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## Vidhan Sabha Panel on account of multiple complaints raids functioning of Civic body

*"There is always light at the end of the tunnel", console residents*

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Zirakpur : Notwithstanding late visit by the Vidhan Sabha Panel yet people's aspirations have unprecedently sprung up, as there is always light at the end of the tunnel, feel many a scrupulous resident.

The Vidhan Sabha Panel comprising MLA Neena Mittal, of Rajpura constituency, MLA Amarjit Singh of Amritsar constituency was led by Chairman MLA Gurpreet Singh Gogi of Ludhiana constituency. The panel reached on Friday to scrutinise usual functioning of the municipal council, as multiple complaints with regard to illegal constructions, sewerage overflowing, polluted potable water were reaching

the government's precincts. Every other day media was reporting several glitches over muddy potable water, spilling sewage from sewerage lines, substandard, inferior quality of goods being used in repair of electricity, tubewell bores, road repair etc.

Some journalists alleged complaints are not attended to by the municipal officials. Merely in several cases only notices are served to suppress the issues for the reason best known to the municipal authorities, and defaulters are let off scot free.

There have been substantial reasons for mushrooming of illegal structures in the jurisdiction of the local Municipal council. Is it wil-



ful collusion or the powers are deficiently invested in the MC officers, was the query raised during the press conference held in the premises of the civic body Zirakpur.

With regard to the powers, the panel Chairman MLA Gurpreet Singh Gogi apprised the house there were more and more strenu-

ous, elephantine powers equipped in Municipal Executive Officers which always can be used in case illegal construction are found, notoriety can always be demolished.

After the approval of the architectural plan of the buildings, by the sanctioning authorities, no official ever goes to visit and check

the site of appropriate execution of the plan in ultimate. Even in place of 2 storeyed house, 3 storeyed were constructed since no building inspector ever reached the site of construction, has been the practice.

The chairman of the panel queried about the revenue collection from different

sources of the taxes over the past 3 years. Which were the ongoing projects and what was its estimated costs and latest status?

The panel interrogated about the action over the unauthorised mushrooming colonies and the remedies to check the horrendous emergence. The complaint over the persistent single water supply contractor was put before the local governing body by the panel chairman Gurpreet Gogi as to why only one contractor was being repeatedly allocated the tender for water supply.

Such type of allocations only germinate wide roots of corruption.

The committee enquired about the sub-standard materials procured and used

in the tubewell boring and in its repair, also roads and electricity repairs undertaken by the municipal officials. The period for vitality didn't last long and results were very short lived, reveal the records maintained by the civic body.

Gigantic amounts of government funds were usurped in the constructions of the roads, millions were embezzled in the laying of interlocking tiles. The report on these lapses was sought within a timeframe period of 1 month bar.

The town had been facing acute and unbearable accumulation of stinking garbage at various places, and stray animals, ill maintained parks, even non availability of parks in many wards,

missing beautification otherwise, rising encroachments, water logging, and parking problems.

Illegal sewerage connections by the commoners and the colonisers in the town had choked the sewer lines as a result water from the official lines was spilling over the ground. The municipal council was directed to submit the details of the expenses incurred on the connection of sewerage lines, system, water supply. The summary of the total income from the property tax, water stamp duties, and other sources was required by the government panel within a period of 1 month time, said the panel delegates.

## Kamala mocks 'Trump', inherited fortune, taunted him as 'disgrace' on US : Generals

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Washington: Kamala Harris managed to land sharp blows on the former President, tormenting his ego. She said world leaders and US Generals think he is a 'disgrace', taunted him about people walking out of his rallies, and mocked him for his inherited fortune.

Trump fell for the bait,



talking up his rallies and fortune, talking down the Generals. At the end of 90 minutes, Harris was

unscathed and smiling. Trump looked angry and frustrated.

He resorted to validating rumours that illegal immigrants are eating pets in Ohio. Harris looked incredulous, before laughing even as the moderators fact-checked Trump, saying officials had debunked the reports.

## Who will be next Delhi CM ? Atishi seen as top contender

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NEW DELHI: While the AAP legislative party will decide on the next CM, Atishi's name is being discussed the most qualifying to her sheer responsibility in govt - she handles 13 portfolios - and signals sent earlier about the pecking order in the party.

Manish Sisodia Former deputy CM, who should have been the natural choice, is out of contention. "The pain that I am feeling is also in Manish Sisodia's mind.

The things that were said about me were also said about him. Manish has said that he will take over the post of deputy CM and edu-



cation minister of Delhi only when the people of Delhi say that he is honest," said Kejriwal in his speech at the party office on Sunday. Atishi's rise in the party has been meteoric.

Atishi's responsibilities include finance, planning, PWD, water, power, education, higher education, services and publicity. Since the party's formation,

she has made substantial contributions to its expansion and progress. She played a critical role as a key member of the manifesto drafting committee for the 2013 assembly elections and was instrumental in formulating the party's objectives and vision.

As the MLA representing Kalkaji assembly constituency, Atishi has been at the vanguard of the party's communication efforts and has taken the lead in addressing critical issues such as the Delhi water dispute with neighbouring states.

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New Delhi : Mr Ravneet Singh Bittu, Union Minister of State for Railways on Sunday attacked opposition leader Rahul Gandhi over his irresponsible statements made in the United States about the condition of Sikhs, Kadda, Turban in India. Mr Bittu said if those who are manufacturing bombs are now supporting Gandhi, so he seems to be going number one terrorist.

In a ceremony at Bhagalpur (Bihar) on Sunday, he flagged off express "Vande Bharat" train to Howrah. The minister said Rahul Gandhi spent most of his times out side the country. His family, friends are there He added "think he does love his country much because he goes abroad only to say negative things against India. I think he is not a Hindustani".

"Now, he has got support from separatists, who always talk about dividing



this country. They (separatists) and the most-wanted persons are also appreciating Rahul Gandhi for his remarks against Sikhs. When such people, who are also experts in manufacturing bombs, are supporting Rahul Gandhi, then he is the number one terrorist of the country. He is talking like a separatist. There should be a reward for catching him as he is the biggest enemy of the country," he added.

Mr. Bittu alleged that Congress earlier tried to "use" Muslims, but as that could not happen, it was now attempting to divide Sikhs.

## Livelihood for underprivileged women – NGO

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Chandigarh: "The partnership between NGO and local MC would be an unique convergence entity, which spread a new corridor in helping the livelihood of urban women of weak financial stature" said Isha Kamboj, Joint Municipal Commissioner.

"The new venture seems to be inspiring and amazing social enterprise project. The innovative step would explore new avenues in urban domain leading to sustenance livelihood said -Dr Vivek Trivedi.

The NGO in collaboration with the local civic body launched "Driving Naari" programme to empower



women of self help group (SHGs). The mission would remain empowering under privileged women to evolve as professional drivers and give them access to remunerative livelihood with dignity." The joint venture would envisage to take up driving, as a career and uplift self morale to fight odd honours for higher livelihood.

## Never I thought to become Prime Minister-- Gadkari

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New Delhi-- Becoming Prime Minister was not my aim said Nitin Gadkari. He was offered support for PM's post, but he declined To become the Prime Minister is not the aim in my life. I am loyal to my conviction and my organisation, said Mr Gadkari.

He (September 14, 2024) said, on 14 sept 2024, a political leader once offered to support him if he were to enter the race for the Prime Minister's post, but he declined the offer stating that he did not nurse that



ambition. I remember one incident — I would not name anyone — that person said "if you are going to become Prime Minister, we will support you," Mr. Gadkari said at a journalism awards function, without specifying when the conversation took place.

## Bail for Kejriwal by Supreme Court yet Can't Go to Office Or Sign Files

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New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has been granted bail by the Supreme Court - which found his "prolonged incarceration amounts to unjust deprivation of liberty" - after his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation in June in connection with the alleged liquor excise policy case. The Aam Aadmi Party leader can now leave jail - after nearly six months without a trial - since he already has bail in the case



filed by the Enforcement Directorate. He cannot, however go to his office or the Delhi Secretariat, or sign files without Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's consent.

In a brief session Friday

morning Justice Ujjal Bhuyan and Justice Surya Kant delivered separate verdicts on Mr Kejriwal's two pleas but agreed that the Chief Minister must be released.

## We could sort out 75% of disengagement problems with China : Jaishankar

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New Delhi : Hours after Jaishankar spoke in Geneva, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval met Wang Yi, Member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Political Bureau and Director of the Office of the Central Foreign Affairs Commission, on the sidelines of the meeting of BRICS NSAs in St Petersburg, Russia. Two weeks after Indian and Chinese diplomats signalled some progress in negotia-



tions to resolve the military standoff between Indian and Chinese troops along the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said that about 75

per cent of the "disengagement problems" with China have been "sorted out" but the "bigger issue" has been the increasing militarisation of the border.

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

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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.

## CJIs dissents are as powerful as his judgements-- Chandrachud

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New Delhi : CJ's dissents are as powerful as his judgments, Mr Chandrachud had held that the Chief Justice and the Judges of CJ's were constitutional offices and not a hierarchy. Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, who sees dissent as the



"safety valve of democracy", is known for his profound judgments and dissenting opinions which prick the conscience of the powerful and challenge the regressive while displaying ability, conscientiousness and a high sense of justice.

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Need for recalibration of strategies including advance clearing of lines

On September 8, an LPG cylinder was found on a railway track near Kanpur. A fortnight ago, Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had expressed concern over recent train derailments, said that a “disturbing trend is being seen”. As a result of this, the Railways and other agencies are investigating multiple attempts to derail trains. Terrorist involvement in the matter is also being probed into. This spate of incidents to sabotage the railway network in India is not a new phenomenon. As per a press release of the Ministry of Railways, the Railways decided to undertake patrolling of tracks in the sections considered sabotage-prone, keeping in view the safety of passengers, in September 2003. Over the years, the establishment has focused largely on the security of the aviation sector and so the surface transport infrastructure has not received due emphasis. Terrorists are known for their ability and desire to innovate, both in terms of technology and tactics so as to be a step ahead of the security agencies to successfully carry out attacks. The railway network has always been a favourable target of terrorists due to its expanse, the high number of people who utilise it, as well as the vital logistics services it provides to the nation. The Railways is also expanding and this will likely result in it becoming increasingly

vulnerable to attacks. The disruptive potential of such attacks can be gauged from the targeting of France’s high-speed train lines that were targeted by ‘malicious’ acts, including arson and ‘coordinated sabotage’ to disrupt travel ahead of the opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics. While fragmented efforts have been initiated to enhance the safety and security of passengers and goods, a harmonised, coordinated and collaborative response by all stakeholders is required to prevent such attacks and reduce the vulnerability of rail infrastructure. The plan should also include measures to enhance our capability to minimise the damage and restore services promptly whenever such attacks occur. The execution of such attacks has been outsourced to criminals who are acting like overground workers of terrorist organisations. As time passes, they can enhance the survivability and relevance of the terrorists to create an atmosphere of lawlessness and insecurity. Therefore, it is imperative to classify these intentional attempts to derail passenger and goods trains as terrorist acts and not sabotage by criminal elements. While the train operations are under the control of the Ministry of Railways, the guarding of tracks and bridges against miscreant activity is the statutory

responsibility of the state governments concerned. The Railways also has the Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police under it. In such a situation, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has to step in to assume the role of coordinating and ‘de-conflicting’ roles of various agencies and stakeholders. The MHA should order a review of the security of railway infrastructure, risk and threat assessment to prioritise vulnerabilities and gaps in the security architecture to prevent and deter both physical and cyberattacks. These risk-based plans should be tailor-made for specific areas, including measures to enhance information-sharing, protection and leveraging technology to improve rail security. The Railways will need to focus on training employees, improving technology, infrastructure and coordinating with law enforcement agencies, industry, state, local and community officials, emergency responders and Central agencies to foster collaboration and integrate resources for enhanced deterrence and response capabilities. Measures like surveillance through CCTV cameras, drone monitoring, patrolling and regular track inspections will have to be dovetailed in the plans to prevent such incidents. In high-threat areas, it would be advisable to have pilot engines clear the lines ahead of the passenger trains.

Worth Rs 20 crore fuel saved by e-buses within 2 years

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**CHANDIGARH** : About 25.28 lakh litres of diesel worth Rs 20.80 crore has been saved within two and a half years by plying electric buses on local routes. Procured in November 2021, 80 electric buses are in service in the tricity at present, said a spokesman of the UT Transport Department. The electric buses had covered 1.26 crore km till August 16 on intra-city routes, thus saving over 25.28 lakh litres of diesel besides preserving environment. These buses have helped prevent 6674.91 tonne of CO2 emission. The e-bus fleet of the department included vehicles of Ashok Leyland and Eicher. In order to provide eco-friendly transportation in the city, the department plans to procure 100 more e-buses this year. The administration has plans to replace the entire fleet of 350



diesel buses of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU), running both on local as well as suburban routes, with electric ones by 2027-28. Each bus covers a distance of nearly 130 km on a single charge. It takes nearly two hours to fully charge a vehicle. With a seating capacity of 36, a bus can carry a maximum of 54 people at a time. On an average, each bus covers 200-300 km a day. The State-Level Steering Committee (SLSC) has decided to replace 100 diesel buses with e-vehicles sanctioned by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to Chandigarh under the Centre-sponsored PM

e-Bus Sewa Scheme. The ministry will be requested to allocate 80 more buses to the city under this scheme. Apart from public transport, the share of private electric vehicles (EVs) is also increasing. Since the implementation of the EV Policy in September 2022, as many as 3,281 electric two-wheelers and 1,785 four-wheelers have been registered in the city till July 15. According to the data provided by the Registration and Licensing Authority (RLA), 352 electric two-wheelers and 114 four-wheelers were registered from September to December in 2022. The highest number of 2,103 electric two-wheelers and 1,013 four-wheelers had been registered in 2023 and 826 two-wheelers and 658 four-wheelers till July 15 this year in the city.

Is Congress councillor sitting abroad, BJP leaders, residents hold protest



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**CHANDIGARH** : For the past several months councillor Gurbax Rawat has been missing. BJP leaders along with area residents protested with “missing posters” against Municipal Corporation ward number 27 councillor Gurbax Rawat, who was allegedly missing from the ward. They protested at the Sector 39-40 light point near the mandi ground. The protesters stood on the roadside with posters. They stopped some vehicles and asked them if they had seen the councillor in the area. “In the absence of the councillor, the area residents had to go to the councillors of other wards to get documents signed and the development of

the area has been negligible. The people of the area are criticising her being on foreign tour for many months,” said district BJP president Ravi Rawat, who led the protest. Kamlesh Sharma area mandal general secretary and mandal vice-president Cherry Dogra were seen asking people about the area councillor while holding her posters with ‘Missing’ written on them. Rawat said, “It is noteworthy that all area councillors are given salary every month by the Municipal Corporation so that they can devote their entire time to look after the development of the ward. For the long time, the Congress councillor is taking the salary but is sitting abroad.”

Dengue cases transcends beyond 390 at Panchkula

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**PANCHKULA** : The number of dengue cases has been escalating at a fast pace in the district. The department had recorded 212 cases as of September 3, and since then, the number has increased to 390 within 11 days, said officials at the health department. The number of cases of dengue has transcended 390, with the district health department recording on average 14 to 15 cases every day. The district health department has established over 65-70 beds specifically for dengue patients. Doctors at Sector 6 Civil Hospital said they have set up 65 to 70 beds specifically for dengue patients. A doctor said, “We have converted the private rooms and the skill lab into dengue wards. The patients are being given proper treatment at the wards. We have also streamlined the process of availing random donor platelets and single donor platelets from the blood bank. The SDP’s, which otherwise are priced at Rs



8,500 per unit, are available for dengue-positive patients residents. Doctors said the health department had been carrying out information and education activities at villages and colonies. They said the lab reports of suspected dengue patients are also being sought at the earliest to ensure they are provided the requisite treatment at the earliest. Officials of the health department said a total of 372 cases were recorded by Saturday morning, of which 165 were from urban parts of the city, followed by 75 recorded in the area under Surajpur CHC, 54 in old Panchkula, 47 in Pinjore, 12 in Kalka, 5 each in Raipur Rani and Kot, 4 in Nanakpur, 3 in Morni, and 2 at Barwala.

Panchkula mayoral polls to fall on September 25 -- Haryana government



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**CHANDIGARH** : Despite mandates under the Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, and the Haryana Municipal Corporation Election Rules, 1994, requiring elections within 60 days of newly-elected Municipal Councillors’ notification, the positions have been vacant since December 2020. The State of Haryana has scheduled the elections for Senior Deputy and Deputy Mayor of the Panchkula MC, pending for over three years, for September 25, as informed to the

Punjab and Haryana High Court. Consequently, the court has disposed of the petition seeking directions for conducting these elections, allowing the petitioner to approach the court again if the elections are not conducted as scheduled. The petition was filed by Akshaydeep Chaudhary, a Congress councillor of the Panchkula MC. The petitioner’s counsel argued for urgent poll of Senior Deputy and Deputy Mayor in the Municipal corporation of Panchkula.

“On BJP’s return I will file claim of CM post” : Anil Vij

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**AMBALA** : On becoming Chief Minister of Haryana Mr Anil Vij announced that he would change the face of the state. He added that the decision is to be taken by the party high command, if he could be made the CM of Haryana. Anil Vij, a six-time MLA, said he is the senior-most



MLA in the BJP, and he never asked for anything, but the people of Haryana wanted to see him as the CM. Former Haryana home minister and BJP leader Anil Vij on Sunday claimed that on the basis of seniority, he will stake claim to the CM’s post in Haryana in case the BJP is voted to power.

Dengue spreading fast, people, must adopt precautions

**Sanjeev Kumar**

**Commissioner News Service**

**Ludhiana** : Dengue is a viral infection transmitted by the bite of an infected female mosquito. Dengue has been spreading its wings fast, people must keep their surrounding clean and not allow water to accumulate in



and around their houses. People should exercise all necessary precautions against

Unauthorised vendors conduct business on overbridge, yet do not apply for shops at Terraced Garden subway

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**CHANDIGARH** : The only shop operational at the underpass was auctioned for Rs 80 lakh. This shop, too, remains closed during rain as water gets accumulated on the underpass and visitors avoid using it. However, three vendors operating on the overbridge do a good business. The underpass was constructed at a huge cost to connect the two phases of the

Municipal Corporation on the Terraced Garden underpass in Sector 33 have been lying vacant, while unauthorised vendors do business on the overbridge without any check by the authorities. It is a classic example of wastage of public money and loss of revenue. The underpass was constructed at a huge cost to connect the two phases of the

garden in 2019. There are no buyers for the shops, apparently due to a bad condition of the underpass. When the underpass was being constructed, the road had been closed for a long time. Commuters had faced inconvenience for a long time as the project had missed several deadlines.

4982 pre-litigative cases involving Rs 31,94,224 settled in National Lok Adalat at Sector 43 courts

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**CHANDIGARH** : Besides eight labour dispute cases involving an amount of Rs 12,95,089 were disposed of by the labour court, 308 by the Debt Recovery Tribunal-III and 62 by state and district consumer commissions. In addition to above, 4,982 pre-litigative cases involving an amount of Rs 31,94,224 were disposed of by the Permanent Lok Adalat (public utility services). A total of 2,940 cases were disposed of during the National Lok Adalat held at the District Courts Complex in Sector 43 here. Twenty-one Benches headed



by judicial officers were constituted in the District Courts to take up criminal compoundable cases, cases under Section 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act, bank recovery cases, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal (MACT) cases, matrimonial disputes, labour disputes, arbitration matters, other civil cases, municipal matters and traffic challans.

In an MACT case, an amount of Rs 54.5 lakh was awarded as compensation to the claimants in a death case. Traffic challans were also disposed of by imposing a fine of Rs 37,20,260. District and Sessions Judge Arunvir Vashista, State Legal Services Authority member secretary Surender Kumar and District Legal Services Authority secretary Sunil Kumar thanked people for making the Lok Adalat a success. They appealed to people to get their disputes resolved through Lok Adalats as these provided quick and economical justice.

PF department provides session on social security

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**CHANDIGARH** : EPFO sensitised about the series of reforms aimed at reducing compliance burden, ensuring transparency and expanding access to its services through digital platforms. In a move towards enhancing collaboration with the industry sector, the zonal office of the Employees’ Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) participated in an interactive session on social security measures hosted by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at its northern region headquarters. Sumita Dawra, Secretary, Union Ministry of Labour and Employment, graced the event with his presence. Other key initiatives discussed during the event



included auto settlement of claims Introduced by the EPFO as an automated process to ensure faster and error-free claim intended at reducing rejections and hassle for the members. End-to-end online facilities for employers and employees through a digitised platform reduced the need for physical

interaction and paperwork. Additional Central Provident Fund Commissioner Kumar Rohit elaborated the Sugam Smart Pension Samadhan initiative taken by the zonal office to make the services to prospective pensioners smooth by helping them consolidate their multi-establishments’ services and settlement of their online pension claims ‘objection-free’. The Central Pension Payment System, which would start on January next year, would centralise pension disbursement, bringing transparency, accuracy and uniformity to the pension payment system obviating the need to transfer pension payment orders to multiple offices and bank branches.

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# BJP dictates 1-nation, 1-election a certainty in Modi's third term

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**NEW DELHI :** The ruling party BJP is drafting a plan to realise the Prime Minister's pledge of bringing one lakh politically unaffiliated youth into politics, revealed the sources.  
'One nation one election' will "most certainly" be implemented in the third term of Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led NDA dispensation, top government and BJP sources said on Sunday.  
Interacting with a select group of journalists here, a top government functionary said, "'One nation, one election' which the PM announced in his Independence Day speech will most certainly come in this term itself." About the PM's announcement on bringing fresh talent into politics to root out family-



based political dynasties in India, the top BJP source said although the PM had urged all parties to work in this direction the ruling BJP "will under a comprehensive plan induct youth into politics".  
The focus will principally be on SC, ST and OBC youth, sources said.  
The interaction was planned on the eve of completion of the Modi government's hundred days and the achievements in this period. The government said stable policies and evidence-based reforms across sectors had pushed Indian growth story

forward in these hundred days.  
"When you see the achievements across segments you find a beautiful painting emerging," official sources said rejecting opposition accusations of jobless GDP growth and calling for the need to see jobs as a broader segment rather than as mere synonym to government employment.  
"If Rs 11 lakh crore has been set aside for infrastructure, will this not boost employment?" asked a top government source hailing national achievements in internal security, diplomacy, law and order and governance fronts under Modi.  
On diplomacy, this source said India had finally shown to the world that its foreign policy had a spine.

# Arvind Kejriwal to resign as Delhi CM in 2 days

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**NEW DELHI :** "I did not enter politics to play the game of politics and money. I will go to the public and ask them what do they think: am I an honest man or an accused," said Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal.  
On Sunday he declared he would resign in the next two days. He was addressing party workers here.  
He also demanded an early election in Delhi.  
He said the next CM would be decided after a meeting of party MLAs. He said that along with him, Sisodia will also go to the public and he will also not be vying for the CM's post.  
"We will go to the court of people to prove our innocence," he said.  
"Some people say that we will not be able to work because of restrictions imposed by the Supreme Court. If you think I am honest, vote for me in large numbers. I will sit in the CM's chair only after being elected," he added.  
The Delhi CM called for early election in Delhi in November



along with other state assembly elections.  
"The elections are supposed to be held in February. I demand that these be held in November with the Maharashtra elections," he said.  
"Why did they (BJP) send me to jail? They know very well that I haven't committed any corruption. Their goal was to break AAP and crush my spirit. They thought that by sending me to jail, the party would fall apart and they could form a BJP government in Delhi. But our party didn't break. AAP is standing strong against their conspiracies," he added.

# By 1cm Neeraj Chopra missed Diamond League crown final

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**Brussels :** The 26-year-old Neeraj Chopra, who had won the DL trophy in 2022 before finishing second last year, achieved his best throw of the day in his third attempt but that was 1cm short of eventual winner Anderson Peters' 87.87m effort on Saturday.  
Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra came agonisingly close to winning the Diamond League crown before missing it by just one centimetre to finish as runner-up for the second consecutive year with a throw of 87.86m in the season finale here.  
Grenada's Peters, a two-time world champion, produced his best throw of the day in his opening attempt. Julian Weber of Germany was third with 85.97m.  
Chopra, who added a silver to his Olympic medal tally in Paris following a historic gold at the Tokyo Games, thus ended his season on a high.  
The Indian javelin throw superstar, who has a personal best of 89.94m and season's best



of 89.49m, had a series of 86.82m, 83.49m, 87.86m, 82.04m, 83.30m and 86.46m. The top three led the seven-man field in the same order for the whole competition.  
Peters will collect a Diamond League trophy and USD 30,000 for emerging as the DL champion this season.  
Chopra will pocket USD 12,000 for his second-place finish in the grand finale which marked the end of the prestigious Diamond League series after 14 legs, as well as the end of international athletics season.  
The Haryana athlete remained consistent throughout the season, though he won just one international event this season, the Paavo Nurmi Games in Turku, Finland, on June 18.

# 6 Vande Bharat trains flagged off by Modi in Ranchi

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**RANCHI :** Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to flag off the trains from Tatanagar but his chopper could not take off due to poor visibility and inclement weather conditions.  
Mr Modi on Sunday virtually flagged off six Vande Bharat trains for Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar and UP at Ranchi.  
On the occasion, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar were present at Tatanagar station.  
The new trains will run



on the Tatanagar-Patna, Brahmapur-Tatanagar, Rourkela-Howrah, Deoghar-Varanasi, Bhagalpur-Howrah and Gaya-Howrah routes.  
The trains will offer faster connectivity, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.  
The introduction of these Vande Bharat Express trains will benefit regular travellers,

professionals, business and student communities.  
These trains will boost religious tourism in the region by providing a faster mode of commute to pilgrimage sites like Baidyanath Dham in Deoghar (Jharkhand), Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh), Kalighat, Belur Math in Kolkata (West Bengal), etc.  
Coal and mines industries in Dhanbad, jute industries in Kolkata, iron and steel allied sector in Durgapur will also get a major boost, the statement added.

# Congress flags Rahul's caste census

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** "A person from a constitutional post saying on foreign land that reservation should be ended underscores the same anti-constitutional mindset. The baton of prejudices against reservation has been handed over. It is the same old anti-constitutional mindset," jibed Jagdeep Dhankhar at the haughtiness of Rahul Gandhi.  
Hitting back at Jagdeep Dhankhar for his apparent attack on Rahul Gandhi over his remarks on reservation, the Congress on Sunday asked the Vice President who he supports, "the One adamantly refusing to conduct a caste census or the one championing" the demand for it.  
"Reservation is not against meritocracy, but it is the soul of the country and the Constitution. It is an affirmative action and not negative. It is not depriving someone of opportunity but



hand holding those who are pillars of strength of the society," the vice president said addressing a public event in Mumbai.  
Tagging a post on Dhankhar's attack on Gandhi, Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said, "I would ask this constitutional authority who he supports - the One who is adamantly refusing to conduct a caste census or the one who is forcefully championing caste census & removal of the 50% cap on reservations for SCs, STs & OBCs?"  
Reacting to Dhankhar's remarks, Congress' media and publicity department head

Pawan Khera said on X, "Mr Rahul Gandhi has demanded removal of the 50% limit on reservations for SC/STs & OBCs. Do you support this demand of the Congress, Mr @VPIndia?"  
During a recent visit to the US, Gandhi had said the Congress would think of scrapping reservations when India is a fair place, which he said is not the case right now. Later, at a press interaction in the US, Gandhi said, "Somebody misquoted me saying that I am against reservation. I have been saying again and again and again, we are going to increase reservations beyond 50 per cent."

# Public works minister inaugurates repair works of Narli-Chhina Bidhi Chand road

**Commissioner News Service**  
**TARN TARAN :** The foundation stone of the repair works of the Narli-Chhina Bidhi Chand road in the presence of Khemkaran MLA Sarwan Singh Dhun was laid by Punjab Public Works and Power Minister Harbhajan Singh on Sunday.  
The 6.64-km-long and 18-foot-wide road will be repaired by the Public Works Department at a cost of Rs 3.46 crore. The project is expected to be completed within six months.  
"The repair of this



critical road will greatly benefit the area residents, especially the farmers, by providing seamless transportation of crops to the market," the minister said, adding that the road connected the historical town of Chhina Bidhi Chand and Narli with Khalra-Bhikhiwand road and nearby villages with Khalra Dana Mandi.

The last round of repair works on this road was carried out in 2012. The minister assured the contractor would also provide maintenance services for five years after completion.  
"The state government, led by Chief Minister Bhagwant Maan, is committed to facilitating people from all walks of life," the minister added.  
Khemkaran MLA highlighted the importance of the road for area residents, stating that its repair would provide essential road transport facilities.



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# Rahul demands caste census, 50% quota cap must vanish

Commissioner News Service  
New Delhi : " Somebody misquoted me saying that I am against reservations... I have been saying again and again we are going to increase reservations beyond 50%, and I am not against reservation." said Rahul. Stressing that he has been consistently demanding that the 50% cap on reservation should be removed and a caste census conducted without delay, leader of the opposition Rahul Gandhi said he has been amised that he is against quotas. To a question at the Natio Bhal Press Club in Washington, the Congress MP said his team raised



attacks on minorities in Bangladesh at a meeting with us lawmakers, adding it's the responsibility of the Yunus govt to stop it soon. In January but changed.

# Now plans for independent ward for female addicts

Commissioner News Services  
Chandigarh : Vigorous plans are underway to establish separate wards at PGI Chandigarh and Delhi AIIMS. Dr Pratima Murthy, director, NIMHANS, Bangalore, shared this information as the keynote speaker during a continuing medical education programme organised on the foundation day of the psychiatry department at PGI and the 36th anniversary of the drug de-addiction centre on Saturday. • Dr Murthy said, "Women have more body fat than men. Due to this, drug addiction affects them rapidly. Also, while they get treatment very late, the men are usually bro- ught by their family members for treatment. The level of awareness regarding the treatment of women is still very low, as a result, their



condition becomes more severe. Even when women begin treatment, they often fail to adhere to it, discontinuing medication due to social stigma and other factors said, Dr Murthy. To prevent such situa- tions, separate treatment arrangements were considered essential. In addition to separate counselling, special training, and followup by doc- tors and paramedical staff, emphasis has been placed on maintaining contact with them even when they do not

# 'AAP's Prem Garg steers door to door campaigns in P'Kula



Commissioner News Services  
P'Kula : A specific range of local traders in sector 7 market listed their issues before the visiting party candidate Prem Garg who assured them full support in uniform development of Panchkula constituency.. Prem Garg visited Manka , Jaswantgarh, and Sultanpur where villagers expressed their resentment about the absence of the MLAs ,who remain absent for most of the times,now leaving the electioneering aside.but otherwise gloomy scene as they hardly show their face. Prem Garg now is seen very active however reassures his unique approach of the AAP ,above all Mr Garg the jubilant candidate was also seen at ISKCON temple, worshipping almighty for his successful innings.

# 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

# Ex President Trump may pose dangers to US democracy & security-- Generals

Commissioner News Services  
Washington: US public figures including retired military generals continue to warn American voters about dangers the former prez poses to US national security and democracy. Including prominent Republicans, are endorsing Harris despite their long association with the GOP, some notably exprez George Bush - have said they will not support anyone, inviting taunts from never-Trumpers to "manup" and be like his mother. The matriarch Barbara Bush was openly contemptuous of Trump and wondered how anyone could vote for



him. While Harris has the support of all living former Democratic presidents and vice-pres- idents, Trump's own vice-pre- sident Mike Pence has disdained him. 2008 Republican veep nominee Sarah Palin is the only one supporting Trump. On Monday, the Harris campaign dropped a scorching ad in which several Trump administration officials, including Pence, are seen criticising their former boss. The ad, titled '

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## Puja event at CJI residence should not have been publicised-- Sibal

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: Harmful to institution; CJI may not have known PM Modi puja visit would be publicised: Kapil Sibal

Someone in the highest position of the country should not put himself in a situation where people can gossip about the institution and start speculating, the senior lawyer said.

Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) President and Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal on Thursday said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the residence of Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud to attend a Ganapati puja has provided people an opportunity to gossip about the judiciary.

Sibal said it was a private matter which should not have been publicised. In the context of the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections, he said,

"I request the Prime Minister of India to not make a spectacle of these events because there have been Maharashtrian Chief Justices in the past. It is not the first time that there is a Chief Justice from Maharashtra and in the context that there is



going to be an election in Maharashtra, that is not an opportune time for the Prime Minister to have made a public spectacle of a private ceremony. "The veteran lawyer added that CJI Chandrachud may not have known that the video of the function would be publicised.

Regardless, he said that someone in the highest position of the country should not put himself in a situation where people can gossip about the institution and start speculating.

"Quite frankly, I was taken aback. I have been in the Supreme Court, in this institution for over 50 years. I have seen the greatest of judges, both past and the present. We are passionate about the institution, not passionate about any individual, but the institution. I have great respect for the pres-

ent Chief Justice. I can say without any hesitation that he is a man of great personal integrity," the senior counsel said at the beginning of a press briefing on Thursday.

While expressing concern over the development, Sibal also requested the media to not blow it out of proportion and speculate on personal motives. The veteran lawyer said that he was "really surprised" when he saw the clip that has gone viral online. He then explained the "issues on principle" he had with such a meeting. Someone in the highest position of the country should not put himself in a situation where people can gossip about the institution and start speculating, the senior lawyer said.

## 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.

## Swachhata campaign to have 3 prime components -- Mayor



Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh : This year campaign would be adopted my Municipal Corporation's "Swabhav Swachhata Sanskaar Swachhata" The mission Swachhata Seva would be launched vigorously from Sept 17 as it once began initially in 2014. The Swachhta campaign was triggered on the eve of commemoration of 155 th birthday anniversary of Mahatama Gandhi.

Mayor Kuldeep Kumar apprised that during the curtain raiser of the campaign beginning from september to Oct 2 17 that a series of Jan andolan ( people's mobilization). along with major events and activities have been planned in alignment with 3 components of the campaign. The constituting 3 prime

components would be Swachhata ki Bhagidari (Public Participation, Awareness and Advocacy) Sampoorna swachhata (comprehensive cleanliness initiatives) and Safai Mitra Suraksha Shivirs (preventive health check ups and social security coverage).

A significant range of stakeholders including Residents Welfare Associations, Market Welfare associations, NGOs, schools and self help groups are being liaised and collaborated .

The main concentration would be on the school, residential associations, market vendors, welfare of sanghamitra and self help groups, would ensure categorical cleanliness in the surrounding.

## VP Dhankhar rebukes Rahul Gandhi over remarks in US

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : Congress MP and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, had slammed the Narendra Modi government over its handling of the conflict with China.

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Addressing the participants of the third batch of the Rajya Sabha Internship Programme, Dhankhar said if one was a "true Indian", they would never side with the enemies of the nation.

The vice president did not name anyone in his address. Dhankhar said, "I am pained and disturbed that some people in position have just no idea of our Constitution, they have no idea of our national interest. I am sure your heart must be bleeding at what you see."

He said people have given supreme sacrifice in getting

freedom. "Mothers have lost their sons, wives have lost their husbands. We can't ridicule our nationalism," he said.

How painful that one who holds a constitutional position is doing just the reverse of it. Nothing can be more condemnable, despicable and intolerable than that you become part of enemies of the nation," the vice president added.

His remarks come a day after BJP attacked Rahul Gandhi for holding a meeting with US lawmaker Ilhan Omar.Abdulla.

## China,India agree to boost bilateral ties

Commissioner News Services

St Petersburg : Wang Yi, and Ajit Doval representing both China and India have agreed to work for improvement of bilateral ties.

Both the countries are willing to implement the consensus reached by the heads of the two countries, enhance mutual understanding and trust, maintain continuous communication, and create conditions for boosting bilateral ties

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval have agreed to work together to create conditions for the improvement of bilateral relations during their meeting in Russia, the



Foreign Ministry said on Friday, September 13, 2024.

During their talks on the sidelines of a meeting in St. Petersburg of the BRICS high-ranking officials responsible for security matters, Mr. Wang and Mr. Doval discussed the progress made in the recent consultations on border issues, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in a press release.

Both Mr. Doval and Mr. Wang are the Special Representatives for the India-China border talks mechanism.

Both parties expressed the belief that the stability of the China-India relations is in the fundamental and long-term interests of the two peoples and conducive to regional peace and development.

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