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Security Forces neutralise a terrorist in Kathua

JAMMU: Security forces have neutralised one terrorist in an ongoing encounter on Sunday in Billa-war tehsil of Kathua district in Jammu and Kashmir. A police spokesman said that in continuation to dealing with the encounter in village Kog (Mandli) in Billa-war, one terrorist has been killed in the operation. On Saturday evening, one Head Constable of J&K Police namely Bashir Ahmed, made a supreme sacrifice in killing the terrorist. He fired at the terrorist and received fatal injuries in exchange for firing, said the Spokesman. The other injured police personnel Sukhbir, Dy SP Operations, and ASI Niaz Ahmed are stable and are being treated.

Kumbh Mela: Railways plans to run 992 special trains

NEW DELHI: The Railway Ministry has been working on making elaborate arrangements for the Kumbh Mela and has plans to run 992 special trains for the mega religious congregation to be held in Prayagraj in January, a senior railway official said. According to officials, besides running special trains, the ministry has earmarked Rs 933 crore to create and upgrade various infrastructure and amenities for passengers. Also doubling of railway tracks at a cost of Rs 3,700 crore in the Prayagraj Division and adjoining areas is being done at a fast pace for smooth movement of trains.

Delhi Police constable dies in road rage incident, accused driver flees

NEW DELHI: A Delhi police constable was allegedly killed in a road rage incident after being hit by a car while he was going to the police station on his bike on Saturday night in Delhi's Nagaloi area, an official said. The deceased had been identified as 30 years old Sandeep who was survived by his mother, wife and 5 year old son. According to the police, the incident occurred when Sandeep spotted a car being driven recklessly on his way to Railway Road from Nangloi Police.

Centre mulls three bills to implement 'one nation, one election' plan

AGENCY NEW DELHI, SEPT 29

The government is likely to bring three bills, including two to amend the Constitution, to put in place its plan to hold simultaneous elections.

One of the proposed Constitutional amendment bills, that deals with aligning the local bodies elections to that of the Lok Sabha and the Assemblies, will require an endorsement from at least 50 per cent of the states.

Moving ahead with its 'one nation, one election' plan, the government earlier this month accepted the recommendations of the high-level committee for holding simultaneous polls for the Lok Sabha, state assemblies and local bodies in a phased manner after a countrywide consensus-building exercise.

The proposed first constitutional amendment bill would deal with making provisions for holding Lok Sabha and state legislative assembly elections together. Citing recommendations of the high-level committee, sources said the proposed bill would seek to amend Article 82A by adding sub-clause (1) relating to the 'appointed date'. It will also seek to insert sub-clause (2) to Article 82A relating to the end of terms of the

Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies together.

It also proposes to amend Article 83(2) and insert new sub-clauses (3) and (4) relating to the duration and dissolution of the Lok Sabha. It also has provisions related to the dissolution of the



legislative assemblies and amending Article 327 to insert the term "simultaneous elections". This bill will not require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the states, the recommendation said. The proposed second Constitutional amendment bill will require ratification by at least 50 per cent of the state assemblies as it will deal with matters relating to state affairs.

It will seek to amend constitutional provisions relating to the preparation of electoral rolls by the Election Commission (EC) in consultation with State Election Commissions (SECs) for elections to local bodies. Constitutionally, the EC and SECs are separate bodies. The EC holds elections to the post of the President, the Vice President, Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha, state assemblies and state legislative councils while the SECs are mandated to conduct polls to local bodies such as municipalities and panchayats. The proposed second Constitutional amendment bill will also create provisions to hold simultaneous elections to municipalities and panchayats, along with elections to Lok Sabha and state legislative assemblies by inserting a new Article 324A.

The third bill will be an ordinary one to amend provisions in three laws dealing with Union territories having legislative assemblies - Puducherry, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir - to align the terms of these Houses with other legislative assemblies and the Lok Sabha as proposed in the first constitutional amendment bill. The statutes it proposes to amend are the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Act-1991, the Government of Union Territories Act-1963 and the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act-2019.

Punjab police busts cross-border smuggling racket

CHARANJIT ARORA AMRITSAR, SEPT 29

In a major breakthrough amidst the ongoing drive to eradicate drugs from the state, Punjab Police's Counter Intelligence (CI) Amritsar has dealt major blow to the cross-border heroin smuggling after seizing 6kg heroin, 67 live cartridges of .30 bore and two magazines, despite the accused managed to flee, said Director General of Police (DGP) Punjab Gaurav Yadav here on Sunday.

Apart from recovering substantial quantity of heroin and ammunition, police teams have also recovered six mobile phones including Ap-



ple iPhone 11 Pro and one jio dongle from the bag thrown by the accused person.

DGP Gaurav Yadav said that the CI Amritsar team has received a reliable input about the involvement of Gurdaspur's Jaffarpur village-based person in smuggling of drugs/weapons and the latter has recently received a consignment of hero-

in and arms-ammunition with the help of drones from the area of Indo-Pak border in District Batala-Gurdaspur, and he is going to further deliver the same to some other party.

He said that acting swiftly upon this tip, police teams led by DSP CI Amritsar Balbir Singh conducted raid at village Jaffarpur in Gurdaspur, during which the accused managed to escape, after throwing away his bag. The Police teams have seized the contraband from the bag, he added. The DGP said that police teams have identified as the absconding accused person and raids are being conducted to nab him.

JJP-ASP alliance promises to buy all crops at MSP in Haryana

BUREAU CHANDIGARH, SEPT 29

The Jannayak Janta Party-Azad Samaj Party (Kanshi Ram) alliance on Sunday released its poll manifesto for the Haryana assembly polls, promising to procure all grains at MSP, unemployment allowance of Rs 11,000 and old age pension of Rs 5,100 per month.

Every grain of every crop grown in Haryana will be procured at MSP, JJP leader Dushyant Chautala

told reporters in Sirsa while releasing the JJP-ASP manifesto for the October 5 polls.

The alliance also promised Rs 25,000 per acre compensation for crop damage and said the 'Jannayak Fasal Suraksha Scheme' will be started for farmers, in which premium amount will be borne by the state government.



True equality and justice requires more women in politics: Rahul Gandhi

AGENCY NEW DELHI, SEPT 29

Asserting true equality and justice requires more women in politics, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Sunday urged women, who are passionate about creating real change to join the 'Shakti Abhiyan' which aims to create an equal space for 'women's interests' in politics.

"A year ago, we launched the 'Indira Fellowship' with a mission to amplify women's voices in politics. Today, this initiative has grown into a powerful movement for women's leadership," Gandhi said on X.

"True equality and justice requires more women in politics. 'Aadhi Abadi, Poora Haq' embodies our unwavering



commitment to this cause," he said. "I urge all women who are passionate about creating real change to join the 'Shakti Abhiyan' and become active participants in women-centric politics. By getting involved, you will contribute to building robust grassroots organisations and driving meaningful

change. Join us and register today at <http://haktiabhiyan.in>," he said. "Together, we can create change, from the villages to the nation as a whole," Gandhi added. The 'Shakti Abhiyan', an initiative of the Indian Youth Congress, aims to create an equal space for 'women's interests' in politics.

Modi inaugurates Pune Metro section

AGENCY NEW DELHI, SEPT 29

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various projects of Rs 11,200 crore in Maharashtra via video conference.

His visit to Pune scheduled on September 26 was cancelled due to heavy rains in the city.

Prime Minister Modi virtually inaugurated the Pune Metro section from District Court to Swargate, which also marks the completion of the Pune Metro Rail Project (Phase-1).

The cost of the underground section between District Court to Swargate is around Rs 1,810 crore, as per officials. Modi also laid the foundation stone for Swargate-Katraj extension of the Pune Metro Phase-1



to be developed at the cost of around Rs 2,955 crore.

This southern extension of 5.46 km is completely underground with three stations, namely Market Yard, Padmavati and Katraj, according to officials.

Modi also inaugurated Bidkin Industrial Area, a transformative project covering an expansive 7,855

acres under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program, situated 20 km south of Chhatrapati Sambhaji Nagar in Maharashtra. The project developed under the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor holds immense potential as a vibrant economic hub in the Marathwada region, the officials said. The central

government has approved this project with an overall project cost of more than Rs 6,400 crore for development in three phases, they said. PM Modi also inaugurated the Solapur Airport, which would significantly improve connectivity, making Solapur more accessible to tourists, business travellers and investors.

Pb CM Mann chairs key meet after hospital discharge



BUREAU CHANDIGARH, SEPT 29

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Sunday said that the state government is fully ready for the upcoming Khareef Marketing Season (KMS).

Chairing a meeting to review the ensuing procurement of paddy, the Chief Minister said that the state government is expected to procure 185 LMT paddy to be brought into mandis by farmers during the procurement Season commencing October 1. He said that 32 Lakh hectares of area was currently under paddy cultivation in the state adding that Punjab is targeting procurement of 185 Lakh Metric Tonnes of paddy. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that CCL to the tune of Rs. 41,378 Crores for KMS 2024-25 has already been released by the RBI.

this season. He said that the State procurement agencies, viz Pungrain, Markfed, Punsup, PSWC, along with FCI, will procure paddy on Minimum Support Price as per specification laid down by the Government of India. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that entire preparations for that smooth and hassle free procurement of the paddy has been made adding that the state government is committed for smooth and hassle free procurement and lifting of paddy.

The Chief Minister said that the state government has already made elaborate arrangements for purchasing the harvest of farmers as soon as it arrives in the Mandis. He said that a viable mechanism has been evolved to ensure on the spot payment to the farmers in their bank accounts. Bhagwant Singh Mann said that smooth and hassle free procurement of grains is being ensured in the market so that farmers don't face any sort of inconvenience.

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Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

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Editorial

Larger fears

Sceptics may raise doubts about the brain structures of politicians but after some research there is no denying their claim to the human brain. Not that the researchers ever suspected otherwise; they were initially comparing brain structures of people in countries with a two-party system. They found that — the University College, London did it first in 2011 — people with a conservative ideology had a larger amygdala than liberals and progressives. The amygdala is a structure located deep in the brain's still mysterious recesses and is known as the brain's alarm system. It controls the responses to fear and uncertainty. The same result was found recently by researchers in the Netherlands, which has more than two parties. The researchers emphasise that this is just an association, not a decisive equation, because political ideology is formed by a complicated interrelationship of factors, not just the size of a little almond-shaped structure in the brain. But the discovery is rather delightful. Conservative-minded persons — especially politicians — may not love being told that they have a keener fight-or-flight response than others, which means flight is exceedingly tempting; at best, self-respect may impel them to dig their heels in and fight rather than flee.

What the researchers cannot say is whether the chicken came before the egg or the egg before the chicken. (This is, after all, one of the greatest questions of the human race.) Do people with a larger amygdala incline towards a conservative ideology or do conservatives develop it with growing alarm? Is it nature or nurture? It would not be surprising if they developed it, because conservatives are not fond of uncertainties and tend to resist change. And as change is inevitable, whether willed or not, the conservatives' alarm system can be imagined to go off constantly. The psychologist who led the research in the Netherlands did say that the findings suggest that certain political ideologies might be supported by distinct neural pathways that decide how a person may perceive threats and uncertainties. Would this not mean that the subject must have already identified something as a threat?

Elated by the new field of multiple parties where the research confirmed the earlier results of two-party investigations, the lead researcher expressed an interest to see how the investigation would fare in India with its multiple political parties and diverse socio-economic strata. The results would no doubt be exciting: liberalism, conservatism and progressive politics are not only a bit of a mish-mash here but people and politicians also tend to oscillate according to personal preference.

Floods in Nepal leave heavy devastation

The devastating series of floods, landslides and inundations has pushed the death toll to 112 in Nepal so far in the last 24 hours, as per data received from the Armed Police Force (APF) and the Nepal Police on Sunday.

In addition to that, 68 people still remain missing, with 100 more sustaining injuries in the disaster.

As per APF and Nepal Police, till Sunday morning, a total of 34 people were found dead in Kavrepalanchowk, with 20 in Lalitpur, 15 in Dhading, 12 in Kathmandu, seven in Makwanpur, four in Sindhupalchowk, three in Dolakha and five each in Panchthar and Bhaktapur districts.

Additionally, two people each have been found dead in Dhankuta and Solukhumbu, one each in the Ramchhap, Mahottari and Sunsari districts.

According to Nepal Home Minister Ramesh Lekhak, the recent rainfall had caused severe damage to the Kathmandu Valley and the Nepal Army, Armed Police Force and Nepal Police have been conducting search and rescue operations all across the Himalayan nation. "Due to the heavy rainfall all across the nation, we are



collecting information about induced damages; a meeting of the (disaster) command post also has been conveyed. A huge amount of damage to life and properties has been recorded all across the nation. The recent rainfall has also affected the Kathmandu Valley severely. The Nepal Army, Armed Police Force and Nepal Police are conducting the search and rescue operations all across the nation," Lekhak told reporters on Saturday. On Saturday, Kathmandu recorded a

record-breaking rainfall in its 54 years with 323 millimetres of rainfall, recorded within 24 hours on that day. Nepal since Thursday evening had been experiencing heavy rains influenced by water vapour from the Bay of Bengal and a low-pressure system in the region, which eventually sparked a humanitarian crisis all across the nation. The National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Authority (NDRRMA) also issued a warning for 56 out of 77 districts

about possible disasters due to the rains, advising people to adopt caution.

Home to nine of the ten highest peaks in the world, Nepal has already estimated more rain than average this year, with a total of 1.8 million people getting affected by it.

The NDRRMA had also estimated that 412 thousand households would be affected by monsoon-related disasters.

The monsoon season in the Himalayan nation generally begins around June 13 and usually ends around September end but now it is expected to extend till late October.

This year, the clouds from the south entered Nepal from the western region on June 10, three days ahead of the usual onset date. Last year, the weather phenomenon started on June 14, a day after the normal onset day.

The monsoon period, which delivers around 80 per cent of the country's total annual rainfall, generally lasts 105 days. But, in recent years, it has been taking more time to end.

According to data from the Meteorological Office, the country received 1,586.3 millimetres of rainfall as of Friday morning since the monsoon entered on June 10.

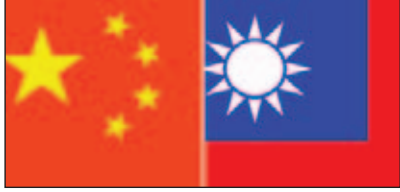
Literature & Health

US applauds Taiwan's self-defence reforms to counter Chinese aggression

The United States has appreciated the initiatives taken by the Taiwan administration to enhance Taiwan's self-defence through various reforms and investments and encouraged Taipei to further bolster its self-defence, Taipei Times reported.

The US "strongly encourages and applauds" the initiatives taken by President William Lai's administration to enhance Taiwan's self-defence through various reforms and investments, Ingrid Larson, the managing director of the American Institute in Taiwan's (AIT) Washington Office, said. Larson made these comments on Monday while introducing Vice Minister of National Defence Hsu Yen-pu as the keynote speaker at the annual US-Taiwan Defence Industry Conference held in Philadelphia, Taipei Times reported.

In her address, Larson pointed out that over the past year, Beijing has consistently applied a comprehensive strategy, utilising various diplomatic, military, financial, intelligence, law enforcement, and economic tactics to pressure Taiwan. She cited the example of Edinburgh, Scotland, which cancelled its plans for a sister city relationship with



Kaohsiung due to influence from China. "Such actions are not conducive to promoting people-to-people ties, or the peaceful resolution of cross-strait differences," she added.

The US "strongly encourages and applauds the Lai administration's early efforts to continue to bolster Taiwan's self-defence through reforms and resource investments," highlighting the proposal to raise Taiwan's defence budget by nearly 6 per cent next year to approximately USD 20 billion. Larson said that the US also appreciates Taiwan's Minister of National Defence, Wellington Koo's backing for significant defence reforms, which include the creation of a new organisation within the defence ministry modelled after the US Defence Innovation Unit, reported Taipei Times.

Geneva: Kashmiri activist raises concern over persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan

Javed Beigh, a political activist from Jammu and Kashmir, raised concerns about the ongoing persecution of religious and ethnic minorities in Pakistan during an event at the Geneva Press Club.

In his speech, Beigh shed light on the systematic oppression and violent mistreatment of minority communities, including Hindus, Sikhs, and Christians, many of whom belong to marginalised communities. Beigh also provided historical context to these abuses, noting that since Pakistan's inception in 1947, the country has witnessed widespread and institutionalised discrimination against its minority populations.

"These communities continue to face atrocities at the hands of religious extremist groups, and the Pakistani state remains either silent or complicit in these violations," Beigh stated.

The activist detailed the range of human rights violations faced by minorities in Pakistan. Hindus and Sikhs, in particular, endure forced conversions, abductions, and targeted killings. Young girls from these



communities are often forcibly married and converted to Islam, while their families face immense pressure to migrate, often seeking refuge in India.

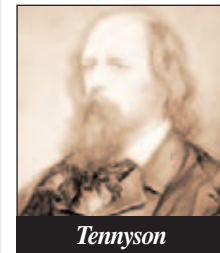
Beigh also highlighted the desecration of Hindu temples, pointing out that thousands have been destroyed since 1947, with no accountability for those responsible.

Expressing deep concern, Beigh emphasised the dramatic decline in Pakistan's Hindu population, which has shrunk from over 15 per cent at the time of partition to less than 2 per cent today.

POEM

The Two Voices

A still small voice spake unto me, 'Thou art so full of misery, Were it not better not to be?' Then to the still small voice I said; 'Let me not cast in endless shade What is so wonderfully made.' To which the voice did urge reply; 'To-day I saw the dragon-fly Come from the wells where he did lie.



Tennyson

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Surrogacy linked with higher risk of severe pregnancy results

According to new research, individuals who are gestational carriers (also known as "surrogates") may be more susceptible to severe complications during pregnancy and the early postpartum period, hypertension during pregnancy, and postpartum hemorrhage than those who conceive naturally or through IVF.

New research from ICES and Queen's University.

Those who are not otherwise able to carry a pregnancy are assisted in becoming pregnant by gestational carriers, who also give birth to their offspring. It is unclear if there is a greater chance of serious health consequences for newborns and gestational carriers, both throughout pregnancy and after delivery.



One of the first significant population-based studies comparing health outcomes for three distinct methods of conception—unassisted, in vitro fertilization

(IVF), and gestational carriage—has examined connected health databases.

"The study was prompted by an increased in the use of gestational carriers

worldwide and a lack of information about the impact of this reproductive modality on pregnancy outcomes, for the gestational carrier and the offspring," says lead author Dr. Maria Velez, an adjunct scientist at ICES and at the time of this study, an associate professor in the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Queen's University. Velez is currently an associate professor and a clinician scientist at McGill University and the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre (RI-MUHC). The study, published in the journal *Annals of Internal Medicine*, included 863,017 singleton births at more than 20 weeks' gestation in Ontario, Canada, between 2012 and 2021. The groups included 846,124 (97.6%) who were conceived without assistance, 16,087 (1.8%)

by IVF, and 806 (0.1%) using gestational carriers. The researchers analyzed severe maternal morbidity (SMM) and severe neonatal morbidity (SNM), which combine many different health indicators for both birthing people and babies. They also assessed hypertensive disorders (such as pre-eclampsia), cesarean delivery, preterm birth, and postpartum hemorrhage.

One limitation of the study was that there was a lack of information about why gestational carriage was chosen by the intended parents, egg and sperm donor sources, the type of IVF used, and reasons why people chose to become gestational carriers. Future research could help to assess whether any of these factors would impact the health outcomes of the pregnant person or the baby.

UP: Yogi directs swift and sensitive action on public issues

AGENCY GORAKHPUR: Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath listened to the problems of around 200 people at the Janata Darshan held in the Mahant Digvijaynath Smriti Bhawan auditorium of the Gorakhnath temple complex on Sunday. The CM emphasised the need for swift and satisfactory

resolution of their problems, directing officials to act promptly and with full accountability.

He stressed that there is no place for negligence or delays, underscoring the need for every issue to be addressed with transparency and efficiency. He reiterated that addressing public grievances is a top government

priority, warning that any laxity in this regard would be unacceptable. Yogi listened to the concerns of people one by one patiently and promptly forwarded their applications to the relevant officials with instructions for swift resolution. He assured the public that no injustice would be tolerated. He reaf-

firmed the government's commitment to resolving the problems of every individual, particularly emphasising the need for strict action against those who illegally occupy land or exploit the vulnerable. He directed the officials to take decisive legal measures against such offenders without exception.

Haryana has become 'migration state' under BJP rule: Hooda

RANVIR PARASHAR
KAITHAL, SEPT 29

Former Chief Minister and Leader of Opposition Bhopinder Singh Hooda has said that the BJP government has made Haryana a 'migration state' as companies, youth, businessmen and opportunities are migrating out of the state.

"Companies and businessmen are migrating from Haryana due to fear of ransom, youth are migrating to other states and countries due to lack of employment. Farmers are migrating from farming due to lack of respect. Youth, unhappy with Agniveer, moved away from the stadiums and jobs of Haryana are migrating to other states," he stated.

Addressing an election meeting in Jakholi of Kalayat



today, Hooda said the continuous exodus of talent and opportunities from Haryana is very worrying. "Stopping this will be the first priority of the Congress. The Congress government will ensure that criminals, miscreants, drug addiction, unemployment, inflation and dictatorship are forced out from Haryana and the state becomes the number one state in the country in development and prosperity," he stated.

Along with Hooda, the

public meeting was addressed by Hisar MP Jaiprakash, former MP Surinder Singh Barwala, senior leader Phool Singh Kheri, Rambhaji and many others. All appealed for votes for Congress candidate Vikas Saharan.

Hooda said that Kalayat will get 3 MLAs with one vote, himself, Jaiprakash and the third (Congress candidate) Vikas Saharan. "Make Vikas win with a big majority and ensure Kalayat's important participation in the

coming government," he said. On this occasion, BJP Kisan Mandal President Satbir Gill, Aam Aadmi Party District President Deepak Rana and District Council Chairman Deep Malik, who left JJP, joined Congress. Along with them, 11 out of 17 members of the Block Committee also left BJP and JJP and joined Congress.

Hooda once again mentioned the problems of paddy farmers. He said during the Congress tenure, paddy procurement will start from September 15, whereas BJP keeps giving dates to farmers every time. "Paddy has started arriving in the markets from the 15th. But first the government said that procurement will start from September 15, then September 23 and now it is being said as October 1," he stated.



SHIV KUMAR SHARMA
AMBALA, SEPT 29

Former Haryana Home and Sports Minister Sh. Anil Vij today said that the passion for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is overwhelming people, and that is why hundreds are joining the party every day. He added that the BJP's family is expanding daily, with hundreds of youth and women joining regularly. Today as well, hundreds

of players from different sports joined the BJP, and Anil Vij welcomed them into the party by presenting them with BJP scarves. Vij mentioned that these players are from the FIFA-approved stadium he had been built. The players, on their part, expressed their heartfelt support for Shri Vij.

Anil Vij further explained that these players come from the FIFA-approved stadium he developed, and they play

various sports. He highlighted that he provided an international standard stadium, which is his real strength. The players who joined the BJP said that Vij Sahib has given them significant support, which is why they stand by him today. They mentioned that they sincerely support Shri Vij because he has done a lot for them, and around 250 players have come forward to show their support for the BJP.

Desh Bhagat University and Republic of Liberland sign MoU for sustainable development and innovation



BUREAU

CHANDIGARH: In a strategic move to promote sustainable development through education and international cooperation, Desh Bhagat University (NAAC GRADE A+), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Republic of Liberland. The agreement, themed "Fostering Innovation and Global Academic Alliances for Sustainable Development," aims to strengthen ties between the two for focusing on innovation, research, and collaborative efforts to address global challenges. The MoU was signed in a formal ceremony held at Desh Bhagat University's Centre of Excellence, with dignitaries from both Liberland and DBU present. Dr. Sandeep Singh, President of DBU, signed the pact on behalf of Desh Bhagat University and H.E. Mr. Vit Jedlicka, President of the Republic of Liberland signed on behalf of the Republic of Liberland.

Sukhmandeep Singh becomes Block President of East Congress Kisan Wing

AMRIK SINGH VALLAH
AMRITSAR, SEPT 29

An important meeting of the Congress party was held at the residence of Sardar Harwinder Singh Dhulka under the leadership of senior Congress leader Master Ranjit Singh. In which Jasbir Singh Dimpa, former Member of Parliament and in-charge of Eastern Constituency, specially participated as the chief guest. On this occasion, Sukhmandeep Singh was appointed as the Block President of Halka East Kisan Wing in order to protect the youth of the village from drugs, to encourage them towards sports and other social activities. Jasbir Singh Dimpa, giving the



appointment letter to them, said that the Congress party has always brought the youth forward while respecting their dignity. He said that the Congress party fulfills the promises it makes to the people. And they will be present day and night in the service of the people of Eastern Constituency. Master Ranjit Singh said that the Congress party has done a far-fetched job by making Jasbir Singh Dimpa the in-charge of

East Constituency. People are already ready to bring forward for conservation. Kisan Wing Congress District President Jatinder Singh Rana said that under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi and Punjab President Raja Waring, the Congress party will give important positions to the youth and increase their dignity, because the youth are the backbone of the party. With which the party will be strengthened.

Ahead of third phase of polls, IGP Kashmir reviews law and order situation

AGENCY SRINAGAR: Ahead of the third and final phase of Assembly elections, the Inspector General of Police Kashmir Zone V. K. Birdi reviews the law and order situation and directs the officers to meticulously monitor their respective areas to prevent any untoward incident. The meeting was attended by the senior officers of Police, Security Forces, and intelligence agencies. IGP Birdi emphasized the officers to meticulously prepare, plan, and monitor their respective areas of responsibility to prevent any untoward law and order outbreak. The People will vote for the third and final phase of assembly elections on October 1 in Jammu and Kashmir. He directed district SSsP, Cyber cell, IT, and Social media cells to monitor social media and identify the rumour mongers. He also asked the officials to identify those who post incriminating material.

He emphasized strict adherence to SOPs and stressed conducting coordination meetings with the public to ensure peace and calm in the valley. At the outset of the meeting, the participating officers briefed the IGP Kashmir about the overall security scenario and provided insights into the existing security challenges. The discussions encompassed various facets including intelligence gathering and response to various emergent situations. The district SSsP also briefed the IGP Kashmir regarding the preparedness and the issues related to the current law and order situation of their respective districts.

State level business fest SYNERGY held in Kaithal



RANVIR PARASHAR KAITHAL: Department of Commerce of Ch. Ishwar Singh Kanya Mahavidyalaya Fatehpur Pundri organised State Level Business Fest-SYNERGY on Saturday in which five competitions were held mentioned as follows 1. Declamation 2. Debate 3. Case Study 4. Poster Making 5. Tagline writing. Six colleges participated in these events. The fest was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr Amita Rana, Principal who welcomed the guests and addressed the house. She also congratulated the whole department of Commerce for organising a successful event. In her key note address, Dr Vinay Khurania, Head of Commerce Department & Convener of the fest highlighted the importance of synergy in a team work required everywhere. Dr Rajesh Turan from DAV College Pundri and Mrs Priyanka Goyal from IG College Kaithal were invited as special guests. The stage was conducted by Dr Minu Singal, convener.

World Heart Day: Park Hospital organizes 5-km 'Run for Heart Health' in Mohali



LK BANSAL MOHALI: To raise awareness about heart health, Park Grecian Hospital, Mohali, a 5-km 'Run for Heart Health' on World Heart Day. The event saw participation from over 700 individuals, including doctors, citizens, and heart patients from the Tricity area. Dr. Harinder Singh Bedi, Director of Cardiac Sciences at Park Grecian Hospital, stressed the importance of heart disease prevention, highlighting the need for exercise, stress management, and healthy living. He also addressed the alarming rise in heart attacks among younger people in India. The event, flagged off by Mr. Ashok Bedwal, CEO, and other dignitaries, aligned with the global theme 'Use Heart for Action', encouraging proactive measures for heart health. The run, starting from the hospital and covering 5 km, was aimed at promoting physical activity for cardiovascular wellness. Dr. Neeraj Bhargava, Run Director, emphasized the positive impact of running on heart health, concluding the event on an empowering note.

Expansion of Bhim Army in Himachal Pradesh



KISHORI LAL BAINS SANTOKHGARH: The Bhim Army Bharat Ekta Mission unit of Himachal Pradesh organized a meeting on Sunday at Ambedkar Nagar, Ward No. 5, under the chairmanship of Hitesh Mahi, the state in-charge of the Bhim Army. During the meeting, the expansion of the Bhim Army was unanimously agreed upon. Jamail Bains Bathri was appointed as the district president for Una, while Neeraj Banga was elected as the vice president. Sanjeev Bhardwaj was designated as the president of the Bangana block, with Ramesh Hira as the vice president. For the Haroli block, Varinder Bhatti was made president and Gurdev Chand was elected as the vice president. Ashok Sahjal, Manish Bangad, and Kamjit Lankesh were included in the state executive committee. Mukesh Sahjal was appointed as the president for the industrial sector, and Lakhbir Sahota was given responsibility for the I-cell. The newly appointed president, Jamail Bains Bathri, stated that he will work for every section of society in the district as per the directives of Parliament member Chandrashekhar and Hitesh Mahi.

Blood donation and medical check-up camp organized



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Manav Seva Uttam Seva Sanstha Nabha Vallo Swa. In warm memory of Gaurav Gaba ji, 14th blood donation and 2nd free medical checkup camp was organized at Sri Hanuman Mandir Bathindian Mohalla. This camp was organized with the support of Samwad Group Chief Rajesh Dhingra. In this camp, Dr. Anumeha Bhalla (Diabetes, BP and Heart Disease Specialist), Dr. Ekta (gynecologist), Dr. Raj Pal Singh (Operation Specialist), Sr. Hardeep Singh Randhawa (ophthalmologist), Dr. Rajni Jalota, Dr. About 275 patients were checked up by Amandeep Kaur (Ayurvedic medicine specialist) and blood was collected from 80 blood donors by Dr. Heena Singla, Blood Bank team from Civil Hospital Nabha. Medicines were given free to the needy during this camp. Gaurav Gaba, Madam Nisha Gaba, Madam Jagrati Gaba, Vyas Gaba, Himaina Gaba, Nivaishi Gaba, Lions Club President Sunny Singla etc. were present on this occasion. The chief guests of this camp were District Planning Board Chairman Patiala Jassi Sohanwala, Ramesh Gaba (Social Worker) and Rajesh Bansal 'Babu' (Vice President, Punjab BJP Business Board) specially attended.

Cabinet Minister Mohinder Bhagat distributes pension allotment letters to over 100 beneficiaries



PARAMJIT SINGH JALANDHAR: Punjab Defence Welfare, Freedom Fighters and Horticulture Minister Mohinder Bhagat today distributed pension allotment letters to over 100 beneficiaries under the Punjab Government's social security scheme. These beneficiaries will soon begin receiving monthly financial assistance as part of the initiative. Addressing the gathering, Bhagat emphasized the Punjab Government's commitment to uplifting all sections of society under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. He reassured that the applications for pension benefits from all 100 recipients have been approved, with more pending applications set for approval soon. He also stated that more pension allotment letters to be distributed in coming days and all the beneficiaries will get monthly pension under Old Age, Widow, Divyang, and other categories. The Cabinet Minister also highlighted the success of the "Sarkar Tuhade Dwar" initiative, which aims to deliver government services directly to the people.

Anger among farmers towards govt due to lack of govt procurement of paddy: Bajrang Garg

RAMAN GUPTA KAITHAL: Provincial President of Haryana Pradesh Trade Board and former Chairman of Haryana Confed, Bajrang Garg, after talking to rice millers, commission agents and farmers, said that farmers are rushing to the mandis to sell their paddy, which has more than 95 thousand tonnes of paddy. It is lying in the markets. There is a lot



of anger among the farmers towards the government due to lack of government procurement of paddy. Whereas for the last four seasons, the outstanding amount of rice millers towards the government is more than Rs 100 crore. The government provides paddy to the rice millers and has made a rule to take 67.5 kg of rice in exchange of 100 kg of paddy, which is completely wrong whereas only 60 kg of rice is produced in 100 kg of paddy. The government should make a rule to take 60 kg rice from millers. Bajrang Garg said that for 30 years, only the government has been paying Rs 10 per quintal to the rice millers for milling the paddy and extracting rice, whereas the cost of milling the paddy comes to around Rs 120 per quintal. Today, labor expenses have increased without any reason. Rice millers do not even have to pay the bank interest income. The government should give Rs 120 per quintal of paddy harvesting to the rice millers. Garg said that open corruption is rampant in the BJP government. Rice miller who makes rice carts for FCI. In the name of passing the rice, FCI officials are openly taking bribe of Rs. 10,000 from the rice millers.

Holidays disrupt Panchayat Election nomination process in Punjab



RAKESH JINDAL NABHA: Holidays come between the dates of filing nominations for panchayat elections in Punjab. Due to this, the aspirants contesting the election of Sarpanchi and Panchi created chaos it has happened because candidates have to complete various documents including NOC to fill the papers. Candidates may face difficulties due to lack of time due to holidays. At BDPO office Nabha, BDPO Baljit Kor Khalsa including all The staff was also deployed on Sunday and the candidates contesting the election Necessary documents have been submitted to which is an example in itself. Feeling happy about the good performance of the BDPO office, a large number of people willing to contest the elections including District Chairman SC Dept. Congress Kulwinder Singh Sukhwal installed the office on Sunday. Kudos to DPO Baljit Kor Khalsa and the entire staff He said that due to this initiative taken by BDPO, the candidates contesting the elections did not face any kind of difficulty which was also discussed by the higher officials.

SK Aggarwal's first book 'Jab Jago Tabhi Savera' discussed



KULDEEP SOOD BARNALA: A discussion was organized on the book 'Jab Jago Tabhi Savera' (collection of articles) written by retired District Sessions Judge S.K. Aggarwal at the local SSD College. On this occasion, the author of the book S.K. Aggarwal and his wife Saroj Aggarwal were accompanied by S.D. Sabha Chairman Mr. Shivdarshan Kumar Sharma, Mr. Latif Ahmed (ADC) Barnala, Pandit Shiv Kumar Gaur, S.D. Sabha General Secretary Shiv Singla were also present. Dr. Rakesh Jindal, Principal of SSD College welcomed the dignitaries, authors and audience. This was followed by the lighting of the Jyoti ceremony, Shlokas recited by Acharya Sanatan Shiv Kumar Gaur and Bhajans sung by college student Jaisvir Gollow by the launch of the pamphlet read out by Sudarshan Gaso. Sudarshan Gaso highlighted many aspects on the author with references to the articles in the book. He said that the author S.K. Aggarwal was a District Sessions Judge for a long time, where most of the work is done in English, but the author has proved by writing the book in Punjabi that he is fully dedicated to his mother tongue Punjabi.

ISL 2024-25: Defender Edwin Sydney Vanspaul returns to Chennaiyin FC

Chennai - Chennaiyin FC head coach Owen Coyle on Sunday announced the signing of Tamil Nadu-born defender Edwin Sydney Vanspaul for the 2024-25 season during the pre-match press conference ahead of his side's Indian Super League away clash against Hyderabad FC.

The 32-year-old is set for a homecoming at the Marina Arena, having previously represented the team for four seasons from 2019 to 2023. Primarily a right-back, Edwin is Chennaiyin FC's 14th signing of the season, joining a strong defensive unit led by the likes of Ryan Edwards, Mandar Rao Desai, and PC Lalindipula. He is also familiar with head coach Coyle, having played under him during the Scotsman's first stint with the club.

Coyle, welcoming Edwin back to the Marina Arena, said during the press conference, "I'm absolutely delighted to bring Edwin back to the club. He's a CFC through and through. He was outstanding for me during Season 6 and has continued to show his quality in the ISL."

"I know he's hungry and enthusiastic to get back to the heights and the level he played at before at CFC. He's very much a team player, he loves the club, and it's great to have that type of player coming into the squad to compete," he added.

Prabath Jayasuriya falls just short of world record in dominant series win

Galle - Left-arm spinner Prabath Jayasuriya narrowly missed becoming the joint-fastest to reach 100 Test wickets, falling three short during Sri Lanka's emphatic win over New Zealand in the second Test at Galle.

Sri Lanka defeated New Zealand by an innings and 154 runs, sealing a 2-0 series victory. Opting to bat first, Sri Lanka posted a commanding 602-5 before declaring their first innings. Kamindu Mendis, promoted up the order after an impressive start to his Test career, led the charge with an unbeaten 182 off 250 balls. Jayasuriya complemented the batting dominance with a brilliant 6-42, as New Zealand crumbled to their lowest-ever total of 88 all out against Sri Lanka. Playing in his 16th Test, Jayasuriya was on the verge of equalling George Lohmann's record for the fastest to 100 Test wickets, a record set in 1886. He needed another six-wicket haul in the second innings to match Lohmann's feat but managed only 3-139. Debutant Nishan Peiris took 6-170, helping secure Sri Lanka's stunning victory. Lohmann remains the fastest to 100 Test wickets, reaching the milestone in 16 matches. Since Lohmann, the fastest bowlers to reach 100 wickets include Charlie Turner (Australia), Sydney Barnes (England), Clarrie Grimmett (New Zealand), and Yasir Shah (Pakistan), all achieving the feat in their 17th Test. Among them, Yasir Shah is the only one to do so in the 21st century.

A look at Group A of ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024

Abudhabi - Harmanpreet Kaur led India Women will face challenges from teams like defending champions Australia Women, New Zealand Women, Sri Lanka Women, and arch-rivals Pakistan Women in Group A of the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 scheduled to take place at the United Arab Emirates.

The Women's T20 World Cup 2024 will begin at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium in the United Arab Emirates on October 3, with the final taking place at Dubai International Stadium on October 20. The world's No. 3 ranked T20 side India, and Asia Cup champions Sri Lanka will fancy their chances for the second spot, with feisty competitors Pakistan and former finalists New Zealand in the mix to make for a highly competitive group. India: One could argue a bit stuck in the turf quashed India's hopes of a final appearance at last year's ICC Women's T20 World Cup, and neither Harmanpreet Kaur nor her India teammates need any more motivation after the heartbreak in the Cape Town semi-final. Whilst a little rattled by their recent defeat to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup Final, Harmanpreet Kaur's side is still in the discussion as one of the sides to claim tournament honours.

Tim Southee after losing against Sri Lanka

Galle - New Zealand captain Tim Southee expressed his disappointment after their loss by an innings and 154 runs against Sri Lanka in the second Test at Galle, acknowledging the difficulties his team faced on the subcontinent. "Very tough, on the wrong side of a tough one," Southee remarked after the match in the post-match presentation, highlighting the struggles his players encountered throughout the match. He emphasized the unique challenges of playing in such conditions, noting that "this is a tough place to come."

Southee pointed out that while his team could have performed better in this particular match, they had opportunities in the first game as well. "I think in this match it was a lot harder, but in the first game we could have pushed on a bit harder," he stated. Looking ahead, Southee emphasized the importance of regrouping as a team. "Need to go home, regroup and go again," he said, signalling a commitment to bounce back from this setback.

Day 3 of India-Bangladesh Kanpur Test abandoned due to wet outfield

AGENCY KANPUR: The day three of the second Test between India and Bangladesh at the Green Park Stadium was abandoned on Sunday without a ball being bowled due to wet outfield.

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Test series (from October 16 onwards) and Australia in five-Test series away from home (from November 22 onwards) by much bigger scorelines and margins.

With seven wins, two losses and a draw in 10 matches, India sits at the top of the ICC World Test Championship standings. Even the first day of action was spoiled by rain as Bangladesh could complete only 35 overs, scoring 107/3, with Mominul Haque (40*)

and wicketkeeper-batter Mushfiqur Rahim (6*) unbeaten. Pacer Akash Deep (2/34) had started the proceedings on day one on a bright note, removing Zakir Hasan (0) and Shadman Islam (24 in 36 balls, with four boundaries) in quick succession to reduce Bangladesh to 29/2. After a 51-run partnership between skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto and Haque, the former was trapped by Ravichandran Ashwin for 31

Sri Lanka climbs to third in ICC World Test Championship table



AGENCY GALLE: A stunning 2-0 series win over New Zealand following a massive win by an innings and 154 runs in the second Test at Galle has pushed Sri Lanka up to number three in the ICC World Championship (WTC) 2023-25 standings.

Now, Lanka has five wins and four losses in nine Tests. They have a point percentage (PCT) of 55.56 percent, which is not very far from Australia, which sits at second place with a PCT of 62.50 after eight wins, three losses, and a draw in 12 Tests. India is at the top with seven wins, two losses, and a draw with a PCT of 71.67.

New Zealand has slipped to seventh place with three wins and five losses in eight Tests, with a PCT of 37.50.

The Asian side has four Tests left, two against South Africa away from home in November-December this year and two home Tests against Australia in January-February next year, as per Wisden. To make it to the top two, SL must finish with a PCT higher than either India or Australia. Overtaking Australia would be much easier since they are below India in the table and them playing Tests against Lanka would help the island nation alot in impact the point percentage if they win the series. Coming to the match, SL opted to bat first. Centuries came from Dinesh Chandimal (116 in 208 balls, with 15 fours), Kamindu Mendis (182

in 250 balls, with 16 fours and four sixes) and Kusal Mendis (106 in 49 balls, with six fours and three sixes). It pushed SL to 602/5 declared in the first innings, batting for almost two days. Glenn Phillips (3/141) was the pick of the bowlers for NZ. If Sri Lanka had pulled off a batting marathon, New Zealand batters struggled on a spin-friendly surface. Catches to skipper Dhananjaya de Silva came in plenty as deliveries edged the bat of Kwi players consistently and beat them consistently. Mitchell Santner (29 in 51 balls, with four boundaries and a six) was the top-scorer as NZ was bundled out for just 88 runs in 39.5 overs. Only two players could cross the 10-run mark. Spinner Prabath Jayasuriya continued his love affair with Galle, taking 6/42 and his eighth five-wicket haul at the venue. Nishan Peiris, another spinner in the squad, picked up 3/33 in his debut Test. Sri Lanka led by 514 runs, the fifth-highest ever first-inning lead in Test cricket history. In their second innings, the Kiwis fared slightly better. Devon Conway (61 in 62 balls, with 10 fours and a six) made a return-to-form fifty, and Kane Williamson (46 in 58 balls, with four boundaries), Tom Blundell (47*), were among the runs, finishing day three at 199/5, trailed by 315 runs. On the fourth day, half-centuries did come from Blundell (60 in 64 balls, with six fours and two sixes).

IPL Teams to finalise retentions by October 31

AGENCY NEW DELHI : Teams have until October 31 to finalise their player retentions ahead of the IPL 2025 auction.

According to the rules announced by the governing council on Saturday, franchises can retain a maximum of six players using a combination of direct retentions and the right-to-match (RTM) option. This includes up to five capped players (both Indian and overseas) and no more than two uncapped Indian players, as reported by ESPNcricinfo.

For retention purposes, any player who makes their international debut before October 31 will be classified as capped. However, if such a player is retained as an uncapped player and then debuts internationally

before the auction, they will still be considered uncapped, with only INR 4 crore deducted from the team's auction purse. The purse for the mega auction has been increased by INR 20 crore, giving each fran-

Additionally, the IPL has reinstated a rule discarded in 2021, allowing Indian players who retired from international cricket at least five years prior to the relevant season to enter the auction as uncapped players. This change enables Chennai Super Kings to retain their former captain MS Dhoni, who last played an international match at the 2019 ODI World Cup, as an uncapped player.

The IPL has decided to keep the Impact Player rule, which has been in place since the 2023 season. This rule allows teams to substitute a first-XI player with a specialist batter or bowler based on match conditions, and it has generated considerable debate about its influence on Indian cricket and the development of all-rounders.

IPL implements two-year ban for players declaring unavailability after auction

AGENCY NEW DELHI: In a significant move that could reshape the dynamics of the Indian Premier League (IPL), the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has introduced a new rule imposing a two-year ban on players who declare their unavailability after being picked in the auction.

This development has been well-received by the cricketing fraternity, with former Indian cricketer Irfan Pathan expressing his approval on X.

Pathan, who has been vocal about this issue over the past two years has highlighted the growing strength and integrity of the IPL with this new regulation. "Last two years I kept talking abt this. it's Great to see decision taken by BCCI! Players who declare unavailability after being picked in the auction will



now face a two-year ban. The IPL is getting stronger in many ways." The implementation of this rule aims to address concerns about players withdrawing from the tournament after the auction, which often leaves teams scrambling to find suitable replacements. This step is expected to enhance the com-

mitment of players towards the franchises that invest in them and ensure a more reliable and competitive tournament. The IPL governing council has introduced significant updates for the 2025 season on Saturday, including an increased retention limit, the return of the Right-to-Match (RTM) option, and a higher auction purse, as per ESPNcricinfo. Franchises can now retain up to six players each, with the RTM option reinstated, and the Impact Player rule will remain in place. For the upcoming mega auction, the auction purse has been raised to INR 120 crore (approximately US\$ 14.33 million), an increase of INR 20 crore from the previous year. According to ESPNcricinfo, the finalized retention rules will be shared with the ten franchises soon. Notably, of the six players that franchises can retain, at least one must be an uncapped Indian player. The other five can be either Indian or overseas players. The retention can be through direct retention, a mix of retention and RTM, or solely RTM options.

I am close to 500 games : Rohit Sharma opens up on longevity, fitness

AGENCY NEW DELHI: Indian skipper Rohit Sharma opened up on his longevity in the game and retirement from T20I format following his team's memorable ICC T20 World Cup win. On Saturday, the 'Hitman' was speaking on Jitendra Chouksey's Youtube channel. Speaking on the channel, Rohit said that he is close to playing 500 matches for India in international cricket and it is something that not a lot of players have accomplished, and to have such longevity, how one has fitness routine in life plays a key role.



best score was 92 and scored three half-centuries in the competition to become the second-highest run-getter. Reflecting on his cricketing journey, Rohit said that he started playing with kids in his society as a nine-year-old and eventually started playing in school. "We played in our building, in the society. There is a shortage of space in Bombay. You just have to manage with whatever you have. I started playing with all my friends, school friends at times. Building friends are with who I played for fun. I never knew it would become like this. When I was nine years old, I started. 28-29 years have gone by with me playing cricket," he added.

The skipper admitted that the demands of the game were such that it took over his studies at times. He reflected on his struggles, mental and physical tiredness, and long travelling hours and how they all helped him become the star he is today.

and perform to win games. And then, if you go backwards then, in that preparation comes fitness," Rohit said. Rohit revealed that he retired from T20Is following the T20 WC title win in June because he just felt it was the right time to do so, as he had a trophy in his hands and younger players were also coming up for India. "The only reason I retired from T20Is is because I've had my time. I enjoyed playing the

format. I played for 17 years and did well. Having won the World Cup, this was the best time for me to decide that this now time for me to move on and then look after the other things. There are lot of good players who are there, who can do well for India. I just felt it was the right time," said Rohit. Rohit retired as a double T20 World Cup champion, winning the title back in 2007 as a young up-and-coming prod-

igy. In 151 T20I matches, Rohit has scored 4,231 runs at an average of 32.05 with a strike rate of over 140. He scored five centuries and 32 fifties in his career, with the best score of 121*. Rohit is also the leading run-scorer in the format. Rohit also ended the tournament with a career-best performance with the bat, with 257 runs in eight games at an average of 36.71 and a strike rate of over 156. His

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I grew up watching her dance : Shahid Kapoor on his mother Neelima Azeem



Shahid Kapoor lit up the stage with his electrifying performance at IIFA 2024, leaving the audience in awe. The actor, known for his energetic dance moves, gave the media a glimpse into his personal connection with dance, especially influenced by his mother, Neelima Azeem, who is a classical dancer. Speaking fondly of his mother, Shahid said, "She's actually a genius dancer. I'm not even 1% of what she is. So I'm just happy that I got some of her DNA in me. But

yeah, I have grown up watching her dance and she is, you know, she's very special." Shahid also recalled his first experience watching Michael Jackson in India adding that he "really enjoy live performances." "I remember my first live experience was when I was 15 years old and Michael Jackson had come to India. And we all went to Andheri Sports Complex and I remember walking home alone. So for me, it's like living your dream, being in a stadium full of people where

you're the artist and you're getting to do it. And I actually really enjoy live performances. I love the energy of the crowd. I feel it's a very pure experience. There's nobody between you and the people." The actor made the gala night even more special as Prabhu Deva joined him to dance to the song 'Muqabla.' During the grand award function, the duo grooved to the iconic song 'Muqabla' on stage, and the audience couldn't take their eyes off them.

Shahid made a power-packed entry on a bike and was seen grooving to his hit tracks. The three-day celebration kick-started on September 27 with IIFA Utsavam, an event dedicated to the southern film industries-Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada. IIFA 2024 will be concluded on September 29 with the exclusive, invitation-only IIFA Rocks. Artists such as Honey Singh, Shilpa Rao and Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy will perform live for the audience.

Twining with co-star Seerat Kapoor, Dheeraj Dhoopar dazzles in red for Rabb Se Hai Dua wedding

CHANDIGARH: Dheeraj Dhoopar, who has been captivating audiences as Subhaan in Zee TV's Rabb Se Hai Dua, recently shared a glimpse of his look from the ongoing wedding storyline, leaving fans in awe. Dressed in an all-red ensemble, Dheeraj embraced the symbolic colour of love and tradition in Indian weddings. His striking red sherwani, paired with a red churidar and matching mojris, perfectly captures the essence of a grand Indian wedding, where red is revered for its cultural significance.



In this sequence, where Subhaan is set to marry Mannat (played by Seerat Kapoor), both actors are seen in coordinated red outfits, making for a visually stunning moment that highlights the timeless appeal of this colour in wedding ceremonies.

Dheeraj shared, "Red is a powerful color, symbolizing love, passion, and tradition, especially in Indian weddings. It embodies joy, intensity, and confidence, making it the perfect choice for this wedding track. There's something undeniably impactful about how it looks on screen, always making a statement."

As Dheeraj dazzles in red, viewers can expect high drama in the upcoming episodes, with Ibaadat (Yesha Rughani) taking a bold stand to stop Subhaan and Mannat's wedding.

Himani Shivpuri opens up about her evolving relationship with Shah Rukh Khan

CHANDIGARH: Veteran actor Himani Shivpuri, who is currently seen as Katori Amma in &TV's gharelu comedy Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, is one of most celebrated and respected artists in Bollywood and TV industry. In this candid chat, the artist goes down the memory lane and reminisces special moments with the Badshah of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan. Excerpts from the interview:

Q: Himani, you have had an extraordinary career spanning over four decades. What has been one of your most memorable experiences working with Bollywood's biggest stars?

Himani Shivpuri: Collaborating with stars like Salman Khan, Aamir Khan, and Saif Ali Khan has been amazing, but my experiences with Shah Rukh Khan truly stand out. I've had the pleasure of sharing the screen with him in iconic films like Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge and Kuch Kuch Hota Hai. His dedication, charm, and humility made every collaboration unforgettable.



Q: Can you share a lesser-known encounter with Shah Rukh early in your career?

Himani Shivpuri: Certainly! We worked together in In Which Annie Gives It Those Ones, which was a cult classic ahead of its time. At that time, Shah Rukh was just a struggling actor, and I didn't even notice him back then! Years later, while filming Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge, he approached me and revealed that we had worked together. I was taken aback—I had no idea he was part of that film! It was such a heartwarming moment to see that even after achieving superstar status, he remembered those early days fondly. After he mentioned it, I rewatched the film and saw him there, young, and eager. It filled me with pride to see how far he had come while remaining so humble.

How has your relationship with Shah Rukh evolved over the years?

Himani Shivpuri: Our relationship has grown based on mutual respect and admiration. Despite his immense success, Shah Rukh remains grounded and genuinely appreciates the people he has worked with. I recall the iconic saree scene in DDLJ. Even though his close-up was shot separately, he stayed present during our scene, reacting sincerely. That kind of commitment is what makes him special—not just as a star, but as a person.

It sounds like you hold him in high regard. Himani Shivpuri: Absolutely. To this day, he admires my work, and I feel honoured that he included me in his list of top ten favourite actresses at an awards event. That recognition means a great deal to me.

Watch Himani Shivpuri as Katori Amma in Happu Ki Ultan Paltan, airing Monday to Friday at 10:00 PM only on &TV!

Raj Babbar makes a stellar comeback after many years!

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The first and exclusive glimpse of the upcoming film Shahkot has been revealed today for the media at the teaser launch press conference. The teaser shows Guru Randhawa getting down from a police van in a strange place. With rain pouring down on him and the beautiful song playing in the background, crooned by Altamash Faridi, intensifies the feel of the teaser and expectations reaching an all-time high.

The makers of Shahkot have been quite playful with the audiences in their choice of releasing the publicity material on their socials. Where the title poster was a Passport, the motion poster exuded a feeling of separation. The release of second poster featuring Guru Randhawa and Isha Talwar was all things love and romance.

This teaser, radiates a baffled feeling all together. The various emotions expressed with this film are making it a much awaited release, and topping it



with this one being Guru Randhawa's Punjabi debut, opposite Mirzapur trending artist Isha Talwar.

Revealed earlier, the cast ensemble includes powerful presence of Raj Babbar, Seema Kaushal, Gurshabad, Neha Dayal, Hardip Singh Gill, Manpreet Singh, Aulhak Madam, Jatinder Kaur.

This film has been Produced by Anirudh Mohta and directed by Rajiv Dhirga, known for Love Punjab, and comedy nights

with Kapil.

Rajiv Dhirga, Director of Shahkot expressed his excitement on this project, and said, "As a Director, my aim is to bring stories, with mass and class appeal for the global audiences. With Shahkot, I can say that this is not a regular love story. As a Director, my aim is to bring new dimension in film making and bring forth stories which have the ability to evoke a feeling of shared emotions with our audiences across the

globe". Anirudh Mohta, Producer of Shahkot is a young and dynamic business tycoon; and owner of Aim7Sky Studios expressed his film production experience, he said, "I believe that Punjabi cinema is growing by leaps and bounds! I believe that cinema goes are looking at larger than life experiences while watching a film in theatres, and as a Producer I will fulfill the expectations of my audiences as they are the true evaluators of films."

&TV's Happu Ki Ultan Paltan actors Yogesh Tripathi and Geetanjali Mishra to grace Agra's Iconic Ram Baraat Festival!

CHANDIGARH: This year's Ram Baraat celebration in Agra promises to be grand event, overflowing with grandeur and vibrant cultural richness. The festival will attract large crowds, with streets beautifully illuminated and decorated with flowers. Among the baraa-



tis, will be Daroga Happu Singh (Yogesh Tripathi) and Rajesh (Geetanjali Mishra), from &TV's gharelu comedy Happu Ki Ultan Paltan. The popular television actors will be in Agra on 28th September to celebrate the iconic Ram Baraat festival. Yogesh Tripathi, who plays Daroga Happu Singh, expressed his excitement about returning to Agra saying, "I am thrilled to celebrate Ram Baraat again. The warmth and affection I experienced during my previous visit were incredible, and this time, I'm even more eager to share it with Geetanjali (Rajesh) by my side. Agra's hospitality is unparalleled, and we can't wait to immerse ourselves in this remarkable festival. Of course, no visit to Agra is complete without enjoying its famous chaat and bringing back sweet petha for our loved ones. I am looking forward to meet with my fans at the venue." Geetanjali Mishra, who portrays Rajesh, shared her enthusiasm as well saying, "It's a true honour to participate in Agra's Ram Baraat celebrations."

IIFA 2024: Shah Rukh Khan presents Hema Malini with Outstanding Achievement Award

Bollywood's iconic 'Dream Girl,' Hema Malini, was honoured with the Outstanding Achievement in Indian Cinema award at the IIFA Awards 2024 in Abu Dhabi.

Best known for her timeless performances, Hema Malini has etched every role she's played into the hearts of her audience. The award was presented to her by none other than superstar Shah Rukh Khan. The two also shared a sweet hug on stage. The actor-turned-politician played a major role in launching Shah Rukh Khan's Bollywood career. In 1992, she cast him as the lead in her directorial debut, Dil Aashna Hai. Although Dil Aashna Hai was not his first film to release (as Deewana released earlier that year), it was Hema Malini who gave him his first big break in a leading role.

The official Instagram page of IIFA shared beautiful glimpses of Hema Malini receiving the award from Shah Rukh Khan. Their beautiful bond was on full display, making the moment even more special for fans.

The second day of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards 2024 was a star-studded affair, held in Abu Dhabi. Bollywood's biggest celebrities graced the event, including icons like Hema Malini, Rekha, superstar Shah Rukh Khan, Rani Mukerji, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol, Vicky Kaushal, Shahid Kapoor, and Kriti Sanon.

One of the major highlights of the night was Shah Rukh Khan, who not only hosted the event but also entertained the audience with his signature charm. Joining him on stage were Vicky Kaushal and Karan Johar, and together, they gave an electrifying performance



on Shah Rukh's hit song "Jhoomo Jo Pathaan."

The three-day celebration kick-started on September 27 with IIFA Utsavam, an event dedicated to the southern film industries-Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam

and Kannada. IIFA 2024 will be concluded on September 29 with the exclusive, invitation-only IIFA Rocks. Artists such as Honey Singh, Shilpa Rao and Shankar-Ehsaan-Loy will perform live for the audience.

"Farida Drip" marks FERZOI's explosive debut, as MC SQUARE and his six-member collective announce their arrival

CHANDIGARH: A new-era in Indian hip-hop is set to take center stage as FERZOI, a bold six-member collective is set to dominate with the release of its debut track Farida Drip. Headed by Lambardar MC SQUARE, along with MNDP, Gurjar HB, Mark Bhatia, Sky-Merijaan, and producer ZeroToOne, the group redefines Desi hip hop, carving out a unique space that combines street culture, storytelling, and unfiltered grit. Hailing from the streets of Faridabad, Haryana, these six fierce voices, bound by brotherhood, and driven by the hunger to make Desi hip-hop scream louder than ever before, symbolize a new wave of music that blends raw storytelling with street culture.

Alongside their official announcement, FERZOI's debut single 'Farida Drip' from their upcoming album FERZOI: The Arrivals is a powerful introduction, packed with energy and attitude, signaling their ferocious entry into the Indian music scene. The track opens with an intense, ominous chord, quickly transitioning into



thunderous beats produced by ZeroToOne. Each member brings their distinct style, delivering electrifying vocals that demand attention. Farida Drip, with its swagger, confidence, and authenticity, boldly declares the collective's intent to disrupt and change the hip-hop game.

Speaking on the formation of FERZOI and their debut single, MC SQUARE shared, "Be-

ing a FERZOI is like being part of a family united by a single vision - brotherhood. The six of us have come together to tell our stories in the rawest form. Our first single, Farida Drip, is our way of announcing that we're here to make waves in the Indian hip-hop scene, and we're doing it on our own terms. With FERZOI, we're representing Faridabad, our roots, culture, and Desi hip-

hop on a global level."

"FERZOI is the start of something big, and Farida Drip is just the beginning. We've all faced our own battles growing up in Faridabad, and that struggle is what fuels our music. FERZOI is a raw reflection of our lives and the world around us. With this collective, we want to show the world the strength and versatility of Desi hip-hop, and we're here to make sure our voices are heard," said the collective FERZOI.

Each member brings their own unique voice and experience, making FERZOI bold, raw and unapologetically authentic. Fusing their Faridabad roots with a sound that India has yet to witness, the group challenges conventional boundaries of Desi hip-hop, channeling their thoughts into a dynamic sound that is poised to resonate with fans across the globe. Keep an eye out for more groundbreaking music from this trailblazing collective as they continue to push boundaries and reshape the Indian hip-hop scene.

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