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Ceasefire on life support, fragile entity : Trump

Tehran seeks an end to blockade, asks compensation and sovereignty over Hormuz

Commissioner News Service Washington/Dubai : After the President Donald Trump rejected Tehran's response to a US peace proposal, fuelling concerns of a resumption of hostilities in the 10 week old conflict that killed thousands and halted smooth vital energy flow. Iran on Sunday, released a response on ending the war on all fronts, including Lebanon where US



ally Israel is fighting Iran - backed Hezbollah militants. The response was instantly pooh-poohed by Trump saying "I don't like it -- TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE."

After reading the peace proposal, Trump called it the piece of garbage, was sent, and the reading was not finished. In its response, Tehran too demanded compensation for wat damage s, emphasised over its sovereignty in its Strait of Hormuz and called on the US to end its naval blockade, guarantee no further attack, lift sanctions and remove a ban on Iranian oil sales.

Tehran on Monday defended " Our demand is legitimate, demanding an end to war, lifting the US blockade and piracy and releasing Iranian assets. Iran says it has deployed small submarines to act as an invisible guardian of the " Strait of Hormuz" amid a series of rejected peace deals between Tehran and the United States.

Won't bow down to global pressure - PM Modi

Reminds 1998, Pokhran II nuclear blasts

Commissioner News Service

Ahmedabad : "No power in the world can force India to bow down or surrender to pressure " , Modi reiterated his appeal for economic prudence, urged citizens to reduce dependence on imported goods, conserve fuel, and foreign exchange and turn vocal for local into a mass move-



ment. On learning experimental nuclear blasts in Pokhran on May 11,1998, the world reacted with shock.... the powerful nations across the globe turned against

India and different restrictions were imposed. Once, Sardar Patel's unwavering resolve and willpower ensured the reconstruction of SomNath, helped India erase decades of historical humiliation, said Modi. Bad luck, in India, issues linked to national pride are entangled in politics.

Reconstruction of Somnath temple is a prime example, every one knows the resistance that Sardar Patel and Dr Rajender Prasad faced from Nehru. Rebuilding of the ancient shrine symbolised India's determination to reclaim its civilisation identity after centuries of repeated invasions and destructions.

JTL industry issued with show cause notice by Punjab Pollution Control Board on illegal discharge of effluents

Commissioner News Service Dera Bassi (Gholumajra) : Requisite show cause notice by the Regional Pollution Control Authorities on violation of different pollution control acts has been issued to the JTL (Jagan Tube Limited) located at Gholumajra. On the grievances of the victim village, the Environmental Engineer of the Regional Pollution Control on 06 Feb 2026



had inspected the non operational water treatment plant and emission of polluted air pollution, was found no remedial action by the concerned industrial unit and action was initiated. The infringement on provision of

Water(Prevention and Control of pollution act 1974, Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution Act 1981,Environmental Pollution Act 1986 and Hazardous and other wastes (Management and Transboundry Movement Ruled 2016 were taken an urgent action on 03 March 2026 for futher action under the intimation of Central Pollution Control Board New Delhi.

Union Cabinet To Increase Strength Of Supreme Court Judges To 37

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : In an important development on 8th May , the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for introducing a Bill to increase the judges' strength in the Supreme Court from 33 judges(excluding the Chief Justice of India) to 38 judges.



The Bill, Supreme Court(Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, will bring these amendments to the Supreme Court Act, 1956. In 2019

Director Paramjit, API Plastic Recyclers Pb Ltd arrested in fake transactions

Commissioner News Service

Ludhiana : In the fake transactions of Rs 85.4 Cr and scam of GST worth Rs 15.56 Cr, Director Mr Paramjit Singh of API plastic recycles was arrested by the state intelligence and preventive unit. The fake billing network did never stop



and GST accumulation amount was transcending day by day, sources disclosed. The firm, however, was duping

itself considering the much application of strategy and planning. In practical realities , there never took place any loading and transportation, we're being subjected to fake entries, and was in the cognizance of the Punjab Finance department Chandigarh.

Dr Ankita Kansal assumes charge of 1st" SDM Banur

Commissioner News Service Mohali : The town Banur falling under the Mohali district, has received its first Sub Divisional Magistrate Dr Ankita Kansal . The SDM has assumed charge on Friday. The Punjab Civil Service officer of 2024 batch will continue to serve as as-



stant commissioner (general) at the District Administrative Complex DAC at SAS Nagar.

Dr Kansal said her priority to develop required infrastructure and efficient delivery of public services. The District Magistrate said creation of the Banur Sub Division would extend out reach public services at the district level in Punjab.

UT tenders to ensure PGI -PU underpass connected

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The long pending pedestrian underpass would get connected the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education (PGIMER) and Research and Punjab University ,the time it gets completed and finally set to take realistic shape after 7 years of approval. The tenders of the envisaged project at an estimated amount of Rs 8.4 Crores has been floated by the engineering department.. On May 22, bids would be open to be followed by the construction in June. In the end of this fiscal year, the project would be made operational. The underpass would provide safe crossing across the busy Madhya Marg for about 10,000 students, parents and attendants



who are accustomed to using this path, said an official. The underpass would be appx 14 metres wide and 32 metres long, making it wider than the existing Rose Garden underpass in sector 17.A variety of distinct lifts and ramps would be accessible for wheelchair users and earlier pedestrians. The innovative design would include 12 commercial booth, reduced from the originally proposed 20 , to provide basic amenities such as photostat services and generate revenue.

Unprecedented mock drill ensures preparedness for emergency of civil defence volunteers -- Administrator

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : "We may need services of civil defence volunteers any time , the maxim goes " said many a person, "The more you sweat in peace, the lesser you bleed in war " steers us to keep prepared for any eventuality ." The administrator Gulab Chand Kataria as a chief guest had reached sector 38 at Raani Laxmi Bai Mahila Bhawan to commemorate the annual martyrdom of "Operation Sindhoor" victims. An



urgent enrolment of civil defence volunteers was carried out to prepare for emergent period. The administrator asked the official machinery to give a call to already 419 enrollerd civil defence volunteers to assess our preparedness in odd

hours as it was the second line of defence for our motherland. In a day, about 340 volunteers got enrolled for service of our motherland. The administrator eulogised the readiness of disaster management squad and efficiency of civil defence team.Newly selected volunteers would be imparted requisite training in different fields of and their services would be proven assets for the administration and the needy public constituents .

OBC candidates can seek admission on priorities in UT - SC

Commissioner News Service Chandigarh : The new reservation policy will apply to undergraduate admissions in government colleges and other educational institution functioning falling under the Chandigarh Administration. The provision of introducing the clause of OBC has been incorporated in the admission prospectus and counselling process for the ensuing academic session. All colleges under Chandigarh Administration will have to



implement OBC amenity in under graduate admissions following directions from Supreme Court this early year in Jan Feb 2026. The move will begin with a 3% quota and is a part of phased implementation plan and will eventually elevate reservation to 27% over 6

years. Despite demands from social organisations and recommendations of National Commission for (NCBC) backward classes. In 2024 , the Chandigarh Administration proposed extending 27 % reservation for OBC candidates in govt jobs and educational institutions under its control. The quota, was required to be introduced in a staggered manner starting with 3 % reservation from this session.

Two another community centres to come up with ultra modern amenities in Sector 24, 29

Commissioner News Service Chandigarh : On vacant earmarked land in sector 24 at an cost, of Rs 10 Crores, a community centre would be built . The project is now moving to the stage of final technical evaluation . In sector 29 , the land facility would be made available at the cost of about Rs 8 Cr after demolishing one decade old building . After



technical evaluation, bids would be opened for finalisation of contracts,said an official.

The community centre in sector 24 would include basement parking along with ground and first floors, while sector 29 facility will have ground plus 2 floors with surface parking.. With additional facilities, library, gymnasium, both centres will be equipped with these additional amenities for social functions.

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 4. Hotel A One, 8168535996 SCO 8, Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur.
 5. Hotel Kuber 7, 9041881078, 9041881076 Near Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Opp Royal City, ZRK
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 10. Hotel Waves, 01762-510909, 9041092622 SCO 21, Kalgidhar Enclave, Zirakpur-Kalka road, Baltana Zirakpur
 11. Hotel # Tag, 7999900050 SCO17, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 12. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079 SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 13. Hotel Atlante, Properties 9578110000 SCO24, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 14. Hotel Magus, 9872791857 SCO 3, Shimla Highway, Zirakpur
 15. Hotel Shine Inn, 7341134340 SCO4,(Near Sohni Banquet Hall) Simla Highway, ZRK
 16. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769 SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK
 17. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant Shimla road, Zirakpur

CLINIC/HOSPITAL/LAB

1. AMCARE Hospital, Abhi Tej Nibber 7087113922 VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Public Clinic & Nursing Home(Lab Facility Also Available) Dr Ashwani Bansal, Mobile : 9915866644 Near N.K. Sharma Office, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
3. Santosh Hospital, 9779968778 SCF101-A, Shree Balaji Enclave,Patiala road,Zirakpur
4. Dr Dhawan's, 9876931601 Renovin Skin & Cosmetology Clinic, SCO 17, First Floor, Navjot Square, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
5. Ashirwad Hospital, 9501775448 Bhabat road, Zirakpur
6. Myoma Clinic, Dr Chatli, 9872669171 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

MEDICINES & CHEMISTS/MEDICOS

1. Mohan Medical Hall, 9063000061 Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
2. MF Chemist, 7341130032 Allopathic/Ayurvedic/Cosmetics SCO 16, Navjot Square, Near NK Sharma office, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. The Diabetes Store, (Retail & Wholesale) 16, Navjot Square, Zirakpur

PROPERTY GROUP

1. Investors Home, 9781077770 Civil Construction, Interior Designer, Shop 9, Silver City Mains, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
2. SBP Group, 9888854530 Plot no. 1265, Near Tata Motors, Sector 82, Mohali
3. Maya Garden Magnesia, 9815521552 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Om Property, 7696445500 SCO 2, Near Parmar Petrol Pump, Chd-Amb road,Zrk.

TAXI, TRANSPORTS

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2. GS Tezi Transport, 24 Hrs Mobile : 9316017250 Ranjan Plaza, Zirakpur
3. Satguru, Loading Jeep Operator Union, 9872531068, 9814722165, Ranjan Plaza, Chd-road, Zirakpur
4. Sai Tour & Travels 9888875827 A/c, Non A/c 24 Hours, Shop 1, Dev Shopping Complex, Bhabat road, Zirakpur

RESTAURANTS, ETRIES, DHABHA

1. Dine o City, Mobile 9876629396 Buffet & Restaurants, SCO 5, Opp. Royal City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Baba Ki Rasoi, 8427468720 Amritsari Kulcha, Near NK Sharma office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Guru Nanak Vaishnu Dhabha, 9779004974 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

JEWELLERS SHINE

1. Shri Kapila Jewellers, 9872207279 SCO 21, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
 2. Mahadev Jewellers, 9876826740 9, Block-B, Ground Floor, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
 3. Bagga Jewellers, 9815000662 SCO 6, Badal Colony, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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2. Ganesh Electricals, 9417621222 Shop 637, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076 Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur

CLOTH HOUSE/EMPORIUM/BOUTIQUE

1. Paridhaan, (9570000069) Designer Suit Saree, Lehngaa G-10, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Brand Tree, Fashion Wear, 7888721165 VIP road, Block-C, Zirakpur
3. Sanorita, 9878523318 (Kiran) The Fashion Town,Western Outfit, SCO 5, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500 Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground, Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Raymond, Dulha Collection, 9888388919 Men's Tailoring Shop, Shop 5, Ist Floor, VIP road, Near AMCARE Hospital, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599
7. Octave Clothing Apparel,9988886017 Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpora, Zirakpur.
8. Gupta Cloth House, 9815694155, Suits, Sarees, Lehnga, Handloom
- SCO 1, Royale Estates, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
9. Veena Fashion, 9855595548 ** Party wear Suit/Dress Material/Wedding Collection

DENTAL CARE/CLINIC/DENTURE

1. Aesthetic Dental Centre Dr Samir Anand 9872184048, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
2. Dr Hayer's, Dental Care 9914495951 SCO 2, First Floor, Royal Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. Smile Dental Clinic, 9888345500 SCO 56, Dev Shopping Complex.Pabhat road, Zirakpur

BOOKS & STATIONERS, GIFT, TOYS

1. Jindal Book Centre, 9417851069, 9463420594 **Gift Item Sports* , near Mona Green, Opp Apple Height, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Fancy Stationers, Vivek, 8283828651 SCO 42, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015

SC0 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank)VIP road,ZRK

4. Garg Stationery Zone, 7341111142 SCO 3, Block B, Royale Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur
- SANITARY, HARDWARE/PLY/TIMBER**
1. Aggarsen Building Store, 781499997 SCO 12, Near ICICI Bank, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Ganga Traders, 9034794483 Chd-Amb road, (Opp. NK Sharma) Zirakpur
3. Bansal & Sons, 9815245803 **Plywood, Hardware, Sanitary, Paints
- SCO 1 A, B Royale Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Shiv Hardware, 9417728473 Paints, Sanitary Near NK Sharma Office, Opp.Royale Estates,Zirakpur
5. Amara Trading Co., 9356948172

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2. Longia Sweets, 9814906894, 9914351215 21, near Hotel Citi Inn, Zirakpur
3. Goyal's Chandigarh Sweets, 9357258011, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Annpurna Sweets, 7508700555 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

GRAPHICS/FLEX/PRINTING/ GLOW SIGN/DOCUMENT CENTRES

1. Kothari Graphics, 9988335861 Near NK Sharma Office, SCO 13,15 Navjot Square, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Graphics Printing, 9256338644 SCO 6/697, Basement, Opp. Parmar Petrol Pump), Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. AV Traders, 9888063232 Amb-Chd road, Parmar petrol pump, Zirakpur
4. Yadav Document Centre, 9888348862 **Documents all solutions**Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. Glow Signage Chg, 9316198717 (A Complete Printing Hub) SCO 1, Modern Complex, Near Vijay Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

GROCERY, KARYANA STORE

1. Tushan Gupta, Mobile 8437061864 Ganpati Karyana Store, Shop 4, VIP road, Zirakpur

2. Aggarwal Provision Store, Mobile 8195998148, Shop 41, Lower Ground, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur

3. PTC Retail, Shop No. 44, Block-B, High Street Market, VIP road, Zirakpur

COMMUNICATION, LAPTOP, MOBILE, COMPUTERS

1. Tricity Computers Service, Link Patiala Road Sigma City, Opp Defence Enclve Lohgarh (Zirakpur) Balwinder Singh Mobile 7814422624
2. The Mobile Gallery, 9888301099 Near Lottery Bazar, SCO 06, PKL-road, Zirakpur New Mobiles, Accessories and Mobile Repair etc.
3. Phone Zone, Mobile : 9464856771 VIP road, near KFC, Zirakpur
4. Sachhi Trading, Mobile 9914669100 Shop 10, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Dell Store, Gulam Heddar 9878614133, 9914007121 Computer, Laptop, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

BAKERS/OVEN/DAIRY

1. Pulkit Dairy, Mobile 9872715495 Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer, Shop No.3, Opp. Apple Height VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Khan Dairy, Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer, VIP road, Kaseri Plaza, Zirakpur (Mr Sonu) 8872413205, 9779908814
3. Blu Heaven (Cake Shop), Mobile 8146030300 VIP road, SCO 11, (VIP Shopping Centre) Zirakpur
4. Gurpal Bakers, 8728885252 Baker & Confectioners, 37, Block-B, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. National Baker's Bake Shop, 9646688997 Patiala road, Near PNB Bank, Zirakpur

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2. Chandigarh Wallpapers HUB Mobile, 9729687777 Saurav Sikri, Opp. Domino's Pizza VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215 SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099 SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180 Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur,
6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005 Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO, 5, Hollywood Plaza, Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250 (Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur

DISPOSABLE & PLASTIC ITEMS

1. Sri Balaji Enterprises, Mobile 8708478658, 8968215182 Shop 36 Opp. Square Hospital, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
2. Bhagwati Plastics, Manoj Goyal, 9315538654
43. Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.

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1. B.L. & Sons Opticals 9888549073 EYE CARE CLINIC (Computerised Eye Testing) Gali no. 2, Chd-Amb, Zirakpur
2. Care Vision Opticals 8284908330, 9988920377 SCF, Block-C, HighStreet Mkt, Zirakpur.
3. Sun Glasses, Square-Mobile 9728310732, SCO 39, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Kalra Opticians, 9872399095 Showroom no.5, High Street, C-Block,VIP road, Zrk.

KITCHEN WARES & SPARKS

1. Kitchen Concepts (Devanshu Goel) 7696617533, 8196857770 SCO 1, Ground Floor, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Ten 11 Kitchen, Vikash Tomar, 7657999655, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

READYMADE/BOUTIQUE/APPARELS

1. Odhani, 9888889021, RNT Enterprises, (For Lady Purses, Luggage) 614, Hollywood Plaza, near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Odhani, 9888888299, Shivam All Clothings from Indian to Western, Amb-chd road, Shingpura chowk, Zirakpur
3. The Junior's, Complete Kids Store, Mobile 9888777705 396, Ist floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044, Suits Sarees Lehngas, SCO 5, Singhpora Chowk, Zirakpur
5. Elegant Laloni Collection, 9417303402 (A complete range of lady wear) SCO 16, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543 Shop No. 3, Ist Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishaal) 8283836387, 8146118674 Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur
9. Spendid Lifestyle, The Steps, 9814201600 Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
10. She-16, All Female Wear, Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475 SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli

FURNITURE/PLY/DOORS

1. Elite Furniture 9219200009, 8427069000 (Kurl on) Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408 Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715 Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473 (Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444 Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS, FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC

1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (For Shoes, Bags), SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur
2. Me n Moms , Cuddles n Snuggles, Mobile 9876016099 Raksha Business Centre, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

TYRES/WHEELS/BLANCERS

1. Auto Care, 8196098829, Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

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2. The Bullet Café, 9872000106 SCO 3, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

TAILORING/DESIGNING EXPERTS

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3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044 Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR

1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218 Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK

1. Insurance 8872135535 Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim
2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571 SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur
3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985 Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur

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2. Ekam General Store, 9941934567 **Wide range of Cosmetics, Jewellers, Embroideries, Purse etc.** Shop no. 112, Old MC Office road, ZRK
3. Saini General Store, 9814798003, 9814003377 **Varieties of Under Garments and School Uniforms etc** Chd-Amb road, Main Bazar, Zirakpur

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Brick Kiln Quality

1. Khanduja Brothers (KKK), 9814400801 Patiala road, Chhatbir.
2. Om Bricks, 9877672881 Patiala road, Azizpur.
3. Gulati Bricks, 9671600219 Sundra road, Mubarakpur

EDITORIAL

Bengal gets awoken from long turmoil

"Hey nuton dekhea dik ar baar, Jonmero p r o t h o m o shobhakshon", these words were written an invocation by Rabindranath Tagore traditionally sung on his birth anniversary, honouring him and the joy of a renewal, an awakening that a birthday signifies. Tagore understood that this land does not simply change. It is continually reborn. On May 4, BJP secured a historic victory in Bengal assembly elections. Yet, for BJP and PM Modi, this election was never merely a political contest. It was an opportunity to restore the lost glory of this great land, a civilisational calling that transcends electoral considerations. It's worth pausing, setting aside the noise of political argument to ask a deeper question: What is Bengal, truly? And what does it mean to restore her? To understand Bengal's present, one must first descend into her past - not the past of decades, but of centuries. In the 15th century, on the banks of the Ganga in Nabadwip, a young man named Nimai -whom the world would come to know as Chaitanya Mahaprabhu - began to sing. His kirtan was not merely music. It was a social reform movement dressed in devotion. He embraced the untouchable, danced with the scholar, and declared that the name of the divine was available to all without the burden of any ascriptive identities. The Vaishnavism he ignited became the spiritual architecture of Bengal and Bharat's soul: joyous and inclusive. Two centuries later, that

same spirit found its worldly complement in the Baul tradition - wandering mystics who wore no caste, carried no scripture, and sang of "moner manush", the man of the heart. Among them, none shone brighter than Lalon Fakir, a man whom no religion could claim and every tradition embraced. A Hindu or a Muslim? No one could tell, and need not have bothered. This syncretic genius was Bengali, an identity that can only be lived. Perhaps among all the extraordinary minds and great souls that Bengal has given birth to, Swami Vivekananda stands as the most radiant, enlightened, and electrifying mind. Swami Vivekananda, in his historic speech at the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions, introduced to the world the greatness of Hinduism, and called for religious tolerance and an end to fanaticism. But when he returned home, he told his own people something harder to hear - that spirituality without strength is sentimentality, that a hungry man cannot be taught philosophy, that the goddess must be worshipped not only in the temple but in the woman, in the poor, in the nation itself. This is what Bengal is. This is what she has always been. And this is how PM Modi sees Bengal. Not looking back to become something she was; certainly not becoming any other alien land, but looking forward to reawakening Bengal from its civilisational slumber, and achieving her fullest potential. For too long, some sections of Bengal's intellectual and political class treated their own civilisational

inheritance as an embarrassment - something to be transcended, explained away, or replaced with colonial ideologies. The result was decades of arrested development, institutional decay, and the silencing of those who dared to speak of dharma, of culture that did not contradict but completed Bengal's pluralist soul. Bengal's election result shouldn't be seen merely as an electoral verdict. It represents a public mandate against those who distanced Bengal from its very roots and values. For PM Modi, this election was never a battle for power. It was a sacred endeavour - a 'yajna' to restore the lost glory. PM Modi's deep affinity with Belur Math, his reverence for Swami Vivekananda, his framing of good governance as seva - service as a form of worship - these are not political statements. They provide Bengal with the impetus to recover her past glory and move ahead into a glorious and secure future. They are an example of a 'Pradhan Sevak performing his 'Pradhan Dharma'. To restore Bengal is to build world-class infra alongside the ghats where Chaitanya Mahaprabhu sang. It is to fund the school that Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar dreamt of. It is to build universities of eminence in the land which led India in education for centuries. It is to provide dignity to all tribal brothers and sisters of Bengal. It is to respond to the aspirations of the people of hilly areas, who have long suffered stepmotherly treatment at the hands of governing parties of Bengal.

UT to hand over land for Baltana RUB to Railways by May 15

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CHANDIGARH : A large number of residents of Raipur Kalan village, Mauli Jagran and Vikas Nagar in Chandigarh, Baltana, Zirakpur and Dhakoli in Mohali district and Panchkula use this level crossing. The underbridge will give them respite from long traffic jams at the level crossing during rush hour in the morning and evening. Thousands of vehicles cross the level crossing every day, Rana added. The long-awaited above stated road under-bridge (RUB) at Baltana has inched closer to reality, as the UT Administration has completed the land acquisition process for the project. According to officials, the compensation would be awarded to the affected farmers after getting approval from the competent authorities next week. After



providing relief to the farmers, the Administration will take possession of the land and hand it over to the Railways for the construction of the RUB. The Northern Railway had invited e-bids for the construction of the RUB through a "normal pushing" technique while train operations continue on the tracks. The financial bids for the allotment of work for the project could not be opened on the scheduled date (February 13), as the UT Administration had failed to deposit its 50% share amounting to Rs 6.4

crore with the Railway authorities. To address the long-pending demand of residents of Baltana and Makhan Majra for elimination of the level crossing, the UT Administration recently deposited Rs 6.4 crore with the Railways. Officials stated that the financial bids would be opened soon and the work on the project was likely to start by the end of May. After the allotment of the work, the project has to be completed within 12 months. "With the involvement of Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria, the file of the project, which had been stuck for years, moved rapidly. The Governor gave priority to the project and not only sanctioned the funds, but got them released too," said Pratap Singh Rana, chairman of Joint Action Committee for Baltana Residents.

328 more electric buses to be inducted under Central scheme from October

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CHANDIGARH : Sanctioned under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme from October this year. The UT Administration would most probably start getting 328 electric buses in transition to environmental-friendly transportation. A total of 428 electric buses for the city had been sanctioned under the scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Out of these, 100 buses were sanctioned to replace the 100 diesel buses following their condemnation post completion of their operational lifespan of 15 years from Depot IV of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU). Out of the 100 sanctioned electric buses for Depot-IV, 60 electric buses have already been inducted and are operational, while the remaining 40 buses are scheduled to be added by June, said officials. The CTU is at present operating a fleet of 140 electric buses on Tricity routes.



The delivery of 328 additional electric buses sanctioned under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme is expected to commence in October this year, as the ministry has floated e-tender for procurement of the buses. Officials stated the UT Administration planned to replace all diesel buses with electric buses by the end of 2027-28 to promote eco-friendly, sustainable and green public transport in the city. For the first lot of 100 electric buses, the UT Administration has signed an agreement at the lowest amount of Rs 61.80 per km with the operator. Under the hiring model procurement, maintenance and operation will be looked after by the operator, while the revenue will be collected by the department.

Chd calls for Rs 10,000 penalty for urinating, defecating in open

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CHANDIGARH : The Municipal Corporation (MC) has amended the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Bylaws, 2018, in compliance with the Swachh Survekshan-2025 guidelines issued by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. Urinating or defecating in the open will now attract a fine of Rs 10,000. Mr Amit Kumar, MC Commissioner exhorted people to use public/community toilets in order to keep Chandigarh clean and



maintain its "City Beautiful" status. To ensure the highest standards of public health and sanitation, open defecation and open urination were now categorised as offences under "Littering" (Clause 4(49)) and the offender was liable to pay a fine of Rs 10,000, said an MC official.

April GST mop-up in Chandigarh, rises 65% at Rs 289 crore

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CHANDIGARH : In accordance with the data released by the Ministry of Finance, the post-settlement collection for April stood at Rs 289 crore, which is Rs 114 crore more than Rs 175 crore mopped up in the same month last year. The UT Administration recorded an increase of 65% in the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in April against the gross levy collected during the month in 2025. The town witnessed a decline of 8% in the tax collection in March in comparison to the levy collected during the corresponding period in 2025. The post-settlement collection for March stood at Rs 205 crore, which was Rs 18 crore less than Rs 223 crore received in the same month in 2025. This decline was a cause for concern for the Administration, as revenue



collections usually pick up at the end of the financial year. Experts stated that there could be several reasons behind this decline in GST collections, including lack of business activities, poor demand in the market and a slowdown in some sectors. After witnessing a drop in tax collection, the Administration took various steps to increase revenue, including cracking down on tax evaders, strengthening digital monitoring and raising awareness among traders. The city had witnessed a growth of 7% in the tax collection in February. The GST collection for February stood at Rs 210 crore, which was Rs 15 crore more than Rs 195 crore collected during the month a year before.

Free NCERT books for IX to XII govt school students by Chd Administration

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CHANDIGARH : The Chandigarh administration is spending nearly Rs 5 crore from the state budget for the academic session 2026-27 to meet the expenses on free NCERT books. The Administration on Monday launched the distribution of free NCERT textbooks to students of Classes IX to XII enrolled in 111 government schools. This benefit was earlier available only up to Class VIII. A total of 46,112 students — 23,694 at the secondary level and 22,418 at the senior secondary level — will receive all textbooks they need at no cost. The first consignment of textbooks for Classes X and XII had been received from the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and distribution commenced on Monday. Around 7,000 textbooks were handed over to students on the first day. The remaining books are expected to arrive through the week. The distribution process will be completed by the weekend, said Nitish Singla, the Director,



School Education. The initiative has been taken on the directions of Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria, who approved the budget for it with the aim of equipping students with every possible support to compete with their counterparts in private schools. "No child should be left without books simply because of the family's financial condition. This is not just about textbooks — it is about telling the students of government schools that we stand behind them and that their dreams matter. The Administration will not let economic hardship come in the way of their education," Kataria, Education Secretary Prerna Puri said the department was committed to translating the Governor's vision into ground-level reality.

Automated testing station to replace manual checking of commercial vehicles in Chandigarh

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CHANDIGARH : An automated testing station (ATS) is coming up at Raipur Kalan and the work is in an advanced stage. Manual testing of commercial vehicles will soon be a thing of the past. Machines are being installed and the station is likely to be made operational by August. Commercial vehicle fitness tests will be conducted with the use of sensor-based



systems to ensure transparent, accurate and standardised testing. Nearly 30,000 commercial vehicles have been registered in the city. After eight years, the mandatory fitness certificate is required every year for the renewal of vehicle registration certificate.

At present, vehicles are manually inspected at Manimajra. To enhance road safety and reduce pollution, various parameters such as brake efficiency, suspension, steering alignment and emission levels will be evaluated at the testing station. The officials stated that the automated station would help check corruption, human error and manual manipulation.

Auction of properties from 15 May, may get deferred in Chandigarh

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CHANDIGARH : The first phase of auction, covering April to June, which was scheduled to commence on May 15, is likely to get delayed. The auction of residential, commercial and industrial properties is likely to get delayed with the UT Administration deciding to first clear all sites of trees and overhead electricity cables. The decision was taken after facing a similar situation during an auction held last year. Of the total 14 residential sites put up for auction, three one-kanal sites had fully grown trees, which can delay the possession of these sites to allottees. According to officials, directions have been issued to the Municipal Corporation, Engineering Department and the Forest



Department to clear the sites of trees and overhead electricity cables, if any, before the auction process starts. The officials said the encumbrance-free possession of the site would be ensured immediately after the completion of the auction process. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, the UT Estate Office has prepared a year-long calendar for the auction of residential, commercial and industrial properties across the city. The officials said after getting approval from the competent authorities, a detailed phase-wise

schedule would be released, enabling prospective buyers to plan participation in e-auctions well in advance. The move is aimed at streamlining the auction process and eliminating the need for repeated notifications. According to the plan, auctions will be conducted in four phases during the 2026-27 fiscal, with each phase scheduled every three months. In total, around 40 residential plots, 40 commercial sites (including booths and SCOs), and 40 industrial plots will be auctioned during the year. The residential plots earmarked for auction are located in prime sectors and range in size from 4 marlas to over 2 kanals. The calendar includes multiple residential sites in Sectors 15, 20, 21, 23, 27, 28, 30, 37, 40, 44 and others, spread across all four phases.

IRS officer, wife booked against Rs 4.6-crore illegitimate assets

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CHANDIGARH : A regular case has been registered at Mumbai against Amit Kumar Singhal (2007-batch IRS), the then additional director general, Directorate General of Tax Services, Central Board of Indirect Customs (CBIC), New Delhi, and his wife Anupama Singla, the then commissioner of income tax, Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), New Delhi, on a complaint filed by Inspector Manesh Kumar of CBI Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), Chandigarh, and has been entrusted for investigation to Sudhir Dhanda, DSP, CBI ACB, Mumbai. Nearly a year after the senior Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer at the centre of a so-called La Pino'z Pizza franchise dispute was arrested in a Rs 25-lakh bribery trap, the CBI has now booked him and his wife, herself a senior tax official, for accumulating assets disproportionate to their known sources of income to the tune of Rs 4,57,39,557, a staggering



139.15 per cent in excess of their legitimate earnings. The fresh disproportionate assets case has been registered under Section 13(2) read with Section 13(1)(e), Section 12, and Section 109 of the IPC against the couple. The corresponding provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, as amended in 2018, have also been invoked. The main offence in the FIR, "Public servant intentionally enriching himself illicitly during the period of his office and the other accused abetted the said offence." The period of the offence ranges from April 1, 2018 to May 31, 2025, covering the better part of

seven years, with the places of occurrence listed as Maharashtra and New Delhi. While Singhal has been booked as the principal accused for illicit self-enrichment during his period of office, his wife Singla has been booked for abetting the offence. The fresh disproportionate assets case flows from a bribery arrest that made headlines last June, when Chandigarh CBI ACB nabbed Singhal and his close associate Harsh Kotak, from Delhi and Mohali, separately, in a meticulously laid trap. The bribery allegation traced back to a business relationship turned bitter. Sanam Kapoor, a Zirakpur-based businessman and partner-director of M/Copenhagen Hospitality Pvt Ltd, the company that owns La Pino'z Pizza, a chain with around 750 outlets across India, had in 2019 entered into a master franchise arrangement with Singhal, who was then posted as Joint Commissioner, Customs Department, Mumbai.

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Modi to attend Nordic-Indian Summit in Norway from May 18-19

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Oslo (Norway) : "Norway stands together with India in promoting international cooperation and a rules-based world order" said Norway's Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will pay an official visit to Norway from May 18-19. A Nordic-Indian Summit will be held during the visit, as per an official statement by the Norwegian Government. "India is the world's largest democracy and the world's most populous country. India plays a central role on climate, technology, trade and international security. This visit underlines the importance of cooperation with India, Norway and the Nordic countries in these times of global instability. We stand together in promoting international cooperation and a rules-based world order," the statement quoted Store as



saying. This will be the first visit to Norway by an Indian Prime Minister since 1983. H.E. Prime Minister Modi will meet Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store, and together they will meet Indian and Norwegian business representatives at the Norway-India Business and Research Summit. His Majesty the King will receive Prime Minister Modi in audience. "India, Norway and the EFTA countries agreed on a free trade agreement in 2024, which entered into force last year. This was an important breakthrough for

our cooperation and creates significant opportunities for both Norwegian and Indian business and industry. Trade between Norway and India has more than doubled over the past ten years, and we expect increased trade, investment and economic cooperation in the years ahead," the statement quoted Store as saying. Prime Minister Modi and Store will also participate in the third Nordic-Indian Summit. These summits bring together India and the Nordic countries Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Sweden and Norway. "The summit is important for strengthening cooperation on green transition, digitalisation, innovation and trade. It provides closer political dialogue and opportunities for increased economic cooperation between the regions," said Store.

Round the clock drinking water scheme for Shimla by June 2026: Deputy CM

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SHIMLA : "Shimla will receive round-the-clock drinking water supply by June 2026 with the completion of the ambitious Shakroli drinking water scheme", said Mukesh Agnihotri, Himachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister. "The project, under which water from the Sutlej river will be lifted to Shimla, will resolve the city's drinking water problem for the next 50 years", said Mr Agnihotri while presiding over the district-level Himachal Day celebrations at The Ridge. "About Rs 600 crore is being spent on this project, which is almost complete, and drinking water supply under this scheme has already started," he said, adding that the town will receive around 67 million litres per day (MLD) of water. The Deputy CM said that Rs 325.90 crore has been approved for the state's largest drinking water scheme for drought-affected areas of Matiana and Theog. "Out of



this, Rs 277.86 crore has already been spent. The work on the scheme from Kurpan Khad is progressing rapidly and will be completed soon," he said. Highlighting the significance of the day, Agnihotri said April 15, 1948, marked the formation of Himachal Pradesh, just months after Independence. "The leaders of the Prajamandal movement and the people of Himachal played a crucial role in establishing Himachal as a separate state. We pay tribute to all the great personalities who made invaluable contributions," he said.

He also took a dig at the previous BJP-led government, blaming it for the state's financial challenges due to "poor economic policies." Agnihotri said the government is prioritising healthcare and is spending Rs 3,000 crore to replace outdated machinery and equipment. "Our efforts to improve the education sector have paid off, and we have achieved the milestone of becoming a fully literate state," he added. Expressing concern over the rising drug menace, he said the government has launched a statewide 'anti-chitta campaign' and is confident of curbing the problem. He added that the "Khelo India - Chitta-Free Campaign" will soon be launched to encourage youth to adopt a healthy lifestyle through sports. The Deputy CM also urged people to elect capable and qualified candidates in the upcoming Panchayati Raj elections to ensure the state's continued progress.

Adopt austerity measures, appeals PM Modi to Indians not to buy gold for a year

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NEW DELHI : Addressing a BJP rally in Hyderabad, PM Modi has urged citizens to adopt austerity measures ranging from lowering edible oil use and avoiding gold purchases to cutting back on petrol-diesel consumption and delaying international trips, as the government struggles with the economic consequences of the current global energy crisis and rising petroleum prices. PM Modi has urged Indians to avoid purchasing gold for a minimum of a year, stating that amid a global crisis, gold purchases would further strain country's foreign exchange reserves. "Gold purchases are another area where foreign exchange is used extensively. In the national interest, we must resolve not to purchase gold for a year," said PM Modi. India imports nearly all of its gold and it spent over USD 72 billion on gold alone last year, or about USD 6 billion a month. Gold's dual function as a consumer import and a reserve asset



complicates the situation. As of March 2026, the Reserve Bank of India had amassed 880 tonnes of gold, having added 168 tonnes from London during the previous year. Gold now makes up 16 per cent of India's total foreign exchange reserves, up from 10 per cent the previous year. Moreover, the purchases usually increase dramatically during holidays and weddings. The increased demand causes a dollar outflow and expands the country's import bill, as the gold is mostly imported. Meanwhile, the global gold prices have been volatile due to the ongoing US-Iran confrontation, with bullion markets responding significantly with each escalation and setback in the ceasefire in West Asia.

Pilgrims advised to check registration process as Amarnath Yatra 2026 slated to begin from July 3

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NEW DELHI : Tourists between the ages of 13 and 70 can undertake the yatra and registrations will begin from April 15, the LG told reporters at the Lok Bhavan here. The annual pilgrimage to the holy cave shrine of Amarnath in south Kashmir will commence on July 3 and conclude after 57 days on August 28, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said. The dates for the yatra were decided at a meeting of the Shri Amarnath Ji Shrine Board (SASB) under the chairmanship of Sinha. "The Amarnath Yatra will commence on July 3 and conclude on August 28. Overall, this year's pilgrimage will be slightly longer, lasting about 57 days," the LG said. Registration for the pilgrimage has been made mandatory and will begin from April 15. The minimum age for pilgrims has been fixed at 13 years and the maximum at 70 years, he said. "Advance registration can be carried out through about 556



designated bank branches across the country, while online registration will also be available through the official website of the Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board," Sinha said. Yes Bank, ICICI Bank, Punjab National Bank, State Bank of India and Axis Bank will facilitate registrations through their branches, he said. The LG said the first puja will be performed on June 19, on the occasion of Jyeshtha Purnima. The pilgrimage will commence from the twin tracks—the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the 14-km shorter but steeper Baltal route in Ganderbal district.

Substandard milk products thrive, suo motu cognizance taken : PHRC

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LUDHIANA : "Over 200 milk product samples fail quality tests in 2 years, locals demand strict action," highlighted as many as 211 samples of milk and milk products collected over the past two years had failed quality tests and were declared substandard, the Punjab Public Service Commission has initiated its action on a news report published in under the headline. Taking serious note of reports regarding the sale of substandard milk products in Ludhiana district, the Punjab State and Chandigarh (UT) Human Rights Commission has initiated suo motu proceedings and sought detailed reports from the Punjab Food Safety and Health authorities. The matter was taken up suo motu by the Commission in view of allegations concerning poor-quality milk products allegedly being sold in markets across Ludhiana district. Observing that the issue directly concerns public



health and food safety, the Commission sought accountability from the concerned departments. As per the order passed by Commission Members Gurbir Singh and Jitender Singh Shunty, notices have been issued to the Commissioner, Food Safety, Punjab, and the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, for compliance through e-mail as well as by post. The Commission has fixed July 7 as the next date of hearing in the matter. The issue of adulterated and substandard milk products has remained a major concern in Ludhiana and surrounding areas, particularly during festive seasons when the demand for dairy products rises sharply. Consumer rights activists and residents have repeatedly demanded stricter enforcement, regular inspections and exemplary action against those involved in the sale of adulterated food items. The Commission's intervention is being seen as a significant step towards ensuring food safety standards and safeguarding public health rights.

\$54 billion mark to be achieved by India, Korea trade by 2030: Goyal

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NEW DELHI : Addressing the India-Korea Business Forum in New Delhi, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said India and the Republic of Korea have been tasked by their leadership to double bilateral trade from the current USD 27 billion to USD 54 billion by 2030, requiring an annual growth rate of nearly 18 per cent. Mr Goyal on Monday highlighted the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the India-Korea Industrial Cooperation Committee as a landmark step towards strengthening bilateral economic engagement. He added that this target does not fully capture the true potential of the partnership and called for efforts to unlock the next phase of economic cooperation. President of the Republic of



Korea (ROK), H.E. Lee Jae Myung, who was also attending the India-Korea Business Forum, said India stands as a key pillar of the global economy. He noted that there is significant scope to further expand business and trade, adding that bilateral trade has considerable room for growth and, with sustained efforts, is expected to double alongside ongoing negotiations on the Comprehensive Economic Partnership agreement. He emphasised the need to prepare high-tech industries for the future through collaboration and by

leveraging India's strengths in artificial intelligence. He also said cooperation in the shipping sector will be strengthened. Meanwhile, Goyal emphasised that sectors such as semiconductors, electronics, advanced manufacturing, e-mobility, green energy, shipbuilding and digital trade offer strong complementarities between the two economies. He noted that India and Korea can collaborate through co-production, co-design, co-creation, co-innovation and jointly serve global markets with high-quality and competitively priced products. Highlighting India's economic trajectory, Goyal said the country, currently a USD 4 trillion economy, is on a roadmap to reach USD 30 trillion by 2047, when it celebrates 100 years of independence.

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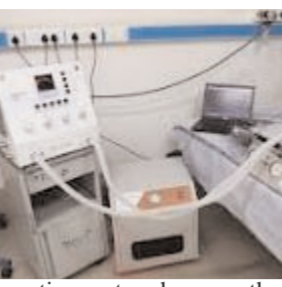
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Ambala: A ban on flying drones within 5 km radius of Indian Air Force base would remain prohibited due to the restrictions being imposed, has been announced by the Deputy Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomar. During a meeting held amongst the Airmen and the Deputy Commissioner ,



the narrative was circulated for the awareness of the common man. In order to safe guard the sensitive installations, necessary precautionary measures in the national interest has been taken. Mr Tomar had

Authorities fail to get ventilators timely repaired

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Chandigarh : Several PM CARES ventilators are working functional and satisfactorily, yet authorities should have been mor proactive in pursuing the timely maintenance and repair, however, varied assessments are being monitored. " Ventilators supplied under the PM CARES fund were found to be non functional soon after the delivery, " said Director Principal Professor Ravneet Kaur . Dr Kaur added they have been stuck in a cycle of extensive repairs and repeated follow ups with manufacturing companies to make the machines operational. " At the same time, efforts are underway to procure new, ventilators The severe shortage of life - saving equipment , however,



continue to harass the patients in trouble. All suggestions would be explored , as pooling of ventilators, buying more and upgrading infrastructure, whatever needed, will be done, commented HRajesh Prasad, Chief Secretary, UT. "Apart from the severe crunch, the hospital also has been grappling with the paucity of manpower of additional senior and junior resident doctors as well technical staff, to manage the escalating patient load "said the Professor Ravneet Kaur.

India to host 18th" BRICS summit in Sept 2026 at New Delhi

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New Delhi : The motto of the BRICS would remain as "Building for resilience, innovation, cooperation and sustainability . The summit would witness evolving new digital financial system. In order to bypass the Western - dominated SWIFT network and lessen dependence on the US dollar, the BRICS might implement the new digital system, as Blockchain - The central initiative would be blockchain - based platform designed for



direct transaction envisahing to traditional Western correspondent banking system. Central Bank Digital System -Apart from single shared currency, the system would focus on linking the CBDCs if member nations

-- such as India' s e - rupee, China' s -yuan, and Russia's e- ruble. Independent messaging : The system would aim to function. As a decentralised cross border messaging system, capable of processing upto 20,000 messages per second, acting as a direct alternative to SWIFT. Local currency settlement : This system would aim to allow BRICS nations to settle trade in their local currencies, reducing dependence on US dollar.

Digitisation of land to enhance accessibility, to complete by end of May

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Chandigarh : Digitisation enhances accessibility, enables instant retrieval of property files through the internal Property Management System, supports online services, protects historical records from physical deterioration or accidental loss, reduces processing time for RTI requests and helps reclaim physical space occupied by bulky files, a UT official said.



The revenue department maintains the Record of Rights for properties located in villages of UT

Chandigarh excluding Lal Dora areas. The ROR comprises mutations, jamabandis and related registers. With over 1.2 lakh pages of the Record of Rights (ROR) , the department is set to go online that have already been scanned. In the estate office around 18.5 lakh documents have been digitised out of a total target of nearly 20 lakh, while scanning work in the sub - registrar ' office has been completed.

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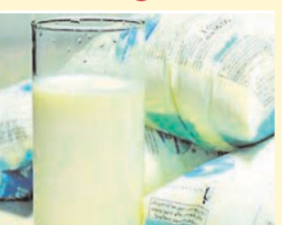
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Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority

We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law.The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values,which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk.The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market.



Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney. The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities. Our nation has been notoriously becoming famous, leaving concentration away from genuine natural milk. Now fait accompli, we are tolerating assortment by of chemicals, urea, by compulsion as the occupation of genuine dairy farming has been going in very lackadaisical race even government controlled units are losing curiosity in natural milk. What a catastrophic approach, but against whom? remains puzzling.

French President invites PM Modi on 52nd summit to be held on 15th June for 2 days

Commissione News Service
Paris : President Emmanuel Macron has invited Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the planned G7 summit in France. The summit scheduled for 2 days from 15 to 17 June would mark phenomenal moment in bilatetal ties. It would focus on critical global issues including Middle East crisis, the security of the ' Strait of Hormuz' and global economic



stability. The summit would highlight the strengthening of relationship between India and France, which would also address global security

and economic challenges. The invitation would follow a special strategic partnership aimed at strengthening ties with stress on global peace and overall development. A special segmnt would emphasise to promote innovation and amass integration amongst youth from France, India, Europe and H7 nations.

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US trade court deals fresh blow to **unjustified Trump's 10% tariffs**

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Washington : A fresh tariff setback for US, the US Court of International Trade ruled that the Trump administration's 10% "universal" tariff levied on imports from India and countries around the world is illegal. The ruling injects fresh uncertainty for companies around the world and follows closely after the US Supreme Court struck down Trump's efforts to impose global reciprocal tariffs through the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) this February. Immediately after the Supreme Court's ruling in February, the Trump administration invoked economic powers under Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974 to levy a 10%



"universal" tariff on all global imports. The legal statute grants the US President to levy tariffs in order to remedy "large and serious United States balance-of-payments deficits." In its ruling today, the New York-based Court of International Trade found by a 2-1 decision that the Trump administration had not. "This case turns on the meaning of Section 122 and whether the President

asserted the existence of the conditions required by the statute in order to lawfully proclaim the import surcharges. As discussed further below, the President's Proclamation fails to assert that those required conditions have been satisfied," the court judgement reads. Former US trade negotiators believe that the ruling, while a setback for President Trump, will not deter his administration from implementing global tariffs through other means. Washington has already set in motion plans to levy fresh global tariffs through Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, which allows the use of levies on countries that employ unfair trading practices against the United States.

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Coimbatore : "Tamil Nadu's debt remains within the permissible limits", the claims made after the oath ceremony by the new chief minister C Joseph Vijay were all false..MK Stalin pushed back his advances. He said the state's finances were already set out in the budget as Vijay promised a white paper and transparent governance. Former Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin, on Sunday, said that the Tamil Nadu's debt remains within "permissible limits," countering claims made earlier in the day by new Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay. Vijay had alleged that the previous government had left the state with a debt of Rs 10 lakh crore and an economic 'burden.' Responding in a post on X, Stalin said, "The debt level of Tamil Nadu is within the permitted limits," and cautioned against claims that the government has no funds. He added that the state's financial position had already been clearly outlined in the February



budget, questioning whether the current leadership was unaware of it while making electoral promises. "Don't start saying right away that the government has no money. It does have it. What's needed is the will to give it to the people, and the ability to govern," he said. Stalin further remarked that Vijay, who has recently taken charge, would gradually understand the complexities of governance and the challenges of fulfilling poll promises. "I believe that, just like us, you too will surely learn soon the nuances of how to fulfil the promises made to the people. Along with the people who voted for you, I too expect the same," read his tweet.

Both KC Venugopal, VD Satheesan intriguing **Rahul Gandhi**

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Trivandrum : The main congress party is still going on with deep consultations with the chief ministerial candidates in Kerala. While KC Venugopal is reportedly the choice of the MLAs, VD Satheesan appears to be the choice of the public. Congress workers in Kerala have been taking to the streets to hold rallies in support of Satheesan. The reason being the silent tug of war within the Congress, with four aspirants in the run-



ning for the top job. Leading the list is party general secretary KC Venugopal, followed by VD Satheesan and senior Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala. The state Congress chief K Sudhakaran, also considers himself a contender.

Ultimate suggestion which was set off by two senior leaders - Ajay Maken and Mukul Wasnik - sent to the state to serve as observers. But there is considerable push-back from the second-in-line VD Satheesan, who was the Congress workers in Kerala have been taking to the streets to hold rallies in support of Satheesan - a move that has displeased the central leaders, who instructed Satheesan to call off such demonstrations.

Snatching from China, **Shanghai gives Gold World Cup in Archery to India**

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Kolkata : The trio of Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Kumkum Mohd conjured up a top of the podium finish beating hosts China in the final of Archery World Cup in Shanghai on Sunday. India thus finished their campaign with two medals after compound archer Sahil Yadav opened the country account by winning a



bronze. Deepika led from the front shooting last in the order. It calmed the nerves of her less experienced teammates. "When one of us missed, the others cov-

ered for her. That understanding helped us, said Ankita. She also revelled, how the team consciously maintained communication during competitions to avoid pressure building inter nally. It has been really India's spectacular strength in Shanghai, three archers shooting not as individuals but as one unit.

Agence Francaise de **Development to discuss propose pan city project**

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Chandigarh : Since the MC general house has already decided against pursuing 24x7 water supply project. Flagging lack of progress for nearly 4 years, French development agency Agence Francaise de Development (AFD) wrote to the department of economic affairs (DEA), Union



Ministry of Finance for holding discussion of the proposed pan -city 24x7 water supply project in Chandigarh. The discussion and progressive move would trigger cancellation of the loan

agreement and entail a cancellation fee of about Rs 4.58 Cr calculated as 2.5 % of the cancelled amount. AFD intimated Department of Economic Affairs that the cancellation would be triggered under relevant clauses of the Credit Facility Agreement(CFA), leading to termination of the loan agreement.

US intercepts Iran **unprovoked attack**

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Tehran : Three injured in Iranian attack on UAE; missiles and drones intercepted, says ministry.



The United States on Thursday struck Iranian military targets after Tehran's forces attacked three American destroyers that were transiting the Strait of Hormuz, the US military said. Iran's central military command accused the United States of violating the ceasefire. " US forces intercepted unprovoked Iranian attacks and responded with self-defense strikes as US Navy guided-missile destroyers transited the Strait of Hormuz to the Gulf of Oman, May 7," CENTCOM apprised the media. US President Donald Trump took to Truth Social after the strikes, warning Iran against escalating tensions further and to sign a deal soon. "We'll knock them out a lot harder, and a lot more violently, in the future, if they don't get their Deal signed, FAST!" wrote Trump. Trump announced that

the ceasefire with Iran remained in place and that the retaliatory strikes against Iranian targets are just a "love tap". Strait of Hormuz update Iran has laid out new rules for vessels seeking to transit the strait, according to a document seen by CNN. Iran has asked shippers to either comply with a new protocol for transiting the Strait of Hormuz — or risk attack. Under the new system, all vessels intending to transit the Strait of Hormuz will receive an email from an address linked to the newly formed Persian Gulf Strait Authority (PGSA) informing them of new rules and regulations for passage, according to the report. Ships are required to obtain a transit permit before crossing the waterway, one of the world's most important oil-shipping chokepoints.

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