Murmurs of Captain jumping ship further rock Cong boat

Sidhu resigns as state Congress chief, new minister quits in solidarity

n a day of swift-moving develop-ments, around 30 minutes before former Punjab chief minister (CM)

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Amarinder Singh was to meet Home
Minister Amit Shah, Navjor Singh Sidhu
resigned from his position as state chief of
the Congress, a job he got in July.
In his letter to Congress President Sonia
Gandhi, Sidhu, the man responsible for
having Amarinder Singh ousted, said his
actions stemmed from 'the compromise
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actions stemmed from 'the compromise corner,' suggesting Punjab CM Charanjit Singh Chamin might have been too independent-minded for Sidhu's liking.

"The collapse of a man's character stems from the compromise corner, I can never compromise on Punjab's future and the agenda for the welfare of Punjab's he wrote in the letter, adding. "Therefore, I hereby resign as the president of the Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee. Will continue to serve the Congress."

Treasurer of the state Congress Gulzar Inder Chahal quit after Sidhu's resignation. Chahal is considered a close aide of Sidhu. Hours later, Razia Sultana, a part of the new 18-member ministry led by new CM, put in her papers, expressing solidarity with the former cricketer.

Amarinder Singh tweeted: "I told you so. He is not a stable man and not fit for the border state of Punjab."

Sources in the Congress said the resignation was because Channi refused to be the pushover he was expected to be, but also because the Congress leadership got nervous that Amarinder Singh let it be known he was meeting the home minister. But after Sidhu quit, clarified that his meeting was a 'courtey' call', leaving no one in any doubt that his meeting and the later explanation was tactical.



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At the meeting with the home minister, some discussion on a U-turn by the BJP government on farm laws was to have been held, sources close to Amarinder Singh said. It is well known that it was the former CM's efforts that led to an amended ver-

sion of farm laws being passed by the Punjab Assembly that even the Akali Dal was forced to endorse. "What Captain saab was seeking was honour. The BJP understood this and would have given the credit for a compromise on farm laws to him.

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The jury is still out on whether Sidhu's resignation alone will be enough to dissuade Amarinder Singh from crossing over into the B.Pl in the future. A cost-benefit analysis done by the B.Pl indicates there is no down-side for the party if Amarinder Singh joins it: he will become the muchnered eld lat Sibh face the party needs and needed Jat Sikh face the party needs, and

Singh joins it: he will become the muchneeded Jat Sikh face the party needs, and
his acceptability as a pan-Punjab leader
will deepen the BJP's reach in the state,
ending forever its dependence upon the
Shiromani Akali Dal.

A compromise on farm laws is a small
price to pay for this. Amarinder Singh said
he would hold talks with his supporters
on further moves over the next few days.
But this much is clear: the Congress leadership has been shown up in extremely
bad light for its bumbling and transactional approach to managing Punjab politics.
Channi's recent moves make it clear he
was reluctant to let Sidhu become the éminence grise. Aruna Chaudhary, who is the
CMs relative and faces anti-incumbency
in her constituency Dinanagar, was made
a minister. Sidhu had been pitching for a
berth to the Congress's state Scheduled
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Kanhaiya Kumar joins Congress

Former JNU students' union president Kanhaiya Kumar joined the Congress on Tuesday in the presence of Rahul Gandhi, party sources said.

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Guirart Dalit leader and Independent MLA
Jignesh Mevani has also come out in support of
the party, they said.

Kumar had joined the Communist Party of
India ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha election and
ad unsuccessfully contested from Begusarai
in Bihar against Giriraj Singh of the BJP.

Mevani, who is a legislator in Gujarat and
represents the Vadgam constituency, is the convener of the Rashtriya Dalit Adhikar Manch.

Mevani's entry into the Congress comes at a
time when it is wooing the scheduled caste community after handpicking the first Dalit chief

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Bypolls to three Lok Sabha, 30 Assembly seats on Oct 30

New Delhi, 28 Septembe

Bypolls to three Lok Sabha seats and 30 assembly constituencies spread across 14 states will be held on October 30, the Election Commission

October 30, the jectofn commission announced on Tuesday. The counting of votes will take place on November 2. The seats where Lok Sabha by-elections will be held are Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Mandi in Himachal Pradesh and Khandwa in Madhya Pradesh.

Five of these seats are in Assam, four are in West Bengal, three each are in Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, two each are in Bihar, Karnataka and Kajasthan and one each is in Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Nagaland and Telangana.

Bhabanipur bypoll

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Ahead of the bypoll in Bhabanipur,
from where West Bengal Chief
Minister Mamata Banerjee is contesting, a BJP delegation met the Election
Commission on Tuesday and sought measures to ensure free and fair elec-tions as it accused the TMC of using

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The prospect of interest rate hikes by central banks of major hikes by central banks of major western economies is also worrying investors. On Monday, the Bank of England's chief said there was a growing case for hiking interest rates. The Norges Bank, of Norway, recently became the first major western central bank to raise interest traces cline at hoose of interest rates since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Concerns that the ongoing energy crisis in China could impact its economic growth further hit investor sentiment.

Goldman Sachs on Tuesday lowered its economic forecast for China. The power crisis has hit millions of homes and halt-

hit millions of homes and halt-ed production in factories, including suppliers to firms like Apple and Tesla.

The crisis is attributed to disruptions in coal supply due to the pandemic, emission tar-gets, and a drop in imports amid a dispute with Australia. Investors are also monitoring developments in Evergrande.

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"For the first time, an acquirer can now attempt a delisting by

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delist upfront at the time of making an open offer. Also, acquirers will have to disclose

two separate offer prices — one for open offer and one for delisting.

actions with shareholders holding 10 per cent or more in

noting to per cent of more in the company.

"RPTs are misused by many entities in various ways, includ-ing siphoning of funds. Hence, there was a need to tighten the framework and safeguard the

ninority shareholders." Chairman Ajay Tyagi said while addressing the media fol-lowing the board meeting.

Superior voting rights

ramework for the issuance of superior voting rights shares. However, not many companies were able to take its advantage as it was considered too restric as it was considered too restric-tive. Earlier, such shares could be issued only by individuals who were part of a promoter group with net worth of less than \$500 crore. The threshold has now been increased to

Framework for gold spot and social stock exchanges The regulator paved the way for setting up gold spot and 'social stock' exchanges in the coun-try. Gold traded on the pro-posed exchanges will be called an 'electronic gold receipt'. Sebi

RPT norms get tougher Sebi tightened the definition of what would qualify as RPTs and also extended it to trans-

In all three constituencies, the sitting Lok Sabha members had died.
The assembly bypolls will be held
in 30 seats spread across 14 states.

violence against its supporters. has said the trading, clearing, and settlement will be similar to other securities currently traded on exchanges.

offering what they believe is a commercially reasonable price without having to worry about an exorbitant price throw up by the reverse book building method," said Raghani.

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would be lived on and solve its arch rival Reliance Retail.
The matter is currently pending in the Supreme Court.
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Future were litigating, the financial metrics of Future Group have deteriorated. All Future Group pawes deteriorated. All Future Group companies have reported massive losses, a fall in sales, and a substantial rise in debt in FY21 as compared to the previous financial year. With the NCIT clearing the way for the EGM, one of the hurdles for Future-Reliance Retail has been removed. The deal, once closed, will consolidate Reliance Industries. The deal, once closed, will consolidate Reliance Industries for the temperature of the reliance of

nd of debt, both at promoter and company levels, which rose during the pandemic, resulting in the closure of sev-eral stores. According to the plan, var-ious Future group companies such as Future Retail, Future Consumers, Future Supply

consumers, Future Supply Chain Solutions, Future Lifestyle Fashion, Future Brands, and Future Market Network are to merge into Future Enterprises Ltd (FEL) first.

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