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PM Modi surveys flood-hit Punjab



Chandigarh : Prime Minister Narendra Modi began a crucial visit to flood-affected regions of Punjab and Himachal Pradesh today to assess the widespread damage caused by recent floods.

Arriving at Pathankot Airbase from Delhi, he proceeded by helicopter to conduct an aerial survey of the hardest-hit areas in Himachal Pradesh, including Kullu, Mandi, and Chamba.

The visit was briefly overshadowed by a bomb threat received via email by the principal of Nerchowk Medical College in Mandi, Dr DK Verma. Authorities swiftly evacuated the hospital, relocating approximately 300 patients to safety, and a police search operation is underway to secure the premises.

In Dharamshala, PM Modi will lead a

high-level meeting to review the disaster's impact, with a detailed presentation on the damage. Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, who inspected preparations, will attend.

At 4 pm, the Prime Minister will meet flood victims in Tibbri, Gurdaspur, to address their concerns.

Punjab's AAP government has sought Rs 80,000 crore in relief from the Centre, while Himachal has requested a special aid package. Punjab AAP president Aman Arora expressed hope for support, noting the Prime Minister's earlier "silence" on Punjab crisis.

On September 5, union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan visited Amritsar, Gurdaspur, and Kapurthala, promising aid to affected communities.



PM Modi Announces Rs 1,600 Crore Relief for Flood-Hit Punjab, Additional Rs 12,000 Crore Under Central Schemes

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, after an aerial survey of flood-affected areas in Punjab, announced a Rs 1,600 crore relief package for the state, supplementing Rs 12,000 crore already allocated under central schemes.

In Gurdaspur, he met 19 farmers from areas like Fazilka and Ajnala, who raised concerns about unpaid 2023 compensation and issues like illegal mining and neglected Dhussi bandhs.

Modi assured a multi-pronged recovery plan, including rebuilding homes under PM Awas Yojana, restoring highways, reconstructing schools, and

providing PMNRF relief and livestock mini-kits. Advance releases of SDRF and PM Kisan Samman Nidhi funds were also promised.

Punjab BJP chief Sunil Jakhar noted the Prime Minister's 30-minute interaction with farmers, while leader Tarun Chugh highlighted local distrust in state fund distribution.

Earlier, in Himachal Pradesh, Modi conducted an aerial survey of Kullu, Mandi, and Chamba, announcing a Rs 1,500 crore financial assistance package, ex-gratia payments and met 18 victims, including one-year-old Nitika, orphaned in a June 30 cloudburst.

PM Modi to visit Bihar Court sets Sep 23 as next hearing in Rahul Gandhi defamation case

Patna: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Bihar on September 15 during which he would launch a number of projects.

Bihar BJP president Dilip Jaiswal said today that PM Modi would arrive in Bihar on a day-long visit to the state.

During his visit, PM Modi would launch a number of projects in Bihar including inauguration of an airport in Purnia. He added: "PM Modi will also address a massive public meeting in Purnia during his visit."

Union Home Minister Amit Shah would also visit

Bihar on September 18 and 27 respectively, said Jaiswal. He said, "BJP has divided Bihar in five zones and Shah would also have interaction with party workers in all these five zones, in days ahead, to chalk out a strategy for the upcoming Bihar assembly elections."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, union Home Minister Amit Shah and other top leaders of BJP have been frequently visiting Bihar during the last few months, in view of the Bihar assembly elections to be held in October-November this year.

Sultanpur: A witness was cross-examined in the MP/MLA court in a case against former Congress president and Rae Bareilly MP Rahul Gandhi, related to alleged indecent remarks against union Home Minister Amit Shah, prosecution sources said here.

Prosecution sources said that as the process was not completed, Judge Shubham Verma today fixed

September 23 as the next date for hearing.

BJP leader Vijay Mishra, a resident of Hanumananj in Kotwali Dehat, Sultanpur district, filed a defamation case against Rahul Gandhi in 2018, alleging that he was hurt by remarks made during the Karnataka elections. Over five years of court proceedings, a warrant was issued

in December 2023 due to Rahul Gandhi's absence. On February 20, 2024, Rahul surrendered in court and was granted bail on two sureties of Rs 25,000 each. On July 26, 2024, Rahul recorded his statement in court, claiming innocence and alleging a political conspiracy against him. Since then, the court has been fixing hearing dates regularly.



C P Radhakrishnan Elected Vice President of India



New Delhi: In a major victory for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), C P Radhakrishnan was elected as the 15th Vice President of India on Tuesday. Radhakrishnan, the NDA candidate, secured a decisive victory over the Opposition's joint nominee, B Sudershan Reddy.

The election results revealed a significant win for Radhakrishnan,

who garnered 452 first-preference votes. His opponent, Sudershan Reddy, received 300 votes. According to Returning Officer P C Mody, out of the 788 eligible Members of Parliament (MPs), 767 cast their votes, resulting in a 98.2% turnout. Of these, 752 votes were deemed valid, while 15 were declared invalid.

The outcome of the election has

led to speculation about cross-voting within the INDIA bloc, as the Opposition secured 15 votes fewer than its claimed strength. The 15 invalid votes also raise questions, with some sources suggesting they may have all come from the Opposition's camp.

Following his defeat, B Sudershan Reddy congratulated Radhakrishnan,

stating that the Opposition's unity remains strong despite the election outcome. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also extended his congratulations, expressing confidence that Radhakrishnan's leadership and experience will strengthen parliamentary democracy and uphold the dignity of the Rajya Sabha.

Government to provide relief to flood-affected farmers in Delhi: CM

New Delh: Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta today said the government is going to provide relief to the affected farmers in the national capital who faced crop damage after flood water entered their fields.

She lauded state government officials for standing their ground and carrying on with relief works when water entered the Yamuna floodplains, and also in the areas where the flood water entered from the Haryana side after the embankment of the Mungeshpur drain got damaged.

She said the government has appreciated the relief efforts by the administration officials during the tough time, adding that there is more to be done in this regard.

Gupta while speaking to reporters on Tuesday said that the government is

working with utmost responsibility to get things back on track for those who were affected.



Meanwhile, taking to social media platform X, CM informed that a review meeting was held at the secretariat with the DM, SDM, Sub- Registrar and

senior officials of the revenue department, with regard to the various development and public welfare works.

CM has said that after successfully organizing the Kanwar Yatra, and managing the emergency situations when water entered Yamuna's floodplains during the heavy rains, the next target of the administration is to smoothly organize and observe upcoming festivities like the Ramleela and Durga Puja celebrations.

According to the CM, the officials have been given clear instructions to keep an eye on every aspect of the upcoming festivities and arrangements.

CM said that the departments have been conveyed that there must be no mismanagement regarding the upcoming events.

PM Oli resigns amid escalating Gen Z protests; Senior officials appeal for restraint

Kathmandu: Nepalese Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli on Tuesday resigned from his post, amid the escalating Gen Z protests, that has left at least 19 youths dead and around 500 injured.

President Ramchandra Paudel has officially accepted PM Oli's resignation. Oli's resignation came amid unprecedented demonstrations led by Gen Z youths demanding accountability for corruption, government restrictions, and yesterday's police action in which 19 protesting youth were shot dead. The PM's resignation came as protesters vandalised several vital offices including the Parliament building, residences of top leaders and ministers, and the protests spread across other cities.

The protests escalated on Tuesday following outrage over yesterday's police action on the youths. Over 500 people were injured in clashes with security forces at various places, including the Federal Parliament in Kathmandu.

Nepalese authorities have imposed curfew across the Valley and deployed heavy security to manage the demonstrations, but the protests have continued to



intensify. Meanwhile, senior Nepalese government officials have issued a public appeal calling for restraint amid the widespread demonstrations. Officials expressed heartfelt condolences to the families of those who lost their lives and extended sympathy to the injured. "With the resignation of the Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli now accepted, we sincerely urge all citizens to remain calm and avoid further damage to life and property," the appeal stated.

"We also call on all concerned parties to seek a swift and peaceful resolution

through political dialogue."

The appeal was signed by key officials including: Eknarayan Aryal, Chief Secretary; Ashok Raj Sigdel, Chief of Army Staff; Gokarnamani Duwadi, Home Secretary; Raju Aryal, Inspector General Armed Police Force; and Chandra Kuber Khapung, Inspector General, Nepal Police. The officials emphasized that cooperation from citizens and restraint by all parties are critical to stabilizing the situation and preventing further casualties or property damage. Oli was serving his

fourth term as prime minister since July 2024 with the backing of the Nepali Congress. His resignation marks the end of a political career that saw him hold office in 2015-16, 2018-21, briefly in 2021, and again from July 2024 until his exit on Tuesday.

Known for his assertive style and nationalist policies, Oli had come to power on promises of stability and prosperity but left amid mounting unrest and accusations of authoritarianism. He was supposed to visit India later this month.

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Selective action, PSA against MLA not good for our democracy : Omar Abdullahaa

Srinagar : J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today said that invoking the stringent Public Safety Act (PSA) against Doda MLA Mehraj Malik, while taking no action against those accused of “hurting people’s sentiments” at Hazratbal shrine, is “not good for democracy.”

Omar said he failed to understand what Malik had done that warranted the government’s decision to invoke the stringent PSA against him.

“Has the situation deteriorated anywhere? Was there any stone-pelting? On the contrary, the people who spoil the environment here, the people who played with our religious sentiments and spoil the environment in Hazratbal—there is nothing against them. Instead, innocent people are being harassed here. They are being called to police stations and questioned,” Omar told reporters in Srinagar.

The Chief Minister said if



the MLA had made a mistake, it could be rectified under the supervision of the Speaker.“A law like the PSA should not have been invoked against him. This will reduce the public trust in democracy,” Omar said.

Referring to incidents earlier this year, Omar said on July 13, the martyrs’ day, the administration made a mistake and detained many leaders.“On July 14, they made another mistake. They got me heckled by the police.

After that, arresting the MLA in the PSA is not a good thing. It is not a good thing for our democracy,” Omar said.When asked about the election for 17th Vice-President, the Chief Minister questioned the Election Commission of India for

keeping four seats of J&K in Rajya Sabha vacant and thereby denying the union territory its rightful representation.

“Our votes are already less, I don’t understand. It’s been nearly 11 months since our assembly elections. Why are the seats of our Rajya Sabha empty today? If we had four more votes, our voice would have been stronger. We would have been able to speak,” Omar said.

“I don’t understand why the Centre and Election Commission is taking revenge on us that our Rajya Sabha elections are not taking place,” he added.

On the recent floods, Omar said he expects Jammu and Kashmir to be compensated for the losses suffered.

He further requested the union Railways Minister to run special trains to ensure movement of essential goods to Kashmir and transport fruit produce outside.

Bihar minister accuses RJD of misleading women with 'Mai Bahin Yojna'a

Patna: Bihar Water Resources Minister and senior JD(U) leader Vijay Kumar Chaudhary today strongly objected to opposition activities of collecting forms from women for the so-called "Mai Bahin Yojna" announced by RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav.

Speaking to media here, Chaudhary said the Opposition was unsettled by the wide popularity of several welfare schemes launched by the Nitish Kumar government for women. Fearing massive support for the government, Tejashwi had made a “hollow promise” of benefits under Mai Bahin Yojna if voted to power, he alleged.

“It has come to light that a large number of opposition workers are getting forms filled from women under this so-called scheme. Such activities cannot be allowed. They are meant to mislead and dupe women in the name of benefits,” Chaudhary said.

He further expressed concern that opposition workers were collecting bank account



details of women. “They could even misuse the details to withdraw money being transferred by the Nitish Kumar government under the ‘Mukhya Mantri Mahila Rojgar Yojna,’ he warned.

Under this scheme, one woman from every family would receive Rs10,000, while an assistance of Rs2 lakh would be provided within six months to help women launch their own ventures. "All possible steps are being taken by the government to improve the condition of women and empower them,” he said.

Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust donates for Jammu Flood Relief Fund

Jammu: In a gesture of solidarity and service, the Kunwar Viyogi Memorial Trust has contributed to the Jammu Flood Relief Fund to support families and communities affected by the recent floods across the region.

The donation was formally handed over to Additional Deputy Commissioner Jammu, Ansuya Jamwal, by representatives of the Trust.

The contribution reflects the Trust’s deep-rooted ethos of blending cultural preservation with compassionate community service, standing with people in times of need.

Speaking on the occasion, Trust Founder Poonam Singh Jamwal said: “Kunwar Viyogi believed in selfless service and compassion.

This contribution is a humble effort to reach out to families facing immense hardship due to the floods. We hope this small step en-

courages many others to come forward in the spirit of collective responsibility and humanitarian service.”

Founded in memory of Sahitya Akademi Awardee and Indian Air Force officer Group Captain Randhir Singh Jamwal (Kunwar Viyogi), the Trust has, over the past decade, carved a unique identity as a movement for cultural revival, youth empowerment, and social responsibility.

From scholarship programs, research support and Dogri language initiatives, to art residencies, cultural festivals.

And community welfare drives, the Trust has consistently championed both intellectual enrichment and social upliftment.

This donation towards flood relief further strengthens its mission of serving society not only through art and literature, but also through tangible acts of compassion, resilience and solidarity.

UP police launches campaign against illegal firecracker units in state

Lucknow : Uttar Pradesh Police has launched a 15-day special campaign to curb incidents of explosions in illegal firecracker factories and warehouses across the state, police sources said today.

According to the police, they have launched this campaign following the instructions of Director General of Police (DGP) Rajiv Krishna. The campaign is being run under the supervision of ADG (Law and Order) Amitabh Yash.Under this, all licensed firecracker units will be inspected by joint teams of jurisdictional officers, sub-divisional magistrates, station in-charges and fire officers. “The inspections will be videographed and verified by senior officials including ADMs, SPs, DIGs, commissioners and district magistrates,” sources said.DGP Krishna noted that it was extremely important to ensure fire safety preparedness, especially against chemical



fires. He emphasized on reviewing the emergency response mechanism and training of employees.He said, "Child labour should be checked and legal action should be taken immediately if caught. Officials should collect information about unauthorised factories, storage or transportation through police and revenue units. Immediate closure of illegal units and legal action against them should be ensured."The DGP has directed the officials to ensure that storage and sale of firecrackers is done only in licensed prem-

ises, which are clearly marked and away from crowded residential or market areas.He also stressed on protecting small or part-time vendors from unnecessary harassment during inspections. If any explosion or fire incident occurs in future, the responsibility of the concerned area in-charge, SHO or supervising officers would be fixed and disciplinary and legal action would be taken."The aim of this campaign is not only to prevent tragedies like the recent firecracker explosions but also to ensure accountability.

BJD future seems uncertain as it abstains from VP poll

Bhubaneswar : The decision on part of the Biju Janata Dal (BJD), the principal opposition party in Odisha, to abstain from 2025 Vice President poll has led analysts to believe that the regional party is steadily losing relevance nationally, almost 15 months after it lost power to BJP after 24 years of uninterrupted rule in the state.

BJD, headed by Naveen Patnaik, lost to BJP in both the 2024 Assembly polls and Lok Sabha polls. Patnaik, who never eyed pan-India expansion of the party, failed to check the BJP’s electoral juggernaut after staying at the helm in the State for a record 24 years.

The party, which governed the state uninterrupted from 2000 to 2024, suffered its worst poll debacle by drawing a blank in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. It now remains content with 7 Rajya Sabha members with two of its elected members switching fences to BJP after the poll debacle and promptly re-elected to the Upper House on BJP ticket.

Speculation was rife that BJD which supported ruling NDA in several key issues in the past 11 years may vote in favour of INDIA bloc candidate for the VP poll being held today as several party stalwarts were in favour of such a move to reinvent itself to get rid of pro-BJP image following the electoral loss in 2024 twin polls.

The move to abstain has apparently dented the regional party’s image.

BJD’s strength in both the Houses was truncated after the Lok Sabha poll drubbing.

The party’s Rajya Sabha strength has also been trimmed to seven after two MPs Sujit Kumar and Ma-



mata Mahant defected to the BJP and were promptly renominated by the saffron party.

Though the regional party lacked the numbers to stamp out a massive impact in the VP polls, casting vote for INDIA bloc rather than decision to abstain could have sent a message louder that the party does not serve the interest of ruling alliance at the Centre.

A social media post of Tathagata Satapathy, former BJD MP and editor of a leading Odia daily, that the regional party was resorting to self-destruction sums up steadily eroding political relevance of the regional party at least in national political scenario.

“Odisha’s Biju Janata Dal (BJD), by deciding to abstain in the Vice Prez election, seems to have hakirikied its total political existence whatever little remained”, Satapathy, who quit active politics in 2019, stated in a post on X.

The BJD move to abstain from the VP poll has triggered an avalanche of adverse reaction in social media circles. Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee president Bhakta Charan Das slammed the BJD saying that BJD & BJP are two sides of the same coin and that Congress was the only opposition in Odisha and

BJD’s decision to abstain from vote has proved it.

This is nothing but a tacit endorsement of the BJP.

Naveen Patnaik has opted to protect himself rather than his party. Senior BJD leaders are clearly afraid of Central agencies breathing down their necks, he charged.

Even inside the BJD, unease is palpable. Several senior leaders privately admit that the abstention has dented the party’s claim of being the principal opposition to the BJP in Odisha. “Had MPs been allowed a conscience vote, as during the Waqf Bill, many would have backed the INDIA bloc candidate,” confided a veteran functionary.

By choosing not to take a stand, the BJD has once again left itself open to accusations of double-speak. Its assertion of “equidistance” looks increasingly hollow, as it has, over the past decade, sided with the BJP at the national level.

BJD’s stand in the previous VP polls is varied. It abstained from the 2012 poll, in which Hamid Ansari won. It backed non-NDA candidate Gopalkrishna Gandhi in the 2017 poll, in which Venkaiah Naidu won. In 2022, it extended its support to NDA candidate Jagdeep Dhankhar.

SAD to skip vice-presidential election, prioritises flood relief in Punjab

Chandigarh: The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) has announced it will abstain from the vice-presidential election, citing devastating floods in Punjab as its primary concern. The party, which holds a single parliamentary seat, stated that its lone MP, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, will not participate in the voting process.

Harsimrat, representing

Bathinda, is the wife of SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal. She emphasised the party’s commitment to aiding flood-affected communities in Punjab.

“When thousands of families are displaced, crops destroyed, and people are struggling for basic necessities, our duty lies in helping those in distress rather than engaging in

elections,” the party said in a statement.

SAD also criticised the Central and Punjab governments for their alleged inadequate response to the flood crisis, highlighting the lack of sufficient relief and rescue efforts.

The party underscored that supporting the affected is its top priority during this humanitarian crisis.

Order to pay interest to allottees on delay in giving possession of flats is appropriate: HC

Lucknow: In an important decision the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court has ruled out that the order of the builder to pay interest to the allottees for the delay in giving possession of the flats is appropriate. With this comment, the court dismissed all the appeals of Noida's Buildtech Private Limited Company.

The court upheld the order of the UP Real Estate Appellate Tribunal in which the builder company was directed to pay interest to the allottees for the delay in giving possession. The single bench of Justice Pankaj Bhatia gave this decision on several appeals filed by Noida's Buildtech. In these, the order of the UP Real Estate Appellate Tribunal was challenged. The tribunal had ordered the builder



company to pay interest for the delay in giving possession to the allottees. The builder company argued that there was a delay in giving possession due to Covid-19. This situation was not under their control. It was also argued that the allottees accepted the possession without any protest, so they did not have the right to get interest for the delay in possession. However, the court did not accept the arguments and dismissed the appeals. The tribunal had said in the order that the builder will have to pay late interest for the period from January 1, 2020 to October 13, 2022. This will be one per cent more than MICR. However, it was directed to give a relaxation of six months from this period due to Covid-19.

Mamata will undertake a three-day official tour of north Bengal

Kolkata: Starting today, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee is scheduled to make an official tour of north Bengal and will hold an administrative meeting in Uttarkanya, the northern districts secretariat, at Jalpaiguri district tomorrow, official sources said. Banerjee is expected to catch a flight from Dum Dum airport this noon and reach Bagdogra from where she is expected to hold

another meeting regarding north Bengal administration and take note regarding damages following heavy rains in the region. Banerjee during her three-day visit will also attend a public service distribution programme in Jalpaiguri and launch a slew of development projects. She is likely to meet the senior Trinamool Congress leaders of the region to discuss the party’s activities, keeping in

mind the next year's Assembly polls. She will also address a public meeting on the ABPC Ground in Jalpaiguri before coming to Kolkata on September 11. In Jalpaiguri, the chief minister will lay the foundation stone of a drinking water project of ₹150 crore. Under the project, water will be pumped from the Teesta to provide drinking water to households in Jalpaiguri town.

J&K's Kulgam encounter: LG, CM pay respectful tribute to martyred soldiers



Srinagar : Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha today paid tributes to the brave army personnel Subedar Perbhat Gaur and Lance Naik Narendra Sindhu, who were killed in the ongoing operations against terrorists in Kulgam district. “I salute the supreme sacrifice of our Army Bravehearts Sub Perbhat Gaur and L/Nk Narendra Sindhu. Their valour and indomitable spirit will remain etched forever in our hearts. My thoughts are with the bereaved families. The nation is in complete solidarity with them during this hard time,” the Lieutenant Governor said. Earlier in the day, J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah laid the wreath and paid heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of

duty during the Kulgam encounter.

Expressing profound sorrow over the loss, the Chief Minister said that the exemplary courage, unwavering valour, and ultimate sacrifice of these soldiers will be eternally remembered with deep respect and gratitude. The Chief Minister further affirmed the government’s unwavering commitment to the welfare of the families of martyrs and their continued support in all circumstances. The anti-militancy operation launched yesterday in the Guddar forest area of Kulgam entered its second day today, with security forces conducting massive combing operations in the area. Two terrorists believed to be members of Lashker-e-Taiba were killed in the gunbattle yesterday.



Delhi weather: Partly cloudy, no rain expected today; AQI remains moderate

New Delhi : The data for this weather forecast has been sourced from AQI.in, ensuring that residents receive comprehensive information to plan their daily routines and weekly schedules more effectively.

On September 9, 2025, New Delhi witnessed partly cloudy skies, bringing some relief from the otherwise intense late-summer conditions. The city recorded temperatures ranging between 28.5°C and 35°C, accompanied by moderate humidity levels of around 59%. Air quality in the national capital remained in the 'moderate' category, with the AQI recorded at 74. This indicates that while the air is largely breathable, sensitive groups may experience mild discomfort if exposed for extended periods.

The morning hours brought mild breezes along with scattered cloud cover, creating comfortable conditions for early risers. Many residents found it favorable for morning walks, cycling, or light outdoor exercise.

Wind speeds are ex-



pected to remain steady at 16.6 km/h throughout the day. These gentle gusts, coupled with the absence of significant precipitation, should keep the weather pleasant during the afternoon.

As the evening approaches, the mercury is likely to dip slightly, offering cooler and more comfortable conditions for outdoor gatherings, shopping,

or casual strolls. This cooling trend adds to the overall livability of the city during the night hours.

Looking back at yesterday's pollution levels, PM2.5 was measured at 27 µg/m³ and PM10 at 75 µg/m³, while carbon monoxide reached 623 µg/m³. These readings, though categorized as moderate, may still cause minor discomfort for individuals with asthma or

other respiratory issues.

Today's weather conditions, with clearer skies and steady wind movement, are expected to aid in dispersing pollutants. This should help keep particulate matter levels within manageable limits.

The AQI reading of 74 marks a slight improvement compared to the previous few days, when the city recorded values in the 60s.

This upward shift reflects the positive impact of better wind circulation and reduced stagnation.

Mornings continue to be the most suitable time for outdoor activities, thanks to cooler temperatures and lower pollution levels. Health experts, however, advise residents to wear masks in traffic-heavy areas where localized emissions could spike. The evening cooling trend also makes outdoor dining and social gatherings attractive options, with weather conditions likely to remain stable and comfortable. The weekly outlook for New Delhi presents diverse patterns. On September 10 and 11, conditions are expected to remain similar, with maximum temperatures hovering around 35°C.

By September 12 and 13, temperatures are forecast to rise slightly, with the 13th carrying an 83% chance of patchy rain. Such showers could bring momentary relief from the rising heat. September 14 stands out with a 71% likelihood of rainfall, raising

hopes for respite from the warmer conditions that are likely to dominate the earlier part of the week.

The week is expected to conclude on September 15 with clear skies and temperatures peaking at 36.8°C, suggesting a warm but stable end to the forecast period.

JNU leopard scare: After 'hoax', officials stay on trail on campus; no signs found yet

New Delhi : In the wake of a leopard being allegedly spotted inside the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) campus, forest department officials said on Monday that the possibility of the animal still being present has not been ruled out.

The claim of a leopard sighting sparked widespread panic among students and staff, leading to an immediate response from the authorities.

To monitor the situation, the forest department has installed one cage and four camera traps across the campus. These measures are aimed at confirming whether the big cat is indeed present.

So far, however, no pug marks, animal kills, or any direct evidence of a leopard have been detected. This has raised doubts over the authenticity of the initial sighting.

JNU security in-charge Naveen Yadav

said, "The traps have not recorded any animal movement in the forest. However, as a precaution, the camera traps and cage will remain in place for some time."

The scare began last Friday when a student reported seeing a leopard perched on a tree behind the Kaveri hostel.

Soon afterward, WhatsApp messages circulated among students, fueling panic. The messages claimed the sighting had been reported by a student from room number 15 of the hostel.

Later, it was clarified that the student mentioned in the viral message was visually impaired and had not raised any alarm. He denied the claims, describing them as misinformation.

Despite this confusion, forest officials said they are treating the report seriously. Authorities have chosen not to dismiss the

sighting outright, keeping precautionary measures active. A senior forest official who inspected the area said, "Our team members have been deployed at various locations. So far, we have only one student who claims to have seen the leopard. We are also surveying the adjoining forest area."

The official explained that JNU is close to large patches of greenery, which increases the possibility of wild animals straying onto campus.

However, university officials said that over the past three days, no typical signs of a big cat, such as scratch marks, droppings, or carcasses of prey, have been discovered.

Even without evidence, the mere mention of a leopard on campus has created anxiety among students, many of whom are avoiding late-night movement in isolated areas.

Some students expressed concern about safety, while

others dismissed the incident as rumor-driven panic.

Delhi CM Secretariat, Maulana Azad Medical College get bomb threat

New Delhi : A bomb threat email sent to the Delhi Chief Minister's Secretariat and the Maulana Azad Medical College (MAMC) on Tuesday triggered a major security response, officials confirmed.

According to the Delhi Fire Service (DFS), a separate phone call was also received regarding the threat. Multiple fire tenders were rushed to both locations as a precautionary measure.

Police said the email mentioned a possible detonation at the two sites, prompting immediate deployment of bomb detection and disposal teams (BDDT). These steps were taken in line with the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for such emergencies.

Senior officers, including the additional DCP (Central), ACP Kamla Market, and SHO IP Estate, were stationed at the Secretariat to oversee the anti-sabotage checks.

At MAMC, security drills were being supervised by the additional traffic officer (ATO) from the IP Estate police station. Authorities said both locations were secured, and safety measures for staff and students were prioritized.

"There is no cause

for panic," deputy commissioner of Police (Central) Nidhin Valsan assured in an official statement. He stressed that all necessary precautions were being taken.

Valsan further explained that a team from the cyber police station has begun investigating the source of the email. "Preliminary findings indicate the message may have actually been intended for a location in another state.

 Editorial

AI with Green Energy

As artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly expanding around the world, the huge energy required for its use is becoming a major need. In this context, the confluence of the green energy sector with artificial intelligence is revolutionary not only for India but also for the world. With the help of solar and wind energy, artificial intelligence can get cheap, eco-friendly and consistent energy supply. This has created an opportunity to take data centers, startups and computing businesses to new heights along with protecting the environment. In today's fast-paced era, technology is revolutionizing many sectors. Artificial intelligence (AI) is one such sector, which is relatively new but is spreading very rapidly. Initially limited to the computing sector, this use has now also been successful in the green energy sector. Green energy, which is becoming an important sector not only in terms of protecting the environment but also economically, has given a new direction to industries and businesses due to the addition of artificial intelligence. This is a synergy where two advanced technologies are complementing each other.

Currently, the domestic energy demand is increasing at a rapid pace. At the same time, the spread and use of artificial intelligence is also increasing rapidly. Both these things are happening simultaneously. To meet the growing demand in the energy sector, the Indian government is promoting green energy, and this policy is complementing the growing use of artificial intelligence.

To effectively use artificial intelligence, there must be a continuous supply of electricity. Green energy sources like solar energy and wind energy can meet this need easily and at a relatively low cost. According to one statistic, in the next 5 years, about 5 percent of the total energy consumption globally will be used for the artificial intelligence sector. Therefore, it is clear that the importance of green energy is going to increase further in the near future. As the use of artificial intelligence is increasing today, the electricity required for it can be generated more effectively from the green energy sector. One important reason for this is that solar and wind power projects are set up in less time than conventional power projects. This makes energy available at a lower cost and time, which can easily benefit advanced artificial intelligence and the commercial sectors based on it. Speaking from India's perspective, the government has set a strategic goal of increasing the generation and use of green energy by 50 percent by 2030 and its implementation has also begun. India's project management is at the top of the world due to its capacity and efficiency. This will directly benefit the green energy generation sector, which is a strong point. Along with this, we also have hybrid projects that generate wind and solar energy in combination. Given India's geographical structure and climate, about 300 days of sunlight are easily available in a year. This is a special advantage for India in the global energy sector. In addition, the erstwhile regional or state-level power transmission system has now been connected to the national power transmission system, which has made it possible to easily supply green energy across the country.

Artificial intelligence-based businesses have now gained momentum in India. Currently, the number of AI-based startups in the country has reached over 1,000. It is noteworthy that 20% of the total professionals working in this field globally are in India. This growth is also being supported by the country's computing services and education sector. At the same time, with the growing business needs, the data management business in India has also seen 'good days'. According to a survey conducted by Markets and Markets, its data collection and processing center in Pune is completely powered by solar energy. Many clients who have consulted this center have shown interest in using solar energy. According to their experience, the use of solar energy in important and continuously running businesses like computer processing centers is also economically viable. A global data processing center in Hyderabad is also successfully using solar energy for energy consumption.

Due to these experiences, emphasis is now being placed on operating data collection and processing centers using solar or green energy in other places in India. This brings triple benefits of environmental protection, uninterrupted power supply required for artificial intelligence use and availability of energy at low cost. Therefore, leading and advanced businesses of the world are looking at it with optimism. However, although this is the first and successful experiment in the field of green energy in India, it would not be right to be completely satisfied with this.

In any scientific or technical field, it is important to get the latest knowledge of the relevant subject, skills and their right combination at the right time. This includes new skills like information technology, data collection and processing. Since these fields are new, there is a big shortage of skilled and experienced manpower in these fields. But, an important and positive side for India is that India has made good progress in the field of wind energy along with solar energy. From startups, government and corporate companies have already recognized the commercial importance of green energy. The government has now started providing policy support and encouragement to these commercial efforts. Implementation of these decisions has started at the central and state levels.

Against the backdrop of all this positive environment, there is an important matter for India to work on as a priority. That is, to use the progress of the established green energy sector in India to develop the commercial sector of advanced artificial intelligence. This effort will be a new guide not only for India, but for the entire world. By combining green energy and artificial intelligence, India will not only achieve economic growth, but will also create a sustainable and environmentally friendly future. The combination of artificial intelligence and green energy can be a "golden opportunity of the future" for India. On the one hand, India has set a strategic goal of doubling green energy production by 2030, while on the other hand, AI-based businesses are growing rapidly in India. The convergence of these two sectors is a crucial step towards strengthening India in all three directions: economic progress, environmental protection and technological leadership. However, the real test of this journey will be the trained manpower, development of skills and implementation of effective policies.

“Growth of Civil Aviation infrastructure and enhanced connectivity are giving wings to the aspirations of North East India”



North East Region Ministers' Conference on Civil Aviation 2025 & 3rd North East Aviation Summit, organised by Ministry of Civil Aviation, Government of India, was held today in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The conference was graced by the presence of Shri Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, as the Chief Guest and Shri Ram Mohan Naidu, Minister for Civil Aviation, as the guest of honour. Shri Tesam Pongte, Speaker, Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly remained present at the inaugural function. Shri Lalduhoma, Chief Minister of Mizoram; Shri Tsering Thendup Bhutia, Minister of Civil Aviation, Govt of Sikkim and Shri Jogen Mohan, Minister of Hill, Development and Cooperation, Govt of Assam graced the Conference and led the respective State Govt delegations for the interaction with the Ministry and the Aviation Industry. Shri Balo Raja, Minister of Civil Aviation, Arunachal Pradesh presented the State's perspective.

In the inaugural, Chief Guest Shri Pema Khandu, Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh emphasised that transportation connectivity is the most critical sector for development of the NER. In the last 10 years, aviation infrastructure and connectivity status of NER has seen unprecedented growth. Having airports in Arunachal Pradesh was a long cherished dream of the people which got realised because of the active support of the Ministry of Civil Aviation under the visionary leadership of the hon'ble PM. Progress in creation of aviation infrastructure and path breaking schemes like UDAN have been instrumental in transforming the socio economic aspirations of the NE region.

Shri Rammohan Naidu Kinjarapu, emphasized the need for deepening Centre-State-Industry collaboration for the accelerated growth of the Civil Aviation sector in the North East Region. He emphasized that enhanced air connectivity is vital for improving accessibility to remote and border areas, promoting tourism, facilitating cargo and logistics, and driving industrial as well as socio-economic growth in Arunachal Pradesh and the North East Region. To realise its strong tourism potential, North East Region should solve its connectivity challenges in fast pace. Also there is need for accelerating skilling initiatives for fast tracking employment generation among the

youths of the region. An industry driven aviation ecosystem would be able to cater to both these needs.

The Minister expressed pride in informing that the number of operational airports in the region has grown from nine in 2014 to 16 at



present. Aircraft movements have nearly doubled, while domestic passenger traffic has increased more than threefold since 2014.

Encouraging the states to harness on the region's tourism potential, the Minister stated: "You have not seen India until you have seen North East India. The natural beauty, vibrant culture, warm hospitality and the strong essence of Indianness found here are unmatched." He urged the states to focus on developing tourism infrastructure and hospitality services to complement expanding aviation connectivity.

Highlighting future support for infrastructure creation, the Minister shared that For the North Eastern group of states, we have decided to offer four pre-feasibility studies for Greenfield Airport development every financial year, free of consultancy or other charges. This will encourage states to plan and build new airports and take full advantage of the growth momentum.

He assured continued support from the Central Government and emphasized that aviation is no longer a luxury—but a critical enabler of Viksit Bharat @2047. Highlighting India's transformation into the

third-largest domestic aviation market, he pointed to initiatives like UDAN, expansion of airports, growth of regional carriers, focus on Aviation skilling and efforts to incentivise MRO sector as key pillars of progress.

As part of Session on Opportunities for states, officials from Ministry of Civil Aviation and AAI presented various airport development models and opportunities like HEMS and skilling of youth to the states. It was followed by One on One interaction with the state delegations. Parallel interactions of the states with Industry partners were also organised.

During the interaction with the Ministry, Shri Lalduhoma, Chief Minister, Mizoram, highlighted that the development and betterment of aviation in the North East is not only a matter of improving air travel but a vital step toward unlocking the region's true potential. Enhanced aviation connectivity



Improved air cargo facilities will provide new avenues for the export of horticultural produce, handicrafts, and other local products, thereby boosting regional trade and commerce.

Shri Tshering Bhutia, Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation & Indus-

teractions between State Governments and key industry players, with a focus on investment facilitation and identifying implementation bottlenecks.

The event had participation of senior officials from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura and Sikkim. Also senior officials from Ministry including, Shri Faiz Ahmed Kidwai, DG DGCA, and Shri Vipin Kumar, Chairman, Airports Authority of India attended the Conference. Over 70 industry stakeholders, including airline and helicopter operators, OEMs, FTOs, MROs, cargo players, and drone companies, participated actively—highlighting the importance of public-private collaboration in driving regional aviation development. FICCI provided the vital industry interface for organising the Regional Conference.

The conference included presentations by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on Airport and Helipad Development Models, UDAN, Skilling in Aviation, and Helicopter Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) providing states with sectoral insights and implementation pathways.

Adding further momentum to the Ministry's forward-looking initiatives, attention was drawn to the upcoming flagship event — Wings India 2026, jointly organised by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI), Wings India 2026 is scheduled to take place from 28th to 31st January 2026. The event will serve as a premier platform to showcase the growth and opportunities in the Indian civil aviation sector, bringing together key players from across the globe to foster partnerships, innovation, and policy dialogues.

In the morning, prior to the main event at Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Hon'ble Union Minister along with Hon'ble Chief Minister visited the new Terminal Building of Donyi Polo Airport as it commenced operations for passenger movement. Built over 4100 sq m, the passenger handling capacity has now increased to 1 million passengers per annum and the Peak Hour capacity to 800. He inaugurated the UDAN Yatri cafe and a creche for toddlers. He also inaugurated AVSAR shop (Airport as Venue for Skilled Artisans of the Region) within the terminal building. The Indigo flight to Delhi today took off from the new Terminal.

Ministry of Coal hosts Star Rating Award Ceremony in Mumbai



The Ministry of Coal today hosted the Star Rating Award Ceremony in Mumbai to honour outstanding coal and lignite mines for their exemplary achievements in safety, environmental sustainability, and operational excellence.

The Chief Guest Union Minister of Coal and Mines Shri G. Kishan Reddy, in the presence of Minister of State for Coal and Mines Shri Satish Chandra Dubey and Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, presented the awards that recognize mines that excelled in key parameters such as safety, environmental manage-

ment, scientific mining, productivity and community welfare. On this occasion, the newly designed CCO Website, along with an Interactive Dashboard, was inaugurated to enhance transparency, efficiency, and accessibility of information for stakeholders.

The Star Rating Award Ceremony recognized mines that have demonstrated exceptional performance in safety, environmental stewardship, and productivity. Certificates and awards were also distributed to other high-performing mines, reinforcing the Ministry's commitment to promoting

best practices in the sector. Union Minister of Coal & Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, presented the Five-Star Awards to the top-performing mines and commended their role in ensuring the Nation's energy security while upholding global standards of safety and sustainability. He emphasized that the Star Rating initiative is not merely an award but a benchmark for responsible mining, urging all mines to strive for Five-Star status. The event also featured award presentation to the winners of the Hackathon on Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), and R & D, under-

scoring Coal Ministry's commitment to fostering innovation in sustainable technologies.

Adding to these milestones, two important frameworks were unveiled - L.I.V.E.S., which is a comprehensive practitioner's guide formulated to serve as a benchmark for responsible and sustainable mine closures in alignment with global best practices, and AR-THA, which is a Green Financing Framework aimed at channeling investments towards transforming reclaimed mines into productive and environmentally friendly assets. In his keynote address, Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy congratulated all award recipients for their exceptional performance in ensuring operational excellence while adhering to the highest safety and environmental standards. He emphasized on accelerating coal gasification and the adoption of clean-coal technologies to add value, reduce emissions and open new industrial avenues.

The Union Minister said that the time has come to move from dependence on imports towards building capacities for coal exports, while simultaneously improving coal quality through

greater use of washeries. Shri G. Kishan Reddy also highlighted the importance of community-centric and progressive mine closure activities, large-scale afforestation, worker safety and welfare, and embedding innovation, environmental responsibility, sustainability and competitiveness at the heart of mining operations. By embracing innovation, he said, India's coal sector can match global benchmarks while optimizing resource utilization. Calling "Reform, Perform, Transform" not merely a slogan but a duty, he urged all stakeholders to continuously strive for excellence and actively contribute towards Prime Minister's vision of Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat. MoS for Coal and Mines Shri Satish Chandra Dubey, while addressing the Star Rating Award Ceremony for coal and lignite mines for the performance year 2023-24, emphasized that responsible mining must give equal priority to environmental protection, scientific mine closure, and community welfare along with production efficiency.

He underlined that the Star Rating Policy serves as a benchmark not only for efficiency but also for ensuring land restoration, biodiver-

sity conservation, safety of workers, and the welfare of project-affected families. He reiterated the importance of replicating best practices across all mines so that the benefits of efficiency, safety, and environmental care can be realized nationwide. Congratulating the award-winning companies, the Minister stated that mining should act as a catalyst for socio-economic development, creating employment opportunities and improving the quality of life in coal-bearing regions.

The Secretary, Ministry of Coal, Shri Vikram Dev Dutt, commended the award-winning mines for setting new benchmarks of performance, transparency and aligning with global best practices. He highlighted that the Star Rating framework acts as a catalyst for continuous improvement, motivating every mine to go beyond compliance and embed excellence across all operations.

He noted that India has achieved a historic milestone of over one billion tonnes of coal production and supply in the last year, reflecting the sector's steady growth and resilience. He underlined that mining today must be responsible, sustainable.

Briefs :

Floodwaters Breach Ghaggar Embankment in Sirsa

Sirsa: Villagers in Sirsa district are living in fear as the Ghaggar river's fragile embankments continue to erode, threatening to submerge vast agricultural areas. Despite efforts by the administration to contain the damage, the river's strong current has so far overpowered them. Local residents, feeling abandoned by the authorities, have taken matters into their own hands, working tirelessly day and night to protect their homes and crops. Local leaders, including the sarpanches of Ranga, Thiraj, Mat-tar, and Lehngewala, have urgently requested more support, citing a lack of manpower and machinery like JCB machines and tractor-trolleys. They claim that despite meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, Shantanu Sharma, last week and receiving assurances, no aid has arrived in their villages. In response, Deputy Commissioner Sharma has urged residents not to believe in rumors, stating that administrative and irrigation department teams are actively monitoring the situation and providing necessary resources. He praised the villagers for their cooperation. For the past three days, communities along the river have been on high alert. At Panihari, a damaged embankment remains unrepaired, causing water to flood fields in nearby Nejadela Kalan. Former sarpanch of Nejadela Kalan, Hoshier Singh, warned that if the breach isn't sealed, the water could rise and threaten nearby hamlets. Currently, nearly 1,000 villagers are using whatever materials they can gather to try and fix the embankment. While water levels have slightly dropped at Sardulgarh, the situation at the Ottu Headworks remains tense as the flow has increased.

War Injury Pension Cannot Be Denied Based on 'Disease' vs. 'Injury'

Chandigarh: The Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that the government cannot deny war injury pension to military personnel by distinguishing between a "disease" and an "injury" when both are suffered in an operational area. The Division Bench of Justice Harsimran Singh Sethi and Justice Vikas Suri made it clear that a soldier's posting in a counter-insurgency zone carries inherent risks, and any disability contracted there must be treated as a war injury. The ruling came while dismissing a petition from the Union of India against an order of the Armed Forces Tribunal. The Union had argued that the soldier's eye condition, Interstitial Keratitis, was a disease, not an injury, and therefore he was not entitled to war injury pension. The court rejected this argument, stating that once a disability forces a soldier out of service, the distinction is irrelevant. The court noted that the soldier was posted in Jammu and Kashmir under "Operation Rakshak," which is officially classified as an operational area.

Gold Medal Glory at National Taekwondo Championships

Panchkula: Diksha Goswami, a passionate and disciplined taekwondo instructor at Dass & Brown Experiential Learning School in Panchkula, has brought immense pride to her institution and community by clinching a gold medal at the prestigious Senior National Taekwondo Championships. The event was held in Cuttack and featured some of the nation's top taekwondo athletes, making her triumph all the more commendable. Her performance in the Mixed Pair Poomsae under-thirty category drew admiration from judges and spectators alike. The category in which Goswami competed is known for its intricate coordination and technical excellence. Mixed Pair Poomsae requires both participants to move in perfect harmony, executing a series of precisely timed offensive and defensive maneuvers. This form of taekwondo is often considered the artistic embodiment of the martial art, emphasizing fluidity, discipline, and synchronized expression. Goswami's mastery in this demanding form showcased not only her athletic abilities but also her deep understanding of the art's philosophical and physical foundations. Her victory is not just a personal accomplishment but a reflection of years of relentless training, self-discipline, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Such achievements do not



come overnight; they are the result of a journey marked by perseverance, early mornings, countless repetitions, and an unyielding passion for one's craft. Goswami's dedication to her sport, coupled with her role as an educator, makes her achievement all the more meaningful. As an educator at DBELS, Goswami plays a vital role in shaping young minds and nurturing a culture of discipline and resilience. Her gold medal serves as a living example to her students that success stems from hard work, consistency, and belief in one's potential. Her story now becomes an inspiration that extends far beyond the taekwondo mat, reaching classrooms and hallways where young learners are encouraged to dream big. The recognition she received following her win was heartfelt and meaningful. Anju Mehta, the principal of Dass & Brown Experiential Learning School, expressed immense pride in Goswami's success. In a warm felicitation ceremony, Mehta applauded her not only for the medal but also for her ongoing contribution to the school commu-

nity. She emphasized that such victories help broaden the perspective of what education entails, going beyond textbooks to include life skills, discipline, and character building. The atmosphere at the school following the announcement of her achievement was one of celebration and admiration. Students and staff came together to acknowledge the significance of having a national-level champion among them. The honor has resonated deeply with the entire school community, reinforcing the value of dedication and the importance of extracurricular pursuits in shaping well-rounded individuals. For the students of DBELS, Goswami's win is more than a news headline. It is a tangible example of what is possible when talent is combined with grit and opportunity. Her presence in the classroom and on the training field offers them direct access to a role model who exemplifies integrity, effort, and success. This has sparked a renewed interest in martial arts within the school, with many students now aspiring to follow in her footsteps. Taekwondo, though rooted in combat traditions, carries with it a spiritual and philosophical depth that many casual observers may not recognize. Goswami's graceful and powerful performance at the nationals captured both the technical and expressive di-

mensions of the sport. Her ability to translate years of learning into a moment of national triumph is indicative of a profound connection with the discipline. Such achievements are also a testament to the support systems that surround an athlete. Goswami's success shines a light not only on her individual efforts but also on the mentors, coaches, peers, and institutions that have contributed to her journey. The environment at DBELS clearly fosters not just academic learning but also encourages personal excellence in diverse fields. The Mixed Pair Poomsae category, in particular, demands not just technical precision but also emotional intelligence and connection with one's partner. The seamless coordination between the athletes is achieved only through mutual trust and hours of joint practice. Goswami's ability to deliver a winning performance in such a nuanced category speaks volumes about her communication skills and her ability to work collaboratively. The Senior National Taekwondo Championships represent one of the highest platforms for martial artists in India. Competing at this level involves rigorous selection, intense preparation, and mental fortitude. That Goswami could rise to the top of this elite field reflects her readiness not just physically but also mentally and emotionally.

Punjab Officials Blame Haryana Canal for Floods

Patiala: Punjab has once again found itself grappling with the aftereffects of heavy rains and swelling rivers, but this time, state officials are pointing fingers squarely across the border. In a series of strong remarks and statements, officials from Patiala and other districts have held Haryana responsible for obstructing the natural flow of the Ghaggar river and its tributaries. According to them, these disruptions have led to increased flooding in many border villages, particularly in Patiala district, where the impact has been severe and persistent. The primary bone of contention is the Hansi-Butana canal, which has long been a flashpoint between the two neighboring states. Punjab authorities have reiterated that the canal was constructed without their consent or mandatory environmental and inter-state clearances. This unilateral move, they argue, has upset the delicate hydrological balance in the region, particularly during the monsoon season when rivers swell and need unhindered routes to disperse excess water. During the devastating floods of 2023, the consequences of this alleged obstruction became painfully clear to residents of border villages like Samana, Sassi Brahman, and Dharmehri. Water levels rose rapidly, inundating homes, damaging infrastructure, and ruining standing crops. Local residents watched helplessly as their fields turned into tem-

porary lakes, with no natural exit route for the water due to the canal's structure acting like a man-made dam. The canal, which stands approximately twenty feet high, has become a point of serious concern for Punjab's flood management authorities. Rather than serving merely as a waterway, the structure's elevation has effectively created a barrier that prevents floodwater from flowing naturally into Haryana. This alteration in topography, though perhaps unintended, has turned into a long-term hydrological issue that Punjab can no longer ignore. Adding to the problem is the malfunctioning siphon under the Hansi-Butana canal, which was originally designed to allow the natural flow of water beneath the canal. However, officials have observed that the siphon is choked with silt and debris, significantly reducing its capacity to carry water through. This obstruction causes water to back up, overtop banks, and spill into adjacent villages on the Punjab side, triggering annual scenes of devastation during the rainy season. A recent inspection by Harjot Kaur, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Patiala, brought renewed attention to the issue. Her site visit confirmed what many villagers and engineers had been reporting for years — that the canal, especially in its current neglected state, is a major contributor to the worsening flood situation in border villages.

Health Director and Two Others Face Forgery Charges

Sirsa: A serious legal storm has begun to gather around the Haryana Health Department as its current Director, Dr. Manish Bansal, finds himself at the center of a forgery and criminal conspiracy case. The case, registered at the Fatehabad City police station, follows a judicial directive issued by Chief Judicial Magistrate Suyasha Jawa, and implicates not just Dr. Bansal but also two other officials. The allegations stem from a sequence of events that traces back several years but continues to raise questions about administrative conduct, abuse of power, and institutional integrity. At the heart of the matter is a complaint filed by Dr. Sanjeev Kumar, a practicing doctor who runs a hospital in Bhuna, a town in Haryana's Fatehabad district. According to Dr. Kumar, the trouble began in 2017, during the period when Dr. Bansal served as the Chief Medical Officer. He alleges that a false case under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act was lodged against him and his wife after they refused to comply with a demand for a bribe. This initial confrontation set off a series of legal and administrative complications that continue to echo in the present case. The implications of a fabricated case under the MTP Act are grave, both professionally and personally. For Dr. Kumar and his wife,



the charges posed an existential threat to their medical careers and reputations. It took five long years for the couple to clear their names, culminating in their acquittal by a competent court in July 2022. That ruling not only brought some relief to the aggrieved couple but also laid the groundwork for Dr. Kumar's determined pursuit of justice. Even before the acquittal, in 2020, Dr. Kumar had taken the step of filing a complaint with the Chief Minister's Grievance Redressal System, commonly known as the CM Window. His complaint alleged wrongful prosecution and demanded an inquiry into the officials involved. It was intended to be a formal appeal to the state machinery to investigate potential misuse of power. What followed, however, was a sequence of events that he claims further deepened the injustice. Dr. Kumar alleges that during the 2023 inquiry conducted in response to his CM Window complaint, his signature was forged by a clerk in an attempt to prematurely close the investigation. According to his version of events, an official document was prepared to indicate that he had voluntarily with-

drawn his complaint or was no longer interested in pursuing it. This document, bearing what purported to be his signature, was then submitted as part of the internal review process. Suspicious of how quickly and quietly the complaint had been closed, Dr. Kumar sought transparency through the Right to Information (RTI) Act. The documents he obtained confirmed his worst fears: the statement that led to the closure of his complaint did, in fact, carry a forged signature. In a bid to strengthen his claims, Dr. Kumar had the signature examined by a fingerprint and handwriting expert. The expert's report validated the forgery and added a crucial evidentiary layer to the complaint that eventually made its way to the court. The court, taking cognizance of the matter, acted decisively. Chief Judicial Magistrate Suyasha Jawa ordered that a case be registered, citing sufficient prima facie evidence to proceed with a police investigation. The charges under consideration—particularly forgery and criminal conspiracy—are not only serious but could have long-term consequences for those involved if proven in court. For Dr. Bansal and the other two officials named in the FIR, this development marks the beginning of a legal process that could significantly impact their careers and public standing.

Health Teams Deployed to Flood-Affected Kurukshetra

Kurukshetra: In the wake of widespread flooding across Kurukshetra, the Health Department has mobilized a rapid and expansive response to safeguard public health in both rural and urban areas of the district. With waterlogged roads, submerged fields, and marooned households defining the current landscape, medical authorities have sprung into action to prevent the outbreak of waterborne and vector-borne diseases that often follow such natural disasters. This swift deployment of healthcare services is a vital component of the government's ongoing flood relief operations. Since September 3, dedicated health teams have fanned out across the region, managing to reach over 230 villages and 17 municipal wards despite significant logistical challenges. The urgency of the situation has prompted the establishment of 151 health camps—temporary medical facilities offering basic treatment and consultations to residents who are otherwise cut off from regular healthcare access. These camps have already provided medical checkups and assistance to more than 2,000 people, many of whom are grappling with health issues directly linked to the flooding. These health camps are not just offering routine consultations; they are functioning as critical checkpoints to monitor for symptoms of emerging health threats such as dengue, typhoid, gastroenteritis, and other communicable diseases. The most common ailments



identified so far include fever, skin infections, stomach-related illnesses like gastroenteritis, and eye infections such as conjunctivitis. These findings underscore the precarious health environment created by prolonged exposure to contaminated water and humid conditions. In addition to providing direct medical assistance, the Health Department is running intensive awareness campaigns to educate residents about essential hygiene and sanitation practices during floods. Teams are distributing oral rehydration solution (ORS) packets, educating families on the importance of hydration during episodes of diarrhea and vomiting, and promoting the boiling of drinking water as a vital preventive step. Public health workers are also stressing the importance of personal hygiene and cautioning against the use of stagnant floodwater for any domestic purposes. A critical part of the department's preventive efforts includes water quality testing. Of the 46 water samples collected and analyzed so far, 10 have been found to be unfit for consumption. This discovery has prompted further emergency chlorination of community water sources, such as wells and ponds, in an attempt to curb bacterial growth and make the water safer for everyday use. Authorities have urged residents to avoid using untreated water under any circumstances and to immediately report any signs of illness. Logistically, the delivery of healthcare services to many of the flood-affected regions has posed serious challenges. In several areas, traditional modes of transportation have become unusable due to inundation, forcing health workers to adopt alternative methods. Medical teams are now traveling by tractor-trailers to access isolated villages, braving waterlogged roads and marshy terrain. This level of commitment speaks volumes about the urgency of the crisis and the frontline efforts to ensure no community is left without medical assistance.

Water Recedes in Markanda, But Crop Damage Remains

Kurukshetra: While the water level in the Markanda river has finally started to recede after days of flowing above the danger mark, the situation for local farmers remains dire. The river caused extensive waterlogging in the Shahabad and Pehowa areas, and thousands of acres of paddy and sugarcane crops are still submerged. According to data, 3,951 farmers from 200 villages in Kurukshetra have filed claims for losses on the e-



kshatipurti portal, with over 23,540 acres of land reporting damage. Shahabad is the most affected area, followed by Pehowa. Local farmers expressed concerns that the soil deposited by the floodwaters has badly damaged

their crops, and they face heavy losses. The discharge in the river is now below the danger level, but agricultural fields remain flooded. The Deputy Director of Agriculture for Kurukshetra, Dr. Karamchand, estimated that more than 10,000 acres have suffered a 50-100% loss. Local MLA Mandeeep Chatha has called on the government to find a permanent solution to prevent annual flooding, such as deepening the riverbed and building stronger embankments.

Court Upholds Right to Refuse Promotion

Chandigarh: In a landmark ruling, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has asserted that police personnel cannot be forced to accept a promotion against their will. The court rejected the state's argument that Constables must become Head Constables, stating that promotion is a choice, not a compulsion. The "strange case," as the court described it, involved Haryana police offi-



cers who challenged an order that included them in a list

for the Lower School Course—a prerequisite for promotion to Head Constable. The officers, all over 35, told the court they did not want to be promoted and were willing to forgo any financial benefits associated with the higher rank. The state, citing a shortage of Investigating Officers, argued that Constables were obligated to accept the promotion.

Haryana CM Sanctions Reserve Fund for Flood Relief

Chandigarh: Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has taken swift action to address the devastation caused by the recent floods, announcing the sanction of a ₹3.26 crore reserve fund for immediate relief operations across the state.

The fund is aimed at providing emergency support to residents in flood-affected areas and will be used for the distribution of essential supplies such as food, clothing, temporary shelter, and fodder for livestock.

It will also cover transportation needs and facilitate drainage work in rural regions where standing water continues to pose serious health and logistical risks.

The Chief Minister, during his official statement, conveyed deep sorrow over the loss of 13 lives caused by house collapses linked to the flooding. To support bereaved families, the government has approved an ex gratia compensation of ₹4 lakh for each deceased individual, totaling ₹52 lakh. In addition, injured persons have received financial assistance of ₹2 lakh each to help them manage treatment and recovery costs.

As floodwaters wreak havoc on agriculture, the economic backbone of rural Haryana, the state government is also prioritizing compensation for crop losses. Over 2.53 lakh farmers



have so far registered their claims through the state-run e-kshatipurti portal, which was launched to streamline the process of damage reporting. Officials are actively verifying these claims, and the government has committed to disbursing compensation of up to ₹15,000 per acre, depending on the extent of loss.

CM Saini acknowledged the wide-ranging impact of the floods, not only on people and crops but also on homes and infrastructure. Relief camps have been set up in multiple districts to accommodate those displaced by the disaster. The administration is also conducting

detailed surveys of homes that have been fully or partially damaged to ensure that the affected families are listed for assistance and rehabilitation.

Health concerns following the floods have taken center stage as well, prompting the Chief Minister to issue a public advisory. He has urged residents in affected areas to consume only boiled water to reduce the risk of water-borne diseases.

Emphasizing the need for hygiene and sanitation during this critical period, he also asked people to maintain cleanliness around their homes to prevent infections and vector-borne illnesses

such as dengue and malaria.

The funds and measures announced are part of a broader response strategy by the Haryana government to minimize the long-term consequences of the flooding. State officials, in coordination with local administrations and health departments, are working around the clock to ensure the timely delivery of aid, restoration of essential services, and monitoring of public health indicators.

The emphasis on both immediate relief and future risk mitigation reflects the state's focus on resilience and recovery.

While the flood crisis

has exposed the vulnerabilities in rural infrastructure, particularly in low-lying and canal-adjacent areas, the government's rapid financial response offers hope to thousands of families currently struggling with displacement, financial loss, and uncertainty. The weeks ahead will be crucial in ensuring that relief reaches the intended beneficiaries and that the damage assessments translate into timely compensation and support.

The Chief Minister's directives are being implemented through various departments, including Disaster Management, Rural Development, Health, and Agriculture, under a coordinated state-level response mechanism. Mobile teams have been dispatched to conduct health screenings, assess damage, and deliver supplies. Public works crews have also begun clearing drainage blockages and restoring roads and power supply in waterlogged areas.

As efforts intensify on the ground, CM Saini has reiterated the state government's commitment to leaving no affected family behind.

He assured citizens that all necessary steps will be taken not only to assist during the immediate crisis but also to rebuild stronger and more flood-resilient communities across Haryana.

Fatehabad DC Transfer Sparks Community Outcry

Sirsa: The recent transfer of Fatehabad's Deputy Commissioner has sparked widespread discontent among local communities, with sarpanches from at least eight villages uniting in protest against the move. In a strongly worded appeal to Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, the sarpanches have demanded an immediate reversal of the decision, citing the DC's crucial role in managing flood relief and water-logging crises in the district. The Deputy Commissioner, who had been actively engaged on the ground during the recent floods, earned widespread appreciation for her direct involvement in relief distribution, coordination of rescue efforts, and communication with villagers. According to the protesting sarpanches, her visible presence in submerged areas provided both logistical support and a morale boost to residents facing displacement, damaged homes, and loss of livelihoods. They warned that transferring her during this period of ongoing distress would severely disrupt the pace and coordination of relief efforts. The villages that have formally signed the letter of protest include Noor Ki Ahli, Khumbar, Malwala, and others, each of which has been grappling with the aftermath of heavy rainfall and the resulting canal breaches. The sarpanches emphasized that in times of crisis, consistent leadership is critical, and sudden administrative changes

can create confusion among both officials and citizens who rely on stable coordination.

While the community support for the DC appears strong, the transfer has also stirred a political debate. The timing of the decision has led to speculation that it may have been influenced by political pressure. Many believe that the action stems from a complaint lodged by Fatehabad Congress MLA Balwan Singh Daulatpuria, who had recently taken to social media to criticize the Deputy Commissioner for alleged negligence following a canal breach that caused flooding in one of the villages in his constituency. Daulatpuria's criticism centered on what he claimed was a lack of preparedness and slow response in the wake of the canal breach.

According to him, administrative inefficiency had allowed the situation to worsen, affecting hundreds of residents. Following his remarks, the DC's transfer was announced, a move he has publicly defended, stating that accountability in governance must be upheld, especially during emergencies. However, local leaders and residents have pushed back against this narrative, accusing the MLA of politicizing a humanitarian crisis. In their letter to the Chief Minister, the sarpanches called the transfer "untimely and detrimental" to ongoing recovery efforts. They also voiced concerns

that such political interference could demoralize field officers and deter other officials from taking decisive action during emergencies out of fear of repercussions. The controversy has highlighted the friction that often arises at the intersection of administration and politics during times of crisis. While elected representatives are expected to ensure that public officials are held accountable, many argue that performance-based decisions must be made with objectivity and in consultation with local stakeholders, especially when the stakes are high. This episode also underscores the crucial role that district-level officers play during disaster response. For residents of flood-hit villages, the DC was not just a bureaucrat but a visible authority figure who brought direction and urgency to the government's relief machinery.

Her coordination with health teams, public works departments, and local volunteers helped maintain a semblance of order amid the chaos. Since the announcement of the transfer, there has been visible unrest in parts of Fatehabad, with villagers holding meetings, putting up banners, and even considering a collective petition drive. The support for the DC has cut across party lines at the local level, with many community members urging the state government to prioritize effectiveness and continuity over political considerations.

Haryana Achieves Second Rank in National Anaemia Eradication Campaign

Gurugram: Haryana has made significant progress in its fight against anaemia, securing the second position nationally in the first quarter of the year. This marks a notable leap from its eighth-place ranking last year. The National Health Mission's latest report, part of the Anaemia Mukh Bharat (Anaemia-Free India) project, shows that Haryana's score of 85.2 points places it just behind Andhra Pradesh, which scored 88.0. The state's success is attributed to its extensive implementation of the '6x6x6' approach, which targets six key age groups with six different interventions through six institutional mechanisms.

This approach includes iron-folic acid supplementation, iron-fortified foods, and screening and treating anaemia in schools and communities. The state also used an IT platform to track beneficiaries under the ATAL (Assuring Total Anaemia Limit) Abhiyan. The report highlights Haryana's success in reaching 77% of children aged six to 59 months, 95% of children aged five to nine, 95% of adolescents, and 93% of pregnant women. However, coverage for lactating mothers was lower at 65.9%, an area the state plans to address to become 100% anaemia-free. Looking ahead, Haryana plans to intensify its focus on

lactating mothers by strengthening community health outreach and integrating anaemia screening with postnatal care visits. Additional training and incentives for health-care workers, better supply chain management of supplements, and targeted communication campaigns are also on the cards. As Haryana stands just a few points behind the national leader, the possibility of becoming the top-ranked state in anaemia control seems within reach. With its structured approach and community-driven model, Haryana's example may well shape the next phase of India's fight against nutritional anaemia.

Chandigarh: The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has officially taken over the high-profile Manisha murder case, registering a First Information Report (FIR) on September 5, just days after the case was transferred to it by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances, and Pensions. The formal transfer, dated September 4, comes in the wake of mounting public pressure, intense media scrutiny, and a political firestorm that followed the tragic death of 18-year-old Manisha from Bhiwani district. The CBI's involvement marks a significant

CBI Takes Over Manisha Murder Investigation



escalation in the investigation, which had initially been handled by local police at Loharu Police Station. Manisha, a young play school teacher, was

reported missing by her father, Sanjay Kumar, on August 12—one day after she left home and failed to return. Her lifeless body was discovered on August

13 in a nearby agricultural field, bearing deep and disturbing injuries to her neck, suggesting a brutal murder. The initial stages of the investigation came under heavy criticism for alleged lapses and lack of urgency. As a result, the family insisted on multiple post-mortems to ascertain the cause of death with greater clarity. Their demands led to three separate examinations—first in Bhiwani, then at PGI Rohtak, and finally at AIIMS Delhi. It wasn't until August 21, after these were completed, that the family agreed to perform the final rites. In the days following

the discovery of Manisha's body, the incident rapidly evolved from a tragic local crime into a politically charged issue, drawing sharp reactions from both opposition leaders and the public. Former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, while speaking in the state assembly, condemned what he described as the "deteriorating law and order" situation in Haryana, particularly regarding women's safety. Hooda criticized the initial police response and suggested that only sustained pressure had led to a more serious investigation.

Haryana CM Pushes Women Empowerment: 50% Quota in Vita Booths, Fast-Track Cooperative Schemes

Chandigarh : In a significant move aimed at advancing women's economic participation and strengthening cooperative institutions in the state, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has directed the implementation of major policy changes focused on gender inclusion and rural development. Chairing a high-level review meeting of the Cooperation Department at the Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh, the Chief Minister underlined his government's commitment to empowering both farmers and women through cooperative reforms.

At the heart of this initiative is a bold directive mandating that 50 per cent of all Vita milk booths be reserved for women. The Chief Minister stressed that this reservation is not symbolic but a concrete effort to ensure economic self-reliance among women, particularly those in rural and semi-urban areas. He instructed officials to identify suitable locations for these booths at the earliest, so that allotments could begin without delay.

The move is part of a larger strategy to utilise co-operative models as engines of socio-economic development. CM Saini said that co-operatives have historically played a vital role in improving livelihoods in rural India, and it is time to modernise and expand their impact. By creating space for women within these structures, the government hopes to enable inclusive economic participation and financial independence.



In line with this vision, the Chief Minister called for the rapid formation and operationalisation of Women Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS). These women-run cooperatives are expected to offer a platform for rural women to engage in agricultural and allied activities, access credit, and build community-level financial networks. He emphasised that such institutions could serve as crucial tools for organising rural women and integrating them into the formal economic system.

Another focus of the meeting was the need to bring Haryana's cooperative banks in sync with modern technological advancements. CM Saini directed that all cooperative banks across the state be equipped with state-of-the-art IT infrastructure. This upgrade, he noted, would ensure transparency in transactions and improve service delivery for both farmers and consumers.

Importantly, the Chief Minister said that all financial support being extended to farmers—be it subsidies, loan disbursements, or schemes like the Pradhan Mantri

Kisan Samman Nidhi—should be channeled directly through cooperative banks. This move aims to eliminate intermediaries, reduce delays, and instill confidence among the rural population in the banking system.

In a bid to support agriculture mechanisation, CM Saini also announced that cooperative sugar mills in Haryana would begin offering sugarcane harvesting machines on rent at subsidised rates. These machines, he explained, would help farmers cut down on labour costs while increasing harvesting efficiency and productivity. The state's cooperative infrastructure is being positioned as a backbone for such support services.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister also addressed the need to simplify bureaucratic procedures surrounding the registration of new PACS. He instructed officials to make the process more transparent, efficient, and accessible so that more communities could form co-operatives without unnecessary delays or administrative hurdles. He underscored that

simplifying the formation of cooperatives was key to expanding their reach and effectiveness.

Additionally, the health and well-being of the public remained on the CM's agenda. He directed officials to ramp up efforts to expand the network of Jan Aushadhi Kendras across the state. These centres, which offer quality generic medicines at low cost, should be established near hospitals and other health institutions to increase accessibility. The Chief Minister said that this would not only reduce the financial burden on families but also reinforce the health-care delivery system in underserved areas.

The Chief Minister's emphasis throughout the meeting was on speed and scale of implementation. He urged officials across departments to work in coordination and ensure timely execution of all proposed schemes and reforms. Delays, he warned, would undermine the government's objectives of transparency, inclusion, and grassroots empowerment.

The broader message emerging from the meeting was clear: the state government intends to push forward with reforms that are people-centric, digitally enabled, and inclusive of women. By linking financial support systems, health access, and rural cooperative infrastructure under one integrated framework, Haryana is aiming to create a robust and responsive model of rural governance.

Flood Fury Derails Learning in Sirsa: Online Classes Struggle Amid Power Cuts and Poor Connectivity

Sirsa : As floodwaters continue to batter large swathes of Sirsa district, the education of schoolchildren has become yet another casualty in the growing list of disruptions. With villages inundated and roads turned into rivers, the district administration has issued a temporary closure order for all schools, forcing a sudden transition to online education. But the shift, meant to ensure continuity of learning, has run into significant obstacles of its own.

The idea of moving classes online sounds practical on paper, especially when physical access to school buildings is neither safe nor feasible. But on the ground, the story is one of frustration, interrupted lessons, and unequal access to education. Power outages have become a daily norm in the flood-hit areas, and for many children, this means no internet, no charged devices, and no access to their classes. Rural and semi-urban families in particular are finding it nearly impossible to maintain any semblance of a learning schedule.

On Monday, several private schools across Sirsa tried to adapt quickly, launching online classes for students of different grades. But these efforts were hampered by the realities of life in a disaster zone.

Power cuts lasting hours and erratic network signals meant that even students who were eager to at-

tend couldn't participate fully. Some logged in late, others were dropped from sessions repeatedly, and many didn't manage to connect at all.

Seerat, a fifth-grade student at a well-known private school, was among those left disappointed. "I really wanted to attend class today," she said. "But there was no electricity in our area the whole morning. My phone battery was dead, and there was no Wi-Fi." Her story is echoed in dozens of homes, especially in the countryside where infrastructure is weaker and restoration work slower.

In the flood-affected village of Jhoramali in Rania block, Parth, a Class X student, explained how helpless he felt as his devices remained uncharged due to the blackout. "There's no power at all here," he said.

"I couldn't even switch on my phone. There's no way to attend online school unless the electricity returns." His concern is particularly serious, given that students of his age group are approaching crucial academic assessments.

Aerika, a third-grade student residing in urban Sirsa, said she missed her regular classroom environment. "I really enjoy being in school with my friends and teacher," she said. "Online learning is hard. But my exams are coming, and I have to study somehow." Despite her young age, Aerika's sense of responsibility

is clear, but even her determination can't overcome the technical barriers.

Parents are standing behind the district administration's decision, acknowledging that safety must take precedence over academics during such a crisis. Richa, Aerika's mother, said that while online classes are not ideal, she fully supports the closure of schools. "In these conditions, no one can guarantee children's safety if they go out. The roads are dangerous, and water is everywhere," she said. "Let schools remain closed until the situation improves."

Avinash Mehta, father of two school-going children, echoed similar sentiments, emphasizing the physical risks involved in commuting right now. "It's not just about water on the streets," he pointed out. "There are open electric wires, dug-up roads for drainage, and a high risk of short circuits. One mistake could lead to disaster. At least at home, we can monitor the kids and keep them safe."

Meanwhile, school administrators are doing what they can to keep students connected and engaged, even in these tough circumstances. Rajeev Utreja, the principal of DAV Centenary Public School, confirmed that his institution had completed most of the academic syllabus ahead of the floods and that students had gone through revisions.

But with the administration announcing official

off days, the school was compelled to postpone the half-yearly exams.

"We are in touch with our teachers and students through digital platforms as much as possible," Utreja explained. "Once schools reopen and attendance normalizes, we will revise the syllabus again and then announce fresh exam dates." The principal emphasized that student safety remains the school's number one concern and that reopening decisions will be strictly aligned with government directives.

This unexpected disruption has once again highlighted the digital divide that exists between students in urban centers and those in remote, underserved areas. While some students in town areas may have access to smartphones, Wi-Fi, and backup power solutions, many in rural pockets are completely cut off, making any form of online education unattainable for now.

The flooding, which has already taken a heavy toll on agriculture and infrastructure in the district, is now threatening to derail academic progress for thousands of children.

While schools and families are doing their best to adapt, the situation has made it clear that emergency education systems need to be better equipped to handle natural calamities, especially in districts vulnerable to seasonal flooding.



UP Yoddhas aim to spark resurgence, look for third win, as they face Puneri Paltan

Vizag : UP Yoddhas will face Puneri Paltan in their Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) Season 12 fixture at the Vishwanadh Sports Club in Vizag on September 10, at 9:00 pm IST. The Yoddhas currently sit fifth on the points table with four points from three games, having secured two wins. Paltan, placed second with six points, have already played five matches and head into this contest on the back of an 11-point defeat against Patna Pirates.

UP have made a promising start to the new season, registering back-to-back wins over Telugu Titans and Patna Pirates before showcasing their attacking prowess in a high-octane battle with Haryana Steelers.

The Yoddhas' defensive strength has drawn attention



from rival coaches across the league. They boast a tackle success rate of 42.02% and have executed three super

raids, ranking fourth-best in both categories. Skipper Sumit Sangwan leads the league in tackle points (15)

as well as High 5s (2).

On the attacking front, Gagan Gowda has been a consistent threat, averaging

11.33 raid points per game and delivering three super raids.

"Puneri Paltan are a team that plays as a well-coordinated unit. We need to prepare our plans keeping that in mind. Both sides are strong in attack, so I believe that whichever team commits fewer mistakes will emerge victorious," UP Yoddhas assistant coach Upen-dra Malik said ahead of the clash. UP Yoddhas have ticked the instrumental boxes on all ends of the mat in their three games till now. With an astute strategic approach and a youthful side keen to chase their maiden title, they will hope to come together and perform in unison to overcome their next hurdle in the group stages of the tournament.

Spain shows World Cup credentials through just two qualifying matchesa

Madrid : Spain is only two matches into its FIFA World Cup qualifying campaign, but Luis de la Fuente's side already looks like one of the clear favorites for next summer's finals.

The reigning European champion has taken a major step toward qualification after winning what were arguably its two toughest fixtures - away to Bulgaria and Turkey.

Even more impressive has been the manner of those victories. Spain hit three past Bulgaria before routing Turkey 6-0 in the traditionally hostile atmosphere of Konya on Sunday.

De la Fuente has built a team that appears complete across the pitch. Dean Huijsen has slotted into central defense with the assurance of a veteran, while full-backs Marc Cucurella and Pedro



Porro provide pace and width going forward. In mid-field, Martin Zubimendi, Pedri and Mikel Merino combine control, creativity and goals - with Merino scoring a hat-trick on Sunday and Pedri adding two more. The depth in reserve, including Rodri, Fermin Lopez, Dani Olmo and Champions League winner Fabian Ruiz,

underlines the squad's quality. Up front, Spain has thrived without a traditional center-forward. Mikel Oyarzabal's movement across the line creates space for wingers Nico Williams and Lamine Yamal, whose pace and one-on-one ability stretch defenses and open opportunities for midfield runners like Merino.

Rachel second Vanuatu player with T20I fifty and hat-trick

Suva (Fiji): Vanuatu captain Rachel Andrew delivered a record-breaking allround performance as her side narrowly defeated Indonesia by seven runs in the opening match of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup East Asia Pacific Qualifier, being held in Fiji.

The win marked a memorable start to Vanuatu's campaign for a spot in the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup Global Qualifier.

Rachel, 27, played a pivotal role in both innings. With the bat, she anchored Vanuatu's innings, scoring an unbeaten 85, the backbone of the team's total of 131. Her innings was marked by controlled strokeplay and aggressive finishing, enabling Vanuatu to post a competitive score.

However, it was with the ball that Rachel etched her name in cricket history. She claimed a hat-trick, finishing with figures of 3/10, becoming only the second Vanuatu player to achieve the feat in Women's T20 Internationals. Rachel also became the



second player globally for Vanuatu to combine a fifty and a hat-trick in a single T20I match, replicating a rare achievement earlier recorded by her national teammate Selina Solman, who scored an unbeaten 56 and took 4 wickets for no runs against France earlier this year.

Indonesia had begun their run chase strongly, with openers Maria Corazon and Desi Wulandari putting together a 55-run opening stand. But the Vanuatu bowlers, particularly Rachel and Nasimana Navaika, turned the match in Vanuatu's favour. Navaika contributed with three crucial wickets

for 27 runs in her quota of four overs, complementing Rachel's hat-trick, and restricting Indonesia to 124 runs.

Rachel's performance earned her the Player of the Match award and highlighted her allround cricketing prowess. With this victory, Vanuatu are placed second in Group B after the opening round of matches, behind hosts Fiji.

The eight-team tournament in Fiji will decide the final team to advance to the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Global Qualifier, keeping all eyes on emerging cricketing nations in the East Asia-Pacific region.

India's Rifle and Pistol Mixed Teams misses out on medal in Ningbo

New Delhi : The Indian mixed teams in both the rifle and pistol events missed out on medals on the opening day of the international shooting season's fourth and final International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup Rifle/Pistol stage at the Ningbo Olympic Sports Center in Ningbo, China, with neither pairs making it to the medal matches.

In the pistol mixed team event, the Indian pairs finished 11th and 13th in qualification, while in the rifle mixed team, the Indian pairs were placed 14th and 34th.

In the Air Pistol Mixed Team event, India's first pair of Surbhi Rao (284) and Amit Sharma (290) registered a combined qualification score of 574-20x to finish 11th. The second pair, Olympian Rhythm Sangwan (289) and Nishant Rawat (282), finished 13th with a score of 571-15x.

The gold medal went to China's in-form pair, Qianx-



un Yao and Kai Hu, who claimed a dominant 17-5 victory over Czechia's Veronika Schejbalova and Jindrich Dubovy. This was back-to-back World Cup golds for the Chinese pair after their triumph in Munich, adding to their silvers in Buenos Aires and Lima earlier this year. Hungary's Veronika Major and Akos Karoly Nagy secured the bronze, defeating the Neutral Athletes' team of Iana Enina and Anton Aristarkhov 17-13.

In the Air Rifle Mixed

636.9. The Norwegian duo added to their gold in Lima and bronze in Munich. China's Peng and Sheng, meanwhile, collected a second successive silver. Italy's Carlotta Salafia and Danilo Dennis Sollazzo completed the podium with bronze.

Strong international line-up awaits Indian shooters in second day's competitions

India will look to open its medal account on Wednesday when Amit Sharma, Nishant Rawat, and Samrat Rana take to the range in the Men's 10m Air Pistol. The field will feature a high-quality line-up of 65 athletes, including China's World No.1 Hu Kai, winner of the last three World Cups' Gold, Neutral Athlete and World No.5 Anton Aristarkhov, and World No.6 Jason Solari of Switzerland, silver and bronze medalists respectively in Buenos Aires. Brazil's Felipe Almeida Wu, currently ranked World No.8 and silver medalist in Lima,

will also be in contention. Paris Olympic medalists Federico Nilo Maldini (silver) and Paolo Monna (bronze) of Italy, alongside Hungary's Akos Karoly Nagy, add further depth to the draw. Qualification begins at 7:15 am IST with the finals scheduled for 10 am IST. The Women's 25m Pistol (Precision Stage) qualification also begins tomorrow,

where Olympian Rahi Sarnobat, Abhidnya Ashok Patil, and Divya T.S. from India will go up against a competitive 57-strong field.

The line-up includes Korea's Yang Jiin, Paris Olympic gold medalist and World No.5, along with Olympic silver and bronze medalist Camille Jedrzejewski of France and Veronika Major of Hungary.

World No.2 Yejin Oh of Korea, the reigning Olympic champion in 10m Air Pistol, World No.3 Qianxun Yao of China, and World No.8 Haniyeh Rostamiyan of Iran are also in contention.

Messi future unclear as Scaloni plans ahead

Quito : Argentina manager Lionel Scaloni said he did not know if Lionel Messi would be a part of the Albiceleste squad that will seek to defend its FIFA World Cup crown next year.

The 38-year-old Argentina captain has not yet committed to the tournament in the United States, Mexico and Canada, having hinted in recent interviews that he could retire beforehand. "I haven't spoken with Messi about the next World Cup. Whatever he decides is fine," Scaloni told

a news conference ahead of his team's final World Cup qualifier against Ecuador in Guayaquil on Tuesday.

He added that there could still be openings for new players in Argentina's World Cup squad, but admitted the core would remain the same.

"We're still a long way off," he said. "Many things can happen, but



we have a base and that won't change much. When we know how many players can go to the World Cup, we'll make decisions."

Argentina won 3-0 against Ven-

ezuela in Buenos Aires while Ecuador drew 0-0 with Paraguay in Asuncion in the previous round of qualifiers last Thursday. The Albiceleste leads the 10-team South Ameri-

can qualifying group and Ecuador is fourth, with both teams already securing a World Cup berth.

Messi will be rested for the match at the Monumental Stadium while defender Cristian Romero is out suspended. Scaloni said he would use the fixture to give opportunities to players with limited recent playing time.

"I think those who have played less deserve to play, that's the idea," he said. "Lautaro Martinez will have a chance to play tomorrow and Alexis Mac Allister is available. We'll see what system we'll go with."

He added that Ecuador would provide a stern test, praising the work of Argentine manager Sebastian Beccacece. "Ecuador is one of the best national teams in the world and they're going to make things difficult not only for us but for any team," he said. "They've had a very clear way of playing for a long time."

Brazil faces altitude test in Bolivia qualifier

Rio De Janeiro : Brazil manager Carlo Ancelotti said his team would be playing to win in its final World Cup qualifier against Bolivia on Tuesday, despite the challenge of playing at more than 4,000 meters above sea level.

Brazil is second in the South American qualifying standings and already guaranteed a berth in football's showpiece tournament in the United States, Canada and Mexico next year. Bolivia, eighth in the 10-team group, must win to have any chance of securing a playoff spot. Ancelotti said, "every game counts" as his team steps up its World Cup preparations. "A national team plays roughly 10 matches per year so we can't allow ourselves to think that some games are more important than others," the Italian said. "Every game matters. Tomorrow's match is very important, and the next game after that is too."

Brazil beat Chile 3-0 at Rio's Maracana

Stadium while Bolivia fell 3-0 to Colombia in Barranquilla in the penultimate round of qualifiers last Thursday.

Ancelotti admitted Brazil would adopt a different game plan in the rarefied air of the Municipal Stadium in El Alto, on a plateau overlooking the capital, La Paz.

"We're going to change not only the strategy but also some players," he said. "We have to play differently to the way we did against Chile, which was a very intense and high-pressure game. That can't be done at altitude."

Ancelotti, who has never previously been to Bolivia, said he was relying on others to provide advice on how to approach the match.

"It may be new to me, but Brazil has played many games there, and we have many people with that experience, including players, doctors and physiotherapists," he said. "I have to trust people who have more information than I do."

Jr Men's World Cup hockey to begin in Madurai, Chennai with Germany-SA, India-Chile matches

Chennai : The Junior Men's World Cup Hockey to be held in Chennai and Madurai from Novemebr 28 to December 10, with a match between Title holders Germany and South Africa in Madurai on November 28.

India will launch its campaign with a match against Chile the same day followed by the key match against Pakistan, the next day.

India will play its last league match against Switzerland in Madurai on December two.

The tournament fixtures were released by Tamil Nadu Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi

Stalin at a press conference here last night with FIH President Tayyab Ikram in attendance along with Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey, Secy General Bholanath Singh.

The World Cup for the first time, will see participa-



tion from 24 teams from around the world and will be played in Chennai and Madurai in Tamil Nadu.

The six teams were divided into six groups of four each and India was placed in Group-B along with Pakistan, Chile and Switzerland.

Mr Tayyab Ikram said the launch of the match schedule for the FIH Hockey Men's Junior

World Cup Tamil Nadu 2025 marks another exciting milestone on our journey to this prestigious event.

For the first time in FIH history, the Junior World Cup will feature 24 teams, which is a major milestone achieved under the FIH Empowerment and Engagement strategy. Not only does this underline the global growth and inclusivity of hockey, but it also gives the emerging hockey nations an opportunity to compete with the top established teams.

He said the brightest young talents from across the world will showcase their passion, determination,

and skill on the global stage. This is where future stars of international hockey will take their first steps toward greatness, inspiring millions of fans and the next generation of players. "I'm sure Tamil Nadu, with its rich culture and love for hockey, will provide a truly exceptional backdrop for this celebration of youth, skill, and international friendship", he said.

Udhayanidhi Stalin said "We are committed to working closely with Hockey India and the International Hockey Federation (FIH) to ensure that this tournament becomes one of the most memorable editions in history." On Pakistan's participation in the tournament, Dilip Tirkey said the FIH and the Indian government have welcomed the Pakistan team and you could see their name in the fixtures, though a confirmation from Pakistan Hockey Federation was awaited.

USA to host new marquee cricket league in November

Florida (USA) : The United States is gearing up to host an electrifying new cricketing spectacle as the Mayor's New World T20 Cricket League kicks off in November 2025.

The 12-day tournament promises to redefine cricketing entertainment with a thrilling mix of international legends and local talent in the USA.

The Mayor's New World T20 Cricket League will see four franchises battling it out for glory, featuring a pool of 60 dynamic players, including international stars, USA-based cricketers and local talent.

With representation from cricketing powerhouses such as India, South Africa, England, West

Indies, and the USA, the tournament promises world-class action and diversity on the field.

Speaking about the Mayor's New World T20 Cricket League, Chairman & League Commissioner, Brijesh Mathur said, "We are committed to create pathways for young and aspiring cricketers. The Mayor's New World T20 is also an opportunity to



unearth local talent and give them the invaluable experience of sharing the field with world-class players."

"We believe this mix of legends, international stars, USA National team and emerging USA cricketers will inspire the next generation," he added.

Organised by Pramanit Global Ventures USA Inc the Mayor's New

World T20's goal is to provide a platform that fosters the growth of cricket in the region and brings the sport to new audiences.

Played in the fast-paced 20-over format, each match will deliver 180 minutes of pure cricketing action, packed with boundaries, wickets, and thrilling moments for fans across the globe.

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80,787.30	81,129.69	24,773.15	24,864.10	22,878.65	22,949.55	67,366.05	67,512.40	25,402.00	25,488.70	54,186.90	54,330.55	57,361.15	57,491.95
High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
81,181.37	80,927.97	24,891.80	24,891.80	22,964.05	22,893.05	67,578.80	67,256.60	25,508.45	25,432.55	54,350.65	54,079.45	57,554.85	57,230.90

Top Gainers

Company	Current	% Gain
Infosys	1,504.30	4.98
Dr Reddys Labs	1,291.30	3.25
Wipro	249.15	2.73
Tech Mahindra	1,498.20	2.57
Adani Ports	1,380.90	2.42

Top Losers

Company	Current	%Loss
Trent	5,218.50	-1.82
Eternal	325.70	-1.20
Jio Financial	307.95	-1.01
Titan Company	3,630.10	-0.76
NTPC	324.10	-0.80

Commodities

Commodity	Price	Change (%)
Gold Oct 03	109,254.00	736.00 0.68
Silver Dec 05	125,747.00	176.00 0.14
Crudeoil Sep 19	5,542.00	51.00 0.93
Naturalgas Sep 25	278.20	4.30 1.57

Jyotiraditya Scindia launches UPI-UPU integration project at Universal Postal Congress

New Delhi : Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia today unveiled the UPI-UPU integration project at the 28th Universal Postal Congress in Dubai.

It is a landmark initiative set to transform cross-border remittances for millions worldwide.

This initiative, developed by the Department of Posts (DoP), NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL) and the Universal Postal union (UPU), aims to integrate India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with the UPU Interconnection Platform (IP).

Addressing the event, the minister called it "more than a technology launch, but a social impact."

"The reliability of the postal network combined with the speed of UPI means families across borders can send money faster, safer, and at much lower cost. It reaffirms that public infrastructure built for citizens can be linked across borders to serve humanity better," the minister said.Scindia highlighted India's vision for a modern, inclusive postal sector, anchored in four verbs."To connect through seamless data-driven logistics; to include by delivering affordable digital financial services to every migrant and digital enterprise; to modernise with AI, DigiPIN and machine learning; and to cooperate through

South-South partnerships with a UPU-backed technical cell."

Highlighting India Post as a powerful example of scale and inclusion, under the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Digital India, the minister added, "With Aadhaar, Jan Dhan and India Post Payments Bank, we have opened over 560 million accounts, most in women's names. India Post delivered over 900 million letters and parcels last year. This is the scale and spirit of inclusion we bring to the global stage."

The Minister also announced financial support, committing 10 million dollars during this cycle to channel technology into innovation, with special focus on e-commerce and digital payments.Taking forward the motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas', he reiterated how India stands ready with resources, expertise, and friendship.Scindia also announced India's candidature for the Council of Administration and Postal Operations Council of the UPU.Concluding his address, the minister said, "India comes to you not with proposals, but with partnership. We believe in resilience, enabling interoperable solutions that avoid costly fragmentation, and in trust, linking payments, identity, addressing, and logistics so that global commerce becomes seamless."

Tokyo Electron to set up new semiconductor hub in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Tokyo Electron, the world's fourth-largest semiconductor equipment manufacturer, has announced the establishment of a new development hub in Bengaluru, a move set to give a significant boost to India's semiconductor ambitions and strengthen Karnataka's position as a key player in the global chip ecosystem.

This was announced by Karnataka IT Minister Priyank Karge on social media.

The new hub in Bengaluru will focus on multiple strategic areas, including software development, equipment design, and simulation. In addition, the centre will engage in collaborative research with local universities, fostering stronger ties between industry and academia. This partnership aims to accelerate innovation, enhance technical expertise, and nurture homegrown talent in the semiconductor sector.Tokyo Electron, which holds nearly 21% of the global market share and dominates the coater-developer segment, is expected to bring advanced tech-

nology, global best practices, and investment into Karnataka. Its presence is anticipated to complement India's ongoing efforts to develop a self-reliant semiconductor ecosystem under national and state policies.Karnataka already plays a leading role in the Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector. The state contributes more than 35% of India's ESDM exports and hosts over 400 chip design firms. Its ESDM Policy, aimed at fostering innovation, research, and investment, provides a conducive environment for companies like Tokyo Electron to expand operations and collaborate with local institutions.Priyank highlighted that the hub aligns perfectly with the state's vision of promoting advanced technology, enhancing semiconductor capabilities, and creating high-quality employment opportunities.He noted that such initiatives will not only strengthen Karnataka's global semiconductor footprint but also contribute to India's broader goal of technological self-sufficiency.

Nifty50 ends above 24,850; BSE Sensex up over 300 points

Mumbai : The Indian stock market ended Tuesday on a positive note, as both the Nifty50 and the BSE Sensex closed in the green. The gains were largely supported by a rally in the IT sector and optimism surrounding an expected interest rate cut by the US Federal Reserve later this month.

The NSE Nifty climbed 95.45 points, or 0.39 per cent, to settle at 24,868.60. With this move, the index recorded its fifth straight session of gains, underscoring strong market sentiment.

Similarly, the BSE Sensex advanced by 314.02 points, or 0.39 per cent, closing at 81,101.32. During the day, the index even touched an intraday high of 81,181.37 before settling slightly lower.Infosys was the top performer among Sensex companies, rising by 5.03 per cent. The surge came after the IT giant revealed that its

board would review a proposal for an equity share buyback on September 11, sparking renewed interest from investors.Tech Mahin-



dra, Adani Ports, HCL Technologies, Tata Consultancy Services, and Bajaj Finserv also contributed to the gains, adding further strength to the benchmark indices.However, not all heavyweights participated in the rally. Stocks such as Trent, Eternal, Ultra-Tech Cement, and NTPC witnessed declines, limiting

the overall upside.The broader Asian market picture was mixed. South Korea's Kospi and Hong Kong's Hang Seng posted gains, of-

fering some regional support. In contrast, Japan's Nikkei 225 and Shanghai's SSE Composite Index ended in the red, reflecting caution in select markets.Across Europe, the performance was uneven, with some indices showing modest gains while others slipped into negative territory. The global cues

highlighted the ongoing uncertainty in international markets.On Wall Street, however, sentiment was more upbeat. US markets closed higher on Monday, continuing their recent positive momentum amid expectations of monetary easing from the Federal Reserve."Markets closed higher on Tuesday, buoyed by strength in IT stocks following Infosys' announcement that its board will consider a share buyback on September 11. The news lifted sector sentiment," said Hariprasad K, Research Analyst and Founder of Live-long Wealth.The strong performance of IT stocks stood out as a major driver for Indian markets. Investors showed confidence that a buyback by Infosys could not only boost shareholder value but also signal optimism in the sector's long-term outlook.

TCS partners with CEA to infuse innovation in physical AI solutions

New Delhi : Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) today signed a partnership agreement with CEA to accelerate innovation and industrialisation of Physical AI Solutions.

CEA or French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission is a public French research and development organization focused on four key areas:- defence and security, low-carbon energy (nuclear and renewable), technological research for industry and fundamental research in life and physical sciences.

On partnership, Alexandre Bounouh, Director of CEA-List, said "We are delighted to collaborate with TCS to accelerate the diffusion of physical AI technologies in industry. This part-



nership will enable us to connect cutting-edge research with the concrete needs of businesses and to jointly invent the intelligent systems of tomorrow. By transforming collaboration between humans and machines, AI solutions applied to physical systems will op-

timise the production chain, thereby contributing to one of our core missions: boosting the resilience and competitiveness of French and European Businesses."

The official statement said "Together, TCS and CEA intend to offer organizations concrete solutions

based on Physical AI, proof of concept (POCs), as well as training and technological support programs."

"Key areas of collaboration include:- Versatile Robots, Advanced Human-Robot Collaboration and Socially Assistive Robots."

Rammohan Gourmeni, Managing Director of TCS France said "Our commitment to technological innovation is reflected in strong partnerships with key players like CEA."

Physical AI is a key technology for the future of Industry, as it combines the power of AI with the intelligence of physical systems.

This partnership marks an important step in supporting our clients in their industrial transformation."

According to the state-

ment, this partnership will leverage the TCS Pace Port Paris research and innovation centre at the heart of the French technology ecosystem.

This hub brings together experts, startups, researchers and large companies to accelerate the development of next-gen solutions on a large scale.

'Physical AI' refers to the integration of artificial intelligence with physical systems like robots and autonomous vehicles to enable them to perceive, understand and physically interact with the real world.

TCS is an Indian multinational technology company specialized in providing information technology (IT) and consulting services.

Murdochs reach deal in succession battle over media empire

New York : A years-long succession battle within Rupert Murdoch's conservative media empire has drawn to a close, with his son Lachlan set to control the news group.

The deal, which the family announced on Monday, will ensure the ongoing conservative leaning of Fox News, The Wall Street Journal and The New York Post even after 94-year-old Rupert's death, reports BBC.

Under the agreement, Lachlan will control a new trust while siblings Prue MacLeod, Elizabeth Murdoch and James Murdoch will cease being beneficia-

ries of any trust with shares in Fox or News Corp.

It follows years of tension between the media mogul and three of his children over the future of the family-owned newspapers and television networks.

Lachlan is currently the chair of News Corp, which counts The Wall Street Journal and The Times among its slew of publications. He is widely seen as the most politically conservative of Rupert's oldest children.

Lachlan's more politically moderate oldest siblings are poised to sell their holdings in Fox and News

Corp in the coming months. They will also be named as beneficiaries of a new trust, which will receive cash from the sale of about 14.2 million shares of News Corp. and 16.9 million shares of Fox Corp.

The sale of their shares will add to the three siblings' existing inheritance, but prevent them from having any influence over the political bent of the family's media conglomerate.James has in recent years distanced himself from his family's business, citing disagreements over editorial content.Of Rupert's six children, the oldest four

have been implicated in the legal turmoil over the company's future. His younger children from his marriage to Wendy Deng Murdoch, Chloe and Grace, are also named as beneficiaries in the new family trust.He wanted to ensure his empire would fall solely into Lachlan's hands rather than to all four of oldest children, but in December last year a Reno court rejected that bid saying Rupert and Lachlan had acted in "bad faith" in trying to amend the trust. Monday's deal was a "mutual resolution of the legal proceedings", according to the companies.

T-CHIP submits semiconductor roadmap to Telangana govt

Hyderabad : In a landmark move to position Telangana at the forefront of India's semiconductor revolution, Sundeep Kumar Makthala, Chairman & MD of T-CHIP (Technology Chip Innovation Program), today submitted a comprehensive Detailed Project Report (DPR) on semiconductors to Telangana IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu, at the Secretariat here.

Sridhar Babu appreciated the T-CHIP delegation for their well-researched and detailed study report, underscoring its importance for Telangana's ambitions to become a semiconductor hub.

The DPR, based on the T-CHIP delegation's high-level visits to Taiwan and Hong Kong, captures

strategic insights from global leaders including TSMC, ARM, Synopsys, Faraday Technology, PUFsecurity, PUFacademy, GUS Technology, LiteMax, Supermicro, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Taiwan Semiconductor Research Institute (TSRI), and TAIROS (Taiwan Automation Intelligence and Robot Show).The delegation's interactions included global giants such as TSMC, ARM, Synopsys, Faraday Technology, PUFsecurity, PUFacademy, GUS Technology, LiteMax, Supermicro, National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University (NYCU), Taiwan Semiconductor Research Institute (TSRI), and participation in TAIROS (Taiwan Automation Intelligence and Robot



Show).These engagements provided deep insights into advanced chip design, secure architectures, manufacturing models, and cutting-edge applications across sectors.The

DPR proposes a Four-Pillar Semiconductor Strategy to drive this mission forward including -- Training 1,000 professors and 10,000 students in semiconductor technol-

ogies to address the global shortage; Establishing design hubs with access to state-of-the-art EDA tools and IP libraries in partnership with global leaders like ARM and Synopsys; Drawing inspiration from TSMC and Faraday's models, while integrating secure frameworks from PUFsecurity; and Leveraging collaborations in EV batteries (GUS Technology), transparent displays (LiteMax), AI-ready servers (Supermicro), and advanced robotics (TAIROS) to boost industrial adoption.Makthala emphasized that Telangana, under the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the leadership of Sridhar Babu, is poised to become the launchpad for India's semiconductor revolution.

Kelachandra to showcase Indian coffee at SCAJ 2025

Bengaluru: Kelachandra Coffee, India's largest privately held coffee plantation company, will showcase its premium, sustainably grown Indian Specialty Coffee at the Specialty Coffee Association of Japan (SCAJ) Conference & Exhibition 2025, Asia's largest specialty coffee platform, scheduled from September 24-27 at Tokyo Big Sight, Japan.

The company will present hand-harvested, shade-grown varieties including Chandragiri, S.795, HDTx-Catuai, Paredenia, and CXR, sourced from Karnataka estates certified by the Rainforest Alliance and compliant with the European union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR)."With Indian specialty coffee gaining global recognition, SCAJ 2025 is the perfect platform to introduce our traceable, high-quality beans to Japan," said Neeema Rana George, Head of Coffee Works and Technology at Kelachandra Coffee. "Our estates combine traditional cultivation with technologies from Colombia and Brazil to bring out the finest flavors defining Indian coffee."Kelachandra Coffee integrates sustainable practices including agroforestry, intercropping, water and energy conservation, and ecosystem restoration, while employing a

workforce where 55% are women.

"Japanese coffee enthusiasts value not just taste, but the story behind each bean. For seven generations, we have blended agrarian tradition with innovation, uplifting local communities and preserving India's coffee heritage," said Ryana Kuruvilla, Head of People and Culture.

Rishina Kuruvilla, Head of CSR and Sustainability, added, "Sustainability is embedded from seed to cup. SCAJ 2025 allows us to reinforce India's position as a producer of ethically sourced, premium specialty coffee."SCAJ 2025 will feature exhibitors from 30 countries and welcome visitors from nearly 70 nations. Under the theme "Belong Together in Coffee!", the event offers Indian producers a key opportunity to strengthen trade ties with Japan. Kelachandra Coffee will be at Booth 1203 for tastings and collaborations.Kelachandra Coffee, a division of the historic Kelachandra Group (est. 1786), cultivates over 6,500 acres across 14 estates in Karnataka and Kerala, producing more than 2,000 MT of premium coffee annually, including 30 MT of specialty micro-lots, with exports to Japan, Denmark, Norway, and Australia.