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## Horrendous stinking scenario beneath flyover sustains indefinitely

**NHAI never had allocated funds for the beautification of the flyover pillars' -- Pardeep Attri, Director**



**DIKSHA**  
 Commissioner News Service  
 Zirakpur : Every time the new project of beautification beneath the flyover got launched and the mid way it was abandoned for the so called shortage of funds. The urban face of developing Zirakpur got stalled, and now stands deviated blurred for want of funds or mismanagement. It may be recalled dur-

ing congress regime in 2019-20, from MP quota Maharani Preneet Kaur too had allocated funds in crores for the completion of beautification work of pillars and had become source of attraction for time being but soon that process too got detailed. Was it again owing to shortage of funds? During 2016-17 too, project work was

assigned, yet after some work completion, it was deserted. The aligning series of pillars have been calling for its regulatory upkeep for the past over 18 years gone by, but every time allocated funds got squeezed up or mismanaged. The process undertaken so far have been collapsing time and again and eye witnesses fail to appre-

ciate the strategies, mechanism applied for the accomplishment of the project or any foreign company with the consistent integrity will have to be engaged, said a local trader, running business near the Patiala Chowk. Another critic woed, saying local Municipal body remains responsible for the continual sanitation, upkeep of

government assets, also must seriously and generously accomplish this exclusive dithering project which remains the liability of Civic body as per the Municipal byelaws. Here regular checks can be conveniently administered by local officials and there would never be shortage of funds from the existing prosperous,

rich entity. Nevertheless, recent pictures of the flyover's glamour narrate its woeful and pathetic tales. Here slum squatters are seen exacerbating the infrastructure beyond any human endurance. They have no water, no toilets, no hygiene but gifted with open urinals unlike neighbouring Dera Bassi road toilets. No

civic authorities have put taboo over their defiant uncivic lodgings under the pervasive costly flyover. Explosive situation must be salvaged seriously and shunt away these unscrupulous elements and horrendous growth which is becoming a "scourge" and transparent blot. Shortly, glamour work on the pillars be taken

over by the civic authorities on the gateway entry of Punjab and metropolitan Chandigarh without delay, anticipate many traders along the surface of the superficial roads. Despite several calls to Municipal Executive Officer Ashok Pathria, about the resumption of the beautification work, there was no reply.

### President Macron seeks permanent membership of India in UNSC

**DIKSHA**  
 Commissioner News Service  
 New York : French President Macron supported India's bid for permanent membership in UNSC. There has been a growing demand to increase the number of U.N. permanent members to reflect the contemporary global reality. French President Emmanuel



Macron has supported India's bid for permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security

Council, while advocating the expansion of the powerful U.N. body. "We have a Security Council that stands blocked... Let's make the U.N. more efficient and more vocal. We have to make it more representative," Mr. Macron said at the United Nations General Assembly in New York on Wednesday.

### Unveiling of 30 ft high iconic statue of Shaheed-Azam Bhagat Singh indefinitely delayed

**Commissioner News Service**  
 Mohali : Due to the model code of conduct enforced for the panchayat poll, the unveiling ceremony has been procrastinated. The martyr Bhagat Singh pose, has been installed near the entry of the international airport and is visible from a distance, evoking curiosity amongst the visitors at the airport. The Rs 6.42-crore project, christened Nishan-E-Inquilab plaza, also includes horticulture, electrical, and civil works by providing red stone pavement, black granite platform, flower pocket,



grassing, and lighting. The median of the entry and the exit road of the airport, measuring 266 ft, is being given final flourishes before the inauguration these days. Besides, two video walls will come up at the site. The statue was installed on August 2 and all the work would be completed by September 20.

### Fire safety equipments missing in coaching centres, 74 notice served

**DIKSHA**  
 Commissioner News Service  
 Chandigarh : A total number of 74 sealing notice were served to the defaulter coaching centres. Going negligent, on the necessity of installing fire safety equipments in their respective buildings, warnings for a month time were steered into their cognizance, said an official of the local Municipal Corporation. Defiant proprietors would face the sealing sentence of



their premises.sources revealed.The inspection recce in advance was carried out by the fire station sleuths on the direction of the senior officials. In follow up action, the fire station authorities took

compatible action against the unscrupulous businessmen who exercised no restraint in utilising adequate alertness in safeguarding their own properties and human life going on potential hazards.

### Full majority BJP govt will be formed in J&K for 1st time : Modi

**commissioner news service**  
 Jammu, Sept 28: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that for the first time, the BJP will form a government in J&K with full majority after the Assembly elections. In M. A. Stadium here, PM Modi addressed "I am filled with great feeling of patriotism when I visit Jammu. Maharaja Hari Singh, Mehr Chand Mahajan and Pandit Prem Nath Dogra have been produced by this land. Today is also the birth anniversary of Martyr Bhagat Singh, I salute his martyrdom."



Campaigning in the Union Territory for the fourth time, said, "Today, is my last campaign rally in J&K for the Assembly elections. People of J&K are tired of three families of NC, PDP and Congress. People here don't

want their rule anymore where corruption, terrorism and bloodshed were rampant." People want peace and a better future for their children, and that is the reason the people of J&K want a BJP government here," the Prime Minister added. Jammu has suffered gross indiscriminate, and BJP will remove that discrimination. On October 8, results will be announced. And, on October 12, is the Vijay Dashami, and this will be the Vijay Dashami of our success," he added.

### Lokayukta Police registers FIR against Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah

**Commissioner News Service**  
 Bengaluru : An FIR against Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah was lodged by Lokayukta in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment case. The move comes days after a special court in Bengaluru ordered directing the Lokayukta to carry out a probe against Siddaramaiah on allegation of illegalities in allotment of 14 sites worth 256 crore to the chief minister's wife Parvathi by MUDA. The special court exclusively to deal with criminal cases related to former and elected MPs/MLAs had issued the order directing the Lokayukta police in Mysuru to initiate an investigation on the complaint filed by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna. The order came after Karnataka high court upheld



Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot's sanction to investigate Siddaramaiah in the case. The single judge high court bench of Justice M Nagaprasanna on September 24 said in normal circumstances, a governor has to act on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers under Article 163 of the Constitution of India, "but the Governor can take independent decisions in exceptional circumstances, and the present case projects one such exception and dismissed Siddaramaiah's petition.

### 72 Punjab primary teachers to proceed for training to Finland

**DIKSHA**  
 Commissioner News Service  
 Mohali : The Punjab government has approved the teachers training schedule. The teachers training would be held in Finland. The State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) had recently planned to organize a training program for primary teachers in Finland. After this, SCERT prepared a proposal and sent it to the government. After getting the green signal from the government, now SCERT has started the process of teachers training, said Amaninder Kaur, Director State Council of Educational Training and Research. Currently, applications of teachers are being



taken from various schools of the state. On receipt of applications teachers will be selected for Finland training on the basis of merit. In the first batch, 72 teachers, head teachers will be selected for training. An requisite schedule will be prepared to send the second batch. The objective of this initiative is to bring about a comprehensive reform in the education system of Punjab, so that students can get high quality and modern education

. The model of Finland's world famous education system will be studied by the teachers. It has also been decided in which institute of Finland the teachers will be trained. This training will bring positive change in the education structure of Punjab in Singapore and IIM Ahmedabad. Principals of state schools were consulted for the innovative steps towards revolutionizing the educational initiatives, said an official of the SCERT.

### Swati Maliwal slams Arvind Kejriwal for defending 'goon' Bibhav

**DIKSHA**  
 Commissioner News Service  
 New Delhi : Swati Maliwal, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) MP, slammed Arvind Kejriwal who defended his aide Bibhav Kumar of assault at his residence. The MP charged Kejriwal for hiring the most expensive army of lawyers to save Bibhav. She said that his actions crossed all limits of "shamelessness". In a long post on X, Swati Maliwal said, "You have crossed all limits of shamelessness. @ArvindKejriwal



Sir, the goon who attacked me in your presence at your residence, while he was in jail, you hired the country's most expensive army of lawyers to save Bibhav, got PC after PC done against me. Today, when he is out on

bail, he is being called the biggest leader of the party and they are saying that he has been put in jail in a fake case. Even the Supreme Court said that who keeps such goons in their residence. If these statements of theirs do not boost the spirits of goons like Bibhav, then what else will? The message is clear - even if you thrash again, we will save you," Swati Maliwal said. She added "Not every person who is a partner in all your wrongdoings is a great leader

### Woman chief warden, Security entered first followed by me -- Vice Chancellor Patiala law Varsity

**Commissioner News Service**  
 Patiala : Students of Rajiv Gandhi law varsity intensified their stir, sought resignation of Jai Shankar Singh vice-chancellor over privacy violation of hostel premises. According to the students, the vice-chancellor's visit deviated from its stated purpose of inspecting first-year students' accommodations and instead involved entering the rooms of third-year students. The students further claim that Singh made inappropriate comments about their



clothing and personal activities during the visit, which has only intensified their calls for his resignation. In his defense, vice-chancellor Jai Shankar Singh has

refuted these claims, stating that his visit was made at the request of the students who had raised concerns about overcrowded hostel rooms. "This year, there are more girl students who cleared the exam through CLAT, number of male students is less. We have 20-25 more first-year girl students. A few rooms (in hostel) are smaller, there can be only one occupant in those rooms but we are compelled to have 2 students in those rooms

### Ethnic dress code announced for PGI students convocation on Oct 6

**Commissioner News Service**  
 Chandigarh: The premier post graduate institute has mandated that male candidates would wear cream-coloured pyjama kurtas paired with brown formal shoes, while female candidates would be adorned in cream-coloured sarees embellished with golden border. Mr JP Nadda Union Health and Family Welfare Minister would be the chief guest on the illustrious occasion. It will be his maiden visit to the PGI after returning to the office for the second time. To distinguish the candidates receiving different Degrees, PGI has introduced a system of coloured stoles. Those receiving DM/MCh/PhD degrees will wear yel-



low-coloured stoles, symbolising the highest level of academic achievement. Candidates receiving MD/MS/ MPH/MDS degrees will don purple stoles, representing their mastery in medical and dental sciences. MSc and BSc candidates will wear indigo blue and bottle green stoles, respectively, signifying their accomplishments in the fields of science and nursing

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### EDITORIAL —

## Rahul needs to sensitize electorate of his soft leverage

The results of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections have given him and the Congress, the principal Opposition party, a quantum leap. The Congress has doubled its strength in the Lower House. The BJP lost many seats in its stronghold of Uttar Pradesh. Wonder of wonders, it even lost the Faizabad seat in Ayodhya despite Modi taking on the role of the Shankaracharyas while inaugurating the Ram Mandir!

A more mature politician would have planned to capitalise on that mini-victory to dislodge Modi next time around. There was a feeling that Rahul was doing just that when he led the attacks on the government's policies in the Lok Sabha, pointing to the hate and divisiveness being spread with the sole purpose of capturing political power.

And then he flies to the US and addresses select audiences targeted by his friend and confidant Pitroda, speaks against Modi and thus spoils his own copybook.

Modi is a shrewd and calculating politician. He is an orator 'par excellence'. In New York, he did not say anything he had not stated earlier in our own land. But what he spoke was delivered with such conviction and verve that he made an indelible impression on his audience.

In my city of Mumbai, I have heard Balasaheb Thackeray, founder of the Shiv Sena, speak on at least a dozen occasions. He kept his audience mesmerised. Modi does that too. But Modi does not employ humour to attract the attention of his listeners. He is too serious for that. Thackeray would intersperse his speeches

with shafts of humour that even a person whose mother tongue was not Marathi would chuckle all the way home.

Modi, the suave politician that he is, wowed a huge gathering of desis gathered in New York's Times Square and recovered lost ground abroad. India's huge and growing markets are attracting the US and various European powers. For that alone, our country's Prime Minister is much sought after in foreign lands.

Rahul can never attain Modi's lofty standards of expressing thoughts that the speaker himself does not believe in. Every politician has his strengths and weaknesses. Rahul, for instance, appears to be a more sincere individual than Modi, who is fired up by an extremist ideology. He should utilise that quality to convince the electorate of his own worth. Attacking his opponents in a foreign land is not the right strategy, even if Pitroda advocates it.

Modi and his trusted aide, Amit Shah, addressed election rallies in the Kashmir valley recently. Modi stated that his government, which has been solely in charge of Jammu & Kashmir since the state was relegated to the status of a Union Territory in 2019, has got rid of terrorism there. Yet, every week, there are reports of terror attacks.

Who are we to believe? Every week, civilians and martyred soldiers are buried or cremated. Shah warned the voters of the Valley that if the Congress or the National Conference, led by the Abdullahs, was voted to power, terrorism in all its vile manifestations would return to the region. Modi and Shah are obviously convinced

that guns and bullets would end terrorism. That is not the lesson that Ireland or Spain, and closer to home, Punjab, have learnt from their encounters with the menace. All standard books on terrorism will tell you that whereas the brainwashed terrorists have to be dealt with an iron hand, terrorism as such can only be eliminated if the community from which the terrorists belong turns against them.

There is a clear distinction between terrorists and terrorism. The former can be eliminated, but when they are captured or killed, young recruits are certain to replace them. The cause is such an emotional one that getting rid of known terrorists is not the final answer.

In Punjab, terrorism ended only after Jat Sikh farmers started giving information about the presence of terrorists in their villages, information that they were reluctant to part with earlier during the conflict. In Punjab, as in Ireland, captured or killed terrorists were soon replaced by other young recruits.

The farmers started helping the government only when life became unbearable for them. Nothing can be solved by the gun alone. The people have to be won over. There is no alternative to that time-tested solution.

The scrapping of Article 370 and degrading the state to a UT are factors that will work against getting the people to collaborate with the government. Modi and Shah will have to reconcile themselves to sorting out those obstacles before they can boast of putting an end to terrorism in J&K.

### 45 acres land orchestrated by Punjab for Metro depot in New Chandigarh

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** Forest Department, the Punjab Government has now confirmed that the land was ready to be released, pending final approval of the Chief Minister.

In a boost to the long-awaited Tricity Metro project, the Punjab Government has finally agreed to allocate 45 acres (18 hectares) in New Chandigarh for the construction of a Metro depot. The depot will be crucial for inspection and maintenance works related to the upcoming Metro lines. The issue of land allotment for the depot had been a persistent hurdle in the project's progress. The UT Administration had sent multiple reminders to the Punjab Government, urging them to clarify their stance on the matter.

A senior official said it had been decided to release 45 acres in New Chandigarh for the construction of the depot. The file has been sent to the Chief Minister for final approval, which is expected within a week. Once approved, the land will be handed over to the UT



Administration, he added. The matter was a key agenda item during the Unified Metro Transportation Authority (UMTA) meeting held on September 2. While this marks a positive step for the New Chandigarh depot, the Punjab Government has declined to provide land for another proposed depot in Zirakpur. In its place, an alternative depot will now be constructed in Sector 27, Panchkula, with approval already secured from the Haryana Government. The depot allotments are part of the larger Metro development plan for the Tricity, which will see construction beginning in 2027 as part of the first phase, with completion expected by 2034. Phase 2 of the project will commence post-2037, further expanding the city's metro connectivity.

### Expect removal of traffic congestion by Govt on forest land near Rock Garden : HC

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** During the course of court hearing, a proposal to divert 0.0272 hectares of forest land outside the Rock Garden boundary had already been submitted, said Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor-General of India.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has expressed hope that the Centre will take a swift action to address the diversion of forest land near the Rock Garden, which has been causing severe traffic congestion around the complex.

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change still raised certain objection, were under consideration by the Chandigarh Administration. Mr Jain assured the court that the objections would be addressed expeditiously, and a final decision made within two weeks.

The Bench of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Anil Kshetarpal asserted: "This court is hopeful and also expects of the Union of India to take expeditious decision so that the traffic congestion problem being faced by this High Court is resolved."



The direction is significant as the traffic bottleneck around the High Court has been exacerbated by the narrow roads near the Rock Garden, particularly the jutting-out corner on the southeast side of the multi-level parking, which has created a choke point. The diversion of forest land for road widening is being seen as a crucial step in alleviating the traffic congestion.

"The jutting out corner of the Rock Garden is causing problem and bottleneck creating congestion of traffic and, therefore, the UT Administration is further directed to ensure conversion from forest to non-forest purpose for the area lying within the jutting-out corner of Rock Garden. Acquisition or conversion of the piece of land from forest to non-forest purpose is one of the options available to the UT Administration, which it is directed to work upon and

take positive steps towards resolving the dispute," the Bench added.

The High Court also took note of other issues contributing to the traffic congestion. It observed the possibility of reducing the width of a road divider measuring over eight feet, between the new judicial record room and the multi-level parking. The court suggested that this could be done without damaging the trees growing on the divider. It further sought an explanation from the Chandigarh Administration for not constructing a service road parallel to the Uttar Marg, which could have eased the traffic burden.

The Amicus Curiae, Advocate Tanu Bedi, also submitted a detailed long-term holistic traffic management and parking proposal to provide sustainable solutions to the parking and congestion problems in and around the High Court. This plan will be taken up for consideration during the next hearing. The matter has been listed for further hearing on October 3, with the court expecting a compliance report on the steps taken to resolve the traffic congestion by then.

### UT brings 'Colours of India' in 10-day mela at Kalagram from November 29



**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :**

The Chandigarh National Crafts Mela is a joint initiative of the UT Administration and the North Zone Cultural Centre (Union Ministry of Culture). The UT Administration has decided to hold 10-day 14th Chandigarh National Crafts Mela at Kalagram from November 29 to December 8. A meeting in this regard was held under the chairmanship of Hari Kallikkat, Secretary Culture. The main objective of the mela is to display traditional Indian handicrafts,

handlooms, folk traditions, flavours of rich Indian cuisines, folk music, folk instruments and folk dances of India.

The timings of the mela will be from 11 am to 9.30 pm daily. The theme of the mela will be "Colours of India".

During the 10-day mela, there will be star cultural nights in which renowned artists/groups will perform. To draw more footfall, theme-based photography competition will be organised by Lalit Kala Akademi.

### November could leverage machines for Dhakoli railway underbridge work : DC



**Commissioner News Service ZIRAKPUR :**

The construction is likely to start by November and the project would be completed in around nine months, said Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain.

The Railways opened the tenders for an underbridge at the Dhakoli level crossing and now successful bidder would be allotted the contract. The DC visited the site, after the first step of receiving tenders, the railway authorities would now take time to review the documents and allocate the work to the successful bidder. The purpose of her visit was to assess the conditions related to the issuance of an NOC for the project. The last date for

fulfilling all conditions to issue the NOC is September 26, said the Deputy Commissioner. As per suggestions made by residents, an alternative route will be explored from area behind Krishna Enclave to Golden Sand. Officials of the electricity wing have been instructed to shift the poles in the meantime, she added. The Punjab Government has already deposited its share of the project cost with the Railways. Interacting with the local residents regarding various issues related to the local administration, the DC assured them of early disposal of the waste dump in the mandi area and speeding up work to install CCTV cameras to curb crime.

### MC to reconsider decision on hiring special staff

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :**

The Municipal Corporation had earlier approved the proposal to hire staff for cremating unidentified or unclaimed bodies.

The MC is set to reconsider its decision to hire special staff for cremating unidentified or unclaimed bodies, following a proposal from BJP councillors to extend the services of local non-governmental organisations (NGOs). The matter was brought up during a recent Finance and Contract Committee (F&CC) meeting. The original proposal, presented by MC officials, involved hiring a dedicated worker and purchasing necessary equipment, with an estimated annual cost of about Rs 3.5 lakh. Officials argued that while NGOs had previously assisted in bringing bodies to the cremation grounds, they did not always complete religious rituals, including the immersion of ashes. The police, who are responsible for bringing unclaimed bodies to the cremation grounds, often had



to wait for about four hours while paperwork is finalised following funeral. To streamline the process, a Junior Engineer has been appointed nodal officer to coordinate timings with the police.

The proposal also included the need for a multi-tasking staff (MTS) worker on an outsourced basis to handle and transport ashes. Additionally, the MC suggested engaging an existing worker residing in the burial ground to assist with funerals on an outsourced basis. According to MC officials, around 150 unclaimed or unidentified bodies are cremated annually in city.

While the proposal was initially approved by the F&CC, it faced opposition

from Deputy Mayor Rajinder Sharma and other BJP councillors.

They recommended reviving the services of NGOs, including All-India Sewa Samiti, which had been handling cremations for the MC for 26 years until their services were discontinued. The NGO, led by Mohal Lal Vashisht, was known for performing full rituals and keeping meticulous records, charging only Rs 830 per body for cremations with Sikh and Hindu rituals. Deputy Mayor Sharma argued that hiring special staff would place an unnecessary financial burden on the MC, which is already grappling with an acute financial crisis. He stressed the NGO had provided reliable and cost-effective services in the past and should be reinstated.

Following the BJP's suggestion, officiating Municipal Commissioner Vinay Pratap Singh directed officials to conduct a detailed inquiry into the matter. He further stated that the MC should consider continuing the services of the NGO.

### Mohali to herald online challan system soon

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :**

The online project is aimed at curbing traffic violations, hooliganism and illegal activities by monitoring 18 busy junctions in the city with CCTV surveillance.

The Rs 17.70 crore project is set to cover 18 locations on the city roads with more than 400 cameras, besides two speed detectors on the Airport Road. A Central Command And Control Room set up on the top floor of the Sohana police station would monitor the feed of the four types of cameras - 63 installed for red light violation detection, 216 for



number plate recognition, 22 giving pan, tilt and zoom view, 104 bullet cameras along and two speed detectors. After the completion of installation work, online challans will be issued in Mohali. The installation of a city surveillance and traffic management system here is

in its final stages with cameras being installed at important junctions. By September 30, all cameras would be in place, said the police.

This system would also have an e-challan and a virtual court.

"It is a good thing that hi-tech cameras are being mounted for city surveillance but this has been done earlier also. It is the maintenance of the infrastructure that will be the key. Otherwise, everything will be junk in just one year," said a road safety and traffic management expert.

### Compounding regime of synthetic milk



We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful.

The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing,

certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk. The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market. Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney. The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading

from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities. Our nation has been notoriously becoming famous, leaving concentration away from genuine natural milk.

Now fait accompli, we are tolerating assortment by of chemicals, urea, by compulsion as the occupation of genuine dairy farming has been going in very lackadaisical race even government controlled units are losing curiosity in natural milk. What a catastrophic approach, but against whom? remains puzzling.

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## 2.5 lakh additional visa appointments for diverse Indian travellers

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : The recent fresh move would envisaged to meet the growing demand for US visas and facilitate timely interviews. The new slots as per US Embassy will strengthen people-to-people ties between the US and India. The US Mission has already surpassed one million non-immigrant visa applications for the second consecutive year. The US Embassy in India has announced the availability of 250,000 additional visa appointments for Indian travellers, including tourists, skilled workers, and students. During the student visa season this summer, the US processed a record number of applications, with all first-time student



applicants securing appointments at one of the five consular sections in India. Over 1.2 million Indians have travelled to the US so far in 2024, marking a 35% increase from the same period in 2023. Moreover, six million Indians currently hold non-immigrant visas to visit the US, with thousands more being issued daily. US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden set an ambitious goal to improve and expedite the visa process, and I'm proud to say we've delivered on that promise. Our consular teams work tirelessly to meet the surging demand." The embassy's efforts have been ongoing, with initiatives like opening the embassy on Saturdays to interview over 1,000 visitor visa applicants. While some applicants have reported difficulties in scheduling appointments, the increased availability of visa slots is expected to alleviate wait times.

## Electoral bond case against Sitharaman stayed by Karnataka HC

**Commissioner News Service**  
**Bengaluru** : Justice M Nagaprasanna of Karnataka High Court passed an interim order a petition filed by BJP leader Nalin Kumar Kateel challenging the FIR in which he has been named as an accused. The Karnataka High Court on Monday stayed investigation against Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and others over alleged irregularities concerning the now-scrapped electoral bonds scheme. The matter will be next heard on October 22. A case was registered on Saturday against Sitharaman and others on the directions of a special court here, following a complaint relating to the scheme. According to police, the FIR was registered under Sections 384 (punishment for extortion), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 34 (acts done by several persons in furtherance of common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita against Sitharaman, Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials, and office-bearers of the BJP at state and national level. BJP Karnataka chief B Y Vijayendra has also been named



in the FIR. The complaint was lodged by Adarsh R Iyer, co-president of 'Janaadhikaara Sangharsha Parishath', who alleged that the accused "committed extortion under the guise and garb of electoral bonds and benefitted to the tune of Rs 8,000 crore and more". The complainant further alleged that Sitharaman, through the clandestine aid and support of ED officials, facilitated extortion of thousands of crores of rupees for the benefit of others both at the state and national levels. "The entire extortion racket under the garb of electoral bonds has been orchestrated hand in glove with officials of the BJP at various levels," he alleged. The Supreme Court in February struck down the scheme, saying it violates the right to information and the freedom of speech and expression under the Constitution.

## Agniveers to get pension even after 5 yrs : Amit Shah

**Commissioner News Service**  
**GURUGRAM/KARNAL** : Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday assured voters in poll-bound Haryana that the BJP in its third term in the state would create 5 lakh more jobs, which would be given to the youth solely on merit. He also said the BJP was committed to providing permanent and pensionable jobs to Agniveers. "We will deliver on this," he asserted. "Don't hesitate to send your children to the Army. Haryana and the Centre will give pensionable jobs to every single Agniveer. After five years, you will not find even one Agniveer who will be without a pensionable job," the Home Minister said. Addressing a poll rally in favour of BJP candidate Rao Narbir in Gurugram's Badshahpur, Shah hit out at the Congress, alleging that during his tenure as CM, Bhopinder Singh Hooda ran a government of agents and property dealers. "Dealers, dalals (middlemen) and damad (son-in-law) used to rule during the Hooda government's tenure and



corruption was rampant. Several acres of land in Gurugram were destroyed to make Delhi's damad wealthy. Giving them another chance would bring back that era," he alleged. "The Congress took the land of farmers for peanuts to give it to its damad. And today, the party is talking about farmers," Shah said. He said the Congress manifesto was nothing, but a compilation of "false, impractical promises which would fall flat". "Look at the states where the Congress rules and the plight of people there. Do you want the same for Haryana? They are making false promises. Their supporters laud Pakistan. When they can't be true to the nation, will they ever be true to Haryana? Rahul is a habitual liar. Don't trust him," he alleged. Shah promised a 700-bed hospital, a 100-acre fintech hub and metro expansion in the state in the next term. Addressing another rally at Kunjura grain market in Karnal, Shah said, "We will create 5 lakh more jobs which will be given strictly on merit. There will be no involvement of middlemen and appointment letters will be delivered directly by postmasters." He told the gathering to ensure the victory of all five BJP candidates from Karnal district — Ram Kumar Kashyap (Indri), Jagmohan Anand (Karnal), Harvinder Kalyan (Gharaunda), Bhagwan Das Kabirpanthi (Nilokheri) and Yoginder Rana (Assandh). He also announced two key infrastructure projects for Karnal — the establishment of an industrial model township and the much-awaited Karnal-Indri railway line in the next five years. Shah took a dig at the Congress, describing it a "divided house" with leaders like Hooda, Kumari Selja and Randeep Surjewala all vying for the top post.

## People expected to participate in festival of democracy ending on Nov 26: CEC

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : "Political parties have requested the election dates be announced with consideration of upcoming festivals, particularly Diwali" announced, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar. The CEC indicated that elections in Maharashtra must be conducted before November 26, as the term of the current Assembly concludes on that date. "All political parties have asked us to take the upcoming festivals into account when declaring the poll dates. I am confident that Maharashtra will actively participate in the festival of democracy," said Kumar. Responding to a query on delays in the state's compliance with the Election Commission's request to transfer officials, he explained, "Decisions are



made on a case-by-case basis, particularly regarding those on extensions or contracts. If an official is in a position to influence the elections, they will be dealt with and prevented from interfering in the process." Maharashtra's Director General of Police Rashmi Shukla is currently serving a two-year extension post-retirement, prompting opposition parties to demand her removal, citing concerns that she could influence the electoral process. The CEC also expressed concern about low voter turnout in urban areas and stressed efforts to boost participation in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections. Kumar emphasised the need for transparency regarding candidates' criminal backgrounds and urged political parties to provide clear reasons for fielding such candidates. He said helicopters used during poll campaigns would be thoroughly inspected to ensure inducement-free elections.

## Rs 1L cr in Odisha to be invested by Railway in next 5 yrs



**Commissioner News Service**  
**Bhubaneswar** : New railway projects worth Rs 1 lakh crore would be undertaken in Odisha in the next five years said Ashwini Vaishnaw Railway Minister on Sunday. The minister said this while addressing a programme organised by the Odisha BJP to felicitate the party's 20 MPs and 78 MLAs elected in the recently held Lok Sabha and

Assembly elections in the state. The Congress government and then the BJD government had neglected the development of the railway sector in Odisha. With the formation of a double-engine government of the BJP in Odisha and the Centre now, the gap created during the past years would be met by creating a new record in these five years, he said.

## Rahul to finish canvassing on 3rd October in Haryana

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The second leg of Rahul's campaigning in Haryana would be the October 5 Assembly polls. As the Congress is looking to go all out to wrest power from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Haryana, party leader Rahul Gandhi will be campaigning in the state over the next few days, covering several districts, in what is likely to take the shape of a 'yatra'. Gandhi addressed poll rallies at Assandh in Karnal and Barwala in Hisar. Sharing a tentative schedule of his campaign programme, sources in the Congress said Gandhi, who is likely to be joined by party leader



Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, will launch the second leg of his poll campaign from Naraingarh in Ambala district by addressing a public meeting on Monday. Gandhi will also cover Yamunanagar district on Monday and a few more places in Ambala, where party workers will welcome him at various points, before he moves on to Saha and then to Kurukshetra district, including Ladwa, from

where Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini is contesting the election. According to the tentative schedule of the former Congress chief's programme, a public meeting will be held at Thanesar in Kurukshetra as well. The leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha is likely to campaign in the state till canvassing ends in the evening of October 3. He will be joined by Congress leaders from the state, including Bhopinder Singh Hooda and Kumari Selja. The Congress is aiming to come back to power in Haryana after a 10-year hiatus.

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## BJP moves toward poll reform : SHAH

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi: One nation, one election is a giant stride towards a landmark electoral reform, said Amit Shah, Home Minister

"Under the leadership of PM Modi, Bharat today, in this direction, takes a giant stride towards landmark electoral reforms.

With the Union Cabinet accepting the recommendations of the high-level committee on 'one nation, one election', we will see fast achievements in our country, Shah said on X. Though NDA lacks the two-thirds majority needed to pass a constitutional amendment bill, the alliance is expecting support from a



few key India block parties. BJP president and Union health minister JP Nada said elections at different times across states hampers development efforts and burdens the national treasury. "Adopting 'one nation, one election' will help lower election-related expenses and financial

burden on govt," he said and added that "this landmark decision aims to streamline the electoral process and ensure better governance". Parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju said, "We are embarking on a new era in our democratic journey."

## Sanjay Raut, Shiv Sena leader awarded 15 days' jail in defamation case



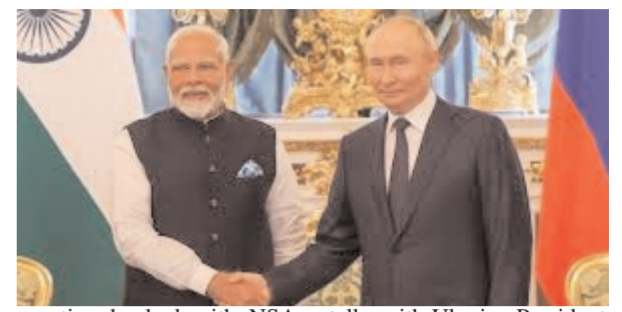
**Commissioner News Services**  
Mumbai : The wife of BJP leader Kirit Somaiya had in her complaint claimed that Sanjay Raut had made superfluous baseless, completely defamatory allegations against her and her husband. A court in Mumbai on Thursday convicted Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut in a defamation case filed by Medha Somaiya, wife of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Kirit

Somaiya. Metropolitan Magistrate 25th Court, Mazgaon sentenced Sanjay Raut to 15 days imprisonment and also imposed a fine on him. In her complaint, Somaiya had claimed that Raut accusing them of being involved in a scam worth ₹100 crore in the construction and maintenance of some public toilets under the jurisdiction of the Mira Bhayander Municipal corporation.

## Modi to meet Putin on margins of brics summit on 22nd Oct

**Commissioner News Service**  
St Petersburg : Vladimir Putin Russian President has apprised Ajit Doval National Security Adviser he would be expecting Modi in Kazan, adding that he was pleased to see the strategic partnership gaining momentum and also India's success in strengthening its "statehood" and advancing its economy under the Indian PM.

PM Narendra Modi will have his second bilateral meeting this year with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the margins of the Brics summit in Kazan, with the latter Thursday proposing Oct 22 as the date for the meeting. Putin's proposal came in a



meeting he had with NSA Ajit Doval on the sidelines of the Brics NSAs' meeting in St Petersburg, in which the latter briefed the Russian president about Modi's recent visit to Ukraine, saying the Indian PM personally wanted him to do so. Doval told Putin, Modi was keen to brief him about his

talks with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky. The PM had urged Zelensky to talk to Russia to end the conflict. Doval also told Putin that Modi's visit to Moscow in July was "a huge success" and he was highly satisfied as he had come back with precious memories.

## White Kurta, Pyjama, Saree for convocation dress code in PGI on Oct 6

**Commissioner News Services**  
Chandigarh :The Union ministry of health and family welfare on Aug 23 issued an order to do away with "colonial" robes and caps and adopt the Indian dress code for convocation ceremonies instead. This was to be applied for Institutes of National Importance (INI) - PGIMER, AIIMS New Delhi, JIPMER Puducherry and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bangalore, central government medical teaching institutes and other AIIMS.

In a bid to "Indianise" the annual convocation of PGI, for the first time, there will be no traditional ceremonial gowns. Instead, doctors



and degree holders shall wear ethnic attire. The dress code is off white kurta, pyjama for men and saree for women. Soon, everyone will be asked to get the required dress ready. A total of 1,550 degrees, including around 100 medals, shall

be presented in the convocation on October 6. Union minister for health and family welfare, J P Nadda will be the chief guest. This will be his first visit to PGI after resuming office for the second time.

## Civic body to hold election for Town Vending Committee member on Oct 4



**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh : The election for the vacant seat of a Town Vender Committee member would-be held on Oct 4 by the Administration of the Municipal Corporation. So far 6 nomination in total were received, out of which 5 have been found eligible to contest the election seat. The running candidates are Teena, Guddiya Devi, Mamta Rani, Devi and Darshana.

The superintending engineer (SE) of Building & Road (B&R) Wing of the MC Engineering department has been appointed to monitor and supervise the polls. The voting and announcement would be done after his supervision. The bending cell as a whole would support him in carrying out the election duties successfully

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## Despite receipt of Rs 500 Cr for Ayushman, Pb not paying Pvt hospitals--- High Court

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Chandigarh --Having received Rs 500 Cr from the Centre, the Punjab Govt has failed to disburse the allotted amount meant for private hospitals. The honourable Court has ordered the salaries of senior functionaries like Kumar Rahul, Principal Secretary, Punjab Health department be attached. The health department can not be permitted to retain the amount leaving citizens mitigating for their dues, said the court. It was deemed expe-



dent to call for a detailed report for the financial reimbursement received from the centre from December 2021 to present period.

The honourable Court has asked State for a requisite affidavit of the grant of Rs 500 Cr, could be used for the said purpose or not.

## Sanjay Raut granted bail in defamation case; Rahul Gandhi says God defeated BJP



Commissioner News Services

Mumbai : Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut was granted bail on Thursday by a Mumbai court, after being convicted in a defamation case filed by Medha Patkar, the wife of BJP leader Kirit Somaiya. Mr Raut was sentenced to 15 days of simple imprisonment by Judicial Magistrate (First Class) Aarti Kulkarni. The court found Raut guilty under Section 500 of the Indian Penal Code, which pertains to punishment for defamation. In addition to the jail sentence, a fine of INR 25,000 was imposed on the Rajya Sabha member. Raut, however, was granted a 30-day suspension of the sentence, allowing him to file an appeal. His lawyer filed applications for both suspension of the sentence and bail, which the court



approved. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday claimed God taught a lesson to Prime Minister Narendra Modi by defeating the BJP in Ayodhya in the recent Lok Sabha elections. "Have you seen PM Modi's face these days? Earlier, he used to claim that he has a 56-inch chest, and now he says that he has a direct connection with God. He got shaken and embarrassed.. He tells the countrymen that they are biological but he is non-biological and he will directly speak to God. But God taught him a lesson in Lok Sabha polls, and Awadhesh Singh (Samajwadi Party candidate) defeated BJP's candidate in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh," Rahul said in an election rally in Haryana.

## Lab superintendent shunted away to rural area by PU

Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh: The Internal Complaint Committee of Punjab University, on receiving a serious sexual harassment complaint has posted a lab superintendent to the rural centre at Sri Mukatsar Sahib. With regard to this development, a project associate from prominent department had alleged the superintendent had made undesirable horrendous physical advances. Since these concep-



tions of Internal Complaint Committee from PU Cash in 2014, it recommended the dismissal of 2 faculty members. Among them Davinder Preet Singh and Asst professor at HS Judge

## Punjab Land Preservation Act 1900 violated, Snr officials summoned by Apex Court

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : A complaint against the resort in Karoran village over Punjab land Preservation Act 1900 and forest law violations was filed in the Supreme Court.. The Central Empowered Committee of Apex Court has summoned the Punjab Chief Secretary and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests regarding allegations of encroachment and illegal commercial activities on land delisted from forest status near Chandigarh. The officials had appeared before the committee in Delhi, with the next hearing set for next month. A status report from the Forest and Revenue Departments, including the Deputy



Commissioner of Mohali, is expected. The complaint primarily involves the violation of Supreme Court orders regarding the removal of illegal encroachments by Forest Hill Resorts and Golf Country Resorts. The petitioner claims that these developments, including farmhouses, a resort, and other commercial activities, contravene the Punjab Land

Preservation Act (PLPA) of 1900 and the Forest Conservation Act. Furthermore, it alleges continuous violations of conditions set by the Ministry of Environment and the Supreme Court, including unauthorised commercial use, such as hosting weddings and parties, on land designated for limited golf course use.

## Siddaramaiah's wife offer's 14 plots land as restitution

Commissioner News Service

Mysuru : "I am in possession of a letter written by Siddaramaiah's wife regarding her intention to return 14 plots (of land). The Chief Minister's son, Yatindra Siddaramaiah, came to our office and delivered the letter. We will take legal advice for the next step..." AN Raghunandan, Commissioner Urban Development disclosed to reporters in Mysuru. The Mysuru land authority at the centre of a financial and political storm - involving Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and alleged losses of Rs 45 crore to the state - has received an offer of restitution from his wife, the urban development body's Commissioner, AN Raghunandan said. Mr Raghunandan also confirmed anti-corruption offi-

cial from the city's Lokayukta branch had written seeking cooperation in its inquiry into the charges against the Chief Minister. He said the Mysuru Urban Development Authority, or MUDA, "will cooperate with the investigation". The Enforcement Directorate, however, have not reached out as yet, Mr Raghunandan said. The ED, a federal agency, has filed a money laundering case against Siddaramaiah. There have also been calls for the CBI, another federal agency, to investigate charges against the Chief Minister, but that appears unlikely now given the Karnataka government has withdrawn general consent for its operations in the state. Law Minister HK Patil made the announcement last week.

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