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CM Mann Invites President Murmu For Guru Tegh Bahadur's 350th Martyrdom Event



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Chandigarh : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann has invited President Droupadi Murmu to attend the state-level events marking the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur at Anandpur Sahib in November. Mann said the modalities of the President's visit would be finalised soon, with a detailed programme already shared with Rashtrapati Bhavan. The month-long commemorations, which began on October 25 with prayers at Gurdwara Rakab Ganj in Delhi, will culminate with an all-faith congregation at Anandpur Sahib from November 23 to 25. From November 1 to 18, light-and-sound shows will be held across Punjab, along with kirtan darbars in towns visited by the Guru. A nagar kirtan from Srinagar on November 19 will see participation from hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits, while three others from Talwandi Sabo, Faridkot, and Gurdaspur will converge at Anandpur Sahib on November 22. The main events will include an interfaith conference and a special Punjab Assembly session on November 24 to reflect on the Guru's life and sacrifice. A temporary tent city, Chakk Nanaki, will also be set up to host thousands of pilgrims.

Tejashwi Yadav Says INDIA Bloc Manifesto Aims to Make Bihar No. 1 State



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Patna : RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav today said the INDIA bloc's manifesto for the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections will serve as a "vision document" to transform the state into the number one in the country. The Opposition coalition is set to release the manifesto later in the day.

We have a vision for Bihar and a roadmap for its growth. It can also be called the 'Tejashwi Pran Patra' (Tejashwi's resolution document)," Yadav told reporters.

Taking a dig at the NDA, Yadav said, "We announced our CM face and are releasing our manifesto today. What about the NDA? They have neither declared their CM candidate nor released their manifesto — they only copy our promises."

Accusing Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi of neglecting Bihar, Yadav said, "Whenever the PM visits Bihar, he only abuses Opposition leaders and promotes negative politics."

The 243-member Bihar Assembly will go to polls in two phases on November 6 and 11, with results to be announced on November 14.

TMC, BJP Clash Over 'Missing' Posters of MP Shatrughan Sinha in Asansol



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Kolkata : A political spat erupted between the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and the BJP after posters declaring Asansol MP Shatrughan Sinha "missing" appeared during Chhath Puja celebrations. TMC accused the BJP of "cheap politics," with local leader Kanchan Roy alleging the opposition resorted to "dirty tricks" out of political desperation. BJP MLA Agnimitra Paul denied involvement, calling Sinha a "migrant MP" who is "never seen with the people." Sinha, who joined TMC in 2022, won the Asansol bypoll by over three lakh votes and retained the seat in 2024 with a reduced margin of about 50,000.

PM Modi Greets Devotees as Chhath Puja Concludes with Usha Arghya



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New Delhi : As Chhath Puja concluded with prayers to the rising sun today Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended heartfelt greetings to devotees and fasting individuals across the nation.

Taking to X, PM Modi said, "The auspicious conclusion of the great festival of Chhath came today with the morning offering of prayers to Lord Surya. During this four-day ritual, we witnessed the divine manifestation of our grand tradition of Chhath Puja. Heartfelt congratulations to all the devotees and fasting people… May the blessings of Chhathi Maiya always illuminate your lives."

The four-day festival, dedicated to the Sun God and Chhathi Maiya, is celebrated with deep devotion mainly in Bihar, Jharkhand, eastern Uttar Pradesh, and parts of Nepal. It culminates with Usha Arghya, symbolising gratitude and renewal.

From Bihar to Delhi and Maharashtra, devotees gathered at riverbanks early Tuesday to offer prayers amid chants of "Jai Chhathi Maiya," marking the end of one of India's most spiritually revered festivals.



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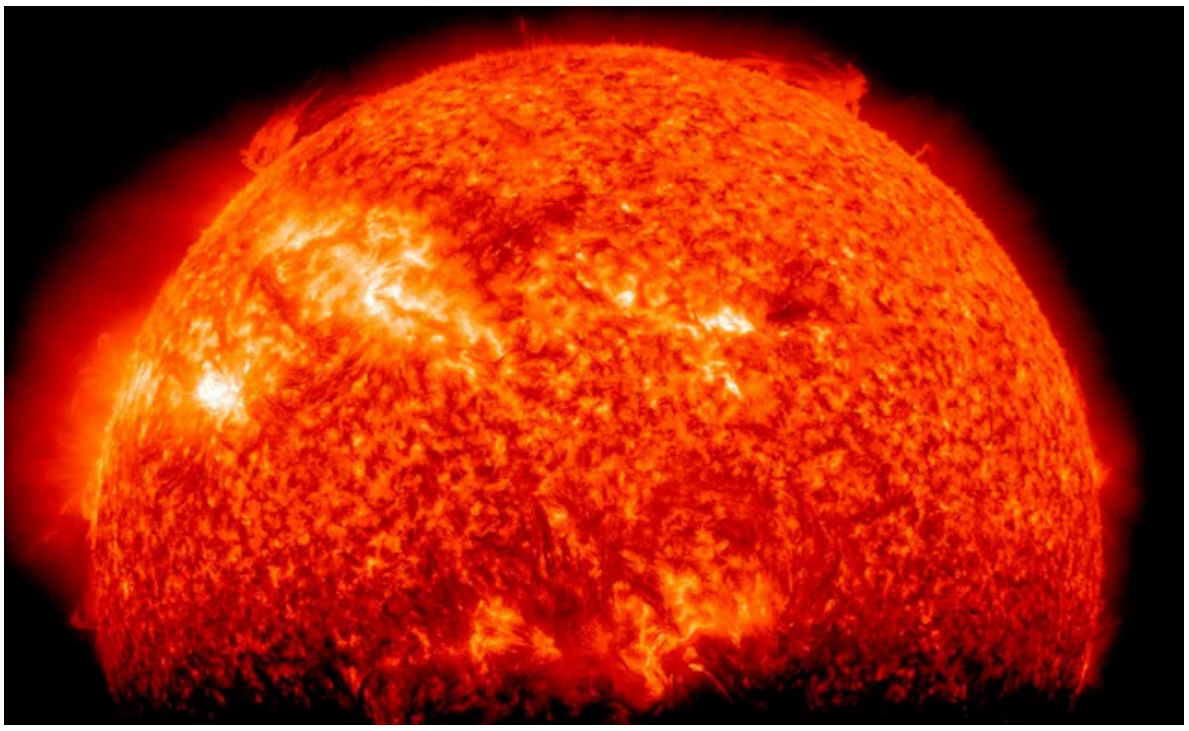
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Scientists Solve 80-Year Mystery of Sun's Hotter Outer Layer

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Researchers have made a landmark discovery in solar physics by directly observing small-scale waves in the Sun's corona, elusive magnetic waves that have baffled scientists for more than 80 years.

The breakthrough, published in Nature Astronomy, was achieved using the Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope (DKIST) in Hawaii, the world's most powerful solar observatory.

The phenomena, termed the torsional Alfven waves, could finally unravel the mystery of the Sun's super-hot outer atmosphere, offering vital clues to how the corona reaches temperatures of millions of degrees while the solar surface remains comparatively cool at about 5,500°C.

Alfven waves, named after the 1942 Nobel laureate Hannes Alfven, are magnetic disturbances that travel through plasma, the electrically charged gas that makes up the Sun.

While larger and more sporadic Alfven waves linked to solar flares have been detected before, this is the first time the subtle, ever-present twisting waves, thought to be powerful enough to heat the corona, have been directly confirmed.

Professor Richard Morton of Northumbria University led the research team, employing DKIST's Cryogenic Near-Infrared Spectropolarimeter (Cryo-NIRSP) to discern the twisting, or torsional, motions hidden within the turbulent coronal plasma.

The Cryo-NIRSP allowed the team to analyse highly ionised iron at 1.6 million degrees Celsius, detecting tiny, periodic Doppler shifts, red and blue shifts on opposite sides of magnetic structures caused by twisting waves. This was possible thanks to the instrument's unrivalled spectral resolution and sensitivity to minuscule plasma movements.

To reveal the elusive torsional signal, Professor Morton also developed new analytical techniques to separate out the dominant 'kink' waves, large swaying motions that usually mask the twisting effect.

The implications are huge: confirmation of small-scale torsional Alfven waves may solve the "coronal heating problem", explaining how the corona's temperature greatly exceeds that of the Sun's surface, and identifying a key driver of the solar wind.

This discovery, by an international team including members from the UK, China, Belgium and the US, will help refine space weather models, advancing our ability to forecast solar storms that can disrupt satellites, GPS, and power grids on Earth.

It also marks a new era in high-resolution solar physics, laying the groundwork for future DKIST-based exploration into the fundamental dynamics powering our star.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by: Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
29th Oct

Born on 29th 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 29th 2025 : You can start your day with Yoga and Meditation. Doing this will be beneficial for you and you will maintain your energy levels throughout the day. Those who commit tax evasion can get into big trouble today. Therefore, you are advised not to commit such acts.

Taurus

October 29th 2025 : Sort out your tension for mental peace. Today, one of your siblings can borrow money from you. Although you will fulfil their wish, but it can worsen your financial hardships. Children help you complete household jobs. Your beloved.

Gemini

October 29th 2025 : Pleasure trips and social get-togethers will keep you relaxed and happy. Financial hassles seem to get over as your parents extend support. You will upset your spouse if you spend money on things that you don't immediately require. Sharing food with beloved.

Cancer

October 29th 2025 : Use your energy to help someone in distress. Remember-what is the use of this perishable body if no use is made of it for the benefit of others. Today you can easily raise capital- collect outstanding debts- or ask for funds to work on new projects.

Leo

October 29th 2025 : Try to get out of your office early for some recreation. New sources of income will generate through people you know. Unexpected responsibilities will disrupt your day's plan-You will find yourself doing much for others and less for yourself.

Virgo

October 29th 2025 : Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. You will be in the mood to travel and spend money- but you will be sorry if you do. You will make new friends if you get involved in group activities. Avoid being forceful in love affairs.

Libra

October 29th 2025 : You will remain very active and agile today. Your health will fully support you today. Financial hassles will be eased out with the help of your friends. Take the suggestion of your elders before making any changes in the house otherwise it may invite their anger.

Scorpio

October 29th 2025 : Today you need to relax and try to find happiness amongst close friends and family members. You'll come to understand the fact today that investing often proves to be very beneficial for you, as any old investment made by you an offer profitable returns.

Sagittarius

October 29th 2025 : Pleasure trips and social get-togethers will keep you relaxed and happy. All the money you had invested in the past to make your future prosperous will reap fruitful results today. Push problems off your mind and concentrate on improving your position.

Capricorn

October 29th 2025 : A day when you will be able to relax. Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. Today, you can spend a lot of money on a party with friends, but despite this, your financial side will remain strong today. Health of an infant might cause some concern.

Aquarius

October 29th 2025 : Your lack of will power may make you a victim of emotional and mental attitude. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. This period is also good for taking your parents into confidence regarding your.

Pisces

October 29th 2025 : Some family members could irritate you by their envious behaviour. But no need to lose your temper otherwise situation could go out of control. Remember what can't be cured must be endured. You are most likely to attain financial profits today.

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Mayor Jiti Sidhu Blames Govt, MLA Kulwant Singh Garbage Crisis

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Mohali : Mohali Mayor Amarjit Singh Jiti Sidhu has strongly criticized the Punjab government, holding it fully responsible for the city's worsening garbage problem. He accused the government and local MLA Kulwant Singh of making hollow claims about cleanliness while allowing Mohali — one of Punjab's most important and modern cities — to sink under piles of waste.

"The government and the MLA think that by halting sanitation work, they can defame the Municipal Corporation. But the educated residents of Mohali know who is truly responsible," said Sidhu.

On Tuesday, contractor Lalit, responsible for garbage collection from A and B roads in Sector 78, parked 15 tractor-trolleys full of waste in a parking area to highlight the growing crisis. The mayor, after visiting the site, said the situation had become intolerable and warned that if a proper dumping ground was not provided soon, all garbage-laden trolleys would be stationed outside the Deputy Commissioner's office.

Sanitation workers and trolley drivers complained that they have no place to dispose of waste. "We are told a site has been given, but when we go there, armed men stop us from entering and chase us away," said one worker. Some drivers added that they risk their lives daily to perform their duties.

Contractor Lalit explained that most of the garbage consists of green waste — tree trimmings, grass cuttings, and dry waste — but residents also throw household garbage on roadsides, creating a foul smell and pollution. "Without a designated site, it's impossible to continue the work," he said.

Mayor Sidhu demanded immediate intervention from the Deputy Commissioner, Commissioner, and SSP to ensure the safety of workers and allocation of a secure dumping site. "If the government continues to ignore this issue, the next protest will take garbage trolleys to the DC office, the Local Government Department headquarters in Chandigarh, and even to the Chief Minister's doorstep," he warned.

Calling for urgent action, Sidhu said, "Mohali needs a solution, not excuses. The city must be cleaned — or the people will take to the streets, and the government will bear full responsibility."

DC Mittal, SSP Hans Review 'War Against Drugs' Progress

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Mohali : Under the state's flagship "War Against Drugs" campaign, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal and Senior Superintendent of Police Harmandeep Singh Hans today jointly reviewed the progress of the Nasha Mukti Yatra and other community mobilisation initiatives aimed at eradicating the menace of drugs from the district.

Addressing the meeting, the Deputy Commissioner said the Nasha Mukti Yatra had already reached almost every village and ward, spreading awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encouraging youth to stay away from addiction. She informed that the formation of Village and Ward Defence Committees (VDCs/WDCs) has been completed under the second phase of the campaign

In the next phase, starting from November, training sessions will be organised for these committee members to make them aware of their roles and responsibilities," Mittal said. The district will hold training camps on November 6 and 7, with two sessions each day—morning and afternoon.

She emphasised that the role of VDC/WDC members will now be crucial. "To make the district drug-free, members must proactively identify victims of addiction and report any suspicious drug-related activities through the 'Yudh Nasheyan De Virudh' mobile app," she added. The DC also directed civil and police officers to maintain close coordination with these committees to ensure that no illegal drug activity occurs in their respective areas.

SSP Harmandeep Singh Hans reaffirmed the police's firm commitment to the anti-drug mission. He said several drug-affected individuals had been admitted to the Government De-addiction Centre in Sector 66, while others were receiving treatment through Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OOAT) centres. He added that strict action was being taken against drug traffickers to break the supply chain.

The SSP instructed all Deputy Superintendents of Police to work actively with local committees in line with Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann's vision of a drug-free Punjab.

District "War Against Drugs" campaign coordinator Anu Babbar, along with block and circle coordinators, assured full support to the district administration and police in rooting out drugs from the area.

The meeting was attended by ADC (Rural Development) Sonam Chaudhary, SDMs Damandeep Kaur, Divya P., and Amit Gupta, SP Deepika Singh, and DSPs Prithvi Singh Chahal, Harsimran Singh Bal, Karan Singh Sandhu, Vikramjeet Singh Brar, Rajesh Hastir, and Naveen Pal Singh Lahl.

Manvir Singh Wins Silver in 65 Kg Wrestling Event

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Mohali : Manvir Singh, a student of Shaheed Major Harminderpal Singh (Shaurya Chakra Awardee) Government College, SAS Nagar, brought laurels to the institution by winning a silver medal in the 65 kg category at the Inter-College Wrestling Tournament organized by Punjabi University.

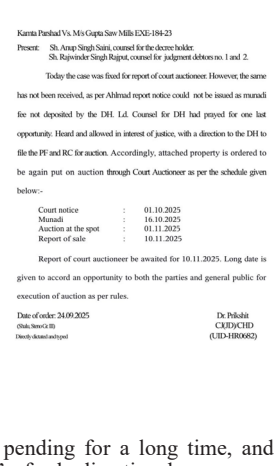
Guided by Principal Mrs. Gurinderjit Kaur, the college's wrestling team showcased commendable performances in the competition. With his stellar display, Manvir Singh has also been selected for the All India Inter-University Camp, earning recognition for both the college and the district.

On this occasion, senior professors Prof. Jaspreet Bains and Prof. Harsh encouraged Manvir to continue his dedication and hard work. Head of Department Prof. Simarpreet and Prof. Jagtar Singh Chilla also congratulated him for his outstanding achievement and contribution to the college's sporting excellence.

Ex-Mayor Anup Gupta's Property to Be Auctioned on Nov 1

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Kamta Parshad Vs. M/s Gupta Saw Mills EXE-184-23

Present: Sh. Anup Singh Saini, counsel for the decree holder.
Sh. Rajwinder Singh Rajput, counsel for judgment debtors no. 1 and 2.

Today the case was fixed for report of court auctioneer. However, the same has not been received, as per Ahlmad report notice could not be issued as munadi fee not deposited by the DH. Ld. Counsel for DH had prayed for one last opportunity. Heard and allowed in interest of justice, with a direction to the DH to file the PF and RC for auction. Accordingly, attached property is ordered to be again put on auction through Court Auctioneer as per the schedule given below:-

Court notice	:	01.10.2025
Munadi	:	16.10.2025
Auction at the spot	:	01.11.2025
Report of sale	:	10.11.2025

Report of court auctioneer be awaited for 10.11.2025. Long date is given to accord an opportunity to both the parties and general public for execution of auction as per rules.

Date of order: 24.09.2025
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Dr. Prikshit
CJ(JD)/CHD
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Chandigarh : In a significant development, the Chandigarh District Court has ordered the auction of property linked to former Mayor Anup Gupta in the case of Kamta Prasad vs M/s Gupta Saw Mills (EXE-184-23). The order was passed after the court noted that the previous auction proceedings could not be completed due to non-payment of the public announcement (munadi) fee.

The matter was heard in the court of Dr. Prikshit, CJ(JD), Chandigarh, where it was revealed that the court auctioneer's report had not been received because the decree holder (DH) failed to deposit the required munadi fee, preventing issuance of the auction notice.

Advocate Anup Singh Saini, representing the decree holder, requested the court to grant one final opportunity. Considering the appeal in the interest of justice, the court accepted the request and directed that the property be re-auctioned, issuing a revised schedule for the process.

Revised Auction Schedule:

Court Notice: October 1, 2025
Public Announcement (Munadi): October 16, 2025
On-Site Auction: November 1, 2025
Auction Report Submission: November 10, 2025

The court stated that these extended dates were fixed to ensure both parties and the public have sufficient time to participate, ensuring full transparency and compliance with legal norms.

Legal experts noted that the case had been pending for a long time, and the court's fresh directive has now paved the way for completion of the auction process. Following the order, the court auctioneer will conduct a valuation of the property and proceed as per the new timeline.

The case has drawn significant local attention as it involves the former Chandigarh Mayor, Anup Gupta.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who Cares...?

Stray Cattle Continue to Roam



Atul Sharma

Mohali : Due to the slow pace of implementation of the animal birth control programme for stray dogs in the city, their population has doubled in the last five years posing a threat to citizens. These Cows that were earlier found in large numbers near meat stalls, garbage dumps, and in residential areas. Nowadays they are seen across the city and in public places in large mumbers. Citizens wanted the programme to be expedited by increasing the number of doctors, and extending the facilities at the post operative centre. Residents claim that they have been spotting stray puppies in the area. "It is concerning. Some dogs chased children on their way to school. We are terrified after hearing incidents of dog bites and attacks in the city." residents said As stray dog attacks increase, the Centre has decided to reach out to the States, local self-governments (LSGs) and Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) on implementing the new set of Animal Birth Control Rules prepared by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry recently. Notified on March 10 last year, the Rules put the onus of maintaining and controlling the population of stray dogs on LSGs and RWAs. Talking to sources Secretary of the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), S.K. Dutta, said the Rules of 2001, based on the Prevention of Cruelties to Animals Act, 1960, were amended to "adopt humane procedures for controlling stray animal population through open methods of surgeries and operations. The decision is also based on several Supreme Court judgements, Dr. Dutta said. "Local bodies were not following the 2001 Rules. We got Chief Secretaries and State government a number of complaints on cruelty to animals and other malpractices. After reviewing these Rules, the Ministry, in consultation with AWBI, revised these Rules and notified it on March 10, 2023," he said. The Ministry has requested all departments to ensure proper implementation of these new rules. Sources added that nature of the dogs should be considered while dealing with complaints about man-animal conflict. "No court allows relocation of dogs. Dog is a territorial animal. They cannot be kept in closed confinement and they will be more furious if we do so. Animal welfare activists who go for feeding dogs face harassment at some places. So, we have framed a set of actions to be followed by RWAs and LSGs. It is elaborated in the new set of rules, "he said. The new Rules prescribe that Animal Birth Control (ABC) programmes for sterilisation and immunisation of stray dogs are to be carried out by LSGs. The Ministry is also concerned about complaints of cruelty involved in carrying out ABC programmes. "By effective implementation of these Rules, ABC can be conducted by local bodies which will help in reducing stray dog population while addressing animal welfare issues. This is for birth control as well as maintenance of stray animals. The Rules want the RWAs to designate feed spots for dogs which shall be far from children play areas, entry and exit points, staircase or in an area which is likely to be least frequented by children and senior citizens. Dr. Dutta said if garbage is managed at the source, stray animals can also be managed. But Who Cares???

Rupa Sohana to Sponsor Weddings, Reward Kabaddi Winners with Tractors



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Mohali : Social worker Rupa Sohana, a member of singer Mankirat Aulakh's team, announced that weddings of underprivileged girls will be organised under her initiative early next year. The announcement came during a press conference held for the Jathedar Baba Hanuman Singh Memorial Kabaddi Tournament at Baidwan Sports Club, Sohana, which will take place from December 12 to 15. Rupa Sohana said the club has been organising this kabaddi tournament for years to promote Punjab's traditional sport. This year, in addition to men's matches, women's kabaddi matches will also be held. The Best Raider and Best Stopper will each receive a new Activa scooter, while the Best Raider and Best Catcher (Jaffi) from the men's category will be honoured with new tractors.

The winning men's team will be awarded ₹3.5 lakh, the runner-up will receive ₹2.5 lakh, and other prizes worth several lakh rupees will also be distributed. The event will feature traditional sports, including horse racing and dog races. The family of late kabaddi player Pamma Sohana will be specially honoured at the tournament. Rupa Sohana also highlighted the humanitarian work done by singer Mankirat Aulakh's team during the recent floods in Punjab, where they provided relief to affected families and donated 100 tractors. Continuing this spirit of social service, she announced that a grand "Dheeyan Di Lohri" celebration will be organised on January 10, 2026, followed by mass weddings for poor and needy girls in February 2026.

Municipal Councillor Harjeet Bholu said the weddings will be organised entirely by Rupa Sohana's team, without any government or NGO support. "All necessary household items will be gifted to the brides—just as a father would provide for his daughters," he added.

The press conference was attended by Kabaddi promoter Mohinder Sohana, President Rubal Sohana, Senior Vice-President Jyota Sohana, Treasurer Raman Sohana, Secretary Gurjant Santi Sohana, and members including Simsonu Sohana, Gola Sohana, Jari Sohana, Harsuu Sohana, Ballu Sohana, Sarpanch Jagdeep, Jimmy Sohana, Gurvinder Tiwana, Arvinder Jaildar, Kashish Verma, Gurdeep Desu Majra, Divjot Chandigarh, Ashuman Prince Mod Gill, Arsdeep Aujla, and Simran Singh Hundal (Chapparchiri).

Sidhu Accuses MLA Kulwant Singh of Bias MC Expansion



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Mohali : Former Punjab Health Minister Balbir Singh Sidhu has accused Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh of manipulating the draft notification for expanding the Municipal Corporation (MC) limits to serve his political and commercial interests.

Sidhu alleged that Singh delayed the implementation of the MC's earlier resolution on boundary expansion and, following the Punjab and Haryana High Court's intervention, introduced arbitrary changes to the proposal. "Several new areas have been added while many originally approved ones have been excluded," Sidhu said.

He pointed out that Sector 94 of Aerocity and parts of Mohali — which were not part of the earlier resolution — have now been included, while areas like Badmajra, Balongi, and TDI have been dropped despite earlier approvals.

Sidhu added that panchayats of Badmajra and Balongi had passed resolutions supporting inclusion within MC limits, and residents of TDI Township had also requested the same for better civic amenities. "While Aero City has been included, IT City and TDI, which existed much earlier, have been unfairly excluded," he said.

Sidhu said he welcomed the inclusion of Aero City but objected to the exclusion of other areas that were part of the original plan. Dismissing MLA Kulwant Singh's claim that Badmajra and Balongi were excluded to avoid tax burdens, Sidhu countered, "Won't the newly added areas also have to pay taxes?"

He further questioned why the TDI Township, housing affluent residents, was deliberately left out.

Sidhu claimed that the MC's 2021 resolution had been acted upon promptly before the Model Code of Conduct halted the process. "Later, at MLA Kulwant Singh's request, the AAP government took no further action, compelling citizens to approach the High Court," he added.

Pb Approves Stilt-Plus-Four Buildings, Declares Barnala 14th Corporation



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Chandigarh : The Punjab Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann, today approved the construction of stilt-plus-four floors in all new licensed colonies and sectors across urban areas, as part of the Punjab Unified Building Rules, 2025.

Under the new rules, plot owners with a minimum of 250 square yards will be allowed to construct up to stilt-plus-four floors. The permissible height of residential buildings has been raised from 17 metres to 21 metres, a move aimed at easing the housing pressure in major cities.

Chief Minister Mann said the state government has also approved deemed approval of building plans for houses up to 250 square yards and granted additional ground coverage permissions.

In another key decision, the Cabinet restricted private individuals from operating more than five drug rehabilitation centres, noting that some were running over 20 such facilities.

The Cabinet also approved the creation of a new sub-tehsil in Ludhiana North, covering four patwar sectors, one Kanungo sector, and seven villages.

Additionally, Barnala will now be upgraded from a municipal council to a municipal corporation — making it Punjab's 14th corporation. "Given the city's industrial growth and GST contribution, Barnala deserves this status," said CM Mann.

Thousands Gather at Sector 42 Lake for Chhath Puja Celebrations



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Chandigarh : The Sector 42 Lake turned into a vibrant spiritual hub evening as thousands of devotees, especially from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, gathered to celebrate Chhath Puja with devotion and enthusiasm.

Devotees offered arghya to the setting sun, chanting hymns and singing traditional Bhojpuri songs while seeking blessings for their families' health and prosperity. Women dressed in bright sarees carried bamboo baskets filled with fruits, sugarcane, and thekua (traditional sweets), while men assisted in performing rituals.

The Purvanchal Yuva Seva Samiti, which has been organising the festival in Chandigarh since 2016, hosted the celebrations this year. President Brijesh Kumar Gupta said Bhojpuri singers Sapna Singh and Vinita Divakar performed devotional songs during the event.

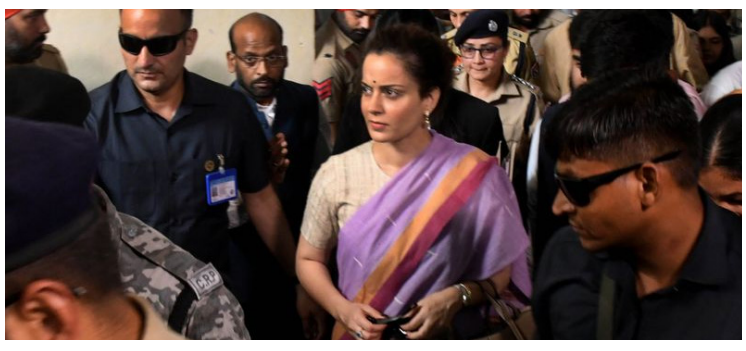
To ensure smooth conduct, the Engineering Department carried out extensive cleaning, repairs, and lighting arrangements at the lake. Adequate parking and power backup were also provided for devotees' convenience.

A heavy police deployment was in place to manage the crowd and maintain law and order.

Devotees will reconvene early Tuesday morning to offer arghya to the rising sun, marking the conclusion of the four-day festival.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Corporation also organised Chhath Puja celebrations at Sunder Nagar, Mauli Jagran, and New Indra Colony (Manimajra), drawing hundreds of devotees across the city.

Kangana Ranaut Gets Bail in Defamation Case by 82-Year-Old Farmer Woman



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Bathinda : Mandi MP and actor Kangana Ranaut was granted bail by a Bathinda court in a defamation case filed by 82-year-old Mahinder Kaur over an alleged derogatory remark made during the 2020–21 farmers' protest. After appearing before the court, Kangana told reporters that the controversy stemmed from a misunderstanding. "I had only retweeted a meme and did not intend to hurt anyone. I've already apologised to Mahinder Kaur's husband," she said, adding that she deeply respects all mothers, whether from Himachal Pradesh or Punjab. However, Mahinder Kaur's counsel, Advocate Raghbir Singh Behniwal, refuted Kangana's claim, stating that no prior apology was made. The complainant's husband, Labh Singh, said his wife could not attend the hearing due to ill health. The case has now been transferred to the Judicial Magistrate First Class (Special Court), with the next hearing scheduled for November 24. The case pertains to a 2020 tweet by Kangana in which she mistakenly identified Mahinder Kaur as Shaheen Bagh protester Bilkis Bano and alleged that such women were "available for Rs 100" to join protests. The comment drew sharp criticism, prompting Kaur to file a defamation complaint in January 2021. Kangana's court appearance followed a Supreme Court directive after her repeated pleas for exemption and virtual hearing were rejected by lower courts. Meanwhile, Bathinda MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal lauded Mahinder Kaur for her "courage," saying she had "upheld the honour of Punjab's mothers and daughters." AICC secretary Pargat Singh also urged Kangana to "learn a lesson" and use respectful language in the future.

CISF Pays Tribute to 127 Bravehearts at National Police Memorial



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New Delhi : The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) held a solemn ceremony at the National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri, to honour 127 martyrs who laid down their lives in the line of duty.

Senior officers, led by ADG (APS) Smt. Binita Thakur, paid floral tributes at the memorial, followed by a visit to the Wall of Valour and the Police Museum. Families of five martyrs — HC/GD B.B. Manjhi, CT/GD Potupureddi Appanna, ASI/Exe Rajendra Prasad, HC/GD Akhileshwar P. Yadav, and HC/GD S.D. Patil — were specially invited and felicitated.

Later in the day, CISF Director General Shri Praveer Ranjan presided over a commemorative function at CISF Headquarters, reaffirming the Force's dedication to duty and sacrifice. The day concluded with a retreat ceremony, a CISF band performance, and an open-air film screening, attended by officers, personnel, and around 200 families from Delhi–NCR units.

Retired Major General BPS Virk Missing from Panchkula for 21 Days



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Chandigarh : Retired Indian Army Major General BPS Virk has been missing for the past 21 days under mysterious circumstances. A resident of Sector 4, Panchkula, he lived with his wife, Gurkanwal Virk. Since October 8, there has been no trace of him. Acting on his wife's complaint, the Sector 5 Police Station has registered a missing person's case and initiated an investigation.

According to Gurkanwal Virk's statement, on October 8, she left for her office in Chandigarh, and during that time, her husband went out and did not return. Later in the evening, she received a short message from his mobile phone, after which the phone was switched off. Since then, there has been no communication or lead regarding his whereabouts.

Family members contacted relatives, friends, and acquaintances, but no one has any information. Concerned about his safety, Gurkanwal has urged police to trace his mobile location and analyze GPS data for any possible clues.

The investigation has been assigned to Sector 2 Police Post in-charge Kuldeep Singh. He informed that the police are reviewing CCTV footage, mobile tower locations, and bank transactions, while alerts have also been sent to nearby districts and states.

Police officials stated that no ransom call or suspicious activity has surfaced so far, but every possible angle is being explored. Considering Major General Virk's rank and background, the case is being treated with top priority.

Authorities have appealed to the public to share any information about Major General BPS Virk's whereabouts with the Sector 5 Police Station, Panchkula.

Karan Johar Calls Ae Dil Hai Mushkil His Most Personal Film on 9 Years

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Mumbai : Celebrated filmmaker Karan Johar today reflected on the emotional journey of his 2016 romantic drama Ae Dil Hai Mushkil as the film completed nine years since its release. Calling it the "most personal film" of his career, Johar shared unseen photos from the set and expressed heartfelt gratitude to the cast, crew, and fans for their enduring love. "One year short of a decade, and it honestly feels like yesterday when I was on set of perhaps the most personal film I have ever made," the 53-year-old filmmaker wrote. "My dil will never forget this. Thank you for letting Ae Dil Hai Mushkil grow, for breathing life and love into it till now." The film, starring Ranbir Kapoor, Anushka Sharma, and Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, explored the complexities of unrequited love and friendship. Despite mixed reviews, it became a commercial hit, grossing ₹239 crore worldwide against a ₹50 crore budget, and emerged as the third-highest-grossing Hindi film of 2016. Currently, Karan Johar is seen as a judge on the reality show Pitch To Get Rich, streaming on JioHotstar. He is also gearing up for his next directorial venture, expected to go on floors next year, with details yet to be announced.

Thamma' Crosses ₹90 Crore, Boosts Maddock Horror Universe

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Mumbai : Aditya Sarpotdar's Thamma, starring Ayushmann Khurrana and Rashmika Mandanna, continues its strong run at the box office, earning positive reviews and impressive collections. Part of the Maddock Horror Comedy Universe (MHCU) alongside Stree, Bhediya, and Munjya, the film has surpassed the ₹90 crore mark within its first week of release.

According to trade portal Sacnilk, Thamma collected an estimated ₹3.24 crore net in India on Monday, taking its total domestic earnings to ₹94.54 crore. The film opened with a robust ₹24 crore on Tuesday and maintained steady business through the week, with ₹18.6 crore on Wednesday, ₹13 crore on Thursday, and ₹10 crore on Friday. Over the weekend, it added ₹13.1 crore on Saturday and ₹12.6 crore on Sunday, pushing its six-day India total to ₹91.3 crore net, while worldwide earnings reached ₹124.50 crore.

The film follows Alok (Ayushmann Khurrana), who encounters the mysterious Tadaka (Rashmika Mandanna) during a hiking trip, only to discover she is a betal — a vampiric creature. Nawazuddin Siddiqui also stars as another vampire, with cameo appearances from MHCU characters, including Varun Dhawan.

Described as a "bloody love story," Thamma marks the fifth instalment in the MHCU. With strong word of mouth and its expanding cinematic universe appeal, the film is expected to sustain its successful theatrical run in the coming weeks.

With Ro-Ko Rested, Can Shubman Gill Cement His T20I Spot?



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During the ODI series against Australia, the main plot of the story was the return of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to the Indian team — and rightfully so. They have been box-office attractions for such a long time, and this was their farewell series down under. Amidst all the media frenzy around both men, one of the subplots of the series was Shubman Gill captaining the ODI team for the very first time.

The 26-year-old has been on the rise in Indian cricket ever since making his debut. There have been years of brilliance and a few when his place in the side — especially in Tests and T20Is — came under scrutiny. Gill has always let the bat do the talking and proved his critics wrong. But in this ODI series, there seemed to be an added layer of pressure on the Indian star.

That was reflected in his performances as well. Gill scored 43 runs in three matches and, apart from the third ODI, never quite adapted to the Australian conditions. More than that, it appeared as though he was playing under the shadow of Ro-Ko.

This was something Mohammed Kaif hinted at after the second ODI, suggesting that Gill may be feeling guilt after replacing Rohit as captain. Similarly, former selector Kris Srikkanth said that Gill's body language seemed to suggest he was under pressure.

After performing in England, probably he is also putting pressure on himself. He shouldn't do that and just play his game. He actually played well today but just got a superb delivery from Hazlewood. More than Shubman Gill getting himself out, it was a wicket-taking delivery that got him. But he does look to be under pressure, just observing his body language because he has replaced Rohit Sharma as the captain, while also opening alongside him," said Srikkanth on his YouTube channel.

Now it's a hard reset for Gill as he dons the T20I jersey and becomes the vice-captain of the side. There is still plenty for him to prove as he looks to cement his place in the setup.

LESSONS FROM ASIA CUP

Gill's inclusion in the Indian T20I side raised eyebrows, with many seeing it as a mismatch. He's known as a more classical player who depends on timing rather than raw power — almost like asking Roger Federer to play Rafael Nadal's aggressive, force-based style.

A couple of times, we saw Gill stray away from his natural game to be more aggressive, and that didn't work out early in the Asia Cup, as he was dismissed cheaply in the first Pakistan game and then against Oman.

Once he went back to his usual self, the results followed — he scored a 28-ball 47 in the second Pakistan game.

Now, this will be the first time Gill faces Australia in this format, and he has never played a single T20I down under. Given his struggles during the ODIs, the Indian vice-captain needs to stay true to his approach — being an accumulator of runs rather than fully adopting the "Skyball" mantra.

LOOKING OVER HIS SHOULDER

It's no secret that there are several contenders for that T20I opener's slot. Many believe Sanju Samson was unfairly displaced to make way for Gill. Then there's Yashasvi Jaiswal, who seems to be on the fringes in white-ball cricket.

Youngsters like Prabhsimran Singh and Priyansh Arya are constantly knocking on the door with intent, meaning Gill faces plenty of competition for his place. Srikkanth also pointed this out, suggesting that Jaiswal should have been given a chance in Australia.

The former selector believes this only adds to the pressure on Gill and urged him to stick to his natural game.

And on the other side, everyone is asking why Yashasvi Jaiswal isn't playing. All that adds to his pressure. But he'll get over it as he's a fantastic player. He should just play his normal game because he's getting his strides and shots right. He's just getting out, that's the only thing. So once he produces a couple of big knocks at home against South Africa, he'll be set again," said Srikkanth.

Now that Kohli and Rohit are back home, Gill will get more spotlight and time to express himself. But with that comes renewed scrutiny about his spot in the side. For him to block out the noise, he just needs to do what he's always done — let the bat do the talking, keep the runs flowing, and stake his claim for that opener's spot before the World Cup at home.

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The Crystal Ball

Nasir, a small boy, found a crystal ball behind the banyan tree of his garden. The tree told him that it would grant him a wish. He was very happy and he thought hard, but unfortunately, he could not come up with anything he wanted. So, he kept the crystal ball in his bag and waited until he could decide on his wish. Days went by without him making a wish but his best friend saw him looking at the crystal ball. He stole it from Nasir and showed it to everyone in the village. They all asked for palaces and riches and lots of gold, but could not make more than one wish. In the end, everyone was angry because no one could have everything they wanted. They became very unhappy and decided to ask Nasir for help. Nasir wished that everything would go back to how it was once – before the villagers had tried to satisfy their greed. The palaces and gold vanished and the villagers once again became happy and content.





Assam BJP Calls Priyank Kharge 'Teddy Boy' After Himanta Sarma Row

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New Delhi : A political slugfest broke out between Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Kharge and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma after the Congress leader alleged that semiconductor investments meant for Karnataka were being diverted to Gujarat and Assam under pressure from the Centre.

Kharge's remarks, made during a TV interview, questioned why semiconductor industries were being pushed to other states despite Karnataka's strong engineering talent and infrastructure. "All the investments meant for Karnataka are being arm-twisted by the Central government," he said.

Reacting sharply, CM Sarma called Kharge a "first-class idiot" and said his statement insulted Assam's educated youth. Sarma also hinted at legal action against the Karnataka minister and criticised the Congress for not disowning his comments.

Hitting back, Kharge accused Sarma of "whitewashing his failures" and alleged that the Assam CM had only succeeded in "growing his own wealth." He added that the youth of Assam were migrating due to lack of jobs and opportunities. "Every major scam or corruption case seems to trace back to his doorstep," Kharge said in a post on X.

The Karnataka minister further asserted that the BJP's rule in Assam was nearing its end, promising that the Congress, if elected in 2026, would focus on skilling, employability, and governance reforms.

Adding to the row, the Assam BJP took a dig at Kharge on social media, replying, "Hello, Teddy Boy, writing long essays on X doesn't make you a semiconductor expert." The party also taunted him over poverty levels in his own district, saying, "Maybe take a good hard look at your own backyard before lecturing about Assam."

The heated exchange has added another chapter to the growing tensions between the Congress-led Karnataka government and BJP-ruled Assam over investment and regional development claims.

Chhath Puja Ends with Usha Arghya as Devotees Pray to Rising Sun

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New Delhi : The four-day Chhath Puja festival concluded today with the Usha Arghya ritual, as devotees across India offered prayers to Lord Surya (Sun God) and Chhathi Maiya, marking the end of one of Hinduism's most spiritually significant celebrations. As dawn broke, devotees stood waist-deep in rivers and ponds, chanting hymns and offering gratitude to the Sun God for health, happiness, and prosperity. The ritual symbolises new beginnings and thankfulness. In Delhi, elaborate security and management arrangements were made at major ghats, including Hathi Ghat at ITO, where separate camps, medical aid, and CCTV surveillance ensured smooth proceedings. BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari joined devotees, calling the festival a symbol of unity. Across Bihar and eastern Uttar Pradesh, the heartlands of Chhath, massive gatherings were witnessed at ghats in Patna, Varanasi, and Ayodhya. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, LJP (Ram Vilas) MP Shambhavi Choudhary, and Union Minister Chirag Paswan offered prayers in Bihar. Paswan said, "Chhathi Maiya has blessed us with happiness. We dream of a Viksit Bihar where every family prospers."

In Varanasi, the ghats of the Ganga glowed with diyas as thousands offered the final Arghya, while Ayodhya saw devotees gather as early as 3 a.m. for rituals. The festival, traditionally celebrated in Bihar, eastern UP, and Nepal, has now spread nationwide — from Ahmedabad and Ranchi to Bhubaneswar and Kotputli. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi also participated in the prayers.

Chhath Puja begins with 'Nahay Khay', followed by 'Kharna', 'Sandhya Arghya', and concludes with 'Usha Arghya', during which devotees observe a waterless fast and offer sunrise prayers, embodying devotion, discipline, and gratitude.

Rs 15-Cr Horse to Rs 23-Cr Buffalo Steal Spotlight at Pushkar Fair

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Pushkar : The world-famous Pushkar Cattle Fair in Rajasthan has once again become the talk of the town, hosting thousands of animals — including some of India's most expensive livestock. This year's biggest attractions are a Rs 15-crore horse named Shahbaz and a Rs 23-crore buffalo named Anmol, both drawing massive crowds of traders, tourists, and animal enthusiasts.

Shahbaz: The Rs 15-Crore Horse Shahbaz, a two-and-a-half-year-old Marwari stallion from Chandigarh, is owned by Gary Gill. "He has won multiple shows and comes from a prestigious lineage. His covering fee is Rs 2 lakh, and his asking price is Rs 15 crore. I've received offers up to Rs 9 crore," Gill told ANI. Visitors have been lining up to glimpse the majestic horse, known for its elegant build and high pedigree.

Anmol: The Rs 23-Crore Buffalo Anmol, a buffalo from Rajasthan, has stunned visitors with her Rs 23-crore valuation. Her owner claims she is "raised like royalty," enjoying a daily diet of milk, desi ghee, and dry fruits.

Another star attraction is Rana, a buffalo from Ujjain priced at Rs 25 lakh. Weighing around 600 kg and standing 8 feet long, Rana consumes food worth Rs 1,500 a day, including gram flour, eggs, milk, ghee, and liver tonic.

Badal: The Rs 11-Crore Champion Horse

Adding to the glamour is Badal, a veteran stallion valued at Rs 11 crore and father to 285 colts. Despite multiple offers, his owner refuses to sell him. This is Badal's third appearance at the fair.

About the Pushkar Fair

The Pushkar Cattle Fair, which began on October 23 and continues till November 7, celebrates Rajasthan's rich animal husbandry traditions. Competitions such as Best Milk Producer, Best Horse Breed, and Best-Dressed Camel are among the highlights.

According to Dr. Sunil Ghiya, Joint Director of the Animal Husbandry Department, "Over 3,000 animals have been registered so far. We've set up checkpoints and veterinary camps to ensure all livestock are checked, tagged, and vaccinated."

The department is also digitising animal records for better tracking and disease prevention. With veterinary teams available round the clock, the fair remains both a spectacle of tradition and modern livestock management — showcasing the enduring bond between Rajasthan's people and their prized animals.

Amazon to Slash 30,000 Corporate Jobs in Cost-Cutting, AI Drive

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San Francisco : Amazon is preparing to lay off up to 30,000 corporate employees starting marking its largest job reduction since 2022, as the company seeks to trim expenses and streamline operations after pandemic-era overhiring, according to multiple sources familiar with the matter. The cuts, representing nearly 10% of Amazon's 350,000 corporate workforce, will impact divisions including human resources (People Experience and Technology), operations, devices and services, and Amazon Web Services (AWS). Managers of affected teams reportedly received training on Monday to prepare for notifying staff. An Amazon spokesperson declined to comment on the layoffs. The move is part of CEO Andy Jassy's ongoing initiative to cut bureaucracy and improve efficiency.

Jassy previously noted that AI tools were enabling automation of repetitive tasks, likely leading to workforce reductions. "Amazon is realizing enough AI-driven productivity gains to support a substantial reduction in force," said eMarketer analyst Sky Canaves. Reports suggest the HR division alone could see a 15% reduction. Additionally, Amazon's strict five-day office attendance policy failed to prompt voluntary attrition, leading some remote employees to be classified as having "voluntarily quit" without severance. The layoffs come as AWS — Amazon's most profitable unit — reported second-quarter sales of $30.9 billion, up 17.5%, but lagging behind Microsoft Azure and Google Cloud. Analysts estimate third-quarter AWS sales will rise about 18% to $32 billion. Despite the corporate cuts, Amazon expects a strong holiday season, maintaining its plan to hire 250,000 seasonal warehouse workers. Amazon shares rose 1.2% to $226.97 The company will announce its third-quarter earnings on Thursday.

BJP MLA Slips Into Yamuna While Filming Cleanliness Reel



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New Delhi : Delhi BJP MLA Ravinder Singh Negi from Patparganj accidentally fell into the Yamuna River while filming a social media reel to promote a river-cleaning awareness campaign. The incident, captured on camera, quickly went viral and added fuel to the ongoing political sparring between the BJP and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) over the river's cleanliness amid Chhath Puja celebrations.

In the 19-second video, Negi is seen near the riverbank holding two bottles when he slips and tumbles into the water while attempting to stand. A bystander's attempt to help him failed, and the drenched MLA was later seen trying to climb out using a bamboo structure.

AAP MLA Sanjeev Jha shared the clip on X, mocking Negi and saying, "Making empty promises has become a profession for BJP leaders." He further quipped that "perhaps Yamuna maiyya herself called them to her side."

The incident comes as political tensions escalate over the state of the Yamuna, with both parties trading barbs. Over the weekend, AAP's Delhi unit chief Saurabh Bharadwaj challenged Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to drink water from the river to prove her claim that it had been cleaned, even bringing a bottle filled with murky water to her residence.

As Chhath Puja concludes today, the debate over Yamuna's pollution continues to make waves in Delhi's political circles.

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Canada Ready for Talks as PM Mark Carney Responds to US Tariff Hike

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Kuala Lumpur : Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney said he was prepared to resume trade discussions with US President Donald Trump after Washington raised tariffs on Canadian goods by another 10 percent.

We stand ready to sit down with the United States — myself with the president, my colleagues with their colleagues — when the US is ready to sit down," Carney told reporters on the sidelines of a regional summit in Malaysia.

The comments came after Trump announced he had terminated all trade talks with Canada, accusing Ottawa of running a "fake" advertisement campaign. Carney said he had no contact with Trump during the summit but confirmed plans to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping at the upcoming APEC summit in South Korea on Wednesday to discuss trade and global economic cooperation.

Trump, who is also expected to attend the APEC dinner, has said he has no plans to meet Carney.

The US president's sectoral tariffs on steel, aluminium, and automobiles have severely impacted Canada, resulting in job losses and business strain.

Carney noted that both sides had previously made "considerable progress" on trade supplements, especially in the steel, aluminium, and energy sectors.

The diplomatic flare-up follows controversy over an Ontario government ad opposing US tariffs that used excerpts from a 1987 Ronald Reagan radio address. The Reagan Foundation accused the ad of using "selective audio and video" and said it was reviewing legal options. Ontario authorities said Monday they would withdraw the ad to help restart trade negotiations.

Canada Hunts Indian-Origin Man for Murder of Punjab Woman

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Ottawa : Canadian authorities have issued a nationwide arrest warrant against 27-year-old Manpreet Singh, an Indian-origin resident of Brampton, in connection with the murder of Amanpreet Saini, also 27, whose body was found in a park in Lincoln, Ontario, on October 21.

The Niagara Regional Police Service said Saini's body was discovered with "traumatic injuries" and confirmed that the killing appeared to be a targeted attack with no ongoing threat to public safety.

Investigators believe Singh fled Canada shortly after the murder. "Investigators have information to suggest that Singh fled the country shortly after Amanpreet's body was discovered," police said in a statement.

Authorities have released Singh's photograph and urged the public not to approach him if spotted, instead calling 911 immediately.

that Singh, whose family hails from Punjab, has fled to India. Canadian security agencies have contacted their Indian counterparts to assist in locating and arresting him.

Saini, originally from Punjab's Sangrur district, had been living in Toronto for several years before the incident.

US Air Travel Disruptions Worsen as Shutdown Enters 27th Day

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Washington : Air trave disruption across the United States worsened with more than 5,600 flights delayed nationwide as air traffic controller absences surged amid the ongoing federal government shutdown, now in its 27th day.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) cited staffing shortages and imposed ground delay programs affecting Newark, Austin, and Dallas Fort Worth airports. Earlier in the day, severe staffing issues at Atlanta's Terminal Radar Approach Control had delayed flights across the Southeast.

About 13,000 air traffic controllers and 50,000 Transportation Security Administration (TSA) officers are currently working without pay due to the budget deadlock between Republican President Donald Trump and congressional Democrats. The Trump administration warned that disruptions will worsen as controllers miss their first full paycheck this week.

On Sunday alone, more than 8,800 flights were delayed, according to FlightAware. Southwest Airlines saw 47% of its flights delayed, followed by American Airlines at 36%, United Airlines at 27%, and Delta Air Lines at 21%. On Monday, delays remained high — Southwest 31%, American 24%, Delta 18%, and United 12%.

A U.S. Department of Transportation official said 44% of Sunday's delays were caused by controller absences, a sharp jump from the typical 5%.

Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy met with controllers in Cleveland on Monday, while the National Air Traffic Controllers Association plans demonstrations at airports nationwide on Tuesday to protest missed pay.

The FAA remains about 3,500 controllers short of its staffing target, forcing many to work six-day weeks and mandatory overtime even before the shutdown began.

Observers warn the situation mirrors the 2019 government shutdown, when rising absences forced authorities to slow air traffic over New York and Washington.

King Charles Heckled Over Prince Andrew's Epstein Links During Cathedral Visit



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London : King Charles faced an angry outburst from a protester over his brother Prince Andrew's association with the late sex offender Jeffrey Epstein while greeting well-wishers outside Lichfield Cathedral near Birmingham.

How long have you known about Andrew and Epstein?" the man shouted as the monarch continued his walkabout, engaging calmly with members of the public.

The protest came amid renewed scrutiny of Prince Andrew, 65, who recently agreed to stop using his title, the Duke of York, following years of criticism over his relationship with Epstein.

Questions have resurfaced after excerpts from the posthumous memoir of Virginia Giuffre — who accused Andrew of sexually abusing her as a teenager — reignited public outrage earlier this month.

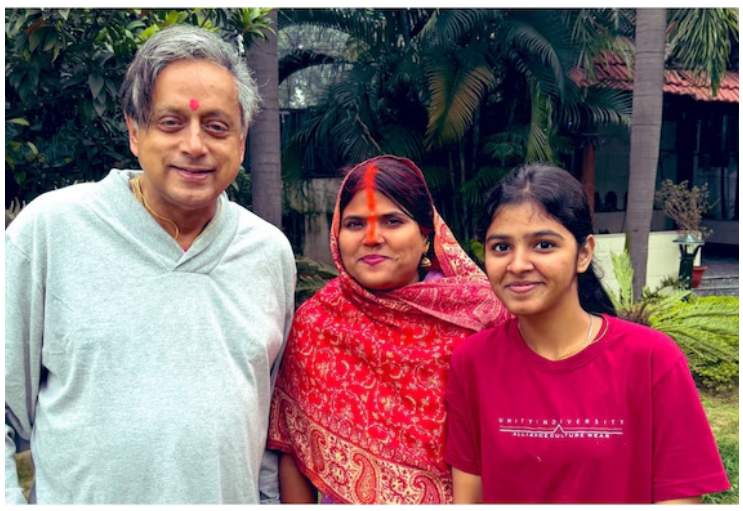
Andrew has consistently denied Giuffre's allegations but paid an undisclosed sum in 2022 to settle her U.S. lawsuit. Giuffre died by suicide in April. British police are now reportedly reviewing claims that in 2011 Andrew had asked an officer to find damaging information about Giuffre.

The protester also shouted, "Have you asked the police to cover up for Andrew? Should MPs be allowed to debate the royals in the House of Commons?" before being moved aside by security.

King Charles did not respond and continued greeting the crowd outside the cathedral.



Tharoor's 'Bihari Driver' Remark Triggers Social Media Debate



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New Delhi : Congress MP Shashi Tharoor found himself at the centre of a social media debate after extending Chhath Puja greetings on X while mentioning his "Bihari driver."

Tharoor shared pictures of his driver's family visiting his home in the morning to offer prasad and blessings, writing: "Happy #Chhatt Puja to all! My Bihari driver's family brought prasad and blessings during my morning tea." The post featured two images — one showing his driver's wife applying teeka on his forehead and another of her and her daughter posing with him.

While many users praised Tharoor's gesture, others criticised his phrasing, suggesting he could have said "my driver who is from Bihar" instead. "From a person of your stature, 'driver from Bihar' would sound more appropriate," one user commented.

However, several others defended Tharoor, calling the outrage misplaced. "Why get triggered if someone says 'Bihari driver'? It's not an insult — it's pride," one user wrote, while another said the reaction reflected how the term "Bihari" has long been unfairly stigmatised.

Tharoor, who represents Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, in Parliament, has not yet responded to the online discussion surrounding his post.

High command will decide: Karnataka Congress leaders

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Bengaluru : Karnataka's political circles were abuzz again with talks of a possible change in leadership, but senior Congress leaders sought to play down the speculation.

Home Minister G Parameshwara refused to engage with remarks made by MLA Chalavadi Narayanaswamy that he, as a Dalit face, was denied the chief minister's post.

I don't want to reply to that. People will give their opinions; there is no point in us replying to all that," he said.

On the issue of a potential Chief Minister change, Parameshwara reiterated that it was the Congress high command that would decide. "I have said this repeatedly, in our party, the high command will decide. The Chief Minister has clarified yesterday also that whatever the high command decides, that's final," he said.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah echoed a similar line when asked about names doing the rounds for



the top post. "In a democracy, you cannot stop anyone from competing. It is their right to seek the Chief Minister's post. Ultimately, it is the High Command that decides who will be the Chief Minister," he said, adding that whether he remains Chief Minister for the full term will also depend on the party leadership.

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, too, said there was nothing more to add after the Chief Minister's statement.

After the Chief Minister has spoken, what more is there to say? However they instruct us, we will act accordingly," he said.

However, shunted minister and MLA KN Rajanna, seen as a close aide of Siddaramaiah, struck a different tone. He hinted that the picture might become clearer after the Bihar Assembly election results.

Till the Bihar results are announced, nothing will happen. If the high command allows Siddaramaiah to reshuffle the cabinet, he will continue. If not, political developments are inevitable. This is my assessment, nobody has told me," Rajanna said.

While the Congress leadership continues to stress unity and deference to the high command, Rajanna's remarks have once again fuelled chatter about possible changes in Karnataka's political landscape post the Bihar elections.

Kerala Sports Minister Snaps at Reporters Amid Messi Match Delay Row

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Kochi : Kerala Sports Minister V Abdurahiman lost his temper on Monday when reporters questioned him about Lionel Messi's postponed visit to the state. A video captured the visibly irritated minister whispering something to a reporter before pushing away microphones and cameras. CPI(M) MLA A.C. Moideen, who accompanied him, was also seen asking journalists to turn off their mics.

The controversy erupted after organisers announced that Argentina, led by Messi, would play a friendly match in Kochi on November 17. However, sponsor Anto Augustine later confirmed the match had been postponed due to delays in FIFA approval, saying it would now be held during the next international window.

Minister Abdurahiman claimed the delay stemmed from FIFA's pending clearance and blamed "certain



individuals from Kerala" for writing to FIFA and causing the hold-up. The issue has also reignited debate over the renovation of Kochi's Jawaharlal Nehru International Stadium, which was being readied for the match. Congress MP Hibi Eden accused the Kerala government of "shady dealings" in the renovation project, alleging that trees were cut and construction carried out in violation of norms.

Eden also questioned whether the Sports Kerala Foundation, which partnered with the Greater Cochin Development Authority (GCDA) for the renovation, had the technical capability for such large-scale work.

"With no cricket or ISL matches lined up, the government must clarify how the stadium will be utilised," Eden said, demanding transparency now that Messi's much-hyped visit stands postponed.

Islamist Rallies Demand Ban on ISKCON



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Dhaka : Thousands of Islamist protesters took to the streets across major Bangladeshi cities, including Dhaka and Chattogram, today following Jummah prayers, demanding a ban on the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). The demonstrations were led by radical groups such as Hefazat-e-Islam and Intifada Bangladesh, which labelled ISKCON an "extremist Hindutva organisation."

The rallies come amid a High Court plea in which the interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, described ISKCON as a "religious fundamentalist organisation." The move follows a spate of attacks on Hindu temples and ISKCON centres after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government in August 2024 and the imprisonment of Krishna Das Prabhu, a former ISKCON leader and minority rights advocate.

During the Dhaka rally outside Baitul Mukarram National Mosque, Intifada Bangladesh outlined six demands, including the immediate banning of ISKCON and legal action against its members. Radical preacher Jasimuddin Rahmani, chief of the al-Qaida-linked Ansarullah Bangla Team, called ISKCON "a Jewish-created extremist group," while other speakers accused the organisation of acting as "an agent of India" and engaging in "subversive activities against Muslims."

Similar rallies were held in Chattogram, where Hefazat-e-Islam leaders urged the government to declare ISKCON a "terrorist organisation," comparing it to the banned Awami League.

Since Hasina's ouster, ISKCON has faced escalating persecution in Bangladesh, with temples vandalised, devotees attacked, and the Bangladesh Financial Intelligence Unit (BFIU) freezing the accounts of 17 members over alleged money laundering.

Despite these accusations, ISKCON has a long record of humanitarian work in Bangladesh, including feeding millions through its Food for Life programme, operating schools for underprivileged children, and running orphanages and medical camps.

The ongoing crackdown and calls to ban ISKCON underscore the growing influence of Islamist groups in Bangladesh's post-Hasina political landscape, as the Yunus-led regime faces criticism for allegedly shielding radical elements while downplaying violence against minorities.

Blinkit Delivery Agent Arrested For Molesting Brazilian Model

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Bengaluru : The Bengaluru Police have arrested a Blinkit delivery agent for allegedly molesting a Brazilian model at her residence in RT Nagar. The incident occurred on October 17, and the arrest was made after the woman's employer filed a complaint on October 25.

The accused, identified as Kumar Rao Pawar, is a college student residing in RT Nagar and was working part-time with Blinkit.

According to the complaint, the model, who lived with two other models, had ordered food through the Blinkit app around 3:20 pm on October 17. When the delivery agent arrived, he



allegedly behaved inappropriately and touched her in a sexual manner. The woman pushed him away, locked the door, and later informed her employer, who verified the incident through CCTV footage before approaching the police.

A case has been registered under Sections 75(1) and 76 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. Police said a detailed investigation is in progress.

Woman, Fiancé Held For Killing Insurance Agent

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New Delhi : A woman and her fiancé have been arrested in Faridabad, near Delhi, for allegedly murdering an insurance agent and disposing of his body in a drain. Police said the accused woman confessed that they killed the victim, Chander, because he had been blackmailing her.

Chander's body was recovered on Sunday morning from a drain, with visible injuries to his head and neck. His identity was confirmed through his motorcycle, which was found parked nearby. Following a complaint from his brother, Madan Gopal, police registered a case of murder.

During investigation, police arrested Laxmi (29) and her fiancé Keshav (26). According to police



spokesperson Yashpal Singh, Laxmi told investigators that she had known Chander for about five years. After she got engaged to Keshav, Chander began blackmailing her and threatening to stop the marriage.

Fed up, Laxmi and Keshav allegedly plotted to kill him. On October 25, Laxmi called Chander to Mithapur in Delhi and then persuaded him to ride toward Atmadpur in Faridabad, a secluded area. There, Keshav and two associates attacked Chander — strangling and striking him on the head before dumping his body in a nearby drain.

The accused removed Chander's identity documents to delay identification, but police traced him through his bike registration number.

While Laxmi and Keshav are in custody, police said a manhunt is underway for Keshav's two accomplices involved in the crime.

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