

Daler-Uniyal row: Mika demands minister’s apology

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A recent video of Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister Subodh Uniyal humiliating singer Daler Mehndi while he is on stage has gone viral. The act has been condemned by several veteran artists across the country.

Speaking about the row, Daler Mehndi’s brother, singer Mika has come out with a statement, reiterating that that Uttarakhand Cabinet Minister Subodh Uniyal must apologise to his brother Daler Mehndi for publicly reprimanding him at an

event. Mika has said that artists deserve dignity and respect, and has demanded an apology from Uniyal and urged Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami to look into the matter.

Mehndi was recently performing at the Siddhpeth Maa Kunjapuri Tourism and Development Fair in Uttarakhand’s New Tehri town when Uniyal stormed up to the stage and loudly asked if he was drunk.

In a fresh post, the singer said the minister should be grateful to Mehndi for agreeing to perform at the event

after another artist, Sunanda Sharma, fell ill.

In a subsequent post, Mika said the whole world has come forward to support Mehndi but nobody has defended Uniyal.

“Celebrities and fans from across the globe are standing by him, @SubodhUniyal1 ji but nobody has come forward to support you. Why? Because people believe you were wrong in the way you treated him.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami on Thursday sought to put an end to the controversy, saying the state respects all

artists and he will speak to Mehndi and his brother Mika Singh, whom he described as his “good friends”.

Facing flak for his behaviour, Uniyal had said that the artiste should have informed in advance that he was unwell and should not have come to perform.

Dhami said, “I believe the minister must have been under pressure from the public at that time.

The minister himself has stated that he was unaware that Daler Mehndi was unwell.” “Uttarakhand is a land of artists, where everyone is treated with respect. I feel

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this matter should be put to rest here. I will speak with Mika and Daler Mehndi; both are good friends of mine,” said the chief minister.




Pb Assembly pays tributes to anti-drug activist Jhota
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THE Punjab Assembly on Thursday paid tributes to anti-drug activist Parvinder Singh Jhota, who was killed last week by a medical store owner in Mansa, with the Speaker describing him as a “buland awaz” (strong voice) against those peddling poison in the form of drugs.

The first day of the Punjab Vidhan Sabha session concluded within 10 minutes. Following obituary references, Speaker Kultar Singh Sandhwan adjourned the sitting till Friday. Earlier, Question Hour, Calling Attention Notices and other business was proposed to be taken up after obituary references.

During the session, the House paid tributes to Jhota. Speaker Kultar Singh Randhawa said Jhota, a former kabaddi player and boxer, who raised voice against the drug menace, died on October 13.

“A ‘buland awaz’ against those selling poison in the form of drugs, Parvinder Singh Jhota, a social worker, former Kabaddi player and boxer, died in a tragic incident on October 13. His invaluable contribution towards safeguarding the youths of Punjab and his fight against drug traffickers will remain immortal in the pages of history forever.

His great contribution can never be forgotten,” he said. Coming generations will always remember his selfless contribution. This House, while strongly condemning the tragic incident, pays tributes to him, the Speaker said. Known for raising his voice against the illegal sale of addictive substances at chemist shops, Jhota was shot dead in broad daylight inside a medical store at a busy marketplace in Mansa on October 13.

‘PDA’s dream will never be fulfilled’

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THE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Thursday slammed Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav’s visit to Rampur jail to meet Azam Khan, claiming that meeting jailed party leaders who promote “ap-peacement and lawlessness” exposed their priorities. Taking to X, BJP national general secretary and Uttar Pradesh in-charge Vinod Tawde alleged that the Samajwadi Party plans to make Khan, whom he accuses of promoting lawlessness, the state home minister if it wins the assembly elections.

“Riots and lawlessness in the state. PDA’s (Pichhde, Dalit, Alpsankhyak) dream will never be fulfilled!” he said. Referring to the 2013 Muzaffarnagar riots, Tawde said, “The people of Uttar Pradesh remember how the previous Samajwadi Party government plunged western Uttar Pradesh and the entire state into an era of riots and lawlessness.

He claimed that the Samajwadi Party’s “dream of mak-



ing Azam Khan, a mastermind behind riots, The state’s home minister would derail Uttar Pradesh’s development and lead it towards destruction.”

“This dream will never be fulfilled,” Tawde added. Earlier, Akhilesh, after meeting Khan at the jail, claimed that fake cases have been filed against Khan at the behest of the BJP.

“No family, particularly no political family, has faced as much injustice as the family of respected Azam Khan. And who is responsible for this injustice? False cases have been filed against him. He has spent so many years in jail, and the truth is that the Bharatiya Janata Party has no concern for education or knowledge. It is not concerned about universities either. The university has been destroyed in the true sense of the word,” he said while speaking to reporters outside the jail.

TIGER SHROFF CASE

Arrested UP women transported firearms to shooters in Mumbai

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SITAPUR/AZAMGARH

TWO women from Uttar Pradesh’s Sitapur and Azamgarh districts have been arrested by the Delhi Police in connection with the firing at Bollywood actor Tiger Shroff’s car in Mumbai, with investigators suspecting that they helped transport the firearms used in the attack.

The women, identified as Radha, a resident of Sitapur, and Babita, from Azamgarh, were among eight people arrested in connection with the case so far.

The Mumbai Police has alleged that the attack was carried out at the behest of Anil Pandit, a member of



the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. The women were arrested at New Delhi Railway Station. According to the Delhi Police, two suspects

had travelled to Amritsar to procure the weapons, while the two women allegedly transported the firearms by train to Mumbai and handed

them over to the attackers. Radha was apprehended along with Babita and two men, identified as Kunal and Sumit. The fifth accused, a

man who allegedly stayed in Mumbai to provide logistical support to the shooters, was also arrested, according to the police.

Radha’s family in Sitapur claimed she is innocent and has been falsely implicated. Her mother, Maina Devi, said Radha had moved to Haryana about a year ago in search of employment and was working at a factory for a monthly salary of Rs 15,000. Radha was married to a local man, Sunil, in 2015 and has a son. She left her matrimonial home around 2018, and Sunil has since remarried.

He said he had not been in contact with her for several years. Babita’s family in Azamgarh also claimed she is innocent.

Himachal: 9,647 land-related cases resolved in 2 years

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TO make revenue services simpler and time-bound, the Himachal Pradesh government has made efforts to resolve cases concerning land mutation, partition, demarcation and correction of revenue records in Una district, officials said. According to available data, 9,647 such cases have been processed in the district over the past two years.

This includes 7,265 cases of mutation (inteqal), 1,597 of demarcation (takseem), 590 of partition (nishan-



dehi), and 195 cases related to the correction of revenue records.

District Revenue Officer Vipin Kumar said that to expedite hearings and

resolution in revenue cases, special partition courts are being held in the district every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Additionally, revenue

courts are organised on the last two days of each month to address pending matters. The objective of these initiatives is to accelerate land-related cases and ensure timely delivery of revenue services to the public.

Una Deputy Commissioner Jatin Lal emphasised the need for time-bound action regarding the resolution of revenue cases. In a recent meeting with revenue officials, instructions were issued to ensure the resolution of all pending cases regarding the correction of revenue records by December 15.

2 bodies found stuffed in sacks in Chandauli

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CHANDAULI

TWO unidentified bodies stuffed in sacks were found at separate locations not far from each other here on Thursday. Both bore gunshot injuries and the throat of one of the victims was found slit, police said. Both bodies were recovered in the Dhina area, triggering concern in the locality. Police suspect the victims were killed elsewhere and their bodies dumped here. Circle Officer (Sakaldiha) Krishna Murari Sharma said one body was found in a minor canal near Dehdhagaon village, close to the Zamania area of neighbouring Ghazipur district, on Thursday morning.

The second body was recovered at another location a short distance away. According to police, one victim was around 35 years old and the other 32. One of the bodies bore a



throat wound apparently caused by a sharp-edged weapon, along with a gunshot injury.

The second victim also had a gunshot injury, Sharma said. Both men appeared to be well-built and had a Mahakal symbol marked on their left hands, the officer said. The bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination, and police are making efforts to establish the identities of the deceased. Sharma said investigators were examining whether the cases were connected, and the motive behind the killings.

Only ‘green firecrackers’ permitted during Diwali

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TO ensure public safety and environmental protection during Diwali, the Una district administration has issued guidelines regarding sale, storage, and use of firecrackers. District Magistrate Jatin Lal on Thursday said only ‘green’ firecrackers may be stored, sold, or used in the district during the festival.



Moreover, it would be mandatory to obtain a license from the concerned sub-divisional magistrate (SDM) to set up a stall at

a designated location, and strictly adhere to prescribed safety standards.

The district magistrate has directed all SDMs to notify specific locations for sale of green firecrackers within respective jurisdictions. At these designated sites, compliance with relevant government notifications, standard operating procedures (SOPs), and regulations concerning noise pollution con-

trol is mandatory. Further, respective SDMs must ensure ambient air quality standards are maintained within their areas.

According to the order, no individual may store or sell green firecrackers without obtaining a license from the relevant SDM. Applications for temporary licenses can be submitted via the ‘Ease of Doing Business’ services on the e-District portal.

Har BJP incharge Irani to hold organisational meets

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SENIOR BJP leader and party’s Haryana affairs incharge Smriti Irani reached Panchkula on Thursday for her two-day visit during which she will hold a series of meetings.

The former Union minister along with party’s co-incharge of Haryana, Bhola Singh, are holding the meetings at party’s state headquarters in Panchku-



la. Haryana BJP’s chief spokesperson Sanjay Sharma said the series of meetings began Thursday morning and will continue at various levels till Friday evening. Irani will hold separate meetings with

state office-bearers, including the presidents of the party’s various Morchas. Similarly, a meeting will also be held with district presidents and district in-charges separately, he said. On Friday, the chief minister and his cabinet will be present in one of the meetings. Meetings will subsequently be held with party MLAs and other public representatives.

After their appointments recently as party’s Haryana in-

charge and co-incharge, Sharma said the visit of Smriti Irani and Bhola Singh is significant for providing fresh momentum to the party’s organisational activities in the state.

The objective of series of key meetings is also to further strengthen the party, reviewing organisational activities, enhance coordination between the government and the party, and formulate strategies for upcoming programmes.

No political family faced as much injustice as Azam : Akhilesh

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RAMPUR

SAMAJWADI Party supremo Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday met jailed senior party leader Azam Khan in the Rampur district jail and alleged that no political family had faced as much injustice as Khan’s family. Last year in November, Khan was convicted along with his son, Abdullah Azam Khan, by a Rampur court in dual/fraudulent PAN card cases related

Yadav accused the BJP government of pursuing a political vendetta against Khan and alleged that it had lodged false cases against him

to mismatched dates of birth and sentenced to seven years in prison.

Yadav, who arrived in Rampur by helicopter, was received at the Jauhar University helipad by Khan’s family members and party



him. “No political family has faced as much injustice as Azam Khan’s family,” Yadav

said. On whether he had discussed the Rampur Assembly seat with Khan, Yadav said he

had held a lengthy conversation with Khan on all 403 seats and also discussed a list of suggestions received from the party’s alliance partners regarding the elections. Replying to a question, Yadav said that Khan had not sought any Assembly seat but had offered suggestions, which had been noted. When asked whom the SP would field from the Rampur Assembly constituency, Yadav declined to disclose the name, saying, “Why should we reveal that

now?” Invoking the idea of Ram Rajya, Yadav alleged that the spirit of justice and fairness associated with it is being undermined here. “The spirit of Ram Rajya that once prevailed in a place like Rampur has been crushed. The very name of the place is Rampur, and who would know better than you how the spirit of Ram Rajya is being suppressed and destroyed here?”

“False cases do not have the strength to keep the truth imprisoned. It may take time,