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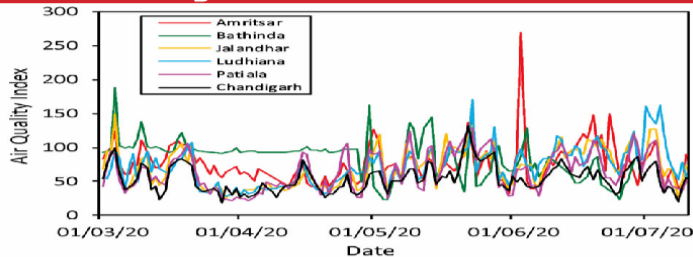
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## Air Quality Deteriorates in Punjab and Chandigarh as AQI Exceeds 200



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Air quality levels in Punjab and Chandigarh have reached hazardous levels, with the AQI (Air Quality Index) exceeding 200 in multiple areas. Post-Diwali pollution has left the air in several cities heavily contaminated, leading to respiratory discomfort and eye irritation among residents. Cities in neighboring Haryana are also affected, with four cities classified in the red category and twelve in the orange category. The air quality in Chandigarh and five cities in Punjab remains especially concerning.

Typically, November brings a notable drop in temperature to Punjab, but this year, cooler temperatures have only been observed in the early evenings. Amritsar and Ludhiana saw a slight improvement in air quality, with Amritsar's AQI falling from 200 to 188 and Ludhiana's recorded at 184. However, areas such as Jalandhar,

Khanna, Mandi Gobindgarh, Patiala, and Chandigarh are still grappling with AQI levels exceeding 200, putting them in the unsafe zone.

Chandigarh's AQI, recorded at around 250, remains poor even days after Diwali. The Punjab Remote Sensing Center also reported 13 fresh cases of stubble burning, bringing the total cases this season to 4,145. Active fire incidents were particularly high in Ferozepur (5), Sangrur (3), Bathinda (2), Patiala (2), and Faridkot (1).

Supreme Court of India addressed the ongoing pollution crisis, directing the Punjab and Haryana governments to submit ten days of data on pollution and stubble burning by November 14.

The increasing pollution levels highlight the urgent need for effective measures to protect public health in the region.

## Big relief to UP madarasas. SC, 2004 law valid. HC erred

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** In a massive relief to about 17 lakh madarsa students in Uttar Pradesh, the Supreme Court today upheld the constitutional validity of the Madarsa Education Act 2004, cancelling the Allahabad High Court order that struck down the law on grounds that it violated the principles of secularism.

A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra gave the verdict against the High Court's March 22 judgement that declared the Act as "unconstitutional" and violative of the principle of secularism.

The High Court had also asked the Uttar Pradesh government to accommodate madarsa students in the formal schooling system.

During the hearing on Tuesday, the Supreme Court bench said, "We have upheld the validity of UP Madarsa Education Act. The statute can be struck down if a state lacks legislative competence."

"The Allahabad High Court erred in holding that the madarsa law had to be struck down for violating basic structure, which is the principle of secularism. The legislative scheme of the Uttar Pradesh Board of Madarsa Education Act was to standardise the level of education being prescribed in madarasas," it added.

The Supreme Court further said that madarasas granting 'fazil' and 'kamil'



degrees beyond class 12 cannot be recognised by the Uttar Pradesh Madarsa Board as these are in conflict with the UGC Act and to that extent it was unconstitutional.

Tuesday's ruling means that madarasas would continue to function in Uttar Pradesh with the state regulating the education standards.

The Supreme Court further said that the Act does not interfere with the day-to-day working of the madarasas.

"The Act is to protect the rights of a minority in Uttar Pradesh and is consistent with the positive obligation of the state, which ensures the students to pass out and earn a decent livelihood. The mere fact that a legislation includes some sort of religious training or instruction does not make it unconstitutional," it noted.

The court's "throwing the baby out with the bathwater" remark was a repetition of what it had said on October 22 when it reserved its judgement on the Allahabad High Court order.

## Canada cops call Hindu protests near temple unlawful, warn of arrests

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Canadian police said the protests by members of the Hindu community against the attack on a temple in Brampton was "unlawful" and warned of arrests if the agitators failed to disperse from the area. Peel Regional Police issued a public safety alert, saying "weapons" were seen within the demonstration as around 5,000 Indo-Canadians, mainly Hindus, protested outside the Hindu Sabha Temple.

In a statement on X, police asked residents to stay away from the demonstration near Hindu Sabha temple. "This is now an unlawful assembly, and we will be clearing the area. All individuals are to disperse immediately or face arrest," police said.

On Sunday, pro-Khalistani protesters clashed with devotees at the temple and disrupted a consular event co-organised by the temple authorities and the Indian Consulate. Videos showed demonstrators holding Khalistan flags engaging in fist fights with Hindu community members.

The Hindu Canadian Foundation claimed women and children were among those targeted by the mob.

A video also went viral, showing Canadian police allegedly assaulting a group of Hindu worshippers who were protesting against the attack, leading to further outrage. Another video showed a



cop charging at a protester and raining punches on him.

Three people have been arrested in connection with the incident in Brampton. The government also suspended a Canadian police officer, Harinder Sohi, after a video went viral showing him participating in a pro-Khalistan protest outside the temple in Brampton.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has condemned the incident, asserting that "every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely", even though he stopped short of directly calling out the Khalistani sympathisers.

The incident drew a strong reaction from India, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi condemning the "deliberate attack" on the Hindu temple. "Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats. Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve," PM Modi said in his first remarks since the downturn in India-Canada ties.

## India makes formal bid to host 2036 Olympics

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** In a significant move towards realising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of hosting the Olympic and Paralympic Games in India in 2036, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has officially expressed the nation's interest. The IOA submitted a Letter of Intent to the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) Future Host Commission on October 1, marking India's formal bid for this prestigious global event.

"This monumental opportunity could bring substantial benefits, fostering economic growth, social progress, and youth empowerment across the country," a source confirmed.

Los Angeles in the USA will host the 2028 Summer Olympics, and Brisbane, Australia, will host the 2032 Games. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach has said interest in hosting 2036 has so far attracted cities in the double digits.

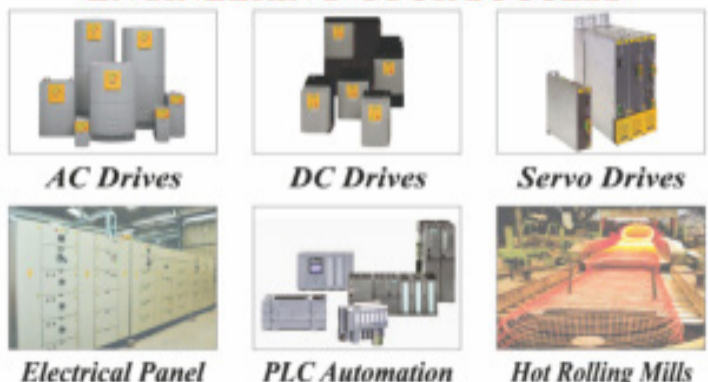
Prime Minister Modi has consistently expressed a desire for India to host the Olympics and Paralympics, underscoring the importance of this bid to the country's sporting future. During the Independence Day celebrations at his New Delhi residence, he invited feedback from Indian athletes who



participated in the Paris Olympics, stating that their experiences would be instrumental in the planning and preparation efforts for the 2036 Games. "India is preparing to host the 2036 Olympics. In this regard, the input from athletes who have played in previous Olympics is very important. You all must have observed and experienced many things. We want to document this and share it with the government so that we don't miss out on any small details in the preparation for 2036," PM Modi said at the gathering.

India's commitment to hosting the 2036 Games was further emphasized at the IOC's 141st session in Mumbai last year, where PM Modi declared, "We will leave no stone unturned in our efforts to organize the Olympics on Indian soil in the year 2036. This is the age-old dream and aspiration of 140 crore Indians."

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# Chhath Puja 2024: 4 Days of Chhath Puja, Significance and How is it Celebrated?

## THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

The four-day Chhath Puja, celebrated across India and abroad, kickstarts today (November 5) and will continue till Friday (November 8), with special rituals performed on each day. The festival is dedicated to the worship of the Sun god (Surya) and Chhathi Maiya (Mother Shashti), believed to be the sister of the Sun. The rituals and the fasting procedure of the festival are extremely strict but immense spiritual gains are said to accrue when the devotees observe them successfully.

### When is Chhath celebrated?

Chhath Puja takes place on the sixth day of the Kartik month, which typically falls in October-November. The festival's first day is called Nahay khay, followed by Kharna. On the third (Sandhya arghya) and fourth day (Usha arghya), the devotees worship the setting and rising Sun respectively by standing in a water body and completing the rituals.  
Nahay Khay: November 5 from 6:36 AM till 5:33 PM  
Kharna: November 6 from 6:37 AM to 5:32 PM  
Sandhya arghya: November 7 from 6:38 AM to 5:32 PM  
Usha arghya: November 8 from 6:38 AM to 5:31 PM  
What is Nahay Khay?  
The first day of the festival is



Chhath Puja Calendar 2024

Day	Date	Festival	Sunrise Time	Sunset Time
Day 1: Tuesday	November 5, 2024	Chaturthi (Nahay Khay)	6:36 am	5:33 pm
Day 2: Wednesday	November 6, 2024	Panchami (Lohanda and Kharna)	6:37 am	5:32 pm
Day 3: Thursday	November 7, 2024	Shashthi (Chhath Puja, Sandhya Arghya)	6:38 am	5:32 pm
Day 4: Friday	November 8, 2024	Saptami (Usha Arghya, Parana Day)	6:38 am	5:31 pm

(chulha) where the meals are prepared. The meal prepared is usually a pumpkin sabzi.

### What is Kharna?

The second day of the festival is called Kharna, which involves fasting throughout the day, breaking it only after sunset. The person observing the fast takes the meal of roti (chappati) and kheer (rice pudding) after offering them to the god. Afterwards, the family members and friends gather to eat the same meal on a banana leaf together which fosters a feeling of togetherness.

Post Kharna begins an arduous 36-hour fast in which the devotees do not even drink water - making it one of the toughest religious practices that

devotees only get through based on their strong devotion.

### What is Sandhya arghya?

On the third day, the main ritual having immense devotion ascribed to it, takes place. Devotees, usually women, gather at the water bodies, be it rivers or ponds, before sunrise. Standing waist-deep in water, they offer arghya (offering of water) to the rising Sun, chanting hymns and prayers.

### What is Usha arghya?

The same ritual is conducted at dawn, the next day, for the rising Sun, called the Usha ka Arghya. Afterwards, the community returns home from the riverbanks, grateful for the successful conclusion of a difficult festival and for having taken part in it. The prasadam is then consumed as well as distributed in the neighbourhood.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:  
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date  
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**Born on 06 th Nov :** They can read the motives of others and are good judges of character. These ambitious, career-oriented people have a pragmatic nature yet dream large. They possess a generous soul and the desire to be part of the crowd but may be unwilling to show these aspects of their personality. They are consistent, dependable, and loyal. They often have more than their share of emotional ups and downs in romantic love. Finding the right person can be a chore, but when they do, they want that person with them for a lifetime. This could relate to a difficult childhood or feeling left out of the family. They are sometimes unsure in their parenting role. They believe in strict discipline but don't want to restrict their children the way they themselves may have been. The people born on this date are worriers and often suffer from worrier's ailments: headaches, backaches, upset stomach, and sleeping disorders.

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called Nahay Khay where the devotees take a meal (Khana) after a ceremonial bath (Nahana) in a river, sea or a pond. Water is brought from the waterbody and is utilised to make a stove

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<p><b>Aries</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Blessings of a saintly person will give peace of mind. If you are married, then take special care of your children today, as there are chances of their health deteriorating. As a result, you may have to spend a lot of money on their health.</p>	<p><b>Taurus</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : You may get rid from prolong illness. Although your financial conditions will remain strong today, but you'll have to keep in mind not to overspend or spend on unnecessary things. Your brother will be more supportive to your needs than you had thought.</p>	<p><b>Gemini</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Your energy level will be high. Dig deep beneath the surface to find out more about the investment scheme that seems to be attracting you. Consult your experts before making any commitment. Your limitless love is very valuable for your beloved.</p>
<p><b>Cancer</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Creative work will keep you relaxed. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. This period is also good for taking your parents into confidence regarding your new projects and plans.</p>	<p><b>Leo</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Good day filled with happiness. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. Fashion a sublime rhythm in your life and learn the values of surrender and art of walking straight with love and gratitude in heart.</p>	<p><b>Virgo</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : In spite of your high spirits you will be missing someone who couldn't be with you today. Don't make investments in haste-Losses are certain if you don't look at investments from all possible angles. Get involved in jobs which are of creative nature.</p>
<p><b>Libra</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Your will power may be rewarded today as you confront a very tricky situation. You should not lose head while making a very emotional decision. If you are planning on hanging out with your friends, then spend money thoughtfully, as you are likely to suffer from money loss.</p>	<p><b>Scorpio</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Involve yourself in paying some sport as it is the secret of perpetual youth. You may spend your money on your partner's poor health today. But you do not have to worry about it, as the money you were saving for a long time will come in handy.</p>	<p><b>Sagittarius</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Your kind nature will bring many happy moments today. Explore new investment opportunities that come your way today- but commit yourself only after you have studied the viability of these projects. Your married life will crave for a space today.</p>
<p><b>Capricorn</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Try to improve your health and overall personality for a better life. Surplus money should be invested in real estate. Children will demand more attention-but will behave supportive and caring. Control your passion it may put your love affair in jeopardy.</p>	<p><b>Aquarius</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Your health and energy conservation habit will benefit you immensely as you plan to go on a long journey. Despite a busy schedule you will be easily able to cope up with the tiredness. Don't be eager to let others know how you feel today.</p>	<p><b>Pisces</b></p> <p>Nov 06th 2024 : Elders need to put their extra energy into positive use to reap good benefits. Although your financial position improves but the outflow of money will still create hindrance in executing your projects. Your charms and personality will help you make few new friends.</p>

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## Mohali Deputy Mayor Bedi Demands Action on Garbage Crisis

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** Mohali Municipal Corporation Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi has issued a strong ultimatum to the Local Government Department over an escalating garbage crisis in the city.

In a letter to the Local Bodies Minister, Mohali Deputy Mayor Bedi accused officials within the department of deliberately stalling the approval of a critical file related to garbage collection, which has left Mohali struggling with overflowing waste.

Deputy Mayor has requested that the Minister intervene and direct the department to approve the contract file for garbage collection from RMC points in Mohali and warned that if the file is not cleared within a week, he would stage a protest (dharna) at



the Local Government Department office, holding the officials responsible for the deteriorating public health situation. Bedi highlighted that Mohali's garbage issue has reached alarming levels, with RMC points filled beyond capacity. Deputy Mayor pointed out that

Mohali's primary dumping ground has been closed for months following a court order, leaving the city with limited options for waste disposal. The current contractor, who manages temporary garbage removal, has a capacity to lift only 40 tons per day, while Mohali produces over 70 tons daily. Following Diwali, this amount has reportedly doubled, leading to garbage accumulating on roads around

RMC points. The file in question, submitted on October 21, pertains to a new contractor capable of handling 100 tons daily. Bedi claimed that departmental officials have delayed its approval, putting public health at risk.

## DC Cracks Down on Hoarding and Overcharging of Fertilizers

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** In a firm move to prevent hoarding, overcharging, and unethical practices involving agricultural inputs, Deputy Commissioner Mrs. Aashika Jain has directed officials to intensify inspections across SAS Nagar district, and has instructed the Chief Agricultural Officer (CAO) Dr. Gurmail Singh, alongside other administrative and cooperative officials, to ensure that all fertilizer dealers display daily stock levels on noticeboards, aiming to bring transparency to fertilizer availability for farmers.

At a review meeting attended by ADC Sonam Chaudhary, CAO Dr. Gurmail Singh, and Deputy Registrar of Cooperative Societies Gurbir Singh Dhillon, Mrs. Jain emphasized that the district has an ample stock of alternative fertilizers, totaling 3033 metric tons, to counter any perceived shortages of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) fertilizer. She urged farmers to



consider these alternatives, which are both effective and readily available.

She clarified that alternatives to DAP, such as NPK blends (12:32:16, 15:15:15, 20:20:0:13, 16:16:16), Single Super Phosphate (SSP), and Triple Super Phosphate (TSP), provide equivalent or even additional nutrients.

According to soil scientists from Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, NPK and other

alternatives can be used effectively without compromising crop nutrition.

Mrs. Jain highlighted that one bag of DAP, which contains 46% phosphorus and 18% nitrogen, can be replaced with three bags of SSP, offering additional sulfur benefits.

Similarly, one and a half bags of NPK 12:32:16 can provide the same phosphorus content as one bag of DAP while supplying extra potash.

She urged farmers not to worry about DAP availability, assuring that these alternatives will support healthy crop growth while minimizing dependence on DAP. DC Aashika Jain said "Farmers should feel secure knowing that effective and affordable alternatives are available to support their agricultural needs."

## Community in Mourning: Ramesh Dutt Condemns Attack on Hindu Temple in Canada. Calls for Justice

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** In a heartfelt and powerful response, Ramesh Dutt strongly condemned the recent attack on a prominent Hindu temple in Canada.

Ramesh Dutt, a respected community leader and activist, expressed profound sorrow and disappointment over the shocking incident. "This attack is not only an assault on our place of worship but on the values of peace, tolerance, and inclusivity that Canada stands for," he said.

The incident, which involved vandalism and desecration of sacred items, has sent waves of grief and anger throughout the community. Local residents, who consider the temple a spiritual and cultural cornerstone, are heartbroken.

"Our hearts are heavy with sorrow. This is a place where people come



to find solace and connect with their heritage," Dutt continued. "Such hatred has no place in our society, and we call on authorities to take swift and stern action against those responsible.

Dutt urged law enforcement agencies to prioritize the investigation and bring the perpetrators to justice. He also appealed for greater protection for cultural and religious sites across the nation, emphasizing the need to ensure that communities feel safe and respected.

The attack has sparked an outpouring of solidarity from leaders across different communities, who joined in condemning the act. In a statement, Ramesh Dutt encouraged all communities to stand united against hate and intolerance, working together to build a more harmonious society.

"Our strength lies in our unity," he concluded. "In moments like these, we must rise above hate and reaffirm our commitment to a world where everyone, regardless of their faith, feels secure and respected."

## 4 criminals who threw bombs, arrested

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Ludhiana :** The police have arrested 4 miscreants who attacked the houses of Shiv Sena leaders with petrol bombs in Ludhiana in the last 15 days. In this regard, the Commissioner of Police held a press conference at 9.30 am in the hall near the CP office. The motorcyclists who fled by throwing petrol bombs were also caught in the cameras. With the help of the motorcycle's appearance and number plate, the police have nabbed the miscreants near Nawanshahr. Two Shiv Sena leaders have been attacked in Ludhiana. In both the cases, the accused is different. These miscreants carry out most of the thefts and robberies.



In this regard, Police Commissioner Kuldeep Chahal said that Babbar Khalsa had made his sleeper sale to the children of poor families to spoil the environment of Punjab. Attacks were being made on various Shiv Sena leaders of Punjab from these sleeper sales. On the night of

October 16, the attack outside the house of Shiv Sena leader Yogesh Bakshi and now the attack on the house of Harkirat Singh Khurana has been carried out by members of the same gang.

These people had carried out this incident on the request of Manish, who is considered to be very close to Babbar Khalsa director Harjit Singh alias Ladi. The police have arrested four members of this gang. While Lovepreet of this gang is absconding. The four accused have been identified as Manish, Ravinder Pal Singh, Jaswinder and Anil.

## PIC OF THE DAY

### WHO CARES...?

## Industrial Area Mohali Faces Developmental Hurdles. Businesses Raise Concerns



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mohali :** The Industrial Area Phase 7 and 8B in Mohali, are a key zone for local businesses and manufacturing units, unfortunately the business hub area are facing significant developmental challenges, with business owners voicing concerns over neglected infrastructure and delayed improvements.

Entrepreneurs and industry representatives of the area have highlighted several issues, including poor road conditions, inadequate drainage, and inconsistent power supply, all of which have hindered daily operations. Many businesses, including both small-scale and larger units, feel that the lack of basic amenities not only impacts productivity but also discourages new investments in the area.

"Phase 8B has immense

potential to support the growth of local industries, but the lack of infrastructure is a serious bottleneck," said one local business owner. Another industrialist noted that the condition of roads in the area poses challenges for the transport of goods, adding to logistics costs and slowing down operations.

The business community has appealed to the administration to prioritize Phase 7 and Phase 8B's development. They are urging the Deputy Commissioner and related authorities to initiate improvements, including the repair and widening of roads, upgrading drainage systems, and ensuring an uninterrupted power supply to support smooth industrial operations.

**But Who Cares???**

## Angel of Apex Legal Institute Achieves 33rd Rank in Rajasthan Civil Judge Cadre



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Apex Legal Institute in Sector 24-D, Chandigarh, is celebrating the success of one of its star students, Angel, who has secured the 33rd rank in the Rajasthan Civil Judge Cadre exams.

Apex institute, renowned for its excellence in judicial education, congratulated Angel on this notable achievement.

Mr. Rajnish Kaushal, Angel's father, expressed immense pride, saying, "Angel has been dedicated to her studies since childhood, with a determined focus on reaching this position. Choosing Apex Legal Institute proved to be instrumental in her success."

Angel's educational journey began at Kendriya Vidyalaya No.1, Patiala Cantt. She pursued her B.A. LL.B from Maharishi Markandeshwar University, Mullana, Ambala.

Angel credits her success largely to her mentor, Director Verma of Apex Legal Institute, along with

the support of Ex-Session and District Judge Najjar Singh, Ex-District Government Advocate Rakesh Bahadur, and Advocate Anmol.

Expressing her gratitude, Angel shared, "Director Verma ma'am's expertise and personal approach to teaching were crucial. Her guidance helped me master the basics and prepare effectively for the judiciary exams. I would recommend Apex Institute to anyone aspiring to achieve quick success in this field." Director Verma lauded Angel's dedication, saying, "At Apex Legal Institute, we focus on nurturing students to reach their highest potential. Angel's hard work and perseverance, combined with our teaching methods, have made her dream come true."

This achievement stands as a testament to Apex Legal Institute's commitment to quality legal education and mentorship.

## Hry CM Nayab Saini inaugurates the 'Third Panchkula Book Fair'



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini inaugurated the 'Third Panchkula Book Fair' at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5 in Panchkula today. On this occasion, he also inaugurated Sardar Patel libraries built in village Arunai, district Kurukshetra, village Bara, district Karnal, and village Madana Kalan, district Jhajjar through video conferencing. He also went around the Book Fair and released several books. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that our culture and heritage are available in the books. The darkness of life can be dispelled only with the light of knowledge. The purpose of this book fair is also to enhance our knowledge.

He said that the Prime Minister has said that where there is darkness, it is not forbidden to light a lamp. If we read even one book today, that one book will light a lamp.

Nayab Singh Saini said that the Fair features thousands of books in various languages. Observing the large crowd gathered, he underlined the significance of books in our lives.

"Anyone interested in a particular subject can find valuable knowledge in the wide selection available at this fair," he added.

The Chief Minister highlighted that Mata Saraswati, the goddess of knowledge, is revered in schools and libraries. He emphasized that by learning under the guidance of teachers and studying in libraries, we acquire in-depth knowledge of various subjects.

He said that the Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) has established over 25 libraries in the past three years through its CSR initiatives. "Today, we inaugurated three more libraries, which serve as an inspiration for other departments," he stated.

Youths are getting jobs without any Kharchi-Parchi (bribe and recommendation) for the last 10 years.

Nayab Singh Saini said that the BJP government has committed to providing 2 lakh jobs for the youth of the state. He emphasized the importance of libraries for preparing for recruitment and competitive examinations. District-level libraries are already operational at district headquarters, and the government is now upgrading digital libraries in colleges and schools.

"The government is also opening libraries in villages, equipped with computer facilities," he said.

"Online resources and e-books are being made available, allowing youth to access information about their subjects online." He said that for the past ten years, youth in the state have been securing jobs without the need for bribes or recommendations. "Now, instead of seeking recommendations, the youth are preparing for their future by utilizing library resources," he added.

200 villages will be made model Nayab Singh Saini said that under the Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon Yojana, 86 percent of the villages in the State are being provided 24-hour electricity. He emphasized that the state's power utilities have achieved self-reliance in the power sector.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the Adarsh Gram Yojana, which aims to transform over 200 villages into model villages. Under the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), support is being provided for various initiatives, including poverty alleviation, malnutrition reduction, healthcare, sanitation, environmental sustainability, pensions, education, improving the sex ratio, sports development, and contributions to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund. He also acknowledged the significant support from private companies and industries during the COVID-19 pandemic, which greatly assisted local communities through their CSR initiatives.

Libraries built in 20 lakhs each The construction of Sardar Patel Library by UHBVN in Bara village of Karnal, Arunai village of Kurukshetra and Madana Kalan village of Jhajjar has cost Rs 20 lakh each.

Computer and internet facilities have been provided in these libraries. The youth of the nearby villages will also be largely benefitted from these libraries.

Among those present on this occasion included MLA Kalka Smt. Shakti Rani Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department Sh AK Singh, Chairman SEIAA Sh PK Das, Managing Director UHBVN Dr. Saket Kumar, former Vidhan Sabha Speaker Sh Gian Chand Gupta, Political Advisor to the Chief Minister Sh Bharat Bhushan Bharti, BJP District President Sh Deepak Sharma and other dignitaries.

## Pb Police dismantle Babbar Khalsa International module

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** In a major breakthrough, Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence and Ludhiana Police jointly dismantled a Babbar Khalsa International (BKI) module operated by two foreign-based individuals, DGP Gaurav Yadav said today.

The two foreign-based individuals are identified as Harjit Singh and Sabi.

This operation has successfully solved the petrol bomb incidents targeting Shiv Sena leaders, including the October 16 attack on Yogesh Bakshi's residence and the recent November 2 incident at Harkirat Singh Khurana's home in Model Town Extension in Ludhiana, he said.

Four people have been apprehended and a motorcycle and two mobile phones used for reconnaissance and tracking have been seized.

Further investigations are going on, focusing on backward and forward linkages, with additional arrests to be made.

Harjit Singh, alias Laddi, is also an accused wanted individual in the murder of Vikas Prabhakar in Nangal in Punjab, and carried a reward of Rs 10 lakh as announced by the National Investigation Agency.

Earlier, Amritsar Commissionerate Police dismantled an inter-state illegal weapons smuggling module linked to US-based Dilpreet Singh with the arrest of seven operatives.

The police also recovered 12 pistols along with 16 magazines and 23



cartridges.

DGP Yadav has said that preliminary investigation revealed that the module was providing logistical support to various gangs by procuring weapons from Madhya Pradesh.

The probe also revealed that accused Karanjeet a.k.a. Dhanni along with his brother Jashandeep Singh and Ishmeet brought weapon consignments from Madhya Pradesh to further deliver them to different persons on the instructions of US-based Dilpreet Singh.

Sharing operation details, Commissioner of Police (Amritsar) Gurpreet Singh Bhullar said that acting swiftly on secret information about illegal weapons being smuggled from Madhya Pradesh and are being supplied to criminal elements in the state, police teams from Islamabad Police Station and CIA Staff-II under the supervision of DCP Investigation Harpreet Singh Mander launched a special operation and apprehended the accused from the area of Chheharta and Baba Bakala.

## AAP criticizes centre for rejecting Punjab's Rs 1200 Crore demand

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) strongly criticized the BJP-led central government for rejecting Punjab's demand for Rs 1200 crore to prevent stubble burning, and has accused the Centre of discriminating against Punjab.

AAP MP and senior spokesperson Malwinder Singh Kang, today said that the Modi government has been consistently discriminating against Punjab. It has already withheld several funds from Punjab, such as the Rural Development Fund, Mandi Development Fund, and the National Health Mission Fund, amounting to nearly Rs 10,000 crore.

Issues were deliberately created in the lifting of paddy. Now, they are also refusing to provide the incentives needed to prevent stubble burning. This is highly condemnable.

Kang said that the Mann government is continuously raising awareness and providing support to farmers to prevent stubble burning. Thanks to the efforts of the Mann government over the past two and a half years, the number of stubble burning incidents has seen a significant reduction in Punjab.

Kang further stated that the BJP frequently



claims to stand with Punjab's farmers, but when it comes to actually helping them, the party shirks its responsibility or creates obstacles.

The Centre's attitude towards Punjab is discriminatory and vindictive, and it weakens the country's federal structure. He added that the central government should realize that the farmers of Punjab and Haryana feed the entire nation with their hard work, and treating them in this manner is shameful. The Aam Aadmi Party strongly condemns this.

Punjab Government has been writing to the Centre since 2022, and last year, the Delhi Government also announced to contribute.

Punjab government had written to the Centre in 2022, informing them about their plan to provide Rs 2500 per acre to

farmers. Last year, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal also announced that the Delhi government would contribute funds to this scheme, as stubble smoke during October-November severely increases air pollution in Delhi.

Last month, the Punjab government wrote to the Centre again, requesting 60 percent of the required funds, which amounts to Rs 1200 crore. This year, approximately 32 lakh hectares have been planted with paddy in Punjab. To provide Rs 2500 per acre to all farmers, an estimated Rs 2000 crore would be required. Of this total expenditure, 40 percent (Rs 800 crore) would be shared equally by the Punjab and Delhi governments, with each contributing Rs 400 crore. However, the Centre has consistently rejected this proposal for the past two years.

In their proposal, the Punjab government emphasized that providing economic incentives to farmers is the only viable option to prevent stubble burning, as the machinery required for stubble management is very expensive. Other related costs are also high, and to save on these expenses, farmers are resorting to burning stubble.

## 59th Hry Day celebrated grandly at Haryana Raj Bhawan

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** On the auspicious occasion of the 59th Haryana Day, a grand state-level celebration was held at the Haryana Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh here today.

The event was graced by the honorable Governor, Bandaru Dattatraya, along with his wife, Vasantha Bandaru Dattatraya, and Chief Minister, Nayab Singh Saini, accompanied by his wife, Suman Saini. The ceremony commenced with the lighting of the ceremonial lamp by the Governor Bandaru Dattatraya, the Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini and other Ministers.

The state-level event featured captivating cultural performances. Folk artists and students from various colleges showcased vibrant folk arts from Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Rajasthan, and Punjab, leaving the audience spellbound.

Recognizing their efforts, Governor Dattatraya announced a reward of Rs.5 lakh for the performers. The Raj Bhawan,



adorned with exquisite decorations and illuminated beautifully, added to the celebratory atmosphere of Haryana Day.

The event was attended by Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Mr. Harvinder Kalyan, Power Minister Mr. Anil Vij, Development and Panchayats Minister Mr. Krishan Panwar, Education Minister Mr.

Mahipal Dhanda, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Mr. Shyam Singh Rana, Public Health Engineering Minister Mr. Ranbir Gangwa, and Social Justice, Empowerment, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare, and Antyodaya (SEWA) Minister Mr. Krishan Kumar.

Also present were Assembly Deputy Speaker Mr. Krishan Lal Middha, Minister of State for Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Mr. Rajesh Nagar, and Minister of State for Youth Empowerment & Entrepreneurship Mr. Gaurav Gautam.

The event was further attended by Chief Secretary Mr. Vivek Joshi, Governor's Secretary Mr. Atul Dwivedi, senior administrative officials, and other distinguished guests.

## Planes will not take off after midnight

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The airport has permanently suspended post-midnight flight operations from Monday. The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has also reduced surveillance hours at Shaheed Bhagat Singh Airport.

According to the new schedule, the last flight will arrive at Chandigarh Airport at 11.25 pm. Now no flight will operate after 11.25 pm and before 5.55 am. Earlier two flights operated after midnight and before 5 am.

The new schedule has also affected the timing of flights from Mumbai to Abu Dhabi, which have been rescheduled. Abu



Dhabi International destinations launched during the summer are also scheduled to arrive at 6am and depart at 10.10am.

Chandigarh Airport currently has six flights at night. These include the flight from Hyderabad from 10.40 to 11.25 pm, two from Delhi, one from Mumbai and the last flight from Ahmedabad. All these flights leave for their destination in the morning after a night's rest.

About two months ago, the flight to Jammu was also canceled on grounds of impracticality. Along with this, the flight arriving from Delhi at 12.10 am and departing at 12.40 am has also been removed.

## Captain Amarinder Singh blames Trudeau for India-Canada diplomatic tensions

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Former Punjab Chief Minister Captain Amarinder Singh came down heavily on Justin Trudeau's administration, stating that the Canadian Prime Minister is the singular reason for severing ties with India.

Stating that Trudeau is using Punjabis to sustain his government, Singh said, "A government that patronises a terrorist or a separatist movement for political gain, is irresponsible and to a point criminal. There is a strong perception that Trudeau is using Punjabis to sustain his government, without realising the decline in his affinity with them in his own country and even in India".

The former Congress leader also slammed Trudeau in the wake of



his allegations against India. "One ambitious man shouldn't be able to rock a stable friendship that has existed for decades," he wrote on the day when an attack on a Hindu temple in Canada.

"It is not often that countries, friends for decades, should end up as they have

Canada and India today. Are electoral compulsions more important than decades-old relationships, national commitments and age-old parliamentary traditions? For Trudeau, it seems not," he said.

Pointing out next year's elections, Singh said, "Time, they say, is a healer. In Trudeau's case, time will tell next year when he goes to the polls. From what one hears, his luck has run out and these are his last few months. Let us hope that those media reports are true".

## Traffic alert issued due to construction at Sector 33/45 light point

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Chandigarh :** The Chandigarh Traffic Police has issued traffic alert due to the construction work of table top is being carried out by Engineering Wing of MCC at Sector 33/45 lightpoint Sector 33 side.

The road is closed towards sector 33 side from 33/45 light



point and traffic is being diverted from this location.

Commuters are advised to adopt an alternative route, keep patience & cooperate with the police.

## Seek forgiveness at temple or pay Rs 5 crore: Salman Khan gets fresh threat

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai :** Bollywood actor Salman Khan received a fresh threat from the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, who said that the actor should either visit a temple and apologise for allegedly killing a black buck or should pay Rs 5 crore.

The Mumbai Police's Traffic Control unit said that they received a message from a person claiming to be gangster Lawrence Bishnoi's brother on Monday, who said that if Salman Khan didn't do so, he would be killed.

"If Salman Khan wants to stay alive, he should go to our temple and apologise or pay Rs 5 crore. If he does not do so, we will kill him; our gang is still active," the message read.

Police said that further investigation is on and a search is on to trace the person who sent the message.

The actor's security cover has been increased following the murder of former Maharashtra minister Baba Siddique.

Khan received a similar death threat from an unknown person on October 30, who had demanded a Rs 2 crore ransom from him.



A 20-year-old man from Noida was arrested on October 28 in connection with a threat call case involving Salman Khan and NCP MLA and Baba Siddique's son Zeeshan Siddique. The accused, identified as Mohammad Tayyab, also known as Gurfan Khan, was arrested in Noida's Sector 39. Earlier this year, two unknown people attempted to trespass into Khan's farmhouse in Panvel using fake identities. He also received a threat email, allegedly sent by gangster Goldy Brar, in 2023. In

2022, a letter threatening the actor was found on a bench near his residence.

On October 12, Baba Siddique was killed outside Zeeshan's office while he was celebrating Dussehra. A day later, the Lawrence Bishnoi gang claimed responsibility for the murder of the former minister, stating that he was attacked due to his close ties with Salman Khan. Till now, the police have arrested 15 people in connection with the murder of Baba Siddique.

## Happy Birthday Virat Kohli: A wishlist for 36-year-old superstar



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** They say 'time changes everything'. On November 5, 2023, Virat Kohli gifted Indian fans a birthday treat, scoring his record-equalling 49th ODI century against South Africa in the World Cup match at Eden Gardens. 10 days later, he became the only man in the history to ODI cricket to have scored 50 hundreds in the formats during the semi-final clash against New Zealand at Wankhede Stadium. Kohli called it the "stuff of dreams" as he immortalised his name in cricketing history by surpassing the Master Blaster Sachin Tendulkar in front of his presence and his wife Anushka Sharma, his biggest cheerleader. Truly, he was having the 'best birthday month' until November 19th happened. Fast-forward to November 5, 2024, Kohli's last and rather his 80th century remains the one from 15th November 2023.

This year, no birthday century or festive Diwali "dhamaka" has come from the star batter, who has often pulled off such feats in recent years. As Kohli turns 36, his role and expectations will evolve. Already, at 35, he has retired from T20Is, a format in which he's often been India's saviour. But what a grand finish it was to his T20 career, with India winning the ICC T20 World Cup 2024 and Kohli securing the Player of the Match award with a 76-run knock in the final. Reflecting on his younger years, a 22-year-old Virat Kohli didn't realise the value of winning a World Cup, as much as a 35-year-old did, he himself admitted.

Kohli has captured every ICC trophy: the U-19 World Cup in 2008, ODI World Cup in 2011, the Champions Trophy in 2013, and now, the ICC T20 World Cup in 2024. His children, Vamika and Akaay Kohli, have a lot to be proud of in their father's legacy.

Turning 36 brings challenges and reflection. If we turn back the clock to 10 years earlier. The 25 and 35-year-old Kohli were kind of in a similar spot, at least Test form wise and questions being raised over their place in the side. Kohli was coming off a horrific Test series against England managing just 34 runs in 10 innings. By December 2014, the young batter bounced back, leading India's run charts in the Test series against Australia and taking over the Test captaincy.

Comparing his 26-year-old self to the seasoned 36-year-old now may be imperfect, but the hope is for a resurgence. What is being wished for here is that comeback. That hunger to score runs. That

will to give a fight and not just surrender to the bowler.

Here's a wishlist for Virat Kohli on his 36th birthday:

A blockbuster Border-Gavaskar Trophy performance

The Kohli-Australia rivalry has always been intense, more like fire vs fire. A youngster who was caught up in controversy in 2012 went on to score his maiden Test hundred in the next match at Adelaide. On his next tour he smashed four hundreds to plunder 692 runs against Australia. In 2018 he created history by becoming the first Indian captain to win a Test series on Australian soil. While he might have left the 2020-21 series midway after the Adelaide debacle, Kohli has another point to prove. He's experienced both lows and highs in Australia; now, the goal is to channel that 26-year-old energy once more. Another 4-0 series win over Australia could bring India to the 2025 World Test Championship Final, a chance for Kohli to lift the Test mace again.

A return to RCB captaincy

The Royal Challengers Bengaluru retained their mainstay Virat Kohli for Rs 21 crore and the star player confirmed his association with the franchise till at least 2028, extending their association for 20 long years. While, kudos to the loyalist for being with RCB despite a title drought for 17 years. But his trophy cabinet, which is full of laurels, remains empty of an IPL title. Fans were heartbroken when he left RCB's captaincy after IPL 2022, but their broken hearts might get healed with the buzz around Kohli's return as their skipper. Despite being the tournament's top run-scorer with most hundreds, Kohli's quest for an IPL title is on. Could the 18th season be the one where No. 18 finally claims the prize?

A Gangnam-style celebration after a Champions Trophy win

The visuals of Virat Kohli's Gangnam-style dance and him doing push-ups in front of the 'Champions' hoarding must still be afresh in the memories of Indian cricket fans. His crucial 43 runs was key for India to secure a narrow 5-run victory over England in the final. The joys were turned into sorrows in 2017 when the Kohli-led India suffered a humiliating loss in the final against Pakistan. The upcoming Champions Trophy could be pivotal for him, especially as his ODI career winds down. With his batting form seeming uncertain against Sri Lanka in ODI series, he will aim to bounce back and reaffirm his mastery in this format.

## New 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' poster features face-off between Allu Arjun, Fahadh Faasil

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Mumbai :** Telugu superstar Allu Arjun, who is awaiting the release of his upcoming movie 'Pushpa 2: The Rule', has shared a new poster from the film.

The poster features Allu and Malayalam star Fahadh Faasil in a face-off. The poster has shades of crimson. While Allu's titular character is a sandalwood smuggler in the film, Fahadh's character is a Haryanvi cop.

The poster marks a one month countdown to the release of the film. 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' went through a production delay as the makers moved its release date from August 15 to December 6.

The release date was once again changed to December 5 to leverage the box-office ahead of the release of the Vicky Kaushal-starrer 'Chhaava' which is based on the life of Maratha warrior king Chhatrapati Sambhaji Maharaj, the son of Indian warrior-king Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. 'Chhaava', which is directed by



Laxman Utekar, incidentally also stars Rashmika Mandanna, who portrays the character of Srivalli

in the 'Pushpa' franchise.

'Pushpa 2: The Rule' is undoubtedly the most awaited film of the year and is sure to break records upon its release. With the excitement reaching new heights after the release of its thrilling teaser and songs, it's hard for the audience to wait any longer for this mega entertainer. Come December 5, the world will witness Pushpa and his unparalleled aura on the big screen. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' is directed by Sukumar. The music of the film is composed by Devi Sri Prasad who earlier won the National Award for his chartbuster soundtrack in 'Pushpa: The Rise'.

'Pushpa: The Rise', which was released in the thick of the third wave of the Covid-19 pandemic, emerged as a box-office winner at a time when the majority of theatres across the nation were shut down.



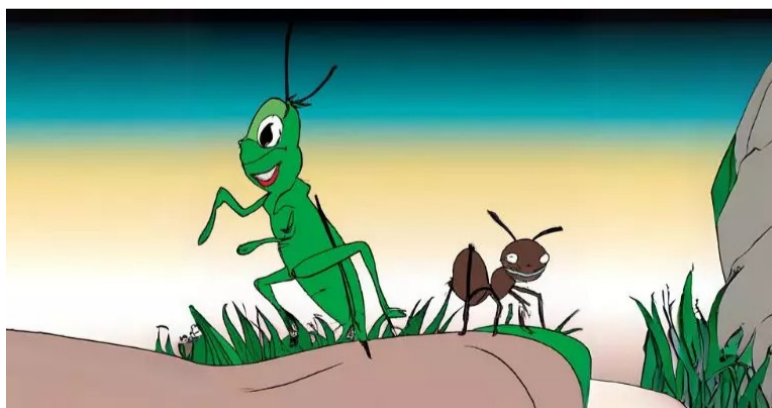
## The Ant and The Grasshopper

The ant and the grasshopper were good friends. In the summer, the ant works hard to fill his storage with food. While the

grasshopper was enjoying the fine weather and playing all day.

When winter came, the ant was lying cozily in his home, surrounded by the food he stored during the summer. While the

grasshopper was in his home, hungry and freezing. He asked the ant for food, and the ant gave him some. But it wasn't enough to last the entire winter. When he tried to ask the ant again, the latter replied: "I'm sorry my friend but my food is just enough for my family to last until the end of winter. If I give you more, we too will starve. We had the entire summer to prepare for the winter but you chose to play instead."



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## Ensure dignity of advocates in courtrooms: Bar Association writes to Chief Justice

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The All India Bar Association wrote to Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud urging him to address the recent incidents of 'judicial misconduct' saying they have had a profound impact on the legal fraternity.

The letter said that there is an "urgent need for action to address disrespect and misconduct" towards senior advocates, advocates and litigants in courtrooms by judges of the High Court. It specifically mentioned an incident involving Justice R Subramanian at the Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court, alleging he was observed behaving disrespectfully towards a senior advocate, MP and the Advocate-on-Record "for no reasons". The Bar Association Chairman, Adish Aggarwala, in the letter, expressed his disappointment that, despite various efforts, including a representation by the Association, no concrete action has been taken in this regard.

"As the Chief Justice of India, it is paramount that you should ensure that Senior Advocates and other advocates



are treated with the utmost dignity and respect by Hon'ble Judges of the High Court during court proceedings. With a profound sense of urgency and concern, I address this matter as it continues to negatively impact the legal community and compromise the very fabric of our justice system," the letter reads.

Letter noted that since the alleged incident at Madras High Court occurred during Justice Chandrachud's tenure, failure to take action will certainly reflect poorly on his commitment to the dignity of lawyers.

"Why has no action been taken against the errant judge of the Madras High Court, including transferring him?,"

the letter asked, also adding, "recent incidents of judicial misconduct towards advocates are not isolated or exaggerated".

"The absence of action against these intemperate judges and the non-accountability they face signal that such behaviour can continue unchecked, emboldening further

instances of disrespect, intimidation, and humiliation of advocates by members of the judiciary," the Bar Association president's letter further mentioned.

He added that this "inaction" risks setting a dangerous precedent, encouraging further "demeaning behaviour and weakening the relationship between the Bar and the Bench".

Aggarwala also pointed out that the mutual respect between the Bar and the Bench is not only a cornerstone of the rule of law, but it is also essential for the proper functioning of our judicial system.

## Swiggy's high valuation, ongoing losses raise concerns about long-term sustainability: Angel One



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Swiggy's Rs 11,327 crore initial public offering (IPO) faces several risks and challenges that potential investors should consider, leading online brokerage Angel One has said, adding that the company's high valuation, coupled with its ongoing losses, raises concerns about its long-term sustainability.

According to a blog by the online trading platform, the food delivery platform has "consistently incurred net losses and negative cash flows since its establishment in 2014, raising concerns about its path to profitability".

"Revenue growth may also be at risk due to fierce competition and high operational costs, which could impact margins," said Angel One.

The Zomato rival is set to launch its highly-awaited IPO from November 6 to November 8. As the company prepares to go public, investors are keenly eyeing its financial performance, strengths and weaknesses to estimate its potential. According to the Angel One blog, in FY2024, Swiggy spent 16.46 per cent of its revenue on advertising, a substantial expense that may strain profitability if not managed efficiently.

Additionally, Swiggy's reliance on a large workforce of 4,57,249 delivery partners brings risks related to retention; difficulties in maintaining this workforce could disrupt service efficiency, it noted.

"Strikes and disputes among delivery partners further pose a threat, potentially affecting continuity of service and increasing operational costs. Managing 557 active dark stores is another critical challenge, as inefficiencies could lead to higher operating expenses, impacting Swiggy's overall financial performance," the note read.

These factors collectively underscore

the operational and financial challenges Swiggy may face post-IPO, Angel One noted, advising that "investors must carefully weigh the risks and rewards before investing". "The company's high valuation, coupled with its ongoing losses, raises concerns about its long-term sustainability. Ultimately, the success of Swiggy's IPO will depend on various factors, including its ability to sustain growth, improve profitability, and navigate the competitive landscape," said the online brokerage.

Earlier, SAMCO Securities said in a note to investors that waiting until Swiggy demonstrates improved financial results and a clearer path to sustainable growth would be a more prudent investment approach.

"Given Swiggy's current financial position, competitive pressures, associated risks, and valuation, its IPO appears overvalued. Therefore, we advise investors to AVOID this IPO until the company's financial performance and growth outlook improve," said SAMCO Securities. According to brokerage firms, Swiggy has faced consistent net losses since its establishment in 2014, primarily due to high operational costs.

Over the past three fiscal years, the company has consistently reported losses on a consolidated basis. In FY22, the total income was Rs 6,119.78 crore, with a net loss of Rs 3,628.90 crore.

The following year, FY23, saw an increase in total income to Rs 8,714.45 crore, but the net loss also increased to Rs 4,179.31 crore.

In FY24, the total income rose further to Rs 11,634.35 crore, while the net loss reduced to Rs 2,350.24 crore. In the first quarter of FY25, ending on June 30, 2024, the company recorded a total income of Rs 3,310.11 crore and a net loss of Rs 611.01 crore.

## India, China complete Ladakh LAC disengagement. Focus now on buffer zones

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** As disengagement of Indian and Chinese troops has been completed in sensitive regions of Demchok and the Depsang plains in Eastern Ladakh, the Indian Army is now shifting its focus on defining patrolling protocols to ensure stable management of the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Maintaining vigilance across the boundary remains a priority as both nations work through friction points and deliberate on establishing buffer zones in critical areas.

The recent disengagement agreement, formalised after multiple rounds of military and diplomatic negotiations, will allow a phased resumption of patrols in these areas, which had been highly restricted since 2020 due to heightened military presence and recurring confrontations.

Buffer zones established in areas such



as the Galwan Valley, North and South Pangong Tso, Gogra, and Hotsprings were also a key focus of discussions. These zones were set up as temporary no-patrol areas by mutual agreement in response to heightened hostilities.

However, while the current disengagement agreement permits patrol resumption in Demchok and Depsang, similar arrangements for the buffer zones remain unresolved. Talks on these

zones are ongoing, spanning both military and diplomatic avenues.

"The talks have been ongoing for all friction points along the LAC, but so far, an agreement has only been reached for resumption of patrols at Demchok and Depsang. Dialogue over the remaining buffer zones is still active at multiple levels."

The next round of corps commander-level talks is expected to advance these discussions.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar recently confirmed India's continued focus on achieving steady progress through sustained diplomatic and military channels. "India is closely watching developments post-agreement and remains hopeful for further progress," Jaishankar had said.

## Another temple vandalised in Hyderabad

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

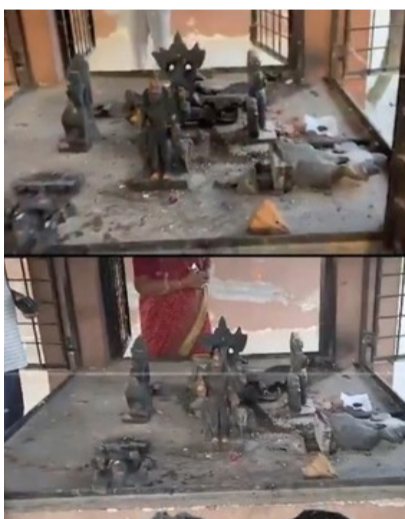
**Hyderabad :** A temple in Shamshabad on the outskirts of Hyderabad was vandalised today, police said.

When the priest of the temple in Airport Colony came in the morning to perform daily rituals, he found idols vandalised.

Alerted by the priest and the locals, the police rushed to the spot and began investigations. The police suspect the miscreants entered the temple and vandalised it late Monday night.

On receiving the information, local BJP leaders also reached the temple and demanded stringent punishment for those involved.

The police have reportedly picked up a suspect and were questioning him. The latest incident came nearly three weeks after an act of vandalism



at Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad.

On October 14, a man barged into Sri Muthyalamma Temple located at Kummarguda, in the Market Police Station limits and damaged the idol. Locals caught hold of him, thrashed him and later handed him over to police.

As the accused was critically injured, he was admitted to a hospital.

Two days later, police revealed that the accused was Salman Salim Thakur alias Salman, a native of Mumbra, Near Mumbai. The police investigations revealed that the 30-year-old came to Hyderabad in October to attend a month-long personality development workshop. Last week, the accused was produced in the court, which sent him to judicial custody.

The vandalism had triggered protests by VHP, Bajrang Dal and other organisations.

## Zomato CEO Responds to Discovery of Food with "Future Date of Packing" at Hyderabad Warehouse

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** A food safety task force inspected a Zomato Hyperpure warehouse located in Kukatpally in Hyderabad. (Hyperpure by Zomato supplies hotels, restaurants and caterers with fresh produce, groceries, meat, packaging, consumables, kitchen equipment, etc.). During their inspection, the officials found 18 kilos of button mushrooms with a "future date of packing". The packaging date read as October 30, 2024, whereas the inspection was conducted the day before. Although some other issues were flagged too, this particular discovery made headlines and received a lot of attention online.

Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal took to X to address the news. In a now-viral post, he acknowledged that 90 packets of button mushrooms with an incorrect packaging date were found by the food safety officials. However, he claimed that



they had already been "identified by our warehouse team and were rejected during an inward QC." He explained that such an incident was "not usual" and stemmed from "a manual typing error on the vendor's side." Nevertheless, Deepinder Goyal said that the concerned vendor has been delisted from Zomato's database.

Furthermore, he wrote, "At Hyperpure, we have stringent inward guidelines and tech systems that helped our teams to identify this error in time. We are committed to upholding industry food safety standards and are focused on not compromising on product quality at any stage of the supply chain. The recent food safety inspection at our Hyderabad warehouse resulted in the Hyperpure warehouse achieving an A+ rating, highest benchmark in their ranking." Check out his full post below:

Before this, Zomato CEO Deepinder Goyal took the internet by storm when he revealed his response to those asking for free passes for the Zomato Feeding India Concert 2024.

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## Canadian cop suspended for attending pro-Khalistan protest outside Hindu temple

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Brampton** : A Canadian cop was suspended for participating in a pro-Khalistan protest outside a Hindu temple in Brampton, a report said, quoting authorities.

The suspended cop, identified as Harinder Sohi, was caught on camera holding a Khalistan flag, while others in the protest chanted anti-India slogans. Sohi was a Sergeant of the Peel Regional Police.

Peel Regional Police said that they were aware of the circulating video that showed an off-duty officer actively participating in the demonstration. "This officer has since been suspended in accordance with the Community Safety and Policing Act," Media Relations Officer Richard Chin told CBC.

He also said that the department is investigating the circumstances surrounding this incident and would share further details after the probe is completed.

The development comes amid the ongoing uproar over the attack on the Hindu Sabha temple, also in Brampton, by Khalistani elements. Protestors carrying Khalistani



flags clashed with people at the temple and also disrupted a consular event co-organised by the temple authorities and the Indian Consulate.

Videos circulating on social media showed fist fights and people striking each other with flagpoles on what appeared to be the grounds surrounding the temple.

Taking strong note of the "deliberate attack", Prime Minister Narendra Modi sought accountability from the Justin Trudeau-led Canadian government and expected it would ensure justice and uphold the rule of law.

In a post on X, Modi said, "I strongly

condemn the deliberate attack on a Hindu temple in Canada. Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats. Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve."

He added, "We expect the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law".

Meanwhile, the Minister of External Affairs (MEA) said it remains "deeply concerned" about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada, adding that it expects that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted.

"We condemn the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario yesterday. We call on the government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks," MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

## Thousands take out solidarity rally against attacks on Hindu temples in Canada



### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Brampton** : Over a thousand Canadian Hindus gathered outside the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton, Canada on last evening (local time) to protest against the repeated attacks on Hindu temples in the country, a day after the temple was attacked by Khalistani extremists. The organizers of the solidarity rally pressed Canadian politicians and law enforcement agencies to not give further support to Khalistanis.

The details were shared by the Coalition of Hindus of North America (CoHNA) on social media platform X. The CoHNA highlighted the multiple attacks on Hindu temples across Canada during the Diwali weekend and called on to stop the "Hinduphobia" in the country.

"Over a thousand #CanadianHindus have gathered in Brampton to protest against the increasingly brazen attacks on Hindu Temples," the post read. "Yesterday, during the sacred #Diwali weekend, Canadian Hindu temples, coast to coast, came under attack. We ask Canada to stop this #Hinduphobia now!" it added.

An Indian consular camp at the Hindu Sabha Temple witnessed a "violent disruption" in Brampton, near Toronto. Following the attacks, the Hindu Canadian Foundation, a non-profit organisation working for the Hindu community in Canada, shared a video of the attack on the temple and said that the Khalistani terrorists attacked kids and women. Prime Minister Narendra Modi strongly condemned the "deliberate attack" and said that "cowardly attempts to intimidate".

Indian diplomats were appalling and New Delhi expects Canadian authorities to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law. "I strongly condemn the deliberate attack

on a Hindu temple in Canada. Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats. Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve. We expect the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law," PM Modi said on X. The strong statement by PM Modi came hours after the Ministry of External Affairs condemned the acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists at the Hindu Sabha Temple in Brampton, Ontario yesterday.

"We call on the Government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks. We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted. We remain deeply concerned about the safety and security of Indian nationals in Canada," MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said in response to media queries regarding violence in Brampton. "The outreach of our Consular officers to provide services to Indians and Canadian citizens alike will not be deterred by intimidation, harassment and violence," he added.

India has been repeatedly expressing its deep concern about extremism and the culture of violence and anti-India activities in Canada and has sought action against these activities. The Indian High Commission in Canada condemned the "violent disruption" by 'anti-India' elements outside a consular camp.

The high commission also said that any further events will be organised "contingent on security arrangements" made by the local authorities. There has been a string of similar incidents documented in recent years, underscoring a distressing trend of religious intolerance in Canada.

## Donald Trump is 'clearly better choice' over Kamala Harris. Nikki Haley

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Washington** : Former US president Donald Trump is 'clearly the better choice,' as compared to his Democratic rival Vice President Kamala Harris, former US ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley has said.

Haley urged undecided voters to look at both candidates' policy proposals, which she said clearly show Trump as the better option in a Wall Street Journal op-ed published two days before Election Day.

"I don't agree with Trump 100 per cent of the time. But I do agree with him most of the time, and I disagree with Harris nearly all the time. That makes this an easy call. Here are the facts most relevant to me," the former South Carolina governor wrote in an op-ed in The Wall Street Journal. Batting for her former boss, the Indian American wrote; "Will Trump do some things I don't like in a second term? I'm sure he will. If that was the question before voters, then I imagine Trump would lose. But that isn't the question in any election. "No politician gets everything right. For those of us who are clear-eyed enough



to see Trump's flaws and honest enough to acknowledge them, the question is whether we're better off with his policies or his opponent's. On taxes, spending, inflation, immigration, energy and national security, the candidates are miles apart. And Trump is clearly the better choice," she wrote. Haley alleged that the Biden-Harris agenda has made the world far more dangerous.

"Our southern border is our most pressing security threat; Biden and Harris have made it dramatically worse. Their debacle

in Afghanistan not only created a new terrorist state; it also signalled weakness that sparked Russia's war against Ukraine," she wrote.

"Their appeasement of Iran has enriched that despotic regime and emboldened it to pursue war with Israel through its terrorist proxies. And the administration's weakness toward China has done nothing to impede the communist power's expansion at our expense. This is the world that Biden-Harris failures have given us in four short years," she said.

Haley argued a Trump administration would be different.

"It wouldn't be perfect. But I agree with Trump that we need to keep taxes low and cut them more. I agree that we need to roll back trillions of dollars in special-interest handouts. I agree that we need to expand American energy to empower our families and job creators while making us less dependent on foreign energy," Haley said.

## New York's ballots include an Indian language. It's not Hindi

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi** : More than 200 languages are spoken in New York, according to the Department of City Planning, backing the claim of it being the melting pot of America. However, the ballot papers in the US presidential elections will have only four other languages apart from English.

And guess what? Bengali represents the Indian languages in this list.

The US will today vote to elect its 47th President.

"We are required to service four other languages besides English. It is Chinese, Spanish, Korean and Bengali as the Asian languages," says Micheal J Ryan, Executive Director, Board of Elections, NYC.

Subhshesh, who works as a sales agent in a store in Times Square, has Bengali roots. He is happy that his father living in the Queens area will get linguistic assistance when he goes to cast his vote.

"People like me know English, but there are many in our community who are comfortable in the native language. This helps them at the polling station. I am sure my father will like the idea of seeing a Bengali language ballot paper," says Subhshesh.



The inclusion of Bengali on ballot papers is not just a courtesy but a legal requirement.

By law, New York City is obligated to provide voting materials in Bengali at certain poll sites. This mandate extends beyond just ballot papers to include other essential voting materials, ensuring comprehensive language support for Bengali-speaking voters.

Ryan explains the reason why Bengali is amongst the list of languages the Board of Elections serves.

"There was a lawsuit about language access and, as you know, the country of India has a lot of different languages within it. The settlement of that lawsuit required a certain population density to have an Asian Indian language. Then, through some negotiations, they settled on Bengali. I understand the limitations

of Bengali being the choice, but it came out of a lawsuit."

The first time the South Asian community in the Queen's locality of New York found ballots translated into Bengali was in 2013.

The addition of Bengali-language ballots came nearly two years after the federal government ordered the city to provide language assistance to South Asian minorities under a provision of the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

The Bengali-speaking population includes people coming from Asian countries like India and Bangladesh. While it does not represent the whole gamut of languages spoken in the region, the inclusion of this language is expected to have a significant impact on voter participation within the Bengali-speaking community.

Dr Avinash Gupta, President of the Federation of Indian Association says it helps the Indian community.

"It will help the Indian population to go out and vote. That is how we can get our voices heard. We are a sizable population. It is heartening to see how Indians go out and vote and even contest elections", says Dr Avinash Gupta.

## Israel-Hezbollah conflict: Death toll crosses 3,000 in 13 months

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Beirut** : More than 3,000 people have been killed in Lebanon during 13 months of fighting between Israel and Hezbollah, Lebanon's Health Ministry said. At least 13,492 have been injured.

Hezbollah began firing rockets into northern Israel the day after Hamas' surprise attack on Israel on October 7, 2023 ignited the war in Gaza. Hezbollah and Hamas are both allied with Iran.

The conflict dramatically escalated on September 23 with intense Israeli



airstrikes on south and east Lebanon as well as Beirut's southern suburbs,

leaving hundreds dead and leading to the displacement of nearly 1.2 million people.

Israel began a ground invasion of south Lebanon on October 1, causing wide destruction in border villages but making little advances on the ground inside Lebanon.

In Israel, 72 people have been killed by Hezbollah attacks, including 30 soldiers.

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## PM slams Canada Hindu temple attack. cowardly attempt to intimidate diplomats



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**New Delhi :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed the recent "deliberate attack" on a Hindu temple in Brampton in the Canadian province of Ontario, asking the government there to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law.

In a post on X, the Prime Minister also condemned the "cowardly attempts" to intimidate Indian diplomats deputed in Canada.

"I strongly condemn the deliberate attack on a Hindu temple in Canada. Equally appalling are the cowardly attempts to intimidate our diplomats. Such acts of violence will never weaken India's resolve. We expect the Canadian government to ensure justice and uphold the rule of law," the Prime Minister said in a post on X. This is PM Modi's first official statement against the ongoing violence against Indians by pro-Khalistani supporters in Canada.

The remarks came hours after the Ministry of External Affairs said the Indian government "condemns acts of violence perpetrated by extremists and separatists", and called on the Justin Trudeau-led Canadian government to ensure that all places of worship are adequately protected.

"We call on the Government of Canada to ensure that all places of worship are protected from such attacks. We also expect that those indulging in violence will be prosecuted," the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randir Jaiswal said while addressing a press conference.

Protesters carrying Khalistani flags clashed with people at the Hindu Sabha temple in Brampton and unverified videos circulating on social media showed demonstrators holding banners in support of Khalistan. Some videos also showed fist fights and people striking each other with flagpoles on what appeared to be the grounds surrounding the Hindu Sabha Mandir.

The incident also drew condemnation from Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, who said that every Canadian has the fundamental right to practice their faith freely and safely.

"The acts of violence at the Hindu Sabha Mandir in Brampton today are unacceptable. Every Canadian has the right to practice their faith freely and safely. Thank you to the Peel Regional Police for swiftly responding to protect the community and investigate this incident," Trudeau said in a post on X.

Meanwhile, Canadian police said that they arrested and charged three individuals in connection with the protests. Peel Regional Police, who cover Brampton, said that three people had been arrested and charged, and the alleged offences include assault with a weapon and assaulting a police officer.

The relationship between India and Canada took a sharp downturn in September last year when Trudeau alleged that Indian agents might have been involved in the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a claim outrightly rejected by New Delhi.

## Soldier dies, another injured after Army vehicle plunges into gorge in J&K

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**Srinagar :** An Army personnel died and another got injured after their vehicle skidded off the road and fell into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district, officials said.

The accident occurred near Badog village in Kalakote, they added. Naik Badri Lal and Sepoy Jai Prakash were found critically injured by the rescuers and shifted to hospital. However, Lal succumbed to his injuries while Prakash was undergoing treatment.

An investigation into the cause of the accident was on.



Earlier on November 2, three people, including a woman and her 10-month-old son, died and three others were critically injured after

their car skidded off a hilly road and plunged into a deep gorge in Reasi district.

According to officials, the family was travelling from their village of Malikote to Chassana in a private Eco car. The driver lost control, causing the vehicle to veer off the path and roll down the gorge.

Authorities confirmed that all those involved in the accident were residents of Malikote in Reasi district.

## Judiciary's independence doesn't mean deciding against government: Chief Justice

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** Outgoing Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, who is set to demit office on November 10, said that independence of the judiciary does not always mean deciding against the government. He also urged people to trust judges when it comes to taking decisions on cases.

Addressing an event in Delhi, the Chief Justice said that when he struck down the electoral bonds scheme and ruled against the Centre, he was called "very independent".

"When you decide electoral bonds, then you are very independent, but if a verdict goes in favour of the government, then you are not independent... That is not my definition of independence," he said.

On February 15, the Supreme Court struck down the electoral bonds scheme, terming it "unconstitutional". In a unanimous decision, a five-judge Constitution Bench led by Chief Justice Chandrachud, put an end to a contentious method of political funding that has been under scrutiny since its inception in 2018.



The Chief Justice went on to say that traditionally, judicial independence was defined as independence from the executive.

"Independence of the judiciary even now means independence from the government. But that is not the only thing in terms of judicial independence. Our society has changed. Particularly with the advent of social media... Interest groups, pressure groups and groups which are trying to use electronic media to put pressure on the courts to get favourable decisions," he said.

He said a lot of these pressure groups term the judiciary independent if judges decide in their favour.

"If you do not decide in my favour, you are not independent", that is what I have an objection to. To be independent, a judge must have the independence to decide what their conscience tells them. Of course, the conscience, which is guided by the law and the Constitution."

The Chief Justice said that people must give judges the "freedom to decide as they feel where the balance of justice lies, irrespective of whom the verdict goes in favour of".

"The cases which have to go against the government, we decided against the government. But if the law requires a case to be decided in favour of the government, you have to decide in accordance with the law. That message has to go across which is crucial to the existence of a stable and vibrant judiciary."

## Army resumes patrolling at Depsang as disengagement progresses along LAC

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** The Indian Army resumed patrolling in the Depsang Plains, one of the friction points along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), following the recent disengagement agreement between India and China to end the more than four-year standoff that began with the deadly Galwan clashes.

Sources confirmed that Indian forces successfully conducted a patrol at Patrolling Point 10 (PP10) in Depsang, marking another significant step toward maintaining peace and stability along the contested border.

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Both armies subsequently pulled back to pre-Galwan positions and dismantled tents and temporary military structures that had been set up during the longstanding standoff, marked by the amassing of troops and military infrastructure.

On the occasion of Diwali, Indian and Chinese troops also exchanged sweets at several border points along the border.

The Indian Army is expected to gradually resume patrols at other patrolling points in the Depsang Plains as well. Discussions on disengagement in other buffer zones, including Galwan, are yet to take place at the commander level.

## Army resumes patrolling at Depsang as disengagement progresses along LAC

### THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

**New Delhi :** As the mercury began coming down in Delhi-NCR, the region's pollution woes saw a turn for the worse. Air pollution in Delhi-NCR rose sharply post-Diwali and air quality levels in the capital and its neighbouring cities breached the 'very poor' and 'severe' category across numerous locations.

The Air Quality Index (AQI) has exceeded 400 in many parts of Delhi, reflecting hazardous conditions for residents.

Similarly the AQI in Gurugram in Haryana touched the 'severe plus' category as it hit the 499 mark, while Noida in Uttar Pradesh saw 'poor' air quality with the AQI at 297 and Greater Noida 'very poor' air with the AQI at 346.

According to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), 11 out of Delhi's 39 monitoring stations recorded AQI levels over 400, placing them in the 'severe' pollution bracket.

Forecasts from the Meteorological Department indicate little reprieve, with smog expected to blanket the city until at least November 10.



Today morning, the AQI in Mundka soared to 466, DIT saw levels at 442, Anand Vihar registered 438, and New Sarup Nagar reported 395. Additional locations faced similar severe levels, with Kohat Enclave at 384, Bhalswa Landfill at 368, LIC Colony at 364, and Rohini at 391.

Other areas such as Pusa (325), Loni (324), Alipur (320), Ashok Vihar (318), Dwarka (316), Janakpuri (306), Hastals (307), and Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium (309) recorded AQI levels within the 'very poor' range.

The CPCB classifies AQI levels as follows:

'good' (0-50), 'satisfactory' (51-100), 'moderate' (101-200), 'poor' (201-300), 'very poor' (301-400), and 'severe' (401-450), with any AQI above 450 categorised as 'severe plus.'

Adding to the challenging air quality, the Meteorological Department has predicted a maximum temperature of 32 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 16 degrees Celsius for today, similar to Monday's temperatures, which were 1 degree Celsius to 1.2 degrees Celsius above normal.

In response, the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has implemented several initiatives to mitigate pollution, including the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). Stringent penalties have been imposed on polluting construction sites, vehicles, and industries while road dust control efforts are underway, with approximately 600 mechanical road-sweeping machines, water sprinklers, and anti-smog guns deployed across the National Capital Region (NCR).



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