

Punjab: Local AAP leader shot at; 2 Akali leaders among several booked

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CHANDIGARH : Shiromani Akali Dal leaders Vardev Singh Noni Mann, his brother Nardev Singh Bobby Mann and 15-20 unidentified persons were booked for attempt to murder in connection with an attack on a local AAP leader in Punjab's Fazilka district, police said on Sunday.

Aam Aadmi Party leader Mandeep Singh Brar was shot at outside the office of block development and panchayat officer in Fazilka's Jalalabad area on Saturday, they said.

Brar, who is the candidate for the post of Sarpanch from Muhammad Wala village, sustained a bullet



injury in his chest.

He was rushed to the Civil Hospital in Jalalabad but later shifted to Ludhiana.

AAP MLA from Jalalabad Jagdeep Kamboj alleged that Shiromani Akali Dal leader Vardev Singh Noni Mann allegedly fired at

Brar.

The FIR was lodged on a complaint filed by Gurpreet Singh, who has filed his nomination for the post of Sarpanch of village Chak Suhelewala.

Gurpreet, in his complaint, alleged that he was

the target of the attackers but the bullet hit Brar.

He said Vardev's son Harpinder Singh had also filed his nomination paper from Chak Suhelewala village.

Gurpreet said he had filed objections against the nomination of Harpinder. As a result Akali leaders Vardev Singh and his brother Nardev Singh and their families held a grudge against him.

According to the complainant, the Akali leaders and their supporters on Saturday allegedly pelted stones at them outside the BDPO office.

Gurpreet alleged that Vardev aimed his weapon at him but the bullet hit Brar,

who was standing close to him.

According to the FIR, the case has been registered under various sections including 109 (attempt to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

SAD leader Daljit Singh Cheema condemned the registration of a case against SAD leaders Vardev Mann and Nardev Mann.

He said both these leaders were victims as the nomination papers of their sons had been rejected but the AAP government instead of giving justice to them had filed a criminal case against them.

Elections to gram panchayats in the state will take place on October 15.

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NEW DELHI: After powering ISRO's space missions for more than five decades, India's largest engineering firm Larsen and Toubro has now set its eyes on the international market, particularly the next International Space Station.

L&T was earlier in talks with Jeff Bezo's Blue Origin for supplying orbital launch capabilities and space habitat solutions but the negotiations ran into some difficulties.

"Some remnants of that discussion continue till today but now with NASA. So, we are also hopeful that when the US requires its next space station, Indian firms will have a role to play in the supply chain," Vikas Khita, Vice President, L&T Precision Engineering and Systems, told PTI.

Khita, who was speaking on the sidelines of an industry meet organised by Geospatial World, said the firm was also interested in building space ports, space parks and manufacturing clusters, areas which are expected to get a boost considering the government's opening up of the space sector for private participation in 2020.

"In commercial terms, we are looking at a five-

fold increase in turnover by 2033 of the space economy and a large part of this increase is to come from the upstream and the downstream sectors," he said.

L&T has been involved in the production of a range of hardware for every project of ISRO, including the Chandrayaan, Gaganyaan, and Mars Orbiter missions.

The Hindustan Aeronautics Limited-L&T consortium is also producing five Polar Satellite Launch Vehicles (PSLV), marking the industry's maiden foray in building rockets for the space agency.

The engineering firm is also learnt to have evinced interest in the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV), as ISRO is all set to transfer technology of the newly developed rocket to the private industry.

India is set to play a significant role in the future space economy, aiming to capture about eight per cent of the global market by 2033. The global space industry is projected to be worth around USD 1.8 trillion by 2035.

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Delhi police busts illegal gun-making unit in Meerut flat, 2 arrested

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NEW DELHI: With the arrest of two persons, Delhi Police on Sunday claimed to have unearthed an illegal gun manufacturing unit. Sixteen country-made pistols, six live cartridges, 41 barrels of country-made pistols and eight instruments and tools used in manufacturing illegal weapons were seized

from a flat in Meerut, the police said. Acting on a tip-off, a police team apprehended one Ikram (40), who came to Delhi to allegedly supply illegal weapons to some criminals. Two country-made pistols and six live cartridges were recovered from his possession, they said. The police said that Ikram shared information about Mashook Ali

who was then arrested from Meerut City, around 80 km northeast of the national capital. "He was apprehended on Saturday and at his instance, the team raided an isolated Flat in Kashi Ram colony in Meerut where a factory set up by him for illegally manufacturing weapons was found," said the police officer.

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GUWAHATI: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday handed over the first instalment of monthly stipends to girl students of class 11 to post-graduation under a new government scheme.

The scheme was launched in August by the chief minister. He handed the cheques for the first month to the students at a programme in Guwahati, while similar functions were organised across the state in which the girls received the maiden instalment under the 'Nijut Moina' scheme.

Speaking on the occasion, Sarma emphasised the dual purpose of promoting women's education and preventing child marriages through it.

Sarma said the drop-out rate among girl students, especially as they reach higher levels, was high and analysis of the reasons had pointed to multiple reasons.

Primary among the reasons is poor economic conditions, getting engaged in jobs while pursuing studies and early marriage, he said.

"We have two aims behind this scheme, one is to ensure that the girls complete their studies. And, second is that our girls are at least graduates when they get married," the CM added.

He said that while the government has been running different schemes to encourage women's education, like free admission and other incentives, the 'Nijut Moina'

programme is to provide the girls with the financial help needed to attend classes regularly.

Under the scheme, all girls studying higher secondary will get Rs 1,000 every month, it will be Rs 1,250 for degree students and Rs 2,500 for girls doing post-graduation.

Except for those students studying in private colleges, all girls irrespective of their financial background will be included in the scheme.

From next month onwards, the amount will be credited into the bank accounts of the students and they will receive the stipend for 10 months in a year, with a gap of two months in June and July during summer vacation, Sarma said.

"For the girls to continue availing the stipend, they must not indulge in any activity unbecoming of a student and follow proper conduct and behaviour," he added.

He also said that married women pursuing post-graduation or B.Ed will be eligible for the scheme, but if any girl is to tie the knot before completing under-graduation, they will stop receiving the stipend.

"Gender equality and women's education are very important for us and until we can make women's education universal, society cannot progress," the CM maintained.

He also said the government will come up with a scheme for the boy students in its next annual budget.

On opposition parties' criticism that the government is creating 'beneficiaries' through such schemes, Sarma maintained that if help is not given to female students, the dropout rate could go up substantially.

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Rs 5,600-cr drug seizure case: Delhi Police recovers cocaine worth Rs 10 cr from Amritsar, 1 held

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NEW DELHI: The Special Cell of Delhi Police, probing a nearly Rs 5,600-crore drug seizure case, has recovered cocaine worth Rs 10 crore from Punjab's Amritsar and apprehended a man, officials on Sunday said. The accused was planning to flee the country.

A Toyota Fortuner car was also recovered from his possession during the raid a village

in Amritsar. On October 2, Delhi Police made one of the biggest drug busts ever seen in the city, seizing over 560 kilograms of cocaine and 40 kilograms of hydropionic marijuana estimated to be worth around Rs 5,620 crore, officials said.

They said a Delhi Police Special Cell team nabbed four people from South Delhi's Mahipalpur and confiscated the consignment weighing over 602 kilograms.

Bypolls to 10 assembly seats INDIA bloc's first major test in UP since LS gains

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LUCKNOW: Bypolls to 10 assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh will be a litmus test for the INDIA bloc's unity after the group's success in the recent Lok Sabha polls when they won more than 40 seats, significantly contributing to the BJP's failure to win a simple majority in parliament.

However, the two INDIA bloc allies in Uttar Pradesh -- Samajwadi Party and Congress -- have not been able to firm-up a seat-sharing pact for the bypolls even though the Congress has staked claims to contest five of the 10 seats, a proposition the SP may not agree with.

Leaders from both the parties say their aim is to defeat the BJP, and they are confident they would contest the bypolls together.

Uttar Pradesh Congress chief Ajay Rai told PTI, "The party is holding 'Samvidhan Bachao Sammelan' (save Constitution conferences) on all 10 assembly seats that are going to polls. Two such conferences have already been held. We have appointed in-charges and observers on all the 10 seats and ground work is on."

The assembly seats where bypolls are due are: Katchari

(Ambedkar Nagar), Karhal (Mainpuri), Milkpur (Ayodhya), Meerapur (Muzaffarnagar), Ghaziabad, Majhawan (Mirzapur), Sishaman (Kanpur city), Khair (Aligarh), Phulpur (Prayagraj) and Kundarki (Moradabad).

Nine of these seats fell vacant after their MLAs were elected as MPs in the Lok Sabha polls, while bypolls are being held on the Sishaman seat due to the disqualification of SP MLA Irfan Solanki, who was convicted in a criminal case.

Asked if he hopes the alliance will continue in these bypolls, Rai said, "Yes. We will contest in alliance. The aim of both the Congress and the SP is to defeat the BJP."

"We have given a proposal to contest five assembly seats -- Majhwa (Mirzapur), Phulpur (Allahabad), Ghaziabad, Khair (Aligarh) and Meerapur (Muzaffarnagar) to our leadership. These seats are those, where BJP candidates had won," Rai said.

In the 2022 assembly polls, Sisaman, Katchari, Karhal, Milkpur and Kundarki seats were won by the SP, while Phulpur, Ghaziabad, Majhawan and Kahir elected BJP MLAs. The Meerapur seat was held by the RLD.

When asked whether his party had any talks with the SP in this regard, Rai said, "A meeting was held in which it was discussed. We have told the leadership and our UP in-charge Avinash Pande about it."

Asked specifically whether he sees the alliance continuing in the bypolls, Rai said, "Yes, 100 per cent. Unmud nahi, pucca hai (it's just a hope, but a certainty)."

In the Lok Sabha polls held in April-May, INDIA bloc partners Samajwadi Party won 37 seats while Congress got six. The BJP had won 33 seats (down from 62 in 2019) while its ally Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) and Apna Dal (Sonelal) got two and one seat respectively.

The Azad Samaj Party had won one seat. When PTI asked about the bypolls, SP chief spokesperson and National Secretary Rajendra Chowdhury said, "We are fully prepared for the polls. The INDIA bloc will win all the 10 seats."

On seat-sharing and the Congress' demand of five seats, Chowdhury said, "Baith ke tay hoga (We will sit together and decide). He did not elaborate further, just saying that the

party leadership will decide.

This time BJP will not be able to do anything unwanted at polling booths, he said. "We are doing our preparations upto the booth level and emphasising on making our party strong at booth level," Chowdhury said.

The dates of by-elections have not been announced yet.

While Karhal seat fell vacant due to SP chief Akhilesh Yadav getting elected from Kannauj as MP, Katchari has been vacated by the party's Lalji Verma after he was elected as MP from the Ambedkar Nagar Lok Sabha seat.

SP leader Awadhesh Prasad's election to Lok Sabha from Ayodhya led to his resignation from Milkpur seat, while SP leader Zia-ur Rahman Barq's Kundarki assembly seat in Moradabad has fallen vacant following his election to the

Sambhal Lok Sabha seat.

Chandan Chauhan of the Rashtriya Lok Dal resigned from his Meerapur assembly seat of Muzaffarnagar following his election to Lok Sabha from Bijoor. The Ghaziabad seat fell vacant after the BJP's Atul Garg was elected to the Ghaziabad LS seat.

The BJP's Vinod Kumar Bind resigned from his Majhawan assembly seat of Mirzapur following his election to Lok Sabha from Bhadohi, while party leader Anoop Singh alias Anoop Pradhan Bahnik resigned from his Khair assembly seat of Aligarh following his election from Hathras Lok Sabha seat. The BJP's Praveen Patel resigned from Phulpur assembly seat of Prayagraj following his election to Lok Sabha from the Lok Sabha seat with the same name.

Bajrang Dal holds black flag protest ahead of India-Bangladesh T20 match in Gwalior

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GWALIOR: Bajrang Dal workers on Sunday showed black flags when the Bangladesh cricket team passed along the Mela Ground ahead of their T20 match against India in Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh. Police officials said some workers were detained in connection with the black flag protest. Several right-wing groups have been protesting against the Bangladesh team citing alleged atrocities against Hindus in that country after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina government in August. The district administration had issued prohibitory orders a few days ago banning such protests in an effort to keep the game incident-free, while police has deployed more than 2,500 personnel to maintain law and order. "The way Hindus have been treated in Bangladesh has hurt the sentiments of all of us. Because of such incidents, we protested against Bangladesh here in the afternoon," Bajrang Dal Madhya Bharat vice president Pappu Verma told reporters. Hindu Mahasabha national vice president Jaiver Bhardwaj claimed shops remained closed till 1pm in the city's Lashkar area in support of the outfit's protest call. Meanwhile, the area around Madhavrao Scindia Stadium, where the game will be played, saw heavy police deployment with only those with valid tickets being allowed to enter beyond a point.

Register Kultuli case under POCSO Act, ensure culprits get death penalty: Mamata to police

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KOLKATA: West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday directed the police to register the alleged rape-murder case of a 10-year-old girl in South 24 Parganas district under the POCSO Act, and ensure that the culprits get capital punishment within three months. Banerjee, while speaking at the Kolkata Police Body Guard Lines after virtually inaugurating several Durga Pujas, asserted that crime has no colour, caste or religion. "I want the police to register the Kultuli case under the POCSO Act and ensure that the culprits get capital punishment within three months... Crime is crime; there is no religion or caste. Strong action should be taken against the criminals," the chief minister said. Taking exception to "media trials" in rape cases, Banerjee said these must stop as it could hamper investigations.

The body of a 10-year-old girl, allegedly raped and murdered, was found at Kultuli in South 24 Parganas on Saturday, after which locals torched a police outpost and vandalised vehicles parked there, a senior officer said.

Air India's Delhi-London flight diverted to Copenhagen due to medical emergency



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NEW DELHI: An Air India flight from Delhi to London

was diverted to Copenhagen on Sunday due to a medical emergency, according to an

airline official.

A male passenger who was feeling ill was de-planed at Copenhagen (Denmark) and taken to a local hospital for medical attention. Later, the flight departed for London, the airline official said.

"Our ground colleagues at Copenhagen airport did their best to minimise inconvenience caused to all the guests due to the diversion," the official added.

Ex-Jharkhand CM Champai Soren hospitalised

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RANCHI: Former Jharkhand Chief Minister Champai Soren was hospitalised following blood sugar-related complications, an official said on Sunday. He was admitted to the Tata Main Hospital in Jamshedpur around 9 pm on Saturday. He was admitted to the hospital after his blood sugar dipped and he felt dizzy, a close aide of the former CM said.

Tata Main Hospital GM Dr Sudhir Rai told PTI that Soren's condition was stable and improving.

Soren, 67, joined the BJP in August, alleging "disrespect" and "humiliation" in the JMM.

He was appointed the chief minister on February 2, following Hemant Soren's resigna-



tion and subsequent arrest by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case.

He left the post on July 3, clearing the way for Hemant Soren's return to the chair after being granted bail.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL, CHANDIGARH BENCH (Court II)	
CP (CAA) No. 34/CHD/J&K/2024 (2 nd Motion) Connected with CA(CAA) no. 29/CHD/J&K/2023 (1 st Motion)	
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION BETWEEN:	
AAA Vehicleades Private Limited. (CIN – U50100JK2008PTC002864) Registered office: Vehicleades, B.C Road, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 180001. PAN: AAGCA7420B Email: jamkashjmu@gmail.com	----- Petitioner No.1 / Transferee Company No.1
Pathankot Vehicleades Private Limited. (CIN – U50102JK1995PTC001455) Registered office: B.C Road, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 180001. PAN: AAACP9610Q Email: dsrana65@gmail.com	----- Petitioner No.2 / Transferee Company No.2
J And K Vehicleades Private Limited. (CIN – U50101JK2001PTC002128) Registered office: Vehicleades, B.C Road, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 180001. PAN: AABCJ7387D Email: dsrana65@gmail.com	----- Petitioner No.3 / Transferee Company No.3
Jamkash Vehicleades Private Limited (CIN – U35912JK1993PTC001343) Registered office: Vehicleades, B.C Road, Jammu, Jammu and Kashmir - 180001. PAN: AAACJ4126D Email: dsrana65@gmail.com	----- Petitioner No.4 / Transferee Company
Notice of Petition	
A petition under sections 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013, for sanctioning the Scheme of amalgamation of Companies, namely, AAA Vehicleades Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 1/Transferee Company), Pathankot Vehicleades Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 2/Transferee Company), J And K Vehicleades Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 3/Transferee Company) and Jamkash Vehicleades Private Limited (Petitioner Company No. 4/Transferee Company) and their respective shareholders (hereinafter referred to as 'Scheme') was heard by the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench and by an order dated 30.08.2024, the said Petition is fixed for hearing before the said Tribunal on 25.10.2024.	
Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Petitioner Companies' authorized signatory as mentioned herein below, notice of his/her intention, signed by him/her or his/her Advocate, with his/her name and address, so as to reach the Petitioner Companies' authorized signatory not later than 10 (Ten) days before the date fixed for the hearing of the Petition. Where, he/she seeks to oppose the Petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such notice with a copy to the undersigned. A copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of prescribed charges for the same.	
Place: Mohali Dated: 05-10-2024	
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