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Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections to be conducted on December 14

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Chandigarh : The Punjab State Election Commission has announced that elections for Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti will be held on 14 December, with results on 17 December. Voting will take place through ballot papers, and 50% seats are reserved for women. A total of 19,181 polling booths will be set up statewide.

Key Dates:

Nominations: 1-4 December (11 am-3 pm)

Scrutiny: 5 December

Withdrawal: 6 December

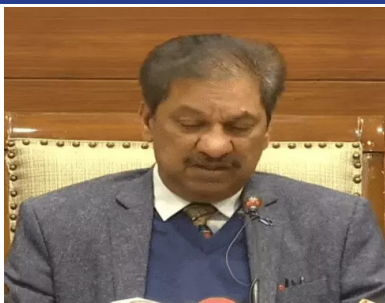
Voting: 14 December

Counting: 17 December

Each booth will have two separate ballot boxes. EVMs will not be used due to limited availability.

Punjab has 357 Zila Parishad zones and 2,863 Panchayat Samiti zones, each electing one member. The rural voter count crosses 1.36 crore.

Candidates must be 21+ and voters of the respective zone. Nomination fees are ₹400 (Zila Parishad) and ₹200 (Panchayat Samiti), with half the fee for SC/VC categories. Self-



declaration of income, liabilities, and legal cases is mandatory. The expenditure cap is ₹2.55 lakh for Zila Parishad and ₹1.10 lakh for Panchayat Samiti. Candidates may contest independently or with sponsorship from political parties. For the polls, 96,000 staff and 50,000 police personnel will be deployed. Of 13,000 locations, 915 are marked highly sensitive and 3,528 sensitive. For the first time, IAS and police officers will serve as election observers. Recognised party symbols will apply, while 32 symbols are reserved for independent candidates. Candidate details will be available on the Election Commission website.

Major Security Search Launched After Terror Threat



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Jammu : Security forces launched a large-scale search in Udhampur's Basantgarh area today following reports of two to three suspected terrorists. Troops, including BSF and J&K Police Special Operation Group, combed the forests, but no contact was made.

The operation is part of a broader crackdown across

Jammu, including raids on homes and premises linked to the banned Jamaat-e-Islami in multiple districts. Police also inspected madrassas and mosques to disrupt terror networks and support de-radicalisation.

These actions follow the November 10 Red Fort car blast and the exposure of a "white-collar" terror module. Authorities urged residents to report any suspicious activity.

Parliament Set for Contentious Winter Session with 10 Major Bills



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New Delhi : The Winter Session of Parliament, starting December 1, is set to be stormy as the government plans 10 major bills on nuclear energy, higher education, corporate law, capital markets, and a Chandigarh-related constitutional amendment. Opposition parties, including TMC, DMK, and SP, have raised concerns over the Special Summary Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging voter

list manipulation ahead of state elections. The government maintains the exercise is routine and constitutionally mandated. A commemorative discussion on 150 years of Vande Mataram is also planned. Key flashpoints are expected on nuclear energy amendments, the Higher Education Commission, Chandigarh changes, unemployment, pollution, and governance issues.

Red Fort Blast Accused Taken to Al Falah University for NIA Probe



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New Delhi : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) today took Red Fort blast accused Shaheen Saeed to Al Falah University in Faridabad as part of its probe into the explosion that killed 15 people earlier this month. Shaheen, a former professor whose "doctor" title has been revoked, is accused of helping form a network of "terror doctors" and allegedly working to establish the women's wing of Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in India. NIA teams searched her room,

cabin, and classrooms on campus and questioned her in the presence of university staff and the vice-chancellor.

Investigators have also confirmed that co-accused Muzammil Shakeel Ganai married Shaheen in 2023, with both allegedly involved in building a terror network extending from the university to the Mewat region. Later, the NIA took Shaheen to a rented flat in Khorji Jamalpur, Faridabad, before bringing her back to Delhi for further interrogation as the probe deepens into the module behind the Red Fort blast.



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Are the Himalayas at Maximum Risk?

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India has unveiled a radically updated seismic zonation map as part of the revised Earthquake Design Code by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), placing the entire Himalayan arc in a newly introduced highest-risk Zone VI for the first time.

This marks one of the most significant shifts in seismic hazard assessment in decades, revealing that 61% of the country now falls under moderate to high hazard zones.

Previously fragmented across Zones IV and V despite uniform tectonic threats, the Himalayan belt now receives consistent classification. The older maps underestimated risks from long-unruptured fault segments, particularly in the central Himalayas, which haven't seen a major surface-rupturing event in nearly two centuries.

The Himalayas fall in India's highest seismic risk zone because they sit directly on one of the most active tectonic collision boundaries on Earth. The Indian Plate is continuously pushing northward into the Eurasian Plate at about five centimetres



per year, a forceful movement that created the Himalayas and still drives them upward.

This ongoing collision builds enormous stress within the Earth's crust, and when that stress is suddenly released, it triggers powerful earthquakes. The region is also geologically young, meaning the rocks are still adjusting, folding

and breaking, making the mountains particularly unstable.

Several major fault systems run beneath the range, the Main Frontal Thrust, Main Boundary Thrust and Main Central Thrust, each capable of generating large earthquakes. Scientists have also identified long seismic gaps where major quakes have not occurred for centuries, suggesting significant stored energy. Together, these factors make the Himalayas one of the most earthquake-prone regions in

the world.

WHAT'S NEW?

The update accounts for rupture propagation southward along the Himalayan Frontal Thrust, extending dangers to areas like Dehradun near Mohand.

Key changes include reclassifying the outer Himalaya, where faults could drive quakes intersecting populated foothills. Boundary towns between zones now default to the higher-risk category, prioritising geological realities over

administrative lines. This ensures planners and engineers adopt stricter standards for buildings, bridges, and urban projects in vulnerable regions.

The map reflects ongoing Indian-Eurasian plate collision, building stress beneath densely populated states like Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, and parts of Uttar Pradesh.

It demands retrofitting of infrastructure and halting expansions on soft sediments or active faults. Experts hail the uniformity as a step toward resilience amid rising urbanisation.

This overhaul, driven by advanced modelling, compels nationwide recalibration of disaster preparedness.



Atul Sharma



Astro Speak by:
Rajesh Kumar

Birth Date
29th Nov

Born on 29th November : 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:

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Aries

November 29th 2025 : The needs of others will interfere with your desire to take care of yourself- Don't hold your feelings and do things that you like in order to relax. You will come up with brilliant new ideas that will bring financial gains. Friends and family members provide.



Cancer

November 29th 2025 : For a contented life improve your mental toughness. Profits in business can bring joy to the faces of many traders and businessmen today. Health of an aged person in the family might cause some tension. Time, work, money, friends, family, relatives.



Libra

November 29th 2025 : You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty. A dispute is likely to occur between family members regarding.



Capricorn

November 29th 2025 : Take special care while sitting to avoid an injury. Further good posture not only enhances one's personality but also plays an important role in improving health and confidence. Those who are managing their business with their close ones or relatives need to remain.



Taurus

November 29th 2025 : Your childlike nature will surface and you will be in a playful mood. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty. Do not neglect your social life.



Leo

November 29th 2025 : Dormant problems will surface bringing mental pressures. You will possess a desire to earn quick money. Social events will be perfect opportunity to improve your rapport with influential and important people. Love is the feeling to be felt and shared.



Scorpio

November 29th 2025 : Cultivate a harmonious nature to kill your hatred because it is more powerful than love and deadly affects your body. Remember evil triumphs sooner than good. New sources of income will generate through people you know.



Aquarius

November 29th 2025 : As food owes its flavour to salt-some unhappiness is essential only than you realize the value of happiness. A new financial deal will get finalized and fresh money rolls in. Give proper time to your family. Let them feel that you care for them.



Gemini

November 29th 2025 : Your ailment could be the cause of unhappiness. You need to overcome it as early as possible to restore the happiness in the family. Profits in business can bring joy to the faces of many traders and businessmen today. Children could disappoint as they fail.



Virgo

November 29th 2025 : Avoid confusion and frustration to maintain mental clarity. A neighbor of yours may come to ask you for a loan today. You are advised to check their credibility before lending money, otherwise there can be money loss. Evening with friends.



Sagittarius

November 29th 2025 : Try to get out of your office early and do things that you really enjoy. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Avoid arguments and confrontation.



Pisces

November 29th 2025 : Cold attitude of a friend may offend you. But try to keep your cool. Let it not torment you rather strive to avoid misery. Those who had spent their money in betting or gambling are likely to suffer losses today. Therefore, you are advised to stay away from betting.

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Bhupinder Singh Bekas's Poetry Book 'Chitte Prachhawe' Launched

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Mohali : The International Literary Forum (Regd.), in collaboration with the District Language Office, organized the public release of ghazal poet Bhupinder Singh Bekas's second poetry collection, Chitte Prachhawe. The event began with a musical performance, "Dhanu Lekhari Nanaka", by the Language Department. The program was attended by MLA Kulwant Singh, literary critic Prof. Sukhdev Singh Sirsa, Prof. Surjit Jaji, Dr. Gurminder Sidhu, Press Club Mohali President Sukhdev Singh Patwari, and the author Bhupinder Bekas. MLA Kulwant Singh praised the book, highlighting the role of poetry like Chitte Prachhawe in inspiring people in today's fast-paced world. Prof. Sukhdev Singh Sirsa discussed the book's central theme of love, while Prof. Surjit Jaji noted that Punjabi ghazal has now evolved independently from Urdu influences. Dr. Gurminder Sidhu read excerpts, emphasizing the emotional depth of the poems. The launch also featured musical performances: Surkhab sang



"Aa Mil Ranjhna", Jagtar Singh Jog rendered the ghazal "Dil De Mehran", and Biba Jatinder Kaur performed tappas, enlivening the event. A poetical session followed, with contributions from Raman Sandhu, Shabdish, Amarjit Patialvi, Piara Singh Rahi, Babu Ram Diwana, Kuldeep Deep, Sarvan Sabar, and Harjit Singh, celebrating both poetry and cultural heritage. Dr. Gurminder Sidhu was honored with the Diwan Singh Mehran Memorial Award

during the event. Sukhdev Singh Patwari, Dr. Anil Angrish, and Dr. Manjinder Gill were also felicitated. A panel discussion on literature and poetry featured Gurnam Kanwar, Sukhdev Singh Patwari, Dr. Anil Angrish, Dr. Manjinder Gill, and Dr. Avtar Singh Patang. The program concluded with Bhupinder Singh Bekas expressing gratitude for the audience's feedback and reciting select poems. The event was coordinated by poet-journalist Thamman Singh Saini.

BJP-AAP Leaders Clash MC House Meeting

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Chandigarh : The General House meeting of the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation witnessed high drama as BJP and AAP councillors clashed over civic issues. AAP councillors staged a sit-in protest inside the House over problems related to roads and water supply, while BJP councillors opposed the demonstration. During discussions on extending the 24x7 water supply project—currently underway in Manimajra—to the entire city, BJP councillors supported the proposal. However, AAP and Congress councillors strongly opposed it, leading to the agenda being put on hold.



Another agenda concerning the handover of the Maloya Gaushala to a private organization was also stalled. When the meeting resumed, officials presented the status report of the Manimajra Housing Project. It was revealed that the zoning plan had been returned to the architecture department due to several discrepancies. Councillors

reiterated their demand to scrap the project. Deputy Mayor Taruna Mehta asserted that the land in Pocket No. 6 of Manimajra should not be sold. Municipal Commissioner Amit Mehta acknowledged flaws in the zoning plan and said the administration had taken a U-turn and initiated the process of preparing a fresh plan.

ADC, District Election Officer Meets Parties on BLA Appointments

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Mohali : Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Additional District Election Officer Gitika Singh held a meeting with representatives of all recognized political parties in the district to brief them on the appointment process of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) as per the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. She informed party representatives that BLA-1 forms must be filled and submitted by the party president or secretary. Through this form, they must officially authorize a district or constituency-level representative to appoint BLAs. The authorized representative will then be responsible for completing and submitting the BLA-2 form, which includes the final appointment of Booth Level Agents at each polling station. All parties have been directed to appoint BLAs by 5 December 2025.



During the meeting, party officials were also informed about the voter-related forms: Form 6 – New voter registration; Form 6A – Registration of overseas (NRI) voters; Form 7 – Objections to entries or request for deletion of names; Form 8 – Correction of details in the voter list; Form 8A – Change of address within the same constituency; Duplicate voter ID card requests

For assistance, citizens may contact the toll-free voter helpline 1950. Those present at the meeting included Bahadur Singh Chahal, R.P. Singh, and Arvinder Singh (AAP); Gurwinder Singh (Shiromani Akali Dal); Anil Kumar (BJP); Manjit Singh and Simranpreet Singh (Rashtriya Lok Dal); Jasvir Lav (Congress); Harkadas Dhaliwal and Harbhajan Singh (BSP); Election Tehsildar Sanjay Kumar; and officials Jaswinder Kaur and Raj Kumar.

Pb CEO Inspects Student-Made EVM-VVPAT Trolley

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Kharar : Punjab Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) Sibin C visited the Government Polytechnic College, Khuni Majra, to assess the feasibility of a trolley designed by Electrical Engineering students to help polling parties transport EVMs and VVPATs. The CEO inspected the GPS-enabled trolley, praised the students' innovation, but suggested certain modifications before the model is sent to the Election Commission of India for approval. He was accompanied by ADC (G) Gitika Singh and Kharar SDM Divya P. V. The college



principal, Raksha Kiran, and Head of Department Dr. Anshu Sharma welcomed the officials. Students demonstrated the trolley's operational features, including its design, load capacity, and safety mechanisms. The Chief Electoral Officer appreciated the institution's initiative and encouraged

students to continue developing innovations that support public welfare and improve administrative processes. District SVEEP Nodal Officer Prof. Gurbakhshish Singh Antal and Tehsildar Sanjay Kumar from the District Election Office were also present on the occasion.

PIC OF THE DAY

Who CARES...?

Roadside Encroachments continues in Mohali



Atul Sharma

Mohali : Illegal encroachments outside showrooms, at marketplaces, roadsides have become a common affair. We often see that owners of showrooms encroach upon public many vendors have encroachment over spaces on roadsides leading to regular traffic congestion. Residents of Mohali raises a question does the concerned officials really have any concrete policy against roadside encroachments in the city? Unfortunately, with the present situation of roads in Mohali it seems concerned officials have no such plan so far, as a result illegal grabbing/ encroachment of roadside is continuing unabated in almost every part of Mohali. Residents stated without carrying out a massive anti-encroachment drive, the Mohali Municipal Corporation would have no meaning at all. Despite the fact that the Mohali Municipal Corporation has constructed pathways for the convenience of pedestrians, a majority of them have been encroached by the street vendors, no checks have been conducted to restrict such vendors from illegally occupying the footpaths stated residents. Residents also add that the number of street vendors occupying the pavement had increased significantly in recent months. A senior citizen added encroachments

are so massive in the evening that pedestrians are forced to step on the road. "Although the encroachments are comparatively less in the morning, it still causes more inconvenience to the early morning walkers. Some vendors set up food stalls with plastic sheets tied to serve as a shelter during evenings. With many public spots located in the area, traffic snarls are a common sight. Main Phases dividing roads witnesses a lot of traffic throughout the day and it is unsafe to walk on the roads, but there is no other way. Residents complain that the illegal hawkers selling items on footpaths are causing traffic congestion as people randomly park their vehicles on the road to purchase fruits and vegetables from these vendors. The vehicles parked on the road occupy the space meant for vehicles to commute. It is pertinent to mention that the traffic around Phase 1 Mohali Village road in the city and at other places such as Phase 4, Phase 11 are the common places where traffic moves at a snail's pace during the evening hours. Residents said the levelled footpaths were created as parking spaces for vehicles, but now have been illegally encroached upon by vendors on roads which causes traffic congestion. But Who Cares???

MLA Randhawa Hands PM Awas Letters to 442 Families



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Mohali : MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa distributed sanction letters worth ₹11.05 crore to 442 eligible families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (a joint initiative of the Central and Punjab governments) for the construction of new houses. The event was organized by Lalru Municipal Council. Under this scheme, each beneficiary receives financial assistance of ₹2.50 lakh in four installments: ₹50,000 for the foundation, ₹1 lakh for the lintel, and ₹50,000 each for the roof and completion of the house. Congratulating the beneficiaries, MLA Randhawa said the scheme would provide

them with secure, permanent homes, ensuring dignity, safety, and improved living standards. He emphasized that the government is committed to providing a roof over every poor and low-income family's head and would not leave citizens unsupported during difficult times. He added that the initiative reflects the Punjab government's focus, under Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann, on empowering marginalized and needy communities through people-centric schemes. The event was attended by district administration officials, Lalru Municipal Council representatives, and a

Canada Police Charge Relative in Mandeep Kaur Murder



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Ludhiana : A peasant family from Gujjarwal village is struggling to cope with a devastating double tragedy after learning that their daughter, Mandeep Kaur—who had moved to Canada in pursuit of a better future—was not killed in a road accident as initially believed but was allegedly murdered. Mandeep's parents were still mourning her purported accidental death, reported about a month ago, when Canadian authorities informed them that her husband's younger brother, Gurjot Singh Khaira, had been arrested and charged with second-degree murder and indignity to human remains. Delta Police in Canada took Gurjot Singh into custody after investigations revealed that Mandeep's death may not have been accidental. He was initially charged with indignity to human remains, and on November 25, Crown Counsel approved an additional charge

of second-degree murder. Mandeep's father, Jagdev Singh Jaggie, said she moved to Canada six years ago for higher studies and married into a family from Lodhiwal near Sidhwan Bet just seven months ago. He added that although he lived elsewhere in Canada with his son, he never suspected she might be in danger. Jagdev said he received word of the supposed car accident two days after it happened. It was only after her cremation on November 6 that the family learned of the alleged mishandling of her body by Gurjot Singh. The murder charge came to their knowledge only after Jagdev returned from immersing his daughter's ashes in holy waters. Mandeep's mother, Jaswinder Kaur, remains in deep shock and is seeking answers about what truly happened. Determined to seek justice, Jagdev Singh Jaggie has said he will return to Canada to uncover the truth behind his daughter's tragic death.

Mann Calls Panjab University Senate Poll Nod a 'Victory for Pb'

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Chandigarh : Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann today welcomed the approval of the schedule for Panjab University's long-pending senate elections, calling it a "resounding victory" for the state and its people. In a post on X, Mann said Panjab University is not just an educational institution but the "heritage of Punjab," praising students, teachers, and faculty members for withstanding "immense pressure" during their month-long agitation. "They continued to struggle, and ultimately, their struggle paid off," he said.

The approval came on Thursday after Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan, who serves as the Chancellor of Panjab University, cleared the proposed schedule. Elections will now be held between September 7 and October 4, 2026.

The communication from the Vice-President's office to PU Vice-



Chancellor Renu Vig confirmed the approval, following her request for the poll schedule after more than a year of delay.

The development followed sustained protests by students demanding immediate announcement of the senate election dates. The agitation initially began over the Centre's decision to restructure the

university's senate and syndicate. However, under growing political and student pressure, the Ministry of Education withdrew its October 28 notification on November 7. Students, who continued their protest even after the withdrawal, celebrated Thursday's

approval as a win for their movement. Several Punjab-based political parties—including the Aam Aadmi Party, Shiromani Akali Dal, farmers' groups, and religious bodies—had extended support to the students during the agitation.

Pb BJP Faces Setbacks Amid Central Policies. Regional Tensions

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Patiala : Bus services across the state were severely disrupted today after contractual employees of Punjab Roadways, Punbus and PRTC launched a sudden strike. The protest began after police allegedly detained several union leaders late today night ahead of a planned demonstration against the controversial Kilometre Scheme.

Thousands of passengers were left stranded, with commuters in Patiala, Mohali, Chandigarh and Zirakpur struggling to find transport as most state-run buses stayed off the roads. Overcrowded private buses became the only option for many. Union leaders had planned to oppose the opening of tenders under the Kilometre Scheme, which they allege allows



private operators to run buses on government routes. SKM leader Darshan Pal condemned the police action, calling it "shameful" and urging support from farmer and trade unions. Workers blocked the main gate

of the Patiala bus terminus, raising slogans against the administration. Transport services remain affected as discussions between the government and protesting employees are awaited.

CM Sukhu Inaugurates Animal Husbandry Office



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Dharamshala : Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu today inaugurated the newly constructed office building of the Deputy Director Animal Husbandry in Dharamshala. Built at a cost of ₹3.21 crore, the facility aims to provide improved services for cattle rearers of Kangra district. The Chief Minister emphasized the State Government's commitment to strengthening the rural economy. Highlighting support measures for livestock farmers, he said milk prices have risen by ₹21 in the past two and a half years, while transportation subsidies on milk have been increased from ₹1.50 to ₹3 per litre. Farmers transporting milk themselves to procurement centres beyond two kilometers

are also provided a subsidy of ₹2 per litre. He further announced the setting up of a milk processing plant with a capacity of 1.50 lakh litres at Dhaghwar in Kangra and expansion of the Duttnagar plant in Shimla. He noted that MILKFED, under government initiatives, now procures three lakh litres of milk per day in Himachal Pradesh, compared to 90,000 litres during the previous BJP government. The inauguration was attended by Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister Chander Kumar, MLA Suresh Kumar, Wool Federation Chairman Manoj Thakur, Congress leaders Devinder Singh Jaggi and Ram Chander Pathania, Secretary Animal Husbandry Ritesh Chauhan, Director AH Sanjeev Kumar Dhiman, and other dignitaries.

Police Bust Major Counterfeiting Unit Making Fake Tata Salt

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Amritsar : Police at PS Gate Hakima have registered an FIR under Sections 63 and 65 of the Copyright Act, 1957, following the discovery of a large-scale operation involved in manufacturing, packaging, and distributing counterfeit Tata Salt.

The complaint was lodged by Speed Networks, Chandigarh, the authorized representative of Tata Consumer Products Limited (TCPL). The operation reportedly involved extensive production and sale of duplicate Tata Salt



and other products bearing the company's trademark, posing serious health risks to consumers and damaging the brand's reputation. Authorities emphasized that such activities violate both the Copyright Act and the

Trade Marks Act, and strict action has been demanded against all individuals and entities involved. Following the complaint, PS Gate

Hakima police initiated a detailed investigation, with senior officials working to trace the entire network of counterfeiters behind the racket.

CISF Made RSO to Strengthen Port Security

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

New Delhi : The government has designated the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) as a Recognized Security Organization (RSO) under the ISPS Code to enhance India's port security framework. The move supports port-based development and the growth of the Blue Economy.

Following a study by a joint CISF-DG Shipping committee, CISF will now conduct Port Facility Security Assessments (PFSA) and develop security plans for all EXIM ports, addressing gaps at smaller ports. A hybrid security model will be implemented: CISF will handle core security, while state police, SISF, or private security agencies may manage non-core duties like gate control and traffic management. Mandatory training for private security personnel will be conducted



by CISF experts, with pilot sessions already completed at JNPA, Mumbai, and CHPA, Chennai. A dedicated training institution is proposed to standardize certification and improve workforce readiness.

These measures aim to ensure safer, more efficient, and modern ports, strengthening logistics and contributing to a secure and sustainable Blue Economy.

Bollywood Pays Tribute to Dharmendra Through His Final Film Ikkis

THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Mumbai : As Bollywood mourns the loss of veteran actor Dharmendra, the makers of his final film Ikkis have shared a heartfelt tribute through an emotional video on social media. The clip features a special Punjabi poem written and recited by Dharmendra, titled "Aj bhi ji karda hai, pind apne nu jaanwa", reflecting a deep longing and romantic nostalgia for his beloved village.

The video captures Dharmendra's love for his roots, alongside glimpses of co-star Jaideep Ahlawat and iconic moments with Asrani. The makers described the poem as "a yearning; a tribute from



one legend to another," highlighting Dharmendra's enduring connection to the soil he cherished.

Directed by Sriram Raghavan and produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films, Ikkis features a screenplay by Raghavan, Arijit Biswas, and Pooja

Ladha Surti. Agastya Nanda plays the central role of Arun Khetarpal, the youngest recipient of the Param Vir Chakra, who was martyred at age 21 during the 1971 Indo-Pak war. Ikkis is set to release in theatres on December 25, marking a poignant farewell

Gautam Gambhir Stays All-Format Coach Despite SA Whitewash



THE AMAN SANDESH TIMES

Gautam Gambhir will continue to coach India across all three formats despite the recent 0-2 whitewash in the Test series against South Africa, news agency ANI has reported. India suffered their second Test series loss in as many years as the Temba Bavuma-led side thrashed them in the second Test at the Barsapara Stadium, Guwahati.

India's long-standing aura in home conditions has taken a major hit after the twin setbacks. This defeat marks their second Test series loss in just 16 months under coach Gautam Gambhir, as India were earlier whitewashed 0-3 by New Zealand in November 2024. The South Africa whitewash has now left India in a vulnerable position in the current World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

However, despite the ongoing debacle, Gautam Gambhir is likely to continue in his position across all three formats. He will remain head coach in all three formats, no decision is being considered," a BCCI Fans are particularly unhappy with Gambhir for the team's poor performances under his tenure, as they were even heard shouting "Gautam Gambhir hay hay" outside

the Barsapara Stadium after India collapsed to a 408-run defeat against South Africa — their largest defeat in terms of runs.

India have now endured their third whitewash at home overall in the longest format. The first instance was in 2000, when South Africa became the first team to blank India in their own backyard with a 2-0 series win. New Zealand became the second team to do so in 2024, handing India a 0-3 whitewash last year.

Gambhir has been criticised heavily for his obsession with all-rounders and for overlooking specialist players. Moreover, the retirements of veteran players such as Ravichandran Ashwin, Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Cheteshwar Pujara have also not gone down well with the fans.

After suffering the whitewash, India have slipped to fifth spot in the ongoing WTC cycle with four wins from nine matches, holding a points percentage of 48.15. The Shubman Gill-led side will not play Test cricket for a while now, until their tour of Sri Lanka next year. With nine more Tests remaining in the ongoing cycle, four of which will be away from home, India face an uphill task in their bid to reach the final.

CM Grants Tax-Free Status to Farhan Akhtar's 120 Bahadur

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New Delhi : Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has announced that the war film 120 Bahadur, based on the heroic stand of Charlie Company of the 13 Kumaon Regiment during the 1962 Sino-Indian War, will be tax-free in the capital from November 28.

In a post on X, Gupta saluted the bravery of the 120 soldiers who fought the Battle of Rezang La, praising the film for honouring the unparalleled courage and leadership of Major Shaitan Singh Bhati. She said the tax exemption is a mark of respect to the valiant troops whose actions remain etched in India's military history. Rooted in true events from November 18, 1962, the



film recounts how the predominantly Ahir soldiers of the regiment held off a far larger Chinese force with exceptional determination and tactical brilliance.

National Award-winning actor Shabana Azmi hailed Farhan Akhtar's transformation into Major Bhati, expressing admiration

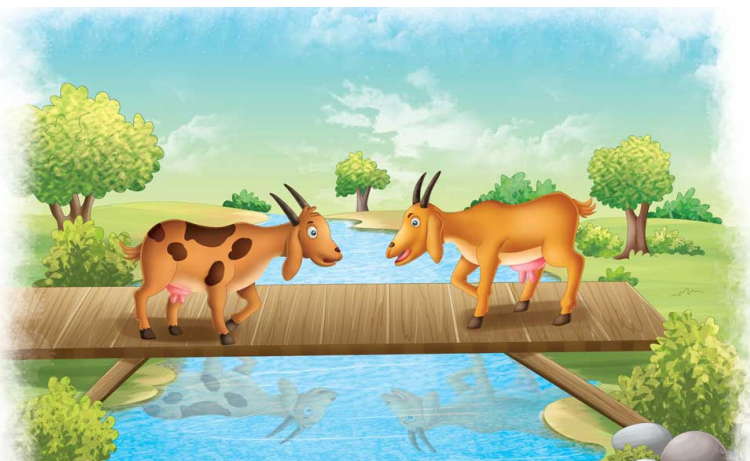
for his intense preparation and performance.

Directed by Razneesh 'Razy' Ghai and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani, Farhan Akhtar, and Amit Chandra, 120 Bahadur brings alive one of India's most courageous wartime chapters. The film hit theatres on November 21, 2025.



The Two Goats

Two Goats, frisking gayly on the rocky steeps of a mountain valley, chanced to meet, one on each side of a deep chasm through which poured a mighty mountain torrent. The trunk of a fallen tree formed the only means of crossing the chasm, and on this not even two squirrels could have passed each other in safety. The narrow path would have made the bravest tremble. Not so our Goats. Their pride would not permit either to stand aside for the other. One set her foot on the log. The other did likewise. In the middle they met horn to horn. Neither would give way, and so they both fell, to be swept away by the roaring torrent below. It is better to yield than to come to misfortune through stubbornness.



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Directs Departments to Update Vacancy Lists for Job Drive

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Patna : The Bihar government has instructed all administrative departments to submit updated vacancy lists to the General Administration Department (GAD) by December 31, 2025, as part of an ambitious plan to create one crore government jobs and employment opportunities between 2025 and 2030.

Employment generation has been a key priority under the state's development agenda. During the previous five-year cycle (2020-2025) under Saat Nischay-2, Bihar reportedly provided 50 lakh jobs and employment opportunities. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has emphasized accelerating efforts to fill all vacant posts promptly following the formation of the new government.

The directive applies to all administrative departments, divisional commissioners, district magistrates, Police Headquarters offices, and other state-controlled bodies. Departments are required to send complete requisitions for vacant positions to



the GAD, which will verify proposals and forward them to the respective recruitment commissions.

Recruitment bodies have also been instructed to release a year-long recruitment calendar in January 2026, specifying advertisement dates, tentative exam schedules, and expected timelines for final results. The state

mandates that the entire recruitment cycle—from advertisement to final results—be completed within one year, regardless of the number of exam stages.

To ensure transparency, all commissions and selection agencies must conduct exams fairly and take immediate action against any malpractice. Departments have also been asked to expand the number of CBT-based examination centres across Bihar to facilitate smooth and timely recruitment.

The government reiterated its commitment to providing a secure and opportunity-rich future for the youth by expanding employment avenues and ensuring that recruitment processes are timely, transparent, and efficient.

NC Excludes Aga Ruhullah While Reviewing Bypolls Defeat



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Man Arrested for Role in Shootings at Kapil Sharma's Canada Cafe

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New Delhi : Mansingh Sekhon, an associate of gangster Goldy Dhillon, has been arrested in Delhi for his involvement in multiple shootings at comedian Kapil Sharma's Kaps Cafe in Surrey, Canada, officials said. Sekhon allegedly provided weapons and a vehicle used in the first shooting on July 10. He fled Canada in August and returned to India.

The cafe was targeted thrice between July and October, triggering panic though no one was injured. Canadian police identified the vehicle used in the attacks. A Chinese-made



pistol and cartridges were recovered from Sekhon after his arrest, which followed the detention of an arms smuggling group in Delhi claiming to have supplied him with weapons.

Goldy Dhillon and Kuldeep Sidhu, linked to mob boss Lawrence Bishnoi, had claimed responsibility for the shootings. During the July 10 attack, 10 rounds were fired at the cafe; the

second attack on August 28 involved at least 25 shots with warnings to target Mumbai next. The third attack on October 16 saw at least 12 rounds fired.

Chittorgarh 'Bappi Lahiri' Receives Rs 5 Crore Extortion Threat

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Chittorgarh : Kanhaiyalal Khatik, a fruit businessman from Chittorgarh, has alleged that he received an extortion call demanding Rs 5 crore from individuals claiming links to gangster Rohit Godara. Khatik, popularly known as Chittorgarh's 'Bappi Lahiri' for his love of gold, reported that the calls began two days ago with a missed call, followed by a WhatsApp call and an audio message threatening him.

The caller warned Khatik that he "would not remain in a condition to wear gold" if he failed to comply and instructed him to settle the matter quietly. When he did not respond, the extortion demand was repeated. A formal complaint has been lodged at the City Kotwali police station.



Khatik, 50, who started as a vegetable vendor before building a successful fruit business, is known for wearing around 3.5 kg of gold, earning him the nickname 'Goldman' in Chittorgarh. Who is Rohit Godara? Rohit Godara, a resident of Bikaner's

Lunakaran, is believed to be in Canada and has over 32 cases registered against him across India. Police say Godara ran extortion rackets targeting businessmen in Rajasthan. He is also one of the accused in the murder of Punjabi rapper Sidhu Moose Wala, who was shot dead in Mansa district on May 29 last year, and in the killing

of gangster Raju Thehat in Sikar. On June 13, 2022, Godara reportedly fled New Delhi to Dubai using a fake passport under the name 'Pawan Kumar'. An Interpol Red Notice has been issued against him.

S Muralidhar to Head UN Panel on Israel-Palestine Rights

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New Delhi : Former Odisha Chief Justice S Muralidhar has been appointed to chair the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry investigating human rights violations in Israel and the "Occupied Palestinian Territory." He succeeds Brazilian jurist Paulo Sergio Pinheiro.

The three-member commission, established in 2021, examines alleged violations by both sides in the Israel-Gaza conflict and reports to the UN Human Rights Council and General Assembly. Its mandate includes investigating Israeli



settlers and arms sales linked to Gaza military operations. Justice Muralidhar, known for bold judgments including reading down Section 377 to decriminalise homosexuality, retired in 2023 and was

designated a senior advocate by the Supreme Court. His leadership of the UN panel comes amid heightened global scrutiny of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

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Trump to Halt Migration from 'Third World Countries'

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Washington : US President Donald Trump today said his administration is moving toward permanently stopping migration from all "Third World countries" to allow the American immigration system to "recover and reset." The announcement came a day after one of two National Guard soldiers shot near the White House by an Afghan national succumbed to injuries. Following the attack, the government said it would review the permanent residency status of immigrants from 19 countries, including Afghanistan. In a post on Truth Social, Trump wrote, "I will permanently pause migration from all Third World Countries to allow the US system to fully recover, terminate all of the millions of Biden illegal admissions... and remove anyone who is not a net asset to the United States, or is incapable of loving our Country." He added that the administration will end all federal benefits and subsidies for "noncitizens," and will "denaturalise migrants who



undermine domestic tranquillity, and deport any foreign national who is a public charge, security risk, or non-compatible with Western civilisation." Trump said these measures aim to sharply reduce what he described as illegal and disruptive populations, including those allegedly admitted under an "unauthorised and unlawful Autopen approval process." The remarks follow the Wednesday

incident in which an Afghan refugee opened fire on two National Guard soldiers near the White House. Trump condemned the shooting as a "heinous assault" and "an act of terror." In a subsequent post, he claimed that the "refugee burden" is a leading cause of social dysfunction in the US, asserting that "only reverse migration can fully cure this situation."

Guard Member Killed: Suspect Linked to CIA-Backed Afghan Unit

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US President Donald Trump today evening announced that US Army Specialist Sarah Beckstrom, one of the two West Virginia National Guard members shot near the White House on Wednesday, has died from her injuries. The 20-year-old was described by Trump as a "highly respected, young, magnificent person" while he was speaking with US military personnel on Thanksgiving. The second Guardsman, 24-year-old Andrew Wolfe, remains in critical condition. "He's fighting for his life," Trump said. Earlier, Beckstrom's father told The New York Times that her wounds were unsurvivable. "I'm holding her hand right now... she has a mortal wound," he said. US Attorney Jeanine Pirro offered condolences, calling Beckstrom "a hero who volunteered to serve DC on Thanksgiving for people she never met and gave the ultimate sacrifice." Suspect Linked to CIA-Backed Afghan Zero Unit Authorities have identified the



alleged shooter as Rahmanullah Lakanwal, a 29-year-old Afghan who previously served in the CIA-supported "Zero Units," elite strike teams active during the war against the Taliban. He reportedly helped secure Kabul airport during the 2021 US withdrawal. Lakanwal arrived in the US in 2021 under Operation Allies Welcome, a programme created to resettle Afghans who had worked with American forces. CIA Director John Ratcliffe confirmed that his admission to the US was based on

his prior work with US agencies. Federal prosecutors say Lakanwal drove over 2,500 miles from Bellingham, Washington, to Washington DC before launching what officials described as an "ambush-style" attack using a .357 Smith & Wesson revolver. Both National Guard members were shot at close range. Investigations into the targeted attack, which occurred just blocks from the White House, are ongoing.

Visa Overstays Detained at San Diego Green Card Interviews

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Washington : US federal agencies have begun detaining individuals — including spouses and parents of American citizens — during routine Green Card interviews at the US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office in San Diego, according to multiple immigration attorneys and media reports. Attorney Saman Nasserli told CBS8 that several of his clients, all visa overstays married to US citizens, were taken into custody during their interviews despite having no criminal records. "ICE and USCIS have started implementing a policy where ICE is now making arrests at USCIS offices during the Green Card interviews on anyone who is a visa overstay," he said, adding that five of his clients were detained just last week. Another attorney, Habib Hasbani, reported similar



incidents, noting that the detentions appear to be concentrated at the San Diego USCIS facility. He advised applicants to still attend interviews but remain prepared for possible arrest, as skipping an interview could result in denial for abandonment. In a separate case, attorney Tessa Cabrera told ABC10 that her client, a Mexican national living in the US since 2002, was handcuffed mid-interview after two ICE officers entered the room. The man, whose US citizen daughter had applied

for his Green Card, was taken to the Otay Mesa Detention Center. Cabrera said ICE provided a "Warrant for Arrest" citing probable cause that he lacked legal status. Responding to the reports, an ICE spokesperson told CBS8 that the agency enforces immigration laws at USCIS facilities as well. "Individuals unlawfully present in the United States, including those out of status at federal sites such as USCIS offices, may face arrest, detention, and removal," the spokesperson

China's Aggression Alarms India. Japan Amid Rising Regional Tensions



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Two back-to-back incidents within a fortnight have intensified concerns in New Delhi and Tokyo over China's growing assertiveness in the region. On November 10, a Chinese diplomat sparked outrage by posting a violent remark on X (formerly Twitter) aimed at Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. The now-deleted post came after Takaichi warned that Japan could intervene militarily if China invades Taiwan, which lies just 100 km from its shores. The exchange led to a sharp diplomatic standoff between Japan and China. Barely days later, on November 21, Chinese immigration officials detained and allegedly harassed an Indian citizen from Arunachal Pradesh, Prema Wangiom Thongdok, at Shanghai airport. India lodged a strong protest with Beijing, which responded by reiterating its claim over Arunachal Pradesh as "Southern Tibet"—a continuation of its long-standing strategy of renaming places inside Indian territory. Wolf Warrior Diplomacy on Display Experts link these incidents to China's "wolf warrior" diplomacy—an increasingly aggressive diplomatic style. A hyper-nationalistic 2013 article in Chinese media had outlined a series of "inevitable wars" China must fight between 2020 and 2060, including with India, Japan, Taiwan, Mongolia, and even Russia. Though dismissed by analysts, the article reflected the rise of assertive nationalistic thinking within Chinese policy circles. Expanding Military Power China's rapid military growth adds to the unease. The PLA now possesses

the world's largest fleet of battleforce ships, and on September 3, Beijing showcased its expanding military capabilities—including nuclear-ready systems—during its biggest parade marking Japan's WWII defeat. Analysts say China's narrative of overcoming its "Century of Humiliation" is driving an expansionist agenda across Asia. India-China Border Tensions Arunachal Pradesh remains a major friction point. China disputes the McMahon Line—accepted by Tibet and India in the 1914 Simla Convention—and claims the Indian state as its own territory. Though China became India's neighbour only after occupying Tibet in 1951, it fought a war with India in 1962 and continues to stage border confrontations, including the deadly 2020 Galwan Valley clash. Troop deployments and infrastructure buildup by the PLA along the LAC continue to worry Indian authorities. Threat to Regional Stability Japan has warned that China's coercive tactics violate the UN Charter and could result in severe diplomatic isolation, sanctions, and possible military consequences. The situation is rendered ironic by the fact that China's rise came partly due to the collapse of Imperial Japan after World War II, which helped pave the way for China's entry into the United Nations. With tensions rising simultaneously on India's and Japan's frontlines, experts caution that China's aggressive posture is becoming one of the biggest threats to peace and stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

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Congress Leadership Clash: Siddaramaiah vs DK Shivakumar



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Bengaluru : The leadership tussle within Karnataka's Congress over the Chief Minister's post intensified on Friday, with mounting pressure on the party to resolve the issue before it destabilises the government. The rivalry between Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar (DKS) has raised concerns about the party's stability ahead of the winter assembly session starting December 8.

Key Developments: Siddaramaiah retains strong support from over 100 of the party's 137 MLAs and from the Ahinda communities, making any leadership change difficult without his consent.

DKS, supported by the influential Vokkaliga community, has limited backing within Congress despite pushing for the Chief Minister's post.

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge reportedly warned Rahul Gandhi to resolve the leadership dispute to prevent a party split and preserve credibility in one

of the three states Congress rules outright.

The BJP is closely monitoring the infighting, with state leaders planning a no-confidence motion against the Congress government. Opposition leader R Ashok confirmed discussions with party colleagues to challenge the ruling party amid the internal turmoil.

Public exchanges between Siddaramaiah and DKS on social media have highlighted their power struggle, with Siddaramaiah emphasizing his five-year mandate and DKS referencing a "power-sharing" understanding.

The Congress may consider a compromise solution, such as appointing an interim Chief Minister like Home Minister G Parameshwara, to manage the conflict.

Siddaramaiah has stated he will not resign voluntarily, while DKS seeks a clear roadmap for a future transition. The coming days will be crucial in determining whether Congress can resolve its internal crisis or face intensified challenges from the opposition.

Cyclone Ditwah Approaches TN. Puducherry. South AP: Sri Lanka Hit by Floods



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Chennai : Cyclonic storm Ditwah, originating from a deep depression near the Sri Lanka coast, is now tracking toward north Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, and south Andhra Pradesh, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The storm is currently classified as a cyclonic storm, with no forecast upgrade to a severe cyclone for now.

Gale winds near the cyclone's core may reach 60-80 kmph, gusting up to 90 kmph, while outer bands are expected to bring winds of 35-45 kmph, gusting to 55 kmph. Similar conditions are likely over parts of the Arabian Sea near Kerala, Lakshadweep, and the Maldives. Fishermen have been advised to avoid the Bay of Bengal for the next five days.

Alerts and Preparations in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry

Tamil Nadu has issued a red alert for Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, and Mayiladuthurai, where over 20 cm of rain is expected within 24 hours. An orange alert covers Chennai, Tiruvallur, Kancheepuram, Ranipet, and Chengalpattu. Chief Minister MK Stalin met the state disaster management authority to review preparedness and directed all departments to coordinate relief measures for November 29-30

In Puducherry, an orange alert has been issued from November 28 to December

1, with authorities urging residents to stay indoors, avoid trees, lamp posts, and weak structures, and keep children away from open spaces. Emergency services can be reached via 1077, 1070, 112, or the disaster management WhatsApp helpline at 94889 81070.

Impact in Andhra Pradesh The cyclone is expected to approach north Tamil Nadu-Puducherry-south Andhra Pradesh between the evening of November 29 and the morning of November 30. Heavy rain and strong winds are forecast across South Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema. Districts including Chittoor, Tirupati, Nellore, Prakasam, YSR Kadapa, Annamayya, and Sri Sathya Sai may experience two days of heavy to very heavy rainfall.

Severe Flooding in Sri Lanka Meanwhile, Sri Lanka is grappling with the storm's earlier effects. Continuous rainfall over three days has triggered floods and landslides, claiming 47 lives. Seven districts are under red alert, schools and institutions remain closed, and the Air Force has been deployed for rescue operations. Train services have been curtailed, and flights to Sri Lanka may be diverted to Thiruvananthapuram or Cochin. The flooding is linked to the same depression that evolved into Cyclone Ditwah over the Bay of Bengal.

The IMD will continue to monitor the cyclone's path, with landfall forecasts dependent on its evolving trajectory.

Rift in Mahayuti as Sena MLA Accuses BJP of Voter Bribery

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New Dehli : Tension within the ruling Mahayuti alliance escalated today after Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde) MLA Nilesh Rane accused ally BJP of distributing cash to bribe voters ahead of the December 2 civic polls. Rane claimed he conducted a "sting operation" at the residence of BJP worker Vijay Kenawadekar in Kankavali, alleging he found bags of cash meant for voter inducement.

The Sena MLA released videos of the alleged cash recovery on social media and approached the local police station seeking an FIR. In a post on X, Rane questioned the lack of action: "Nearly 24 hours have passed, yet neither the police nor the Election Commission has taken any position... Not even an FIR has been registered."

Rejecting the explanation that the cash belonged to a business, Rane said the accused must provide proof, including income tax and GST records. He further alleged that



Maharashtra BJP chief Ravindra Chavan had recently visited Sindhudurg and facilitated the distribution of money.

However, Rane's younger brother and BJP Minister Nitesh Rane dismissed the allegations, defending the worker. "We all have our own businesses. What is wrong if someone keeps money at home? No one should defame the BJP," he said.

Chavan declined to respond directly, saying he wanted to "save the

alliance till December 2" but accused the Opposition of being nervous as polls near.

The controversy has deepened fissures between the two ruling allies ahead of elections to 246 municipal councils and 42 nagar panchayats. The clash is particularly intense in Sindhudurg, where both Rane brothers — Nilesh (Sena) and Nitesh (BJP) — are backing opposing factions.

Inappropriate Sharad Pawar on Ajit Pawar's 'Vote or No Funds' Remark

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TTD Temple Official Arrested in Adulterated Ghee Scam at Tirupati

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Hyderabad : In a major development in the adulterated ghee scandal linked to the Srivari laddus at Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD), TTD Executive Engineer Subramanyam has been arrested, taking the total number of arrests in the case to 10. Subramanyam, who previously served as General Manager of TTD Marketing, was taken into custody and underwent medical examinations at Ruia Hospital in Tirupati.

The allegations concern the use of adulterated ghee in laddu preparation during the previous YSRCP government. A Special Investigative Team (SIT) revealed that between 2019 and 2024, nearly 40% of the 48.76 crore laddus produced—approximately 20 crore laddus—



contained palm oil, palm kernel oil, and other chemical additives. Around 1.61 crore kg of ghee was procured from suppliers, including Bhole Baba Dairy (Uttarakhand), AR Dairy (Dindigul, Tamil Nadu), Vaishnavi Dairy (Punnabakalu, Tirupati), and Malganga Dairies (Uttar Pradesh), of which 68 lakh kg was identified as

adulterated. Daily, the temple prepares about 4 lakh laddus, requiring 12,000–13,000 kg of ghee. The SIT has also questioned former TTD chairman and YSRCP MP YV Subba Reddy in connection with the case, while his former personal assistant, Chinna

Appanna, has already been arrested. The case continues to unravel as authorities investigate the supply chain and financial transactions, with nearly Rs 250 crore paid to the implicated dairy suppliers during the period under scrutiny.

BSF Seizes Rs 1.02 Crore Gold Hidden in Bicycle Tyre at Malda Border

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Kolkata : The Border Security Force (BSF) today seized gold valued at nearly Rs 1.02 crore along the India-Bangladesh border in Malda district, West Bengal. The gold, hidden inside the tyre of a bicycle, consisted of seven gold biscuits weighing 816.41 grams.

According to officials, troops of the 119 Battalion at the M.S. Pur Border Outpost received intelligence about a possible gold smuggling attempt. While inspecting a suspicious individual on a bicycle around 2:56 p.m., the BSF noticed the front tyre was unusually swollen. Upon



checking, they found the hidden gold.

The smuggler managed to escape into a densely populated area before BSF could apprehend him. The seized gold has been

handed over to the concerned agency for further legal action.

The BSF praised the vigilance and dedication of its personnel and urged local residents to report any smuggling

activity via the BSF Seema Sathi helpline (14419) or WhatsApp/voice message on 9903472227, assuring rewards for credible information and strict confidentiality of informants.