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UP Govt to Rename Mustafabad as Kabirdham



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Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath today announced that the Uttar Pradesh government will propose renaming Mustafabad village in Lakhimpur Kheri district to Kabirdham to honour Sant Kabir's legacy.

Speaking at the Smriti Mahotsav Mela 2025, Adityanath said the move aims to restore the region's cultural and historical pride. He noted that the change aligns with previous renaming initiatives like Ayodhya and Prayagraj.

Adityanath also pointed out that the village has no Muslim population despite its current name, calling the proposed change "a step towards restoring heritage."

He said the government will complete all formalities soon and emphasized that funds are now being used to develop centres of faith rather than constructing graveyard walls.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed that the BJP's "double-engine government" is committed to beautifying major pilgrimage sites, including Kashi, Ayodhya, Mathura-Vrindavan, and Kushinagar.

Raut Alleges Irregularities in BJP's Maharashtra Office Land Deal



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Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut has alleged irregularities in the land acquisition process for the new Maharashtra BJP office, the bhoomi pujan of which is scheduled to be attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah today.

In a letter to Shah, Raut claimed that the land was transferred to the BJP through "irregular and hasty" procedures. He said the 1,377.79 sq m plot, leased in 1902 to the Vasani family and the Maharashtra State Co-operative Finance Corporation Limited, was swiftly acquired earlier this year.

According to Raut, approvals for the sale and transfer of the land were granted within days, and the final ownership was transferred to the BJP by May 31, 2025, for ₹8.11 crore.

Raut alleged that the entire process lacked transparency and was executed with "jet speed." He wrote, "The land for the office you are inaugurating was acquired by bending the rules… decisions were taken at the speed of Rafale," adding that he hoped "such good fortune comes to the public as well."

BJP Links Kerala Minister VN Vasavan to Sabarimala Gold Theft

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Thiruvananthapuram : The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has accused Kerala Devaswom Minister V. N. Vasavan of having links with those involved in the alleged Sabarimala temple gold theft case.

The case concerns the alleged misappropriation of gold meant for plating the sanctum doors and ornaments of the Sabarimala temple. The main accused, contractor Unnikrishnan Potty, who was responsible for the gold-plating work, is alleged to have diverted a portion of the gold for personal gain.

State BJP chief Rajeev Chandrasekhar, in a statement to India Today, said, "It's from government sources that we have got information that there are very clear linkages between Minister Vasavan and the ecosystem responsible for looting 4.5 kg of gold from Sabarimala."

He added that while the party was not "prejudging his guilt," Vasavan should step aside from his position to ensure a fair investigation. The BJP has also demanded the dissolution of the Devaswom Board and a probe by a central agency into the matter.

Meanwhile, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) has reportedly recovered around 400 grams of the stolen gold from a jeweller in Ballari, Karnataka. Former Travancore Devaswom Board officer B. Murari Babu and main accused Unnikrishnan Potty have been arrested for allegedly misrepresenting gold plates as copper in official documents.

The SIT, in its preliminary findings, noted that some temple officials were complicit in the misappropriation of the gold.

CJI Gavai Recommends Justice Surya Kant as Next CJI



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New Delhi : Chief Justice of India Bhushan Ramkrishna Gavai has recommended Justice Surya Kant as his successor. Currently the second senior-most judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Kant will become the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24, a day after CJI Gavai's retirement.

The recommendation has been sent to the Union Law Ministry in line with the convention that the senior-most Supreme Court judge assumes the top post.

Justice Surya Kant, born in Hisar, Haryana, and elevated to the Supreme Court in May 2019, will serve until February 2027.

He has delivered several landmark rulings, including on the sedition law, One Rank-One Pension, gender representation in bar associations, and the Pegasus spyware and Article 370 cases. Known for his focus on constitutional governance, equality, and transparency, his elevation continues the judiciary's seniority tradition.



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ISRO to Launch CMS-03 on LVM-3 to Boost India's Ocean Communication

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Isro is set to launch the advanced CMS-03 communication satellite aboard the LVM-3 rocket, strengthening India's space-based communications and maritime security capabilities.

The satellite will lift off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota on November 2, 2025.

This mission, marking the fifth operational flight of the Launch Vehicle Mark-3 (LVM-3), will see India's heaviest communication satellite to date, tipping the scales at 4,400 kilograms, placed into a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit (GTO) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

The CMS-03 is a multi-band communication satellite developed by Isro, designed to provide robust telecommunication



coverage across India and an expansive oceanic region surrounding the subcontinent.

Its payload includes transponders capable of supporting voice, data, and video links over C, extended C, and Ku communication bands.

This advanced platform will significantly enhance connectivity, provide sharper and higher-capacity bandwidth, and improve digital access to remote territories, facilitating both civil services and strategic applications, such as communications for the Indian Navy.

The satellite, also referenced as GSAT-7R in some reports, will augment India's maritime defense by enabling secure communication links between naval ships, aircraft, and submarines.

This is a vital upgrade, allowing the Indian military more reliable voice, data, and video transfer capabilities across strategically important regions.

This mission highlights the LVM-3's growing stature as India's workhorse heavy-lift launcher, having recently propelled the Chandrayaan-3 mission to a historic lunar landing near the Moon's south pole in July 2023.

The integration of CMS-03 atop the LVM-3 marks a key milestone in Isro's ability to launch ever-larger and more advanced payloads, thereby enhancing India's space infrastructure and global standing.

With this planned launch, Isro continues to push the boundaries of indigenous technology, with pre-launch operations now underway and the rocket fully assembled and on the launch pad as of October 26.

The forthcoming liftoff is expected to further cement India's leadership in satellite communications and strengthen its ambitions in deep-space and human spaceflight missions.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date 28th Oct

Born on 28th October : 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

October 28th 2025 : Your hope will bloom like a rich delicate fragrant and dazzling flower. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness.

Taurus

October 28th 2025 : Get involved in activities that are exciting and keep you relaxed. You will like to overspend on others. Make sure you have approval of everyone before you make changes to your home environment. Today chances of meeting someone who would appeal.

Gemini

October 28th 2025 : Divert your thought and energy to what you wish to see in physical reality. There is no point in imaging only. The problem so far with you is that you don't try but only wish. Those who are operating small-scale businesses can get any advice.

Cancer

October 28th 2025 : : Remain calm-tension free today. The court will make decisions in your favour today if you were involved in a case regarding money-related matters. It will benefit you financially. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. Behave properly while going.

Leo

October 28th 2025 : Take special care of other's feelings when as you pass a judgement. Any wrong decision made by you will not only affect them adversely but also give you mental tension. If you feel that you do not have enough money, then seek the advice from an elder regarding.

Virgo

October 28th 2025 : Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. Those who had invested their money on the advice of an unknown person are very likely to gain benefits today. News of family secret may surprise you. You can experience the pain of love.

Libra

October 28th 2025 : Health will remain fine despite a busy schedule but don't take your life for granted realize that the care for life is the real vow. Today, there will be a constant outflow of money, and you may face difficulties in accumulating wealth today. Devote your spare time.

Scorpio

October 28th 2025 : A day when you will be able to relax. Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. Finances improve later in the day. Family needs and requirements get neglected as you overstrain at work place You will be in a loving mood.

Sagittarius

October 28th 2025 : Check your aspirations to enjoy the life. Take the help of yoga-which teaches you the art of living physically mentally and spiritually healthy to improve your temperament. Any of your chronic diseases may bother you today, due to which you may have.

Capricorn

October 28th 2025 : You need to control your emotions and get rid of your fear as early as possible, as chances of instantaneously affecting your health and a stumbling block in your way of enjoying good health are high on the card. Those who invest their money in the stock.

Aquarius

October 28th 2025 : Your hope will bloom like a rich delicate fragrant and dazzling flower. If you had invested in any land overseas, then it can be sold today at a good price, which will help you earn profits. Your dominating attitude towards your family members.

Pisces

October 28th 2025 : Today you might have to face several tensions and difference of opinion that will make you feel irritated and uneasy. Use your innovative idea to make some extra money. Health of some female member in the family may cause worries. Romance.

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ADC Geetika Singh Seeks Transparency in Study Abroad Firms

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Mohali : The District Administration SAS Nagar today held a meeting with representatives of licensed study abroad consultancy firms to ensure transparency, accountability, and smooth service delivery. The meeting was chaired by Additional Deputy Commissioner (General) Mrs. Geetika Singh, who also serves as the Licensing Authority for such firms.

Emphasizing the importance of ethical practices, Mrs. Singh directed all consultancies to ensure staff verification, obtain Police Clearance Certificates (PCCs), and display official ID cards while on duty. She said these measures are essential to protect public interest and prevent fraud.

She further clarified that inspections will only be carried out by designated Sub-Divisional Committees comprising respective SDMs and DSPs, and no unauthorized individual or department may demand records.

Addressing members of the Association of Licensed Education and Immigration Consultants, SAS Nagar, including President Col. (Retd.) S. P. Singh and General Secretary Mr. Manpreet Singh Talwar, the ADC assured that all license applications and renewals will be processed promptly and transparently.

Mrs. Singh also announced plans to strengthen verification mechanisms for new license applicants to prevent malpractices. She warned that strict action will be taken against unlicensed or exploitative consultancies, while genuine operators will continue to receive full administrative support.

The meeting was also attended by SDM Mohali Ms. Damandeep Kaur, Assistant Commissioner (G) Dr. Ankita Kansal, and DSP Ajit Pal Singh, along with association members.

Vigilance Week Begins at NIC Office with Integrity Pledge

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Mohali : In line with the guidelines issued by the Central Vigilance Commission, the National Informatics Centre (NIC) has commenced Vigilance Awareness Week from October 27 to November 2, 2025.

The observance began today at the NIC office in SAS Nagar with officers and employees taking the Integrity Pledge to work with honesty and maintain personal and professional integrity. Participants also reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring a corruption-free administration.

Officers and staff from both the NIC and the Election Office attended the event. The importance of Vigilance Awareness Week was highlighted during the occasion, emphasizing the need for collective efforts to combat corruption and promote transparency in

Parents Must Stay Alert to Prevent Kids' Tobacco Use: Civil Surgeon Jain

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Mohali : As part of the ongoing "Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 3.0," the Health Department of SAS Nagar is conducting various awareness activities aimed at discouraging tobacco use among young people. Civil Surgeon Dr. Sangeeta Jain and Tobacco Control Nodal Officer Dr. Navdeep Singh said the campaign seeks to raise public awareness about the dangers of tobacco consumption and to ensure that educational institutions remain tobacco-free zones.

They emphasized that while the Health Department is actively enforcing tobacco control laws, parents also play a crucial role in safeguarding their children. Dr. Jain noted that adolescents are especially vulnerable to peer influence and may easily develop habits such as smoking, which can severely affect their health and future.

Parents have been advised to stay alert for signs such as the smell of smoke on their child's breath or clothes, or the discovery of cigarette butts and packets in school bags. "If such signs are noticed, parents should immediately talk to their children and help them quit the habit," Dr. Jain said. She further advised consulting a nearby government health facility or doctor if needed.

The Civil Surgeon added that those seeking assistance in quitting tobacco can contact the Health Department's helpline at 104 for guidance and counseling.

Vigilance Week Kicks Off with Integrity Pledge

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Chandigarh : The Chief Secretary of UT Chandigarh, Shri H. Rajesh Prasad, IAS, administered the Integrity Pledge at the Sector-9 Secretariat today, marking the start of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 being observed from October 27 to November 2.

This year's theme, "Vigilance: Our Shared Responsibility," highlights the collective role of citizens and officials in promoting transparency and ethical governance.

The event, organized under the aegis of the Central Vigilance Commission, saw officers and staff of the Chandigarh Administration pledging to uphold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and vigilance in public service. Citizens are also encouraged to participate by taking the Integrity Pledge online through the Central Vigilance Commission's website — www.cvc.gov.in .

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Stray Dog Menace Escalates



Atul Sharma

Mohali : The rising menace of stray dogs in Punjab has reached alarming levels, with over two lakh reported dog bite incidents in 2024 alone, according to government data shared by Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying, Rajiv Ranjan Singh Alias Lalan Singh, in the Lok Sabha earlier this year. Shockingly, this equates to about 60 children being attacked every hour, highlighting the urgent need for comprehensive action on this crisis.

In Mohali, a microcosm of the growing epidemic, there have been 16,047 reported dog bite cases in just this district, with the Phase 6 Government Hospital being the sole facility catering to these patients for the entire region.

The increase in such incidents is fueling renewed calls from concerned citizens, animal welfare organizations, and municipal authorities for more robust and coordinated measures to address the situation.

Proactive Measures Needed to Tackle the Crisis

With stray dog attacks rising at an alarming rate, many citizens are calling for immediate and comprehensive reforms in stray dog management policies. Animal welfare groups are advocating for stronger collaboration between municipal authorities and other organizations to implement sterilization programs, vaccination drives, and raise awareness about responsible pet ownership. These steps are viewed as essential to curb the growing menace of stray dogs, which has become a silent emergency of epidemic proportions.

The lack of a coordinated approach is evident in Mohali, where the strain on the local healthcare system is palpable, and the surge in dog bite cases is overwhelming. The problem is not just one of public safety; it is also a public health crisis, with many families facing severe consequences from attacks and the potential spread of diseases like rabies.

Punjab's Struggle with Compensation for Victims

This delay in compensation not only causes financial hardship for the victims but also underscores the lack of urgency in addressing the wider issue of stray dog control and welfare.

Experts argue that tackling the stray dog crisis in Punjab requires a shift from reactive to proactive measures. This issue cannot be solved with temporary fixes or by focusing solely on individual incidents. A coordinated approach between government authorities, health bodies, and animal welfare groups is essential to create long-term solutions that will make Punjab's cities safer for both humans and animals.

The stray dog crisis in Punjab has escalated to an urgent public health emergency. With thousands of dog bite incidents and widespread concerns about public safety, it's time for the government, local authorities, and animal welfare organizations to collaborate and take immediate, lasting action to address this growing threat. The situation is dire, and the citizens of Punjab, especially vulnerable children, are counting on effective intervention before the crisis spirals further out of control. But Who Cares??

Anil Thakur Urges Mohali Traders to Avail One-Time Settlement Scheme

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Mohali : Punjab State Traders Commission Chairman Anil Thakur, under the state government's "Aap Ki Sarkar, Aap De Dwar" outreach initiative, held a meeting with traders and industrialists of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district at the Excise Bhawan, Mohali. The session aimed to address their concerns and promote a business-friendly environment in line with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's vision.

Punjab State Traders Commission member Vineet Verma and AAP Punjab Trade Wing Secretary Ranjitpal Singh were also present at the meeting.

Thakur informed attendees that the Punjab Cabinet has approved the One-Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme 2025, designed to reduce old tax disputes and promote compliance among businesses. The scheme, valid from October 1 to December 31, 2025, allows traders whose assessments were completed by September 30, 2025, to apply for settlement under various Acts, including the Punjab VAT Act and CST Act.

Under the OTS scheme, 100% waiver of interest and penalties will be provided in all cases.

For dues up to ₹1 crore, 50% of tax amount will be waived.

For dues between ₹1 crore and ₹25 crore, 25% of tax will be waived.

For dues exceeding ₹25 crore, 10% of tax will be waived.

Thakur said he has been visiting every district to listen to traders' and industrialists' issues to ensure their timely resolution. He directed State GST officers present at the event to resolve VAT and GST-related issues on the spot.

He also encouraged traders to issue proper bills during sales, highlighting the "Bill Lao, Inaam Pao" scheme and the "Mera Bill App", which motivates consumers to upload bills for lucky draws, thereby promoting transparency.

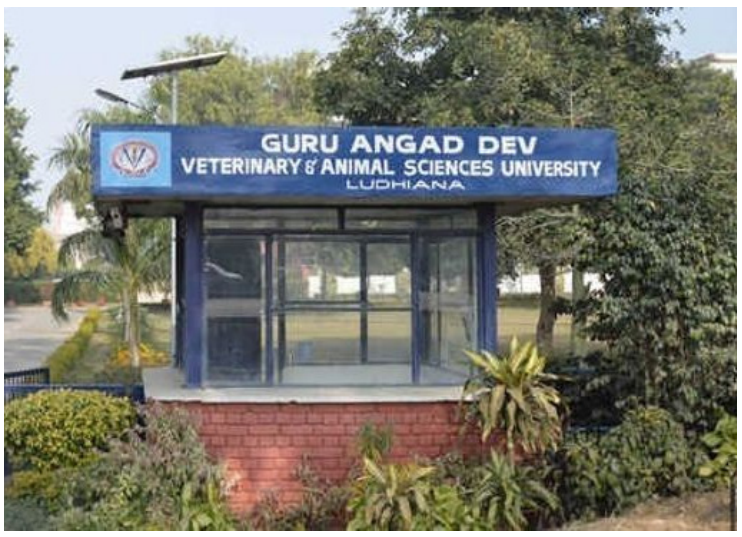
Thakur reiterated that the Mann government is fully committed to creating a conducive and supportive business environment in Punjab. He assured traders that no harassment would be tolerated and that all genuine issues would be resolved promptly.

AAP Trade Wing Secretary Ranjitpal Singh and Commission member Vineet Verma also addressed the gathering, warning that liquor syndicates have no legal recognition and strict action will be taken against violators. They noted that for the first time, a government is directly reaching out to traders and stakeholders to hear their problems and implement their suggestions.

Traders expressed satisfaction with the government's policies, stating that this Diwali season they faced no difficulties, crediting the state's proactive approach.

Officials present included Assistant Commissioner Manmohan Singh, Sales Tax Officers Amandeep Singh, Anupam, and Bhavna, along with representatives from the Mohali Industrial Association, Mohali Traders Association, and various business chambers, who shared their inputs and concerns.

GADVASU Vet Students' 'Chai & Polish' Stipend Protest



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Ludhiana : The protest at Guru Angad Dev Veterinary and Animal Sciences University (GADVASU) has taken an unusually creative turn. As their indefinite strike entered its 32nd day, veterinary students ditched their lab coats for aprons and shoe brushes — setting up makeshift tea and 'nimbu pani' stalls and even polishing shoes on campus to demand a fair stipend.

Armed with kettles, lemons and polish tins, the students are serving more than refreshments — they're serving a message. "If ₹15,000 is all we're worth, we might as well start earning it the old-fashioned way," quipped a student, pouring out a glass of lemon water. Another, crouched over a pair of boots, added, "We're polishing futures — ours and yours."

Behind the humour lies a serious grievance. The Veterinary Students' Union is demanding an increase in the monthly internship stipend from ₹15,000 to ₹24,310, bringing it in line with what interns earn in neighbouring states. They point out that the current amount, jointly funded by GADVASU and ICAR, barely covers living expenses, especially since the Punjab government contributes nothing.

We're not just students; we're future veterinarians serving rural Punjab. But we're being treated like liabilities, not assets," said Dr Kamalpreet Singh, who, along with Dr Sahibnoor Singh and Dr Muskan Thakur, continued a chain hunger strike today.

Despite multiple letters, students say there has been no response from Punjab Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema or any other government representative. "We've heard promises about education and healthcare reforms, but when it comes to veterinary sciences, we're invisible," said a protester, holding a placard that read: "From scalpel to squeezer — just to survive."

The students have warned of escalating their movement into a fast unto death if demands remain unmet.

Yet, the protest has remained peaceful — marked by creativity, wit and dignity. The tea stalls have become a symbol of resilience, drawing attention across the campus and beyond.

As the sun sets on Day 32, the aroma of chai mixes with quiet determination. The message from GADVASU's future veterinarians is unmistakable — if the government won't invest in their future, they'll keep polishing shoes, slogans and public conscience until it does.

Mann Govt Sanctions ₹10 Crore Road Project



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Mohali : Fulfilling a long-pending demand of the people of Dera Bassi constituency, MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa today laid the foundation stone for the Dera Bassi–Mubarikpur–Ramgarh road, a 7.40-km-long project to be constructed at a cost of ₹10.01 crore under the Bhagwant Singh Mann-led Punjab Government.

Expressing gratitude to Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann and PWD Minister Harbhajan Singh ETO, MLA Randhawa said that the road, currently in poor condition, would be completely reconstructed and strengthened. The executing company will also be responsible for five years of maintenance after completion.

He added that the project includes interlocking tile work on the Sundran Junction–Mor Thikri–Dafarpur stretch and construction of berms on both sides of the road for about four kilometers. Road safety infrastructure such as signages, divider lines, and safety equipment will also be installed.

Randhawa informed that the first phase will prioritize the Mubarikpur–Sundran intersection, Mubarikpur underpass, and Dafarpur turn, which are expected to be completed within two months, weather permitting.

Thanking the Chief Minister once again, the MLA reaffirmed that the Punjab Government is committed to providing better road infrastructure to its citizens. He also urged industrialists and stone crusher owners along the Ramgarh road to cooperate with the administration to ensure smooth execution of the project.

Randhawa appealed to local residents and pedestrians to exercise patience for a few months while the road renovation work is completed efficiently.

CBI Arrest of DIG Bhullar Unmasks Punjab Police Corruption Nexus

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Chandigarh : The arrest of Punjab Police Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Harcharan Singh Bhullar by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has exposed what insiders describe as a deeply entrenched network of corruption involving senior police officials, politicians and real estate operatives.

Bhullar, who headed the Ropar Range, was caught red-handed accepting an ₹8 lakh bribe from a Mohali-based scrap dealer to settle a property dispute. CBI raids across Punjab and Chandigarh unearthed ₹7.5 crore in cash, 2 kg of gold, luxury vehicles, imported liquor and expensive watches, revealing a lifestyle far beyond a public servant's means.

Sources said Bhullar also owns properties in Dubai and Canada. A diary recovered from his residence reportedly contains names, financial transactions and political links, indicating a "monthly system" of kickbacks tied to drug and land deals.

Following the arrest, Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann suspended Bhullar and vowed "zero tolerance for corruption." He said, "No one will be spared, regardless of rank."

Widespread Graft Network

A senior police official, requesting anonymity, said, "You don't need a CBI case to see corruption in Punjab Police — just look at their homes, cars and foreign trips." Another officer added that a "systematic monthly system" connects the police, politicians and realtors.

The CBI has also placed five other senior officers under scrutiny for suspected benami assets and links to Bhullar's racket.

Series of Corruption Cases

The Bhullar case adds to a growing list of scandals within Punjab Police:

DSP Vavinder Mahajan, once hailed for anti-drug operations, went absconding after allegedly taking a ₹45 lakh bribe from a pharmaceutical firm tied to a massive smuggling case.

ACP Nirdosh Kaur from Ludhiana's Women's Cell was arrested in 2024 for demanding ₹60,000 to resolve a domestic dispute.

Inspector Inderjit Singh was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate for laundering heroin smuggling proceeds, with assets worth over ₹1 crore attached.

Head Constable Amandeep Kaur, dubbed the "Insta Queen" for flaunting her luxury lifestyle, was arrested twice in 2025 — once with 17.71 grams of heroin, and later for disproportionate assets worth ₹31 lakh.

Drug Nexus and Absconding Officers

The growing nexus between corrupt police personnel and drug traffickers continues to undermine Punjab's anti-narcotics fight. Former AIG Raj Jit Singh Hundal, accused of protecting drug cartels and extorting money from innocents, remains a proclaimed offender. Inspector Arshpreet Kaur of Patiala's Cyber Cell is absconding in a ₹2 lakh bribery case, while Bhupinder Singh, accused in a fake encounter, has evaded arrest since 1993.

Calls for Reform

Police insiders say Bhullar's arrest could become a turning point — if followed through. "If the government truly acts on Bhullar's diary, it could expose a web of corruption spanning decades," said a senior officer.

Another mid-rank official summed it up: "There are still honest officers in the force, but scandals like Bhullar's tarnish everyone. The department must cleanse itself before it loses all public trust."

Kangana Ranaut Regrets 2020 Farmers' Protest Tweet



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Chandigarh : Actor and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut appeared before a Bathinda court today and expressed regret over her 2020 tweet in which she had wrongly identified an elderly woman farmer as Shaheen Bagh activist Bilkis Bano. Speaking to the media outside court, Ranaut said the tweet in question was a "general meme" she had merely retweeted, not something she had written.

I feel very nice after coming to Bathinda today. As you can see, there's a huge crowd here, my fans have gathered to meet me. Apart from this, I sent a message to Mataji's (the farmer activist) husband for the misunderstanding. I could not have imagined, even in my dreams, this controversy," she said.

Asked if she accepted her mistake, Ranaut replied, "There was nothing original from my end. It was a meme I retweeted. The controversy arose from that misunderstanding, and I have expressed regret.

Advocate Raghubir Singh Beniwal, representing farmer activist Mahinder Kaur, said, "Kangana appeared before the court after being summoned to secure bail. Inside, she expressed her wish to apologise for the misunderstanding. Since Mahinder Kaur was unwell, her husband was present and said he would discuss the matter with Kisan unions before responding."

The controversy began in December 2020, when Ranaut had posted a now-deleted tweet alleging that Mahinder Kaur was "available for Rs 100" to attend protests — a comment made during the farmers' agitation against the Centre's farm laws. The remark drew massive outrage and led Kaur to file a defamation case against the actor.

Earlier this year, the Supreme Court refused to quash the defamation proceedings, observing, "You added spice. It was not a simple retweet."

The next hearing in the case is scheduled for November 24.

Meanwhile, Kisan Mazdoor Morcha leader Manjeet Rai said Ranaut should personally visit Mahinder Kaur and apologise. "She apologised in court, but not when we asked her to. She should go to the woman's house and apologise by holding her feet," he said.

BJP Delegation Meets Governor to Push 'Vocal for Local'

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Chandigarh : A delegation of the city BJP, led by general secretary Ramvir Bhatti, met Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria at Raj Bhawan today, urging him to introduce policy measures promoting local manufacturers and products in Chandigarh.

In a memorandum submitted to the Governor, the delegation highlighted the need for Chandigarh to take the lead in advancing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "Vocal for Local" campaign, making it a model for self-reliant urban development.

The BJP leaders proposed exclusive platforms for small and medium manufacturers to display and sell their products. They also suggested involving schools, colleges, and public institutions in the initiative to encourage the use of locally produced goods.

Bhatti said such steps would not only empower local industries but also boost employment and entrepreneurship within the city.

Police Cancels B-1 Exam After Tech Glitches

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Shimla : The Himachal Pradesh Police's B-1 promotional examination, scheduled for was abruptly cancelled after widespread technical glitches disrupted the online test across several centres. The cancellation has left thousands of constables, who had been preparing for months, deeply disappointed.

The exam, meant to determine promotions for 4,461 constables, was to be held in two shifts — morning and evening — under the supervision of District Superintendents of Police (DSPs). However, as candidates logged in, many reported being unable to submit answers, while others faced mismatched or incorrect question papers.

Director General of Police (DGP) Ashok Tewari confirmed the cancellation, citing "technical issues encountered during the online examination." He said the decision was taken to ensure fairness and transparency, adding that a fresh date will be announced once the issues are resolved.

The incident sparked political backlash, with Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur blaming the government for "incompetence and poor planning." He claimed the exam was marred by server failures and inconsistent question formats at multiple centres.

The police department has assured candidates that the re-examination will be conducted smoothly after technical systems are fully tested.

Sonal Chauhan Joins 'Mirzapur: The Film' Cast

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Mumbai : Actor Sonal Chauhan has officially joined the cast of Mirzapur: The Film, the much-awaited big-screen adaptation of the popular crime-drama series. The actor confirmed the news on social media while expressing gratitude to producers Farhan Akhtar, Ritesh Sidhwani, and director Gurmeet Singh.

Sharing a heartfelt note from the makers, Sonal wrote on Instagram, "Om Namah Shivaay... So glad to be a part of a journey so incredible and game-changing. I'm immensely excited to join Mirzapur: The Film and can't wait for you all to see what we have to unpack on the screen."

The note from Excel Entertainment read, "Dear Sonal, We are excited to have you on the team for Mirzapur. Can't wait to see the magic you bring to the screen! Best wishes, Ritesh + Farhan."

The film will feature returning stars Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyenndu, and Shweta Tripathi, who will reprise her role as Golu Gupta. Shweta, who recently shot a sequence in Benaras, said, "Golu is not just a character for me; she's been a part of my life for years. Seeing her journey unfold on the big screen is surreal."

According to sources, actors Jitendra Kumar and Ravi Kishan have also joined the ensemble cast, though their roles are being kept under wraps. "The mahurat puja took place on Thursday, and both were present. Preparations, including look tests and reading sessions, are underway. The film goes on floors next month," a source told HT City.

Producers Farhan Akhtar and Ritesh Sidhwani said in a joint statement, "It's a landmark milestone to bring the Mirzapur experience to audiences again — this time on the big screen. Over three successful seasons, the franchise has connected deeply with fans through its powerful storytelling and unforgettabl characters."

Mirzapur: The Film marks the cinematic expansion of one of India's most successful streaming franchises.

Male Toxicity Makes a Comeback in Mainstream Cinema

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Mumbai : The audio teaser of Prabhas' upcoming film Spirit, released on his birthday last week, has sparked debate for its tone and treatment of masculinity. Directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga — known for Arjun Reddy, Kabir Singh and Animal — the teaser features Prabhas as a swaggering police officer who ends with the line, "Mister superintendent, bachpan se meri ek buri aadat hai (I have one bad habit since childhood)," triggering the viral hashtag #OneBadHabit.

Given Vanga's track record of controversial male protagonists, fans fear Spirit could again glorify toxic masculinity. The concern comes amid a spate of films portraying possessive, aggressive male leads. Recently released Ek Deewane Ki Deewaniyat showed Harshvardhan Rane as an obsessive lover, while the teaser of Aanand L. Rai's Tere Ishk Mein depicts Dhanush as a vengeful ex tormenting Kriti Sanon's character.

The trend gained momentum after the massive success of Vanga's Animal (2023), which grossed ₹915 crore worldwide. Ranbir Kapoor's character, Ranvijay Singh, was widely criticised for misogynistic dialogue and violent behaviour justified through childhood trauma. Its sequel, Animal Park, is expected to begin filming in 2027.

Earlier, Kabir Singh (₹377 crore worldwide) and its Telugu original Arjun Reddy laid the foundation for glorifying flawed, angry male heroes. Filmmaker Luv Ranjan, too, has built his career around similar themes, with Pyaar Ka Punchnama, Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety, and Tu Jhoothi Main Makkaar. His upcoming De De Pyaar De 2, releasing November 14, continues the trend of older men romancing younger women.

While such portrayals have long existed in Bollywood — from the 'chhed-chhaad' songs of the 1980s to 'taming-the-shrew' plots — their resurgence today is driven by box office economics. As the industry struggles for consistent hits, filmmakers are banking on what sells.

With audiences rewarding controversial antiheroes at the ticket window, toxic masculinity, it seems, has found a new lease of life on the big screen.

Fittest 36-Year-Old? Virat Kohli's Stunning Reflex Catch Lights Up Sydney ODI



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Mumbai : As the sun played hide and seek amid the gloomy skies of Navi Mumbai and the cricketing action took an occasional pause, one thing remained constant throughout the India vs Bangladesh fixture of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025 — the unrelenting passion of the crowd. In a match marred by multiple rain interruptions, two of which lasted as long as two hours, not once did the spirits in the stands waver. Every run and every wicket were met with the same thunderous cheers right until the last ball was bowled.

Mumbai has long been hailed as the home of cricket in India, a city where passion for the sport is believed to run deeper than anywhere else in the country. That enthusiasm has been reaffirmed with consecutive record-breaking attendances during India's fixtures at the Dr DY Patil Stadium in Navi Mumbai. The India vs New Zealand match on 23 October drew a crowd of 25,166, setting a new benchmark for attendance at any group-stage fixture of a women's ICC event.

However, that record stood for only three days, as the Navi Mumbai faithful outdid themselves yet again. India's final group fixture against Bangladesh witnessed an even larger turnout, with 25,965 fans packing the stands. But the city's craze for cricket goes far beyond numbers; the people here truly understand and appreciate the nuances of the game.

From the elegant strokeplay of Harmanpreet Kaur and Smriti Mandhana to the swing mastery of Renuka Singh, fans savoured every moment and celebrated every player. Supporters began arriving as early as three hours before the start, with large crowds gathering outside the team hotel in the hope of catching a glimpse of their favourite stars.

As the players emerged and boarded the team bus, the noise levels soared, with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Vande Mataram" echoing through the air. Some players waved to acknowledge the support, while others, headphones on, remained focused and absorbed in their pre-match routines.

When the team bus departed, fans quickly made their way into the stadium. Amidst the hustle and bustle, there were countless smiles, many attending their first-ever live cricket match. From senior citizens to young children, all were dressed in India's iconic blue, some with the national tricolour painted proudly on their faces. Despite the grey clouds overhead, blue remained the colour of the day.

It wasn't just the fans inside the ground; the entire city seemed to be celebrating the spirit of the World Cup. From taxi drivers to hotel receptionists, everyone was following the match updates with fervour. "India khelega to support karenge na, sir!" ("If India plays, of course we'll support them!") exclaimed an auto driver en route to the stadium.

The women's team had become the talk of the town, their faces adorning large banners across the city. "I'm here to support Harleen Deol, it's my first-ever match in a stadium," said one enthusiastic fan, proudly sporting the Indian jersey.

Security personnel moved briskly across the venue, maintaining order and ensuring every detail ran seamlessly. Inside the stadium, fans soaked up the atmosphere, posing against vibrant backdrops designed for picture-perfect social media moments that added to the carnival-like buzz in the stands.

Even during the long rain breaks, the energy never dipped. The DJ kept spirits high with a lively playlist ranging from Bollywood classics to international chart-toppers, while engaging the crowd with fun games and chants. The air was thick with patriotism as fans waved their flags and lit up the stands with their phone flashlights, swaying to the powerful rhythm of "Maa Tujhe Salaam."

As the rain continued to tease the crowd, their unwavering support stood as a testament to the growing love and recognition for women's cricket in India. Not long ago, such packed stands and electric atmospheres were reserved almost exclusively for men's fixtures, but the scenes in Navi Mumbai reflected a new era, one where women cricketers are celebrated with the same passion and pride.

Even as the players waited for the weather to clear, they were visibly moved by the chants echoing through the stadium, acknowledging the loyalty and energy of their supporters. For many young fans in the stands, these moments were more than just glimpses of their idols; they were powerful reminders of what Indian women's cricket now represents: resilience, excellence, and hope.

It's Story TIME

The Wild Boar & the Fox

A Wild Boar was sharpening his tusks busily against the stump of a tree, when a Fox happened by. Now the Fox was always looking for a chance to make fun of his neighbors. So he made a great show of looking anxiously about, as if in fear of some hidden enemy. But the Boar kept right on with his work. "Why are you doing that?" asked the Fox at last with a grin. "There isn't any danger that I can see." "True enough," replied the Boar, "but when danger does come there will not be time for such work as this. My weapons will have to be ready for use then, or I shall suffer for it." Preparedness for war is the best guarantee of peace.





Traffic Police Announce Diversions Ahead of Chhath Puja

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New Delhi : With thousands of devotees expected to throng the ghats for Chhath Puja celebrations, the Delhi Traffic Police issued an advisory announcing traffic restrictions and diversions across several parts of the national capital from today afternoon to Tuesday morning.

Traffic movement is likely to be affected around major Chhath Puja ghats, and commuters have been urged to avoid affected stretches and opt for public transport, especially the Metro, to minimise congestion.

According to the advisory, major gatherings are expected at Gandhi Nagar Naav Ghat, Purvanchal Nav Nirman Sangthan Ghat, Satyamev Jayate Ghat near Geeta Colony, DND Yamuna Khadar, and Chhath Ghat near Shastri Park — each expected to draw tens of thousands of devotees.

Traffic will also remain heavy near Geeta Colony, IP Extension, Majnu ka Tilla, Burari, Wazirabad, and areas around the Yamuna. In south Delhi, the largest congregation — between 2.5 to 3 lakh devotees — is expected at Bhola Ghat in Kalindi Kunj.

Restrictions will be in place on several key stretches, including GT Road (Shastri Park to Yudhishthir Setu), Laxmi Nagar–Kailash Nagar Road, Nanaksar to Old Wazirabad Road, and parts of MB Road, Outer Ring Road, and Agar Canal Road.

No restrictions have been placed on routes leading to railway stations or ISBTs, but minor delays are anticipated.

Officials have urged motorists to park only in designated areas, avoid roadside parking near ghats, and cooperate with traffic police deployed at key intersections to ensure smooth

President Murmu Greets Nation on Chhath Puja



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New Delhi : President Droupadi Murmu extended warm greetings to citizens on the auspicious occasion of Chhath Puja, describing it as a festival that promotes gratitude toward nature and fosters harmony, discipline, and prosperity.

In a message on X, the President wrote, “On the sacred occasion of the great festival of Chhath Puja, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all my fellow countrymen. This festival is an opportunity to worship Lord Surya and Chhathi Maiya and to express gratitude towards Mother Nature. My best wishes are that this festival brings happiness and prosperity into everyone's lives and inspires us towards environmental conservation.”

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also conveyed his wishes, saying, “Heartfelt wishes for Chhath Mahaparva! May this grand festival, filled with enthusiasm, excitement, and joy, infuse new energy and prosperity into everyone’s lives. Jai Chhathi Maiya!”

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta lauded the festival’s deep cultural roots, writing, “Offering arghya to the setting sun with gratitude and reverence is a unique identity of our eternal Sanatan culture. I pray to Chhathi Maiya that the light of happiness, health, and prosperity remains in every life.”

The Indian National Congress also extended greetings, wishing citizens happiness, peace, and prosperity on the occasion.

In 2025, Chhath Puja is being observed from October 25 to 28, with devotees performing rituals such as Nahay Khay, Kharna, Sandhya Arghya (evening offering to the setting sun), and Usha Arghya (morning offering to the rising sun).

The four-day festival, rooted in ancient tradition, honours the Sun God (Surya Dev) and Chhathi Maiya, symbolising purity, devotion, and the deep spiritual connection between humanity and nature.

Yunus Stirs Row After Gifting Map Showing India's Northeast as Bangladesh

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Dhaka : Bangladesh’s interim head, Muhammad Yunus, has sparked a major diplomatic row after presenting a Pakistani general with a book featuring a distorted map that depicts India’s northeastern states as part of Bangladesh.

The incident occurred during the visit of Pakistan’s Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee chairperson, General Sahir Shamshad Mirza, to Dhaka over the weekend. Yunus posted photos of the meeting on social media, including one in which he is seen gifting Mirza a book titled Art of Triumph—its cover showing a “Greater Bangladesh” map that wrongly includes Assam and other northeastern states.

The image quickly went viral, triggering outrage across social media and renewed criticism of Yunus for repeatedly making controversial references to India’s northeast. The Indian Ministry of External Affairs has not yet commented on the matter.

The controversy comes amid a visible thaw in Bangladesh–Pakistan relations since Yunus assumed charge in August 2024, following the ouster of the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League government.

This is not Yunus’s first foray into the sensitive issue. Earlier, during a visit to China in April, he referred to India’s northeast as “landlocked” and described Bangladesh as the “only guardian of the ocean” for the region — remarks that drew strong criticism from New Delhi.

Bangladesh opens up a huge possibility for China as the eastern states of India have no access to the ocean,” Yunus had told Chinese officials.

His comments, along with statements from his aides advocating a “Greater Bangladesh,” have worsened relations between Dhaka and New Delhi. In response, India recently cancelled a transhipment agreement that allowed Bangladeshi goods to pass through Indian territory en route to Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar.

Analysts say Yunus’s repeated allusions to India’s northeast and growing proximity to Pakistan and China reflect a deliberate geopolitical shift that could strain regional stability.

BSF Foils Pakistan-Based Drug Smuggling Bid, Seizes 5.3 Kg Heroin

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New Dehli : The Border Security Force (BSF) recovered over 5.3 kilograms of suspected heroin from the depth area of R S Pura, Jammu, during the early hours of today.

According to BSF officials, the operation was carried out following precise intelligence inputs indicating an attempt by Pakistan-based smugglers to push narcotics into Indian territory. Acting swiftly on the information received on Sunday, BSF personnel planned a special operation and laid a depth Naka/special ambush in the R S Pura area of Jammu district.

During a search operation near Village Bidipur, alert BSF troops recovered two yellow-coloured packets from farmland. The packets contained ten smaller packets within, collectively weighing approximately 5.300 kilograms. The substance is suspected to be heroin and is believed to have been drone-dropped from across the border.

A thorough search of the surrounding area is still in progress. The local police have been informed and called to the site to take further necessary legal action.

The BSF reiterated its commitment to maintaining a vigilant presence along the International Border and ensuring that all attempts to smuggle narcotics, arms, or contraband into the country are effectively foiled.

Supreme Court Summons Chief Secretaries Over Stray Dog Menace

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New Dehli : In a sharp rebuke to States and Union Territories for their failure to act against the growing stray dog menace, the Supreme Court today summoned the Chief Secretaries of all States and UTs — except West Bengal and Telangana — for not filing compliance affidavits on the implementation of the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules.

Hearing the suo motu case titled “In Re: City Hounded By Strays, Kids Pay The Price,” a bench of Justice Vikram Nath, Justice Sandeep Mehta, and Justice N.V. Anjaria expressed strong displeasure, observing that repeated dog attack incidents were “showing the country in a bad light before foreign nations.”

Continuous incidents are happening and the image of the country is being shown as down in the eyes of foreign nations. We are also reading news reports,” Justice Nath remarked.

The court noted that only West Bengal, Telangana, and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi had filed their affidavits — and even those were not available on record. Directing all defaulting Chief Secretaries to appear personally on November 3 at 10:30 a.m., the bench warned that “costs and coercive measures will follow in case of non-compliance.”

Why has NCT not filed its affidavit? Chief Secretary to come up with an explanation, otherwise cost may be imposed and coercive steps will be taken. Your officers don’t read newspapers or social media? Once they are aware, they should come forward! All Chief Secretaries to remain present on November 3, else we will hold the court in the auditorium,” Justice Nath told Additional Solicitor General Archana Pathak Dave.

Earlier, on August 22, the top court had directed all States and UTs to submit compliance affidavits under the ABC Rules. However, the court found that the majority ignored the directive and failed to appear.

The suo motu proceedings stemmed from a Times of India report titled “In a City Hounded by Strays, Kids Pay Price,” published on July 28.

Earlier, an August 11 order by a bench led by Justice J.B. Pardiwala had directed authorities in Delhi and NCR to relocate stray dogs to shelters and bar their release. However, after concerns over conflicts with prior court rulings, the matter was transferred to the present three-judge bench, which stayed that order.

Reaffirming the ABC Rules, the bench clarified that sterilised, vaccinated, and dewormed dogs must be released back into their original areas, except those infected with rabies or exhibiting aggressive behaviour. The court also banned public feeding of stray dogs outside designated feeding zones and extended the case’s scope to the entire country.

Reiterating its firm stance, the Supreme Court said that if the Chief Secretaries fail to appear on November 3, the court will “hold proceedings in an auditorium” to ensure accountability.

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US Hails Trump as 'President of Peace' for Brokering Thai-Cambodia Truce

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Washington : The US State Department posted a photo of President Donald Trump on Sunday with the caption: "President of Peace." The tribute came as Thailand and Cambodia signed an expanded ceasefire agreement during a ceremony attended by Trump, whose earlier threats of economic pressure helped prod the two nations to halt skirmishes along their disputed border earlier this year.

Under the first phase of the deal, Thailand will release Cambodian prisoners, and Cambodia will begin withdrawing heavy artillery. Regional observers will monitor the situation to ensure fighting does not restart.

US Secretary of State Marco Rubio praised the move on X, writing: "The work of the President of Peace continues. Thanks to @POTUS's leadership and Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim's efforts, there is now a path to peace, stability, and prosperity for Southeast Asia. Congratulations to Cambodia and Thailand on the signing of the Kuala Lumpur Peace Accords."

The ceremony marked Trump's first event after arriving at the annual summit of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in Kuala Lumpur. His trip, which will continue with visits to Japan and South Korea and a potential meeting with Chinese leader Xi Jinping, is seen as an opportunity for Trump to burnish his reputation as an international dealmaker amid ongoing trade tensions and a looming government shutdown back home.

Trump arrived in Malaysia shortly before 2:00 a.m. GMT, performing his signature campaign trail dance with local performers while waving both American and Malaysian flags. The summit offered him a fresh chance to play global peacemaker; he attended ASEAN only once during his first term.

Thailand and Cambodia experienced five days of intense fighting in July, resulting in dozens of deaths and hundreds of thousands displaced—the worst clashes in recent memory along the two countries' disputed border. Trump had threatened to withhold trade agreements unless hostilities ceased, a display of economic leverage credited with prompting negotiations. A shaky truce had persisted since then.

Following the expanded ceasefire, Trump also signed separate economic deals with Cambodia and Thailand, reinforcing his role as a broker of both peace and trade in the region.

Pakistan-Afghanistan Peace Talks Hit Deadlock: Trump Offers to Mediate

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Taliban : Peace talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan have reportedly reached a stalemate, with Islamabad accusing the Taliban of taking an "illogical and detached" stance on key security and counter-terrorism issues, according to Pakistani media reports.

The second round of discussions, held in Istanbul on Saturday, followed initial negotiations in Doha last week after an October 16 ceasefire that ended the deadliest border clashes between the two countries since the Taliban's takeover of Afghanistan in 2021.

Geo News reported that Pakistan presented "clear, evidence-based and solution-oriented" demands to curb cross-border militancy, but the Taliban's alleged rigidity has raised doubts about their willingness to cooperate. Radio Pakistan said talks focused on establishing a joint monitoring mechanism to control militant movement and reduce trade barriers, while also exploring a long-term political framework.

Sources quoted by Geo News claimed that "the Taliban have remained unwilling to cooperate or acknowledge ground realities."

Turkey is reportedly mediating to help the Afghan delegation understand Pakistan's concerns, as Islamabad warned that any tolerance or shelter for anti-Pakistan militants would be unacceptable.

Defence Minister Khawaja Asif, while speaking to reporters, said that around 80 per cent of the points agreed upon in the first round of talks in Doha were being implemented, but cautioned that failure of peace efforts could lead to an "all-out war" with the Taliban.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump has offered to mediate between Islamabad and Kabul. Speaking at the signing of the Thailand-Cambodia peace accord during the ASEAN Summit in Malaysia, Trump said, "We're averaging one (war) a month. There's only one left, though I hear Pakistan and Afghanistan have started up. But I'll get that solved very quickly. I know them both."

Trump praised both countries' leadership, calling them "great people," and added, "If I can take time and save millions of lives, that's really a great thing."

Earlier this month, at the Gaza Peace Summit, Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had lauded Trump as a "man of peace," crediting him for helping ease tensions between India and Pakistan after the April 22 Pahalgam terror attack — a claim New Delhi has firmly denied, maintaining that no third-party mediation was involved.

Indian-Origin Woman Raped in Racist Attack

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London : A 20-year-old woman of Indian heritage was allegedly raped in the West Midlands region of the United Kingdom in what police believe was a racially motivated attack.

According to the West Midlands Police, the assault took place in the Park Hall area of Walsall. Officers were called to the scene on Saturday after receiving reports of a distressed woman found sitting in the middle of the street following the attack.

Senior police officer Ronan Tyrer, who is leading the investigation, condemned the assault, calling it "an absolutely appalling attack on a young woman." He said, "We are doing absolutely everything we can to arrest the person responsible."

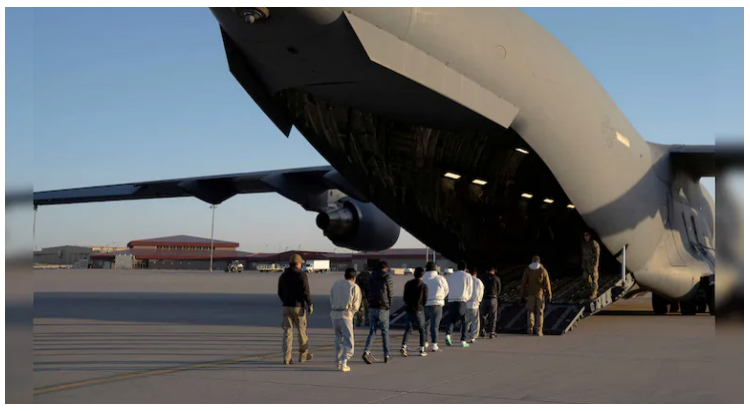
Police have released CCTV footage of the suspect and appealed to the public for assistance. "We have teams of officers recovering evidence and building a profile of the attacker so that he can be brought into custody as soon as possible," Tyrer said. He urged locals to check dashcam or CCTV footage that might help identify the perpetrator.

The incident has sparked widespread outrage and condemnation from UK politicians. Coventry South MP Zarah Sultana wrote on X, "On Saturday, a woman of Punjabi heritage was raped in a racist attack in Walsall. Last month, a Sikh woman was raped in a racist attack in Oldbury. These horrifying attacks show how racism and misogyny feed each other — fuelled by the rise of fascism and hate."

Preet Kaur Gill, Labour MP for Birmingham Edgbaston, also expressed shock, stating, "Deeply shocked and saddened that we are hearing of yet another racially aggravated rape, this time in Walsall."

Police have urged anyone with information to come forward, emphasizing that public cooperation could be crucial in tracking down the attacker.

US Deports 54 Haryana Youths: Bishnoi Aide Also Returned



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Washington : The United States has deported 54 Indian youths from Haryana for allegedly entering the country illegally through the 'Donkey Route'. The group landed at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, Terminal-3, on Flight OAE-4767, officials said on Sunday.

According to police, 16 of the deported individuals are from Karnal, 15 from Kaithal, 5 from Ambala, 4 each from Yamuna Nagar and Kurukshetra, 3 from Jind, 2 from Sonipat, and one each from Panchkula, Panipat, Rohtak and Fatehabad. Most of them are aged between 25 and 40 years.

Karnal DSP Sandeep Kumar confirmed that the youths had used the illegal 'Donkey Route' to enter the US. "These individuals, from various districts, were deported today and handed over to their families. No complaints against any travel agents have been received so far. We advise people not to attempt to go abroad illegally as it leads to serious consequences," he said.

The deportations come amid the Trump administration's intensified crackdown on illegal immigration. Earlier this year, hundreds of Indians were sent back from the US for violating immigration laws.

Meanwhile, in a separate development, Haryana's Special Task Force (STF) arrested Lakhwinder Singh alias Lakha, a close aide of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, after his deportation from the United States.

According to officials, Lakhwinder, a resident of Titram village in Kaithal district, had been operating from the US since 2022 under the direction of Anmol Bishnoi, managing extortion and firing incidents in Haryana and Punjab.

He has multiple criminal cases registered in Sonipat, Rohtak, Yamuna Nagar, Kaithal, and Ambala. A Look Out Circular (LOC) and Red Corner Notice (RCN) were issued against him in 2023 and 2024, respectively.

After nearly a year of coordination with international agencies, his deportation was successfully executed, marking a major breakthrough in Haryana STF's campaign against organised crime.



Stalin Calls Rahul Gandhi His Brother, Backs DMK-Congress Unity



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Chennai : Amid growing speculation of the Congress inching closer to actor-politician Vijay's Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin reaffirmed the DMK's alliance and ideological bond with the Congress, calling his relationship with Rahul Gandhi both "emotional and ideological."

Speaking at an event, Stalin said, "I'm not able to express the love shown by our brother Rahul Gandhi upon me. I never call any political leader a brother, but I call Rahul Gandhi my brother as he considers me his elder brother."

He added that their friendship transcends politics, emphasizing, "This is not a political attachment but an ideological one too. The welfare of the nation is more important than the welfare of an individual."

Stalin asserted that the DMK-Congress ideological understanding "will definitely protect the nation."

His comments come amid rumours of the Congress warming up to Vijay's TVK, fuelling speculation about possible realignments in Tamil Nadu's political landscape.

Earlier this month, Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin hinted at continued ties with the Congress, saying at a public event that "the hand will never leave us," referring to the party's symbol.

The remarks follow Congress MP Manickam Tagore's statement that actor Vijay is emerging as a key challenger to the INDI alliance in Tamil Nadu.

Vijay to Meet Karur Stampede Victims' Families Privately

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Mahabalipuram : A month after the Karur stampede that claimed 41 lives, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief and actor Vijay is set to hold a closed-door meeting with the victims' families in Mahabalipuram today.

According to party sources, the meeting, organised at a private hotel, will be off-limits to both media and party members due to the sensitive nature of the discussions. TVK has reportedly booked 50 rooms at the venue to accommodate the families, who will arrive by bus.

The move has stirred debate, with some questioning why Vijay chose not to visit Karur directly to console the grieving families. However, party officials said he could not obtain permission from authorities to visit the site and hence arranged the Mahabalipuram meeting.

Sources added that the injured survivors will not be part of the delegation. Shortly after the tragedy, Vijay had spoken to several families via video call, assuring them of his support and promising an in-person visit.

He had also announced a compensation of ₹20 lakh for each victim's family a day after the incident.

Meanwhile, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has taken over the probe into the September 27 stampede, which occurred during a TVK rally in Karur. The agency has begun its investigation after the Supreme Court transferred the case to ensure an independent inquiry.

Ex-Karnataka DGP's Lucknow Home Burgled: Cash, Jewellery Looted

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Lucknow : The residence of former Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) Mahendra Kumar Srivastava in Aliganj, Lucknow, was burgled between October 21 and 25, police said.

According to the FIR lodged by Srivastava's wife, the family discovered the theft on the morning of October 26 after returning from a relative's house. The burglars allegedly stole ₹2 lakh in cash and jewellery, including eight bangles, 11 chains, two lockets, two diamond sets, and five pendants.

Lucknow Police have registered an FIR under Sections 305 and 331(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and an investigation is underway.

In a separate incident in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli, three police officers, including a Sub-Inspector, were suspended after a man was beaten to death by locals who allegedly mistook him for a thief. Five suspects have been arrested, and efforts are ongoing to nab the remaining accused, officials said.

The victim's wife, Pinky, demanded justice and government assistance, saying, "My husband was beaten to death. The same should happen to those responsible. I have a daughter and need help from the government."

Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, met the victim's in-laws following the incident.

Top Maoist Leaders Surrender, Deep Rift Emerges in Rebel Ranks



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Bhopal : In a major blow to India's decades-long Maoist insurgency, two senior Maoist Central Committee members — Rupesh alias T. Vasudev Rao and Sonu alias Bhupati — have surrendered, sparking turmoil and mistrust within the outlawed organisation. Security officials have termed it the biggest breakthrough in the Bastar region in years.

Rupesh, who carried a ₹1 crore bounty, surrendered in Bastar on October 17 along with hundreds of cadres, while Bhupati and 60 of his men had earlier surrendered in Maharashtra. In Jagdalpur, 210 Maoists laid down 153 weapons before the police in a large-scale surrender operation, described as a "historic shift in the Red Corridor."

The Maoist Central Committee reacted sharply, branding both leaders as "traitors who betrayed the revolution." In a counter-video statement, Rupesh denied the allegations, claiming the decision was part of a peace plan initiated by General Secretary Basavaraju, who was killed in an encounter earlier this year

This was not betrayal," Rupesh said. "Basavaraju himself wanted to end the armed struggle and explore peace talks with the government. We were preparing for that before he was killed."

Officials believe the coordinated surrender of two top leaders signals a deep organisational and psychological collapse within the Maoist movement, already weakened by sustained security operations across Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, and Odisha.

According to government data, since January 2024, over 2,100 Maoists have surrendered, 477 have been killed in encounters, and 1,785 arrested in anti-insurgency drives.

With Basavaraju's death and two senior lieutenants opting for peace, experts say the latest developments could mark the beginning of the end of India's longest-running internal insurgency.

Two Bihar Men Drown, One Missing During Chhath Puja

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Medininagar : Two men from Bihar drowned while bathing in the Sone river during the Chhath festival in Jharkhand's Palamu district, police said on Sunday. Search operations are underway to trace another person who remains missing after being swept away by the strong river current.

According to police, six people had gone to bathe in the river near Pokhrahi village under the Hussainabad Police Station limits during Kharna, a ritual of the four-day Chhath festival. Three of them accidentally waded into deeper waters and were carried away by the current, while the remaining three managed to swim to safety, said Officer-in-Charge Sonu Kumar Chaudhary.

Divers later recovered the bodies of Ankush Paswan (22) and Adarsh Chandravansi (22) — both residents of Bihar — from the river, informed Sub-Divisional Police Officer (Hussainabad) Mohammad S. Yaqub. The search continues for Rajnish Chandravansi, a local resident of Pokhrahi village.

Paswan hailed from Aurangabad, while Chandravansi was from Gaya district of Bihar. Both had come to Palamu to celebrate the Chhath festival with their in-laws' families.

7-Year-Old Girl Attacked by Stray Dogs

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Hyderabad : A seven-year-old girl, identified as Sreeja, sustained serious injuries after being attacked by a pack of stray dogs in Telangana's Hanamkonda district morning.

The horrifying incident, captured on CCTV, shows the child walking along a road around 7:50 a.m. when several dogs suddenly charged at her. As she tripped and fell, the pack surrounded and mauled her. The attack stopped only after a passerby, alerted by her screams, rushed in and hurled a stone to scare the dogs away.

Sreeja was immediately taken to a nearby hospital, where she is undergoing treatment for multiple bite injuries.

Local residents have criticised the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation for its failure to curb the stray dog menace. The chilling footage of the attack has since gone viral, sparking fresh outrage and debate over public safety and stray animal management.

While citizens demand stricter measures to remove stray dogs from residential areas, animal welfare groups have cautioned against extreme action, calling for humane control methods in line with the Animal Birth Control Rules.

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