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No sanction on Iranian oil imposed by US until 21 Aug

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Bürgenstock/ Washington :
The US Treasury Dept
office of Foreign Asset
Control has issued general
licence and allowing trans-
actions pertaining to the
production, sale, transporta-
tion and off loading of
Iranian crude oil, petroleum
products and petrochemicals
through Aug 21,2026.

The door of relief by US
has been to Iranian oil sales
and dollar dominated pay-
ments remarking the 1st "
major sanction relief for
Tehran.

Having passed some definite
days, the initiative has
dawned and Iran too has
agreed on a roadmap
towards a final settlement
under the June 18
Islamabad memorandum



and in pursuit of high level
talks in Switzerland medi-
ated by Pak and Qatar.

The licence allows transac-
tions ordinarily required for
the sale and delivery of
Iranian-origin oil and petro-
chemicals, including ship-
ping, insurance, vessel man-
agement, docking and emer-
gency repairs.

The treasury department, signifi-
cantly also authorised pay-

ments owed to Iran for such
purchases to be made in US
dollar-denominated funds,
providing Tehran access to
the global currency at a time
when Washington's sanc-
tions regime had largely iso-
lated the country from the
international financial sys-
tem.

The temporary waiver is
expected to facilitate the
return of Iranian crude to

international markets and
ease concerns over global
energy supplies amid contin-
uing tensions in West Asia.
The decision appears to
align with commitments
undertaken under the
Islamabad Memorandum,
which envisages measures
relating to Iran's oil exports
and the release of frozen
Iranian assets as part of the
broader peace process.

Iranian Foreign Minister
Seyed Abbas Araghchi had
earlier signalled progress on
that front, saying mediation
efforts by Pakistan and
Qatar had delivered "major
progress" and that restric-
tions on Iran's oil and petro-
chemical exports had been
lifted while some frozen
assets had been released.

"Tireless Pakistani and

Qatari mediation has deliv-
ered major progress to end
Lebanon War," Araghchi
had

The sanctions relief coin-
cides with the conclusion of
the first round of high-level
talks between Washington
and Tehran at Bürgenstock
in Switzerland, where the
two sides agreed on a 60-day
roadmap towards a final
agreement and established
mechanisms to safeguard
shipping through the Strait
of Hormuz and monitor the
ceasefire in Lebanon. As a
result actions themselves
remain formally in place, the
general licence effectively
suspends restrictions on
specified oil-related activi-
ties for the next two months.

Mediators hail 'progress' in U.S.-Iran talks after prolonging session

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Bürgenstock (Bern) : The
host nation said condi-
tions were set for techni-
cal talks to immediately
follow, with the sides at
the beginning of 60 days
to secure a long-term set-
tlement.

"The High Level
Committee has agreed
upon a roadmap towards
reaching a final deal
within 60 days, laying the
foundation for the imme-
diate commencement of
further technical talks,"
the joint statement read.
Iran and the United States
have agreed to set up a
"de-confliction cell" with
Lebanon to stop military
operations, mediators



Pakistan and Qatar said
in a joint statement on
Monday.

Lebanese President
Joseph Aoun spoke with
senior U.S. and Qatari
officials about consoli-
dating a ceasefire in
Lebanon and forming a
"de-confliction cell", his
office said, after U.S.-

Iran negotiations in
Switzerland.

Fighting between Israel
and Hezbollah, which
drew Lebanon into the
West Asia war on March
2 with rocket fire at Israel
in support of its backer
Iran, has repeatedly
threatened to derail
regional peace efforts.

JLPL serves Rs 5cr notice on GMADA

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Mohali : The controversy has
surfaced after senior Congress
leader and former Punjab
health minister Balbir Singh
Sidhu alleged that the Punjab
govt had failed to recover more
than Rs 1,000 crore in out-
standing dues from major real
estate developers operating
under Gmada's jurisdiction .
Mr.Sidhu claimed that 20 pro-
motors were listed as default-
ers and that the pending
amount exceeded Rs 1,000
crore. Among those names,
Sidhu alleged, was JLPL,
which he claimed had out-
standing dues of approximat-
ely Rs 152 crore.Real estate
developer & promoter , JLPL
associated with Mohali MLA



Kulwant Singh, has served Rs
5 crore legal notice on Greater
Mohali Area Development
Authority (Gmada). alleging
defamation over the inclusion
of the company's name in a list
of alleged defaulter.despite the
matter being pending before
the courts and stay.

The legal notice has report-
edly been addressed to
GMADA's chief administrator.
The company has also
demanded a public apology

from Gmada withing three
days and the immediate with-
drawal of the letter.Failure to
do so ,the notice states , could
result in further legal proceed-
ings. Mohali AAP MLA Kulwant
Singh maintained that the mat-
ter is sub - juice and the com-
pany has obtained legal protec-
tion from the courts.he ques-
tioned the basis for including
JLPL in the defaulters' list
despite the ongoing litigation.

7 storeyed 'working woman hostel' comes up in Sector 66

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Mohali: The foundation
stone of the working women
hostel was laid in the pres-
ence of Mohali MLA
Kulwant Singh on Friday
and Dr Baljeet Kaur Punjab
Social Security, Women and
Child Development minister
inaugurated the construction
of seven-storey working
Woman Hostel in sector 66,
Mohali. The Hostel estimat-
ed to cost Rs 70 crore, the
state-of-the -art facility will
accommodate 484 working
women upon completion,
making it the largest govt-



run hostel of its kind in the
state. The building is
designed to feature single
rooms, double-occupancy
rooms, and dormitory facili-
ties to offer flexible accom-
modation options at nominal
rental charges. To support
working mothers the com-
plex will include an on-site
crèche alongside indoor
recreational spaces.

Motorists Can't Negate Right To Walk for Pedestrians : Supreme Court

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : The
Supreme Court has held
that the right to walk on a
demarcated footpath is a
fundamental right under
Article 19(1)(d) of the
Constitution, which
includes the right to
access safe and well-
demarcated footpaths.
This right shall have pri-
ority over movement by
motorised vehicles. This
has been held as a funda-
mental right considering
that the right to walk has
always been "inextrica-
bly" connected to our
daily life.

ÀThe Court observed that
the duty to demarcate,
construct, maintain and
safeguard footpaths and
other pedestrian infra-



structure rests with urban
development authorities,
municipal corporations,
municipalities and pan-
chayats. Emphasising that
walking often remains
"invisible to the light",
the Court held that a vio-
lation of the right to walk
on demarcated footpaths
would entitle citizens to
invoke constitutional
remedies against the con-
cerned authorities for
restitution and compensa-
tion. The Court clarified
that such remedies would
be independent of those
available under the Motor
Vehicles Act.

AI to evolve "Centre of Excellence" for Chandigarh

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Chandigarh : The evolu-
tion of Artificial
Intelligence would per se
have potential to trans-
form the city into a hub of
AI driven governance,
innovation and startup led
technological glitches.

"With the procurement of
own Artificial
Intelligence Centre of
Excellence, a great deal
of decision making and
better public service
would be witnessed in the
govt departments.
Besides, creation of eco
system for research, an
entrepreneurship and skill
development too will be
leveraged", said an offi-
cial of the Chandigarh
Administration .

Under the ministry of
electronics and informa-
tion technology's (MeitY)



India AI Startup
Financing Pillar scheme.
AI-CoE would be estab-
lished by the Chandigarh
Administration and the
process has already
begun for raising a phe-
nomenal bridge between
govt academia and indus-
try. The administration is
set to devise mechanism
for practical AI based
solution for urban and
administrative challenges.
The advanced AI labora-
tories equipped with high
performance computing
infrastructure, specialised
soft water tooks and sand-
box environments for
research and product
development.

Municipal Council prepares historic master plan for implementing sanitation assignment

Commissioner News Service

Zirakpur : The town has
been grappling with
three major glitches.The
ultimate removal of the
ongoing stigma of ille-
gal dumping points and
the scattered garbage,
throwing of garbage in
the vacant plots and
overlooking, erratic col-
lection of door to door
garbage, refuse has
become the target of the
campaign and unregulat-
ed dumping points.

The nodal officer will
have to submit a daily
report regarding the
hygienic cleanliness of
the town.

To make the entire moni-
toring system transparent
and accurate, the
Municipal Council has
issued a weekly roster
under which every day a
team of different officials
would patrol the streets
of Zirakpur early in the
morning, will reach resi-
dential areas and main
markets for prompt
inspections.

The comprehensive
schedule as below men-
tioned would be ready
for inspection by AME
Sakshi Jindal Day
Monitoring Offr,



Monday : Jatin
Goya, and Pankaj Singla,
Tuesday : Ishan and
Punit Singla, Wednesday
: Savneet Singh and
Pankaj Chaudhary
Thursday : Ajay kumar
and Ram Gopal Friday :
Major Singh or Gurpal
Singh Saturday : Ashok
Kumar or Parvinderjit
Singh.

Laxity or negligence of
any officer or employee
during the morning
check will not be tolerat-
ed. The seriousness of
this exercise can be
gauged from this fact. If
any officer is found
absent at 7 am on sched-
uled day, disciplinary
action will be taken
against him.

After all, why arises
there a need for strict
action. Residents have
created dumping points
by throwing garbage at

several key points and
intersections in the city. .
During the morning
checking, these places
will be identified and the
garbage will be cleaned
thoroughly and those
who throw garbage again
will be issued challans.

Empty points have
evolved as a mess From
VIP Road to Pir
Mucchala and Dhakauli,
people throw garbage in
the empty plots in the
dark of night. During the
festival season, more
notices would be served
to such plot owners.

• Slackness in door-to-
door garbage collection:
When the officers are on
the ground at 7 am, they
will be able to clearly see
whether the sanitation
workers are collecting
garbage from the houses
on time or not.

Community centre attracts bid for Rs 7.8 Cr

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Chandigarh: The existing
community centre will be
demolished, after which
the new community centre
building will be construct-
ed.The process of work
allotment has started and
will be completed in a
week or 10 days.
The authority will conduct
the exercise in line with
the plan approved by the
UT urban planning depart-
ment. " The urban plan-
ning department of the UT



has issued drawings spec-
ifying construction and
open areas along with
dimensions and related
structural aspects of the
approved building. The
project will be constructed

accordingly. All the
required facilities have
also been specified in the
given plan.

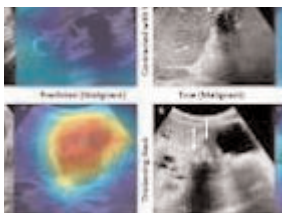
For the sector 29 project,
the urban planning depart-
ment has approved
ground ,first and second
floors in the community
centre building, source
said . The MC plans six
new community centres in
sectors 24 : 29, 51, 63,
Bapudham Colony in sec-
tor 26 and Manimajra in
the current financial year.

Detection of gallbladder cancer by ultrasound image at PGI

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Gallbladder can-
cer is a major public health
menace in in north India espe-
cially aming women with com-
mon gallstones serving as a
primary risk factor. While
affordable and radiation free
ultra sound machines are wide-
ly available in rural areas,
smaller peripheral health cen-
tres usually lack the specia-
lised expertise required to
spot subtle, early makignant
signs.

From the department of radio-
diagnosis and imaging the pio-
neering study has been pub-



lished in Lancet Regional
Health. Thet team of multidis-
ciplinary researchers at the
PGI has an artificially devel-
oped a distinct model.
that mirrors real life clinical
practice.

The new model analyses mul-
tiple ultrasound scans from

same patient simultaneously to
deliver a single cancer or non
cancer diagnosis, complete
with a mathematical probabili-
ty score.

The PGIMER team plans to
validate the model through
prospective clinical trials and
integrate the software into rou-
tine hospital ultrasound work-
flows. Clinicians anticipate
that deploying this application
within standard hospital rou-
tines will significantly lower
the diagnostic burden on teri-
ary care centres like PGIMER
by filtering out non malignant
cases at the primary care stage.

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India tops in humanitarian coordination world over

The consecutive tours recently undertaken by Prime Minister Modi subsumes his sense of coordination and popularity. The tour mainly included France, Slovakia and G-7. Every where crisis, diplomacy often begins not with channel and enough ambiguity for adversaries to step back. In such settings, the intermediary that matters most is rarely the one that appears most neutral. A tentative understanding, opening a 60-day negotiation window, shaped through multiple channels and crowded with unresolved questions. What happens to Iran's highly enriched uranium, the issue presented as central to the war? How much of Iran's frozen assets will be released? What if forces outside the understanding break the ceasefire? This framework is one strand of a wider crisis linking nuclear talks, sanctions, Gulf shipping and Lebanon's contested truce. Pakistan's role in the US-Iran understanding is instructive. It shows both the limits and uses of today's mediation. Islamabad did not deliver the agreement, but kept a line open when formal diplomacy was constrained. Keeping a channel open is not the same as engineering an agreement. Pakistan is no neutral Switzerland. Islamabad's choices are shaped by Gulf dependence, Chinese backing and its border with Iran. Those very ties made it useful in keeping contact alive. It hosted quietly, passed messages and drew on security links beyond formal diplomacy. That did not make Islamabad a grand peacemaker. It made Pakistan useful in diplomacy's early work. Not all intermediaries

do the same job. One country may provide the room, another may keep contact alive, a third may narrow differences, and a fourth may help sustain what has been agreed. Sometimes the task is simply damage control. In West Asia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan have performed parts of this chain. The old image of one neutral mediator doing everything now feels closer to folklore than to practice. Mediation is no longer one task performed by one neutral actor. It is divided among channels, Chosts, facilitators and guarantors. International organisations remain, but their authority has waned. The age when figures like ElBaradei could combine technical credibility with institutional weight feels distant now. China works this terrain from just outside the room. Beijing often prefers to shape negotiations rather than own the process. In the West Asian crisis, Beijing's ties with Tehran gave Islamabad's channel added weight. Pakistan kept the channel open. China gave it ballast. US is the awkward case for anyone still attached to neutral mediation. In Gaza, Lebanon and Ukraine, Washington has not mediated from above the conflict but from inside it, using resources, security commitments and bargaining weight others lack. Washington has been central to ceasefire and diplomacy between Israel and Lebanon even as the situation remains fragile and contested. In Gaza, its role has stretched beyond ceasefire mechanics into the architecture of what follows, from

disarmament and humanitarian access to reconstruction and governance. In Ukraine, Washington's role as security backer makes it part of the negotiation, not an observer of it. What remains of the old European model, the Norway-style mediator, once treated as the gold standard? Its role has narrowed. Neutral facilitators still matter in quiet channels, humanitarian arrangements and implementation. Wars move fast. Belligerents want leverage on the table, not just virtue in the room. Neutral facilitation has not vanished. It survives as a specialised role rather than as the main model of crisis diplomacy. Where does India fit in this new diplomacy? It brings broad relationships across West Asia, strategic autonomy, operational competence, and a tested record in evacuations and humanitarian coordination. These strengths do not make India a universal mediator or the natural intermediary in every crisis. They do give it a credible role in keeping channels open, supporting de-escalation, and acting as a stabilising presence across divides. In crisis diplomacy, that is a serious, if limited, form of influence. Mediation has become less about innocence and more about capability. The question is no longer who is neutral enough to stand in the middle. It is who has access, who can protect a backchannel, who can apply pressure without closing the door, who can reassure without taking ownership, and who can help adversaries retreat without making it look like surrender.

BLOs commerce door-to-door visits for Special Intensive Revision

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The enumeration phase, being conducted as per the schedule prescribed by the Election Commission of India (ECI), will continue from June 15 to July 14. The door-to-door visits by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) commenced across the UT on Monday as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. According to the UT Administration, all necessary arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the exercise. On the very first day, up to 5 pm, BLOs distributed 37,410 enumeration forms to electors across the city, reflecting an encouraging response to the revision process. During the enumeration phase, BLOs will undertake

door-to-door visits for the distribution and collection of Enumeration Forms. Every elector will be provided with two copies of the form and assistance, wherever required, in filling it. In cases where houses are found locked, BLOs will leave the forms at the premises and make at least three follow-up visits on different dates for their collection. Electors may also submit duly filled Enumeration Forms online through the ECINet Mobile App or the Voters' Service Portal, subject to verification by the BLO concerned. Electors are requested

to provide mapping details from the previous Special Intensive Revision conducted during 2002–2003. Where such details are not available, they may provide details of their parents or grandparents recorded in the SIR of 2002–2003 or the recently conducted SIR of 2025–2026 in 12 States/UTs. Previous SIR records can be accessed through the website of the Chief Electoral Officer, Chandigarh, the ECINet Mobile App, or the Voters' Service Portal. Eligible residents whose names are not included in the existing electoral roll may submit Form 6 along with the prescribed declaration. Such applications will be processed after the publication of the Draft Electoral Roll on July 21.

Heritage teak, cane chair to be auctioned in Paris on June 25

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Two more Pierre Jeanneret-designed armchairs from the city's Capitol Project are scheduled to go under the hammer in Paris on June 25. This time not through a major auction house but through an independent Parisian auctioneer, François Epin. Even as the ink has barely dried on the Brussels sale of seven Chandigarh heritage pieces for Rs 1.6 crore on June 18. The first, estimated at ₹5,000 to ₹7,000 (approximately Rs 4.5 lakh to Rs 6.3 lakh), bears the marking PU/Chem/55, indicating its origin from Panjab University's Chemistry Department. The second, estimated at ₹4,000 to ₹5,000 (Rs 3.6 lakh to Rs 4.5 lakh), carries the marking PGI/W/CH-0202, pointing directly to PGIMER, Chandigarh. Heritage activist and advocate Ajay Jagga, a member of the UT Heritage Items Protection Cell, on Monday shot off advance



intimation to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, and Indian Ambassador to France Sanjeev Singla, urging diplomatic intervention to halt the sale before Wednesday. Crucially, unlike his earlier representations which had been addressed only to New Delhi, Jagga this time copied the Indian Embassy in Paris directly, attaching a pointed appeal to the Ambassador to raise a formal objection. Both pieces are teak-and-cane armchairs designed by Jeanneret, and both carry the institutional identification marks that establish their government provenance beyond any dispute.

Seamless connectivity in just one hour Chandigarh-Noida from July 1

Commissioner News Service
MOHALI : The flight will leave Noida at 6.10 am and reach Chandigarh at 7.10 am. The return flight will depart from Chandigarh at 7.30 am and arrive at Noida International Airport at 8.35 am. Passengers will be able to fly between Chandigarh and Noida in just one hour, with a direct daily flight connecting Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport and Noida International Airport from July 1. The service is expected to provide seamless connectivity for travellers from the region to Delhi-NCR and western Uttar Pradesh. The airfare is expected to be around Rs 3,850, which is comparable to fares for flights operating to and from Delhi Airport. Officials said an additional flight service would be introduced on two days a



week from July 13. This flight will depart from Noida at 9.55 am and arrive in Chandigarh at 10.55 am. The return service will leave Chandigarh at 12.20 pm and reach Noida at 1.35 pm. At present, passengers travelling to Noida and nearby areas have to land at Delhi Airport and then undertake a road journey of nearly 100 km. The new direct service is expected to save more than two hours of travel time, particularly for residents of western Uttar Pradesh. Meanwhile, the Noida-Amritsar flight service commenced operations on June 15.

Division of industrial plots in Master Plan-2031 proposed by Chd Admn

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : An addendum to the proposed amendments concerning the fragmentation of industrial plots in Industrial Area Phase-I and II has been issued as part of the ongoing deregulation exercise aimed at promoting optimum use of industrial land. The UT Administration has recommended the fragmentation of industrial plots in the proposed amendments to the Chandigarh Master Plan-2031. The addendum, approved by the Administrator, is to be read in continuation of the proposed amendments already notified on May 22. It has been proposed to permit the fragmentation of larger industrial plots into smaller plots, subject to approval of revised planning and zoning, and compliance with other conditions prescribed under the applicable policy. The policy governing such fragmentation shall be notified separately by the Chandigarh Administration. Detailed information



regarding the proposed amendments and the addendum is available on the official website of the Department of Urban Planning, Chandigarh Administration. Submitting suggestions, Col (retd) Gurcewak Singh, president of the Residents' Welfare Association, Modern Housing Complex (MHC), Sector 13, suggested that with high density population, the area has the highest car density. "In the absence of designated parking, vehicles are often parked on roads, pedestrian paths, or in front of neighbouring houses, leading to disputes and conflicts," he said.

Lessee can terminate lease agreement by serving prior notice of 60 days

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MOHALI : The sudden closure of VR Mall, Sector 118, on Mohali-Kharar Road, one of the biggest shopping malls in the region, has put a question mark on the future of showroom owners, employees, retailers, suppliers, and other stakeholders. A Mohali court has issued notice of the suit as well as the stay application to VR Malwa Private Ltd (defendant) in a case relating to the closure and transfer or alienation of the property leased to H&M Hennes and Mauritz Retail Private Ltd. The court directed both parties to maintain the status quo till July 2. Hennes and Mauritz Retail Private Ltd (H&M) filed a petition under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, seeking an urgent interim order restraining VR Malwa Private Ltd (respondent) from alienating, transferring, or creating third-party rights in respect of the leased property. Counsel Manish Jain, representing petitioner H&M, referred to a clause that states



the lessee, who is the respondent here, does not have any right to early termination of the lease agreement except in case of default on the part of the lessee. He also submitted that the lease in this case was for 35 years from the handover date. He further referred to a clause which states that only the lessee can terminate the agreement by giving prior notice of 60 days. The court noted that there is a lease agreement between the parties, but the respondent, on 18.04.2026, gave notice to shut down the mall citing public interest due to damage caused by an earthquake on 03.04.2026. Since material rights of the petitioner are involved in this case as he is running a business inside the premises, the respondent cannot proceed with closure, transfer, or alienation of the property without settling the matter with him.

Daily crawling by 30-minute to stop in Mohali-Ambala drive by October

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The Zirakpur-Panchkula bypass is expected to cut 30 to 40 minutes off a route that forces commuters through a daily crawl on NH-5 and the Airport Road. The spur, running 10.3 km near Rajo Majra village, will not save minutes on an existing route so much as create one that did not exist before — a direct, signal-free corridor giving Ambala, Delhi and Chandigarh traffic a straight shot to Zirakpur, Panchkula, and onward to Baddi and Shimla. "In Punjab, we have approved Rs 1,463.95 crore for the construction of a six-lane, access-controlled greenfield spur linking the Ambala-Chandigarh section of NH-205A with the Zirakpur bypass," Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari had said. Come October, the drive from Mohali's IT City to Ambala will be 30 minutes shorter, according to the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials. The 30-km Ambala-IT City stretch of the Ambala-Chandigarh Greenfield Corridor — currently 89 per



cent built — has neared its revised completion date. A little earlier, by September, commuters on the Mohali-Sirhind run will get their own 30-minute reprieve, with that 27.37-km corridor now 91 per cent complete. One relief has already arrived. The IT City-Kurali section has been thrown open to traffic, and motorists travelling that stretch are already saving 45 minutes that would otherwise have gone into navigating Kharar and the choked Mohali Airport Road. The biggest single prize, however, remains out of reach for now. The 106.92-km Sirhind-Sehna extension — still awaiting Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) clearance — promises to cut a full 90 minutes off the Mohali/Chandigarh-Bathinda run once approved,

officials said, calling it the single largest time-saving leg of the entire ring. The most significant development recently is administrative rather than visible on the ground — but it changes everything for two of the network's most delayed links. The NHAI has issued letters of award (LOA) for both the Rs 1,878.31-crore Zirakpur-Panchkula bypass and the Rs 1,463.95-crore greenfield spur connecting the Ambala-Chandigarh Expressway to that bypass, clearing the way for the construction. "As part of the Tricity Ring Road project, the corridor will decongest key urban junctions across Mohali, Chandigarh and Panchkula by diverting through-traffic," he had said while clearing the spur, adding that it would "enable faster, seamless connectivity towards Himachal Pradesh, particularly the Shimla region". The Pinjore bypass has already been completed and is operational, easing pressure on one of the more congested approaches to Panchkula.

Allottees of CHB to have rent relief under rehabilitation schemes

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The issue of relief would be taken up during a meeting of the Board of Directors of the CHB scheduled to be held soon. The Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) is likely to consider a proposal to provide relief to allottees of small flats under rehabilitation schemes who have failed to pay rent. Instead of cancelling the allotment, the rent defaulters were likely to be given an opportunity to pay the pending dues in instalments, stated the officials. The CHB had recently intensified its action against defaulters and cancelled the allotment of nearly 90 beneficiaries of the Small Flats Scheme-2006 and the Affordable Rental Housing Complex, who have failed to



pay their rent. Nearly 13,000 allottees have defaulted on rent payments. Notices had been issued to those whose allotments had been cancelled to vacate their flats. These flats are located in Maloya, Dhanas and other parts of the city and these housing units were allotted under various rehabilitation schemes. According to officials, the total outstanding amount has reached nearly Rs 52 crore, including Rs 25 crore in unpaid rent and nearly Rs 27 crore in accumulated interest due to prolonged non-

payment over several years. The housing units were allotted under a licence-based system, requiring beneficiaries to pay a minimum monthly rent. However, many allottees failed to deposit even the basic rent over extended periods, making the dues run into lakhs per household. Long-pending demand of allottees for regularisation of need-based changes in the dwelling units would also come up for discussion in the Board meeting before finalising the report, stated the officials. The UT Administration had recently constituted a fresh eight-member committee headed by the CHB Chief Executive Officer to review and recommend need-based changes in CHB dwelling units.

Chandigarh plans to plant 4 lakh saplings this fiscal year

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The Chief Conservator of Forests disclosed that against the target of 5,76,221, as many as 6,64,133 saplings were planted under the Greening Chandigarh Action Plan 2025–26. The overall survival rate was recorded at 79%. The UT Forest Department has planned to plant over 4 lakh saplings across the city during the fiscal 2026–27. A meeting was chaired by Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria to review the preparedness for the Plantation Plan 2026–27. The Administrator was apprised of the preparations



for the 2026–27 plan. It was informed that the focus this year will be on the quality of plantation rather than quantity. This year's target was fixed at 4,19,854 saplings. The plantation plan for Dadumajra was also reviewed. The MC Commissioner informed that around 10,000 saplings will be planted at the site in consultation with the Forest Department. Species such as bamboo, flowering trees,

bougainvillea, camphor, neem and other suitable species would be planted. The Administrator also reviewed preparations for the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. He directed the MC to actively involve citizens in the campaign, particularly by encouraging plantation activities in parks and gardens. The UT and MC chief engineers were directed to ensure vegetative cover, preferably grass, in all vacant spaces along roads. Such measures, Kataria observed, would enhance the aesthetic appeal of the city, strengthen soil binding and contribute to mitigation of air pollution.

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JDU generational head Nishant set for the bigger role

Commissioner News Service
Patna : At JDU's state council and national council meetings in Patna, party functionaries endorsed Nishant for a larger role in the organisation and expressed confidence in his ability to carry forward Nitish's political legacy and developmental agenda. JDU formally signalled a generational shift in the party with senior functionaries projecting Nishant Kumar as its future face.



JDU national working president Sanjay Kumar Jha said Nishant's growing involvement in party affairs had generated fresh enthusiasm among workers. "The biggest quality of Nishant is that he talks less and works more and, owing to

this work style, he will emerge as the brightest star on the horizon of Bihar politics," Jha said. JDU national spokesperson Rajeev Ranjan Prasad, said party delegates said Nishant would be the "future face of JDU for the next three to four decades". Prasad said the national council unanimously resolved that the party would work to become stronger and more people oriented under him.

Bullet train to run on tracks from 15 August 2027 - Railway minister



Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : The maiden "Bullet" train equipped with 16 coaches 11 of AC-3, 4 of AC-2, 1 of AC-1. A total of 823 travellers would be able to board the envisaged train, disclosed Mr Ashwani Vaishnav, the Railway minister.

In systematic schedule of planned phases, first would run from Surat to Bilimora, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi Ahmedabad. Thane Ahmedabad.In the last run Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

Donald Trump sympathises with Isreal

Commissione News Service

Washington : Donald Trump is the only head of the state in the entire world who is sympathetic to the nation of Israel at this moment of time , said US Vice President JD Vance. Israeli officials who



criticised U.S.-Iran deal, deepening rift between allies The comments deepened a rift that has emerged

between the two allies over the interim deal reached by the United States and Iran to end their war. "Donald J Trump is the only head of state in the entire world who is sympathetic to the nation of Israel at this moment in time,"

87% rise in divorce petitions in Kerala

Commissioner News Service

Kochi : The sweep of changing social norms, growing financial independence and greater stubbornness , a n d uncompromising attitude are driving the cases to courts for divorce. among the couples. For the past 6 years, trend has gained momentum with the hike in divorce petitions. Recurring incidents of deaths linked to



domestic discord creates pessimistic wave. The RTI figures procured from state highlights as 18886 in 2020 arose to 25020 in 2021 and 30781 in 2022 before further shooting to 33,535 in 2023 and 35238 in 2025. About 2,418 petitions for divorce

were filed a month, if the rush and quarrels are the features after the marriage going for break down . Reflecting higher level of urbanisation, pervasive education and socio economic enrichment . The data however, do not mention whether husbands irrvives initiate divorces proceedings more often but legal experts point out to the combination of factors behind the numbers.

Lt Gen Seth to take over as Army Chief on June 30

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : Having extensive experience of operational, strategic capability development and institutional domains, Lt Gen



had contributed significantly to the Army combat effectiveness and

m a j e s t i c transformation. Serving currently, he has been appointed the next army chief , assuming charge on June 30

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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.



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'Defaulters of public money being sent to jail' : Modi

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Tarakeswar (Hoogli) : People who looted public money in Bengal are being sent to jail: PM Modi promises fast-paced under BJP govt Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said that those who had "looted public money" in West Bengal were now being forced to return it and face jail, as he used the occasion of Paschimbanga Divas celebrations to sharpen his attack on previous governments in the state. "Those who had looted public money in Bengal are returning it now, and they are being



sent to jail," Modi said while addressing a gathering in Tarakeswar in Hooghly district. Taking an indirect pot-shot at TMC, the Prime Minister accused earlier governments in the state of hindering development and forcing people to leave Bengal in search of opportunities elsewhere. "We have been witness

to how previous governments functioned. They pushed Bengal backwards and turned it into a land of exodus," he said. Modi claimed that development efforts had gained momentum under the current dispensation and that West Bengal was witnessing a fresh sense of optimism. "There is new freshness in the air of Bengal as if the state is now free from shackles," he said, adding, "May this historic Paschimbanga Divas inspire development of West Bengal."

Ajit Doval, National Security Adviser addresses 16th" Brics meet

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : "No multilateralism is declining while perceptible threats are compounding" warned Ajit Doval, NSA chairperson during 22-23 June 2026. Mr Doval noted that existing international institutions and mechanism are increasingly proving inadequate to manage rising militancy conflicts, economic pressure and geopolitical uncertainties. Under the enshrined objectives, non traditional security challenges confronting the world today -- heavily focused on new age security threat which



includes terrorism, disruptive technologies and cyber vulnerability and security. The NSA organised strategic talks to discuss West Asia developments and would deepen our bilateral ties further with senior officials from China, Brazil, & Ethiopia interpreted Mr Doval.

Modi Joins 35,000 Yoga Participants in Bengal

Commissioner News Service

Kolkata* : Around 35,000 participants, including school students and residents from districts, joined the event, which started at 6am and continued till around 8am on Sunday. Nearly 30,000 other yoga enthusiasts who failed to make it to the venue --- a 1km-stretch on Red Road --- performed asanas in the vicinity. The 12th International Day of Yoga celebrations on Red Road saw PM Narendra Modi step off the dais after delivering his speech, joined the participants in performing asanas and help at least three of them 'correct' their postures. Modi, who arrived on Red Road around 6.25 am, dressed in a white T-shirt and white trousers, said in his speech. "From the Himalayas to the Indian Ocean, and from Bengal and the North-East to the western region of Saurashtra, the entire nation is energised by the spirit see



of yoga. The country and the world are connected through a shared commitment to wellness and harmony, reflecting the unifying power of yoga." After delivering his speech, he stepped down from the dais and performed various moves for around 15 minutes before moving around and helping participants. Around a couple of hours after the programme ended, the city got drenched in what is so far the heaviest down-pour this monsoon. Modi later posted on social media: "An exceptional Yoga Day programme in Kolkata! This time, the theme was 'Yoga For Healthy Ageing', which emphasised the importance of yoga in all ages to remain fit and healthy."

Keir Starmer Quits as UK PM, conceding to pressure party

Commissioner News Service

London : Keir Starmer Embattled British Prime Minister conceding to pressure from his Labour Party to hand over the reins of power, announced to quit on Monday as leader of the Labour Party. It would put Britain on course for its seventh premier in a decade. The 63-year-old said he will remain in post until a new leader and PM is elected by the governing party and pledged his full support to the new leader. Embattled British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, conceding to pressure from his Labour Party to hand over the reins of power, announced on Monday that he is quitting as prime minister and leader of the Labour Party. This puts Britain on course for its seventh premier in



a decade. "The question my party is asking now is whether I am best placed to lead us into the next general election," said an emotional Starmer, in his address from the steps of 10 Downing Street. "I have heard the answer of my parliamentary party to that question and I accept that answer with good grace. Every decision I have taken has been about putting the country I love first."

"Israel to remain in south Lebanon, Netanyahu

Commissioner News Service

Jerusalem : The United States ended its blockade of Iran, allowing oil tankers to resume normal passage through the Strait of Hormuz after months of disruption to traffic aimed at ending the conflict came into force. The developments came as Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei backed direct talks with the US in a statement carried by state media. Oil prices fell on Friday on the



prospect of more supply returning to the market after oil tankers began to move through the Strait of Hormuz. The White House said Thursday night that Vice President JD Vance was delaying a trip to Switzerland to lead a new round of negotiations with Iran citing difficult logistics for negotiations. Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah

Mojtaba Khamenei endorsed direct negotiations with the US on Thursday in a statement read by state media. Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Iran's lead negotiator and parliament speaker, has said Tehran will not accept any violation of the memorandum of understanding by the United States. The deal gives negotiators 60 days to reach agreement on the status of Iran's nuclear program, and set up a \$300 billion reconstruction fund for Iran and other financial incentives.

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