, which does not allow them to pay tribute to the revolutionaries even on their birth anniversaries. Condemnable!" he tweeted.

Last year, Akhilesh Yadav had to climb over the gate of JPNIC to garland a statue of Jayaprakash Narayan located on the premises.

Amid the barricading row, the Lucknow Development Authority issued a notice on Akhilesh Yadav's planned visit to JPNIC on Friday on the birth anniversary of Jayaprakash Narayan. The notice stated that JPNIC is a construction site where construction material is spread haphazardly and warned of the possibility of many insects due to rain.

"SP chief Akhilesh Yadav has Z plus category security, due to which it is not safe and appropriate for him to garland the statue and visit JPNIC due to security reasons," the notice read.

LUCKNOW POLICE IMPOSE RESTRICTONS

Meanwhile, the Lucknow Police imposed traffic restrictions around the building on Friday. Barricades were installed outside the main gate of JPNIC and police personnel were deployed to prevent anyone from entering the premises.

To deal with possible protests from the Samajwadi Party, a vehicle has been deployed outside the JPNIC to release tear gas shells along with water cannon outside the gate.

A women's police force has been deployed along with a Rapid Action Force (RAF) contingent. The road leading up to the JPNIC has been closed with barricades.

Police have also installed barricades outside Akhilesh Yadav's home. Traffic movement on both roads leading to the Samajwadi Party chief's home have been restricted with barricades.

Akhilesh Yadav inaugurated the JPNIC when he was the Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister. Work on the building, however, was stopped after the BJP was voted to power in the state in 2017.

The building, among other structures, houses the Jayaprakash Narayan Interpretation Centre, a museum.

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France lost a dear friend From India- Macron

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Paris : French President Emmanuel Macron expressed his condolences over the death of industrialist Ratan Tata, praising his contributions to innovation and manufacturing while also acknowledging his role in strengthening ties between India and France. In a statement, Macron remarked that his country "has lost a dear friend from India".

"France has lost a dear friend from India. Ratan Tata's visionary helmsmanship contributed to boosting industries in India and France, in the fields of innovation and manufacturing. Beyond this, his legacy will be marked by his humanist vision, immense philanthropic achievements and his humility," the French president said.

He conveyed his "deepest condolences" to Ratan Tata's "near and dear ones as well as to the people of India". "We will remember your lifelong commitment to the betterment of society with admiration and respect," Macron said.

Ratan Tata, who led the Tata Group for over two decades and is credited with transforming it into a globally renowned conglomerate, died at the age of 86 at Breach Candy Hospital in the city on last night. The Padma Vibhushan awardee was cremated with full state honours, as people across the world paid tribute to one of India's most respected corporate leaders.

US Ambassador Eric Garcetti said, "India and the world have lost a giant with a giant heart," as he paid tribute to Tata.

Microsoft CEO, Bill Gates, said, "Ratan Tata was a visionary leader whose dedication to improving lives left an indelible mark on India—and the world". He added, "His loss will be felt around the world for years to come, but I know the legacy he left and the example he set will continue to inspire generations".

Google CEO Sundar Pichai noted Ratan Tata's legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India. He tweeted that Tata "leaves an extraordinary business and philanthropic legacy and was instrumental in mentoring and developing the modern business leadership in India. He deeply cared about making India better".

Hundreds of people including corporate leaders, politicians including Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and celebrities had gathered in Mumbai to pay their last respects to Tata.

Goddess Kali's crown, gifted by PM Modi, stolen from temple

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New Delhi : A crown of Goddess Kali at the Jeshoreshwari Temple in Bangladesh's Satkhira, gifted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has been stolen, according to reports.

The silver, gold-plated crown was stolen last afternoon, shortly after the temple priest had left following the day's worship. The cleaning staff later discovered that the crown was missing from the deity's head, according to Bangladeshi newspaper The Daily Star.

Prime Minister Modi presented the crown to the Jeshoreshwari Temple in March 2021, during his visit to Bangladesh.

Jyoti Chattopadhyay, a member of the family that has been looking after the temple for generations, told Bangladeshi media that the crown was made of silver and coated with gold plating.

The stolen crown carries cultural and religious significance for devotees. In Hindu mythology, the Jeshoreshwari Temple is revered as one of the 51 Shakti Peethas spread across India and neighbouring countries.

The temple, situated in Ishwaripur, Satkhira, is believed to have been built in the latter half of the 12th century by a Brahman named Anari. He constructed the temple with 100 doors for the Jashoreshwari Pith. It was later renovated by Lakshman Sen in the 13th century, and eventually, Raja Pratapaditya rebuilt the temple in the 16th century.

During his visit, PM Modi had said that India will build a multipurpose community hall at the temple. He noted that it should be useful for social, religious and educational events for local people and also, it will act as a shelter for all at the time of disasters like cyclones.

Israeli airstrikes in central Beirut kill 22, injure 117

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Beirut : Israeli airstrikes targeted the Ras el-Nabaa neighbourhood in central Beirut, Lebanon, killing at least 22 people and wounding 117 others, according to Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health, as reported by Al Jazeera.

The strikes, which occurred at midnight without prior warning, hit two residential buildings in the heart of the capital. One of the targeted buildings is located in an area sheltering many displaced people.

This marks the third Israeli strike outside of Dahiyeh, Beirut's southern suburb, since the military campaign was expanded in late September. Previous strikes targeted Beirut's Kola on September 29 and Bachoura on October 3, Al Jazeera reported.

Eyewitnesses described feeling the impact from nearly a mile away, with buildings shaking and smoke billowing from residential blocks. Residents evacuated their apartments, gathering in courtyards as emergency services responded.

Videos published by local news outlets and verified by Al Jazeera's fact-checking agency show chaotic scenes after the strikes, with smoke and flames engulfing residential blocks in Ras el-Nabaa and al-Nuweiri.

Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health said on X that 11 people were killed and 48 wounded in Israeli strikes on Beirut earlier in the evening. This is the third such strike in and around the centre of Beirut.

Meanwhile, medical sources told Al Jazeera that 63 people were killed in Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip.

'Severe' solar storm arrives at Earth

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Los Angeles : A powerful solar storm arrived at Earth and may impact ongoing recovery efforts for hurricanes Helene and Milton, according to the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

The coronal mass ejection (CME) erupted from the sun evening and arrived at Earth at 11:15 a.m. Eastern Time at nearly 1.5 million miles per hour (2.4 million km per hour), according to NOAA's Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC).

The storm reached G4 (Severe) levels, and a G4 or greater Geomagnetic Storm Watch remains in effect Thursday and into today, news agency reported, citing SWPC. SWPC continues to issue multiple warnings and alerts for geomagnetic storm conditions.

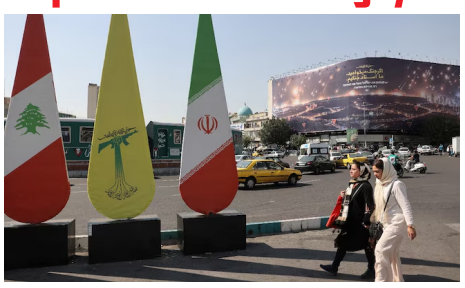
This storm could impact ongoing recovery efforts for hurricanes Helene and Milton in several critical ways, including communication disruptions, power grids stress, and degraded GPS services, according to NOAA.

When skies are clear, the aurora could be visible as far south as Alabama and northern California last night.

CMEs are explosions of plasma and magnetic fields from the sun's corona. They cause geomagnetic storms when they are directed at Earth.

Iran warns Gulf nations against helping Israel, 'will respond accordingly'

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Tehran : Amid the escalating threat of the Middle East conflict expanding with Israel planning an offensive against Iran, Tehran warned Gulf Arab nations against allowing their airspace or military bases to be used in such an attack. A senior Iranian official stated that any assistance to Israel would be unacceptable and would draw a response.

"Iran made it clear that any action by a Persian Gulf country against Tehran, whether through the use of airspace or military bases, will be regarded by Tehran as an action taken by the entire group, and Tehran will respond accordingly," the senior Iranian official told news agency Reuters.

Iran's warning came amid reports that Tehran had cautioned Gulf nations, stating that if 'Israeli supporters' intervene directly in the conflict, their regional interests would be targeted. Gulf Arab nations fear that Iran may strike their oil facilities if they align with Israel in the ongoing conflict.

"The message emphasised the need for regional unity against Israel and the importance of securing stability. It also made clear that any assistance to Israel, such as allowing the use of a regional country's airspace for actions against Iran, is unacceptable," the Iranian official stressed.

On October 1, Iran launched a barrage of around 200 rockets at Israel, most of which were intercepted and destroyed by Israeli defence systems. This was in response to the killing of the Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah and Israel's military actions in Lebanon and Gaza. According to reports, Israel is preparing to retaliate, with some suggesting that oil facilities in Iran could be targeted as part of a broader offensive.

In light of the escalating threat, Gulf states have urged the United States to prevent Israel from targeting Iran's oil facilities. Citing top sources in Arab nations, Reuters reported that Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar have also refused to allow Israel to use their airspace for any attack on Iran and have communicated this stance to Washington.

Last week, the Gulf Arab states, which met in Doha, sought to reassure Iran of their neutrality and urged Tehran to de-escalate. "The Gulf states think it's unlikely that Iran will strike their oil facilities, but the Iranians are dropping hints they might from unofficial sources. It's a tool the Iranians have against the US and the global economy," Ali Shihabi, a top Saudi commentator said earlier.

Meanwhile, Israel continued its assault on Lebanon, intensifying attacks against the Iran-backed militant group Hezbollah. In the latest major strike, 22 people were killed and dozens injured in Lebanon.

Turkish drone attack kills four Kurdish militants in Iraq

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Baghdad : A Turkish drone attack killed four members of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) in Iraq's semi-autonomous Kurdistan region, the regional Counter-Terrorism Service said in a statement.

The drone struck two vehicles of the PKK members near the town of Amedi in Duhok province in the evening, according to the statement.

Turkish forces frequently carry out cross-border operations targeting PKK militants in Iraq, with a particular focus on the Qandil Mountains, a stronghold of the group, news agency reported.

The PKK, designated as a terrorist organisation by Turkey, the United States, and the European Union, has rebelled against the Turkish government for more than three decades.

Earlier on September 6, a drone strike killed three people including a child in Iraq's Kurdish region, where the Turkish military regularly targets Kurdish fighters.



Saurabh Chandrakar, mastermind of Mahadev app betting scam, arrested



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New Delhi : In a major breakthrough, the mastermind behind the Mahadev online betting app scam, Saurabh Chandrakar, has been arrested in Dubai TOday. Chandrakar, the alleged kingpin of the Mahadev betting app scam, was arrested following a Red Corner notice issued by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). The scam, which involves illegal betting and gambling websites, is estimated to have cheated the public of over Rs 5,000 crore.

Chandrakar's detention marks a significant development in the ongoing investigation, with authorities working to bring him back to India. According to sources from the ED, the extradition process has already commenced, and it is expected that Chandrakar could be returned to India within a week. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has been notified of the arrest.

The Mahadev app operated through a network of panel operators across India, allegedly laundering money from illegal betting activities. Chandrakar is also suspected to have links with the D Company.

Cases against the Mahadev app have been registered in several states, with ongoing investigations into the app's operations.

In December 2023, another promoter of the betting and gaming app, Ravi Uppal, was detained by local authorities in Dubai on a red notice (RN) issued by Interpol at the behest of the ED.

The ED investigation has shown that the Mahadev Online Book App is run from a central head office in the UAE. It operates by franchising "Panel/Branches" to their known associates on a 70-30 per cent profit ratio.

Large-scale hawala operations are done to siphon off the proceeds of betting to off-shore accounts.

Large expenditure in cash is also being done in India for advertising betting websites to attract new users and franchise (panel) seekers, the ED had said.

The company promoters hail from Bhilai in Chhattisgarh and the Mahadev online book betting application is an umbrella syndicate arranging online platforms for enabling illegal betting websites, it is alleged.



Delivery man killed after Audi rams his bike, driver detained

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New Delhi : A Swiggy delivery man died and three others were injured after an Audi car rammed two bikes in a span of few minutes in Pune, police said. The accused driver, who is a senior executive at a private firm, was detained after he fled following the accident.

The accident occurred between 1.30 am and 1.35 am in Tadi Gutta Chowk when the Audi first hit three people riding an Activa, causing them to fall and sustain minor injuries. Shortly after, the luxury car rammed another bike, severely injuring Rauf Akbar Sheikh, a Swiggy delivery agent.

The police later detained the accused driver, Ayush Pradeep Tayal, a 34-year-old resident of Hadapsar, after identifying him through CCTV footage in the area. The Audi that was involved in the twin accidents was also seized.

"The accused is a senior executive at a firm in Ranjangaon MIDC and he has been sent for a medical examination to ascertain if he was intoxicated at the time of the accident," said Additional Commissioner of Police Manoj Patil.

A case was registered against Tayal under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Motor Vehicles Act, the official added.

The fresh hit-and-run incident in Pune came following a similar accident in Pune on May 19 when a 17-year-old who was drunk struck a bike carrying two IT professionals with his Porsche, which resulted in their deaths.

The case triggered public outrage after the minor got bail within 15 hours and with conditions from the court, including writing a 300-word essay on road accidents.

On July 16, an SUV driven allegedly by Saurabh, the son of former corporator and NCP (SP) leader Bandu Gaikwad, rammed two people in Pune, injuring them. According to sources, Saurabh was driving under the influence of alcohol at the time of the accident.

In a similar-hit-and-run case in Mumbai, a BMW struck a two-wheeler carrying a couple in the city's Worli area, killing a woman after she was dragged for 1.5 kilometres while her husband suffered injuries. The accused Mihir Shah, the son of the now-sacked Shiv Sena leader, was arrested and is in judicial custody.

Delhi-bound flight returns due to snag, Congress MP describes "frightening" experience

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New Delhi : A Delhi-bound flight of Vistara returned to Hyderabad on last evening within an hour after its departure following a technical snag. The flight-UK880 had departed from Hyderabad at around 06.35 pm and returned safely to origin. In a post on X, the airline said, "Flight UK880 from Hyderabad to Delhi (HYD-DEL) has been diverted to Hyderabad (HYD) due to maintenance requirements and is expected to arrive in Hyderabad at 1923 hrs."

Congress MP Danish Ali, who was aboard the flight, shared on X that he and other passengers were circling in the sky for what "felt like a tense half-hour." He also posted a video of the plane, which appeared to be making an "emergency" landing.

"Today, It was an incredibly frightening experience being on #Vistara UK880 Hyderabad-Delhi flight. Just after take off an engine snag kept us circling in the sky for what felt like a very tense half-hour," the Congress MP wrote in his post. "Ultimately pilot made emergency landing at Hyderabad," he added.

The flight later departed from Hyderabad and was expected to land at Delhi airport at around 02.30 am. "Flight UK880 which was diverted to Hyderabad has departed from Hyderabad and is expected to arrive in Delhi at 0230 hours," the airline said in another post on X.

Delhi cop arrested for accepting bribe

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New Delhi : The Vigilance Department of Delhi Police has arrested a constable for demanding and accepting a bribe, said an official here.

The constable, identified as Amit, was caught red-handed while accepting the bribe. A Delhi police statement mentioned that the Vigilance Unit acted on a complaint filed by a citizen over the helpline no. 1064, and arrested police personnel posted in Police Station Vasant Kunj (South), for demanding a bribe of Rs 50,000 and accepting a part amount.

"On October 10, a call was received from the complainant, Ms X, on the Vigilance Helpline of Delhi Police, wherein she informed the Helpline staff that upon initiating civil construction work in the Rangpuri Pahadi area, the local area's Beat Staff has made an illegal demand of money for allowing the continuation of the construction work," the statement read.

The information shared by the complainant was immediately verified on the ground through a discreet enquiry by the Vigilance Unit's team, which prima facie confirmed the genuineness of her grievances. Accordingly, a team of officials was constituted.

The team along with the public witness laid a trap in coordination with the complainant.

"The alleged police personnel, Const. Amit had directed the complainant to deliver the first instalment of the demanded bribe money (the sum of money arranged by the complainant till that time), at a designated place in the local area. Accordingly, the team took its position and nabbed the alleged constable red-handed while he was accepting illegal gratification in the form of currency notes," the statement further mentioned.

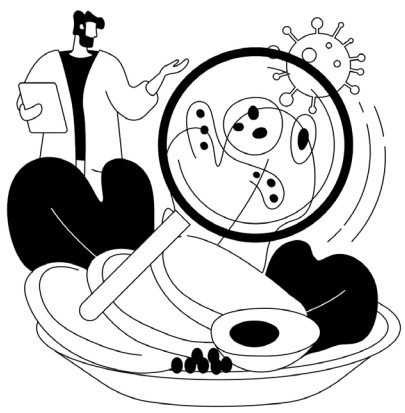
An FIR under the relevant sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and Bhartiya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered at Police Station Vigilance. "The arrested accused constable has been produced before the Special Court, Rouse Avenue Courts, and has been sent to judicial custody," said an official.

The Delhi Police have advised the citizens to share any grievance related to misuse of authority by the police personnel, on the Vigilance Helpline Number - 1064.

"The information shared by the citizens will be verified and suitable legal action will be taken. The identity of the complainant will be protected. The citizens, irrespective of whether they are victims or accused, have their legal right to be treated fairly and impartially. Any misuse of the authority of law by any police personnel shall be immediately reported to the Vigilance Unit of Delhi Police so that appropriate legal action can be taken against such erring officials," the statement concluded.

30 students fall ill due to suspected food poisoning

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Pune : Approximately thirty students from a school in Pune, Maharashtra, were admitted to the hospital on Thursday due to suspected food poisoning. According to officials, the students were released after receiving initial medical treatment.

The incident took place when the school provided sandwiches for breakfast to around 350 students in grades 5 to 7.

"Following the consumption of the sandwiches, several students experienced vomiting and became unwell. All hospitalized students are currently in stable condition and are not in any danger," stated Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Shivaji Pawar.

"By the evening, most of the students had been discharged," he further noted.

Dr. Dhananjay Patil of Chetna Hospital in Pimpri-Chinchwad reported that approximately 30 students were admitted for medical care by 3 PM.

"At around 1 PM, we received about 18 students who were suffering from symptoms such as dizziness, abdominal pain, and vomiting. By 3 PM, the total number of admitted students reached 30, all of whom were discharged following treatment," he stated.

In response to inquiries regarding the potential cause of the suspected food poisoning, Dr. Patil indicated, "It is possible that the sandwiches provided during breakfast at the school are to blame."

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