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## "Hormuz Strait" radiates universal pain as shipping lane remains blocked by Iran

*UK, Germany and Japan refuse to route warships to secure "Hormuz Strait"*

**Commissioner News Service**  
Muscatt / Tehran / Washington : The most phenomenal, sensitive maritime corridor "Hormuz Straits" is helplessly witnessing, the struggle of allied oil producing and other countries in establishing the peace in the US, Israel and Iran ongoing conflict. Optimistically Donald Trump is keeping his fingers crossed over for the direct involvement of China, Japan, South Korea, France and the U.K., as the artificial constraints are existing, if they could direct their warships to prevail upon in the disturbed tranquil environs.

Nevertheless, they mandatorily would be required to intervene to ensure 'Hormuz Strait' remains free from all kind of disruptions or late from other side too challenges might appear for another formidable confrontation. Undoubtedly, Iranian strikes continue to exacerbate, nevertheless, have halted smooth maritime traffic in the "Strait Hormuz" horizons, through which one fifth of global crude oil and liquefied natural gas usually pass over to their bonafide natives. The United States Navy would shortly begin escorting oil tankers through the "Strait of Hormuz."



Donald Trump, however claimed that Iran's military capabilities had been eliminated. On the contrary, Iran's new leader Mojtaba Khamenei said he would keep one of the world's most

mandatory energy choked-point closure in tact. The senior leader Mojtaba Khamenei marched through the streets of Tehran in broad day light. With the halt of maritime

traffic the hegemony of Iran seemed transparently gaining momentum in the control of maritime traffic leaving the United States watching in imbroglia, calling for attention of G7

as well China. Iran, in fact intended cessation of Israel striking, said Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi .He added saying 92000 ton gas has already been routed to India as our mutual foreign relations have been historically very cordial. Two tankers named Shivalik and Nanda Deni carried 92000 ton gas were cleared for its navigational routes. Iran cautioned, it will target American linked oil and energy facilities in the Middle East if its own infrastructure is in danger and gets intercepted. All economic, energy, oil facilities directly, indirect-

ly belonging to US from Arab ian oil companies would be destroyed and reduced to ashes, challenges the Iranian leader. Iran issued an evacuation warning for 3 major in the United Arab Emirates . This country alleged the US had used ports, docks and hideouts in the UAE to launch strikes on Iran 's Kharg Island yet sans any evidence. The head of national security of most indispensable energy choke point, said the country could plunge the whole middle East into darkness and categorically hunt down US troops. The show of defiance by senior Iranian leaders was

seen marching through the streets of Tehran which emerged as a pro govt rally. The lever of blocking the "Strait of Hormuz" definitely be used, said Mojtaba Khamenei. He emphasised a quarter of the world's sea borne oil trade usually gets transported through this transit. The Revolutionary Guards reacted swiftly with Navy commander Alireza Tangsiri saying in response to the order of commander in chief, we are destined to deliver the harshest blows to the aggressive enemy while maintaining the strategy of shutting the phenomenal "Hormuz. "

### 30 tree axed opp 'Indus Hosp' by juveniles on Amb-Chd road

**Commissione News Service**  
Jawaharpur (Dera Bassi) : About 30 green trees were axed by juveniles on Ambala Road opp to Indus Hospital last week. Two foerst officials, one forest guard Raghuvveer Singh and other foerst Block officer



Amar Singh were suspended against their negligence and

skeptic involvement. The enquiry was executed by the divisional forest officer Amanit Singh . A case under the requisite clause has been lodged at the Dera Bassi police station, said the SHO Sumit Mor.

### Iran Asks People To Leave Port Areas In UAE

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi: Smoke was seen rising from the direction of Fujairah's energy installations today as Iran warned residents of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to immediately evacuate areas around three of the country's major ports. The warning came hours after the US bombed Iran's Kharg Island oil hub. Tasnim asked people to move away from Jebel Ali port in Dubai, Khalifa port in Abu Dhabi, and Fujairah port. "These areas have become legitimate targets due to the presence and concealment of US military forces among civilian installations and will be targeted in the coming hours," the agency said. The Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) followed with a direct warning to the UAE's leadership. IRGC spokesperson Ebrahim Zolfaghari said Iran viewed it as its "legitimate right" to



strike ports and docks being used by US forces "under the cover of Emirati cities." The IRGC also said ships moving through the Strait of Hormuz, despite warnings from US President Donald Trump, would be targeted. UAE authorities said debris from a successfully intercepted drone had caused a fire, without specifying a location. The dark clouds of smoke seen from Fujairah were consistent with the port area, which houses a major oil storage and trading hub as well as a key export terminal. Drone strikes had already hit the UAE's Fujairah energy installations earlier this month.

### Fire station doesn't have hydraulic ladder capable of reaching 20 floors

**Commissione News Service**  
Zirakpur : During the fire crisis at upper floor, influential pact of fire fighting services and rescue operation can 't be procured in the absence of hydraulic ladder, was experiences in recent outbreak of fire in Mid town Business park Peer Muchhla. The satellite town has meteorically been expanding its high rise building network to see is



the further challenge. The requisite demand for procuring hydraulic ladder has already been placed,

which is pending for final approval, said Rajiv Kumar Station Fire Officer. An immediate fire safety audit of all high rise residential and commercial building be carried out and accountability be fixed over the fire station department not only with the builders or property entrepreneurs, said the president of JAC Residents Welfare Association, Zirakpur.

### MAA ka bharosa, Pyar se parosa 'Patanjali' dominate other marketed brands

**Commissione News Service**  
P'kula: Patanjali cow suhdhesi ghee has gained popularity on account of its fragrant quality, purity and economic rates in tricity markets claimed PK Rao Marketing Manager. He adds saying this pure cow ghee is preferred by those who prioritise natural and organic options. During 2024, the claim of high purity was made in August 2025, sample BKD 2458 was taken for purity test and won clientele applause and wide acceptance. For the quality emergence conventional



ayurvedic Bolana procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is manufactured from white butter/curd. The quantum of cow milk is put on mild flame specific span of time until it got melted for ghee. It is widely claimed that cow milk is scared substance, oftenused in regions

rituals besides Aurvedic treatments. Cow ghee must be used before 9 months from date. Milk fat is inherently expensive. Its current exdayr price of Rs 460, -- 470 / is way above Rs 125 - -130, wholesale range for refined palmolien, soyabean or sunflower.

### Govt mulls to reintroduce kerosene, coal as cooking options -- Minister

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : India's crude supply position was safe and volumes are being secured through other routes. The availability, however, of petrol, diesel, ATF, kerosene, and fuel oil are safely assured, said Petroleum, Gas & oil Minister Hardeep Singh Puri. In order to ease the pressure on gas cylinders, supply of limited quantities of coal, kerosene oil to eateries would be reintroduced. Govt had allocated 48, 000 kl of



additional kerosene to states. A three members group of ministers headed by Amit Shah, to be joined by S Jaishankar and Mr Hardeep Singh Puri.

### Trump pressures NATO, China over Iran's closure of key waterway

**Commissioner News Service**  
U.S. President Donald Trump said that the United States was in discussions with Iran as the war enters its third week, but that Tehran was not ready for a deal to end it. President Donald Trump urged NATO partners and China to help reopen the Strait of Hormuz, the critical conduit for crude that Iran has effectively closed, as major economic players began releasing oil reserves on Monday (March 16) to ward off supply disruptions. Saudi Arabia has intercepted more than 60 drones since midnight, according to a tally of Defence Ministry figures released on Monday (March 16). The Saudi Defence Ministry posted a series of statements on X describing the interception of a total of 61 drones in the east of the country in the early hours of Monday (March 16) morning. Trump holds press conference aboard Air Force One en route



from Washington Flights temporarily suspended at Dubai International Airport: aviation authority March 16, 2026 1 EU to discuss how to keep Hormuz strait open, EU's foreign chief says EU member states will discuss ?what can be done ?from the European side to ?keep the Strait of Hormuz ?open, the ?EU's ?foreign policy ?chief Kaja Kallas said on Monday (March 16). "It is in ?our interest to keep the Strait of ?Hormuz open, and that's why we are ?also discussing what we ?can do in this regard from the European side," she said, ?speaking to journalists ahead a EU foreign affairs ?meeting in Brussels.

### Admn, council members must hold accountability for brilliant future of Chd : Kataria

**Commissione News Service**  
Chandigarh : " Building a brilliant future ready for Chandigarh, we would have to garner conscientious support of council members and administrative management " said UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria. While addressing the administrative Advisory Council he appealed for improvement in education and healthcare - including the introduction of evening OPDs would reflect the administration 's commitment to citizen -- centric regime. Nevertheless,



sustained collaborative efforts were mandatory to augment opportunities for future generation. Mr Manish Tewari, Member of Parliament, raised several issues, like need to grant ownership rights to residents of rehabilitation colonies. Hitesh Puri chairman, CRAWFED highlighted

contradictions in CHB 's approach, The life of a flat is 55 years, which would expire in 2033, as per the CPWD guidelines. On the other hand, CHB is proposing redevelopment of flats in 2033, on the other side it is issuing demolition notices, said the chairman. The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation bank scam has been very serious issue no one would be spared. An impartial, transparent and thorough investigation was in progress, said the administrator.

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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

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3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015 SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank)VIP road,ZRK
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  3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215 SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
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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
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2. New Style Tailor & White House, 9988820933

**\*\*Mukatsar Wale\*\* Gents suiting shirting, Safari Suits, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur**

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**EDITORIAL**

**Tax is must, if relief to germinate**

If around 35% of income goes to govt, as it should, one has disproportionately greater income than the average. In a country as unequal as ours, income redistribution via taxes is not a "freebie"; it's the language of civilisation. And yet, it stings more than ever when you remember how few Indians actually pay personal income tax. In FY 2023-24, only 6.68% of Indians filed an income tax return, and PRS Legislative Research, using CBDT data, shows that most filers did not end up paying income tax. In FY 2022-23, 7.5cr people filed returns, and 4.7cr (63%) had zero tax liability. That means roughly 2.8cr Indians had non-zero income tax liability-around 2% of the population. This small 2% club helps subsidise the lives of everyone else (to be clear: all Indians pay taxes in the form of GST and other direct and indirect levies). What does my 35% tax contribution buy me? Well, it's certainly not clean water as the recent tragic deaths in Indore from contaminated water consumption evidence. Clean air can also be cut out of the equation; try breathing in Delhi. IQAir reports that in 2024, India's average PM2.5 was more than ten times the WHO's annual safety

guideline. A state unable to protect the air is turning every citizen into a patient. Now, if you did fall sick in India, you could go to a state hospital to use the services your taxes paid for. But treatment in a state-run hospital might feel far worse than the sickness itself. As a result - and NITI Aayog's analysis confirms about 60% of hospitalised cases are treated in the private sector. Even as govt spending on public health rises, citizens still pay again: private hospitals, private diagnostics, private insurance. As an Indian taxpayer, govt stands at the front of the queue to yank at your money, and then makes you pay again: with your lungs, your guts, and your peace of mind. Maybe the state gets away with this because the system is built so no one is responsible. GOI does grand announcements and ribbon-cutting. States do "implementation", then come the clumsy explanations for why yet another newly constructed bridge collapsed. Cities are saddled with the mess we have to live with garbage, drains, potholes, and that famous tap water à la sewage. The 15th Finance Commission puts it plainly: our city govts are seriously underfunded and

living on handouts while their own income shrinks. Govt is adept at reframing your life through the lens of its failures. Diarrhoea builds character. Anaesthesia is overrated. If there's traffic, walk. If you can't breathe, it's your bad karma. At no point will govt simply admit that it gives you almost nothing back. But can we blame them? Most of India does everything in its power to escape paying direct taxes. A large part of the economy is informal; incomes are uneven, seasonal, -under-reported, or hard to see. Enforcement is expensive, litigation is slow, so the state leans on the easiest levers: TDS for the compliant, GST for everyone, fuel duties for the resigned. Of course taxes do buy real things: defence, welfare programmes, infra that take decades to reveal their full value. And returns on taxes cannot be reduced to personal perks for myself-or Hrithik Roshan-simply because we're in a higher tax bracket. The moral logic of taxation is collective: our taxes feed someone we will never meet; mine may vaccinate a child whose name I'll never know. That's not theft; that is the price of admission into society.

**Hry govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**PANCHKULA** : During a meeting of the all district-level Chief Executive Officers and Managers held at the Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Land Development Bank (Land Mortgage Bank) headquarters information was shared by the bank's Chairman, Amar Pal Rana. The Haryana Government has extended the One-Time Loan Waiver Scheme (OTS Scheme 2022) for overdue borrower-members of the Bank until March 31, 2026. Mr Rana informed that under this scheme, overdue interest on the loan accounts of deceased borrowers of the District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks would be waived in full. If legal heir/heirs of a deceased borrower deposit the entire principal outstanding amount, they would receive 100 per cent

not repay his/her loan and was declared a defaulter by the bank on March 31, 2022, may avail benefits of this settlement," he said. It is noteworthy that the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks together have 61,767 borrowers, with total outstanding dues of Rs 1,857.92 crore (Rs 723.55 crore principal, Rs 1,002.91 crore interest and Rs 131.47 crore penal interest). The government extended the OTS Scheme once again to facilitate repayment by these borrowers. Rana said, "The scheme has been extended for a limited period. The beneficiaries should avail its benefits on a 'first come, first served' basis. For availing the scheme and obtaining further information, borrowers may contact any of the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks or the 70 branches established at the tehsil



**Power remains elusive for over 8-hour under Mullanpur and Seonkh grid**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI** : Majra-Mullanpur transmission line has been costing villagers life very dear. The inhabitants in the Mullanpur and Nayagaon areas are enduring prolonged daily power cuts as the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) undertakes augmentation work on the 66 kV. For the past week, residents have been facing outages lasting several hours, affecting lakhs of people across rural settlements and housing societies. Villages including Mullanpur, Paro, Teeda, Rehmapur, Sangalan, Katwara, Toggan, Masigarh, Kansal, Shivalik Vihar, Dasmesh Nagar and Karoran, as well as Nayagaon, Tanda, Tandi, Masol, Kane da Bahra, Perch, Seonkh, Singha Devi, Nada, Shigarwala and Manohar, along with housing societies such as Omaxe Cassia and These vulnerable, are set to remain without power from 9 am to 5 pm between March 16 and March 18. Supply areas fed by the Mullanpur and Seonkh grids are among the worst affected, with electricity remaining elusive during peak daytime hours. The disruptions began on March



9 with a scheduled outage from 9 am to 5 pm. On March 10 and 11, supply was cut from around 8.47 am till 5 pm. While residents got brief respite on March 12, outages resumed on March 13 from 8 am to 4 pm and again on March 14 from 8.40 am to 5 pm. PSPCL officials said the upgradation work would continue till the end of March. Though residents may face inconvenience in the interim, they maintained that the improvements would help ensure smoother supply during the summer months. When asked about the daily outages causing hardship, a Nayagaon Sub-Divisional Officer said, "It is as per higher authorities and published in newspapers." Meanwhile, Nayagaon resident Darshan Singh said, "Villages are facing daily inconvenience. Shops, businesses are suffering but no one is bothered here. Does the administration even know about it?"

**City to host 5th Khelo India Masters Games from March 20 to 22**

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**CHANDIGARH** : In a major development, the city will host the 5th Khelo India Masters National Games 2026 for the first time. The competitions will be held at various venues across Chandigarh from March 20 to 22. The Games will feature 10 disciplines, with nearly 3,500 athletes from 28



states expected to participate. The highest participation is in team events. As many as 28 teams have registered for hockey, 25 each for football and kabaddi, 16 for basketball, 14 for volleyball and seven for netball.

**Liquor price to go dearer in Chandigarh from next month**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : In the Excise Policy 2026-27 approved, the UT Administration has marginally increased the ex-distillery price (EDP) by up to 2% for the country liquor, Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL), Indian beer and Indian wine, considering inflation and increased cost of raw material. However, the increase will not apply to imported wines, beer and imported foreign liquor (IFL) consequently, liquor rates will jump to further costlier in Chandigarh from next month. The excise policy aims at strengthening regulatory oversight, improving ease of doing business, ensuring better enforcement and safeguarding government revenue



according to officials. Under the new policy, a total of 97 retail liquor vendors will operate in the city. The total reserve price for licensing units for the Excise Policy 2026-27 has been fixed at Rs 454.35 crore. The reserve prices of the liquor vendors last years was experienced Rs 444 crore. In the new Excise Policy, the Administration is expected to generate revenue of nearly Rs 950 crore. The Excise and Taxation Department had set a target to collect Rs 900 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal.

**Action sought against private schools' monopoly on books and uniforms : Chandigarh MC**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The Secretary Education, Chandigarh, has been urged strict action against unfair practices adopted by certain private schools, taking note of the difficulties parents have been facing with the purchase of school books and uniforms, voiced Mayor Saurabh Joshi in his anguish. "In recent times, a large number of parents have been approaching him, saying that certain private schools are indirectly compelling parents to purchase books and uniforms from specific stores. Such practices are not only causing inconvenience but also placing an additional financial burden on pupils' families", said Mayor Saurabh Joshi. The Mayor further pointed out that it was a widely known concern among parents that the prescribed books of several private schools were made available only at a few designated shops, creating a monopoly and leaving parents with little to no choice. He emphasized that commercialisation and arbitrary practices cannot be allowed in education, and any attempt to exploit parents under the guise of school policies must be



addressed. Mayor Joshi has requested the Education Department to issue a dedicated toll-free helpline number for parents so that complaints regarding forced purchase of books or uniforms can be easily registered. He has also suggested that all private schools be directed to submit a list of multiple vendors or book stores where their prescribed books and uniforms are available to ensure that parents are not restricted to a single vendor. The Mayor further urged the Education Department to publish this consolidated list of vendors on its website to ensure transparency. In addition, he has requested that the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh join the department in enforcing these directions, so any private school found violating the rules can be levied appropriate penalties.

**Pvt hospitals directed to reserve 20% beds under govt schemes : Health Minister**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI** : "Private hospitals would have to reserve at least 20 per cent of their beds under government schemes to ensure affordable patient care" said Punjab Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh on Saturday. Terming health a fundamental right and emphasising the need to make quality healthcare accessible to all, the minister emphasised the necessity of health care in Punjab. "Hospitals and Healthcare" on the second day of the Progressive Punjab Investors' Summit 2026, the



minister said stronger collaboration between the government and corporate healthcare providers is essential to ensure universal and equitable services. Dr Balbir Singh while addressing the health care session, highlighted the state government's efforts to reduce disparities in healthcare access between rural and urban areas through the expansion of Aam Aadmi Clinics.

"Punjab has established 565 clinics in villages and 318 in urban areas, particularly in underprivileged localities," he said. Calling upon corporate hospitals to contribute to the vision of universal healthcare under the Mukh Mantri Sehat Yojna, the minister said, "At least 20 per cent of beds in private hospitals should be reserved for patients who cannot afford treatment. These services need not always be free, as hospitals can receive compensation through government health schemes ensuring they do not incur losses while supporting the needy."

**Rs 202 cr on repair, recarpeting of roads, cycle tracks to be spent by Chd Administration, MC**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The road repair and recarpeting drive at the cost of Rs 152 crore, UT Administration and the Municipal Corporation (MC) have envisaged completion of 96 km of roads and cycle tracks by March 31, at a combined expenditure of about Rs 50 crore. The drive covers both UT Engineering Department roads and MC roads, with a larger programme of 889 km planned for financial year 2026-27 at an estimated cost of nearly Rs 152 crore. "My commitment to the people of Chandigarh is to provide the best basic amenities — motorable roads, functional cycle tracks, round-the-clock power and water supplies, clean surroundings and well-lit streets — backed by an administration that is accountable,



responsive and transparent in every delivery," Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria. UT Chief Engineer CB Ojha, who also holds the officiating charge of MC Chief Engineer, said the Engineering Department under the UT Administration oversees a total of 727.21 km of roads — comprising V1 national highway stretches, V2, V3 and other roads — and 114.40 km of cycle tracks. Of these, 358.42 km of roads and 13.10 km of cycle tracks were

identified as requiring repair or recarpeting in 2025-26. Before the onset of winter, 68.67 km of roads were repaired and recarpeted at the cost of Rs 11.84 crore and 11.80 km of cycle tracks at the cost of Rs 50 lakh. The total expenditure stood at Rs 12.34 crore. The Administration is targeting completion of work on 26.51 km of roads at the cost of Rs 8.74 crore and 1.30 km of cycle tracks at the cost of Rs 16 lakh by March 31 this year. In the year 2026-27, the UT will take up the work of 306.08 km of roads at an estimated cost of Rs 52.50 crore. "Work is progressing simultaneously on multiple stretches under the UT Engineering Department. Priority has been given to the most deteriorated sections," said Prerna Puri, UT Engineering Secretary.

**'Afghani Jeera' company to pay Rs 5,000 as compensation against dead fly found in soft drink bottle, orders Chandigarh consumer forum**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Amit Kumar, a resident of Chandigarh, complained that on April 4, 2022, he bought a 200 ml bottle of 'Afghani Jeera' soda for Rs 10 in cash from a shop in Hallomajra, Chandigarh. When the consumer was about to break the seal of the bottle, he noticed a dead fly in it. He said he was distressed to see this. The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Chandigarh, has directed the manufacturer and distributor of 'Afghani Jeera' soda to pay a compensation of Rs 5,000 to a city resident after a dead fly was found in a sealed bottle of the drink. The Commission also told them to deposit an additional Rs 5,000 in the Consumer Legal Aid Fund. The complainant said he repeatedly requested the manufacturer and distributor to admit the claim, but received no



response. In its order, the Commission noted that despite being served notices, Ess Kay Food and Beverages, Taraori, did not appear before the Commission and was, therefore, proceeded against ex parte. The manufacturer, Himalayan Mineral Industries, Mohali, also failed to file a reply within the stipulated time. The shop owner, however, denied the allegations and claimed that the complainant had neither visited his shop nor bought the product from there. He argued that the complainant did not produce any bill or receipt as proof. After hearing the arguments, the

Commission observed that it was clear the complainant had bought the bottle for Rs 10. During the proceedings, the Commission directed the complainant to produce the sealed bottle. The bottle was examined by the Commission in the presence of the contesting counsel. The seal was found intact and no signs of tampering were detected. The Commission held that the opposite parties could not escape liability, especially since the product was found to contain a dead fly, making it unhygienic for consumption and potentially a health hazard. The Commission ruled that there was a deficiency in service on the part of the manufacturer and distributor. They were directed to refund the cost of the product (Rs 10) and pay Rs 5,000 to the complainant as compensation for agony, harassment, and as litigation costs.

**Free ration kits to 40 lakh families to begin from April**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : To all 40 lakh blue card holders in the state from April. Ahead of the coming Vidhan Sabha election, Punjab's government will start distributing ration kits. After a meeting of the Punjab Council of Ministers in Chandigarh on Monday the announcement by Bhagwant Mann Chief Minister Punjab. 'Meri Raso', the scheme will ensure that all blue card holders get 2 kg of dal, 2 kg of sugar, 1 kg of iodised salt, 200 grams of haldi and 1 litre of mustard oil, along with the free wheat they get each month. "These families will get the ration kit for three months, beginning April," said the CM. It is learnt that the state government has set aside Rs



1,000 crore for the scheme. While the kits will be made by MARKFED, the Food and Supplies Department will distribute them. Mann said it was ironic that Punjab had been feeding millions of people in the country, but many families in the state get just one meal a day. "Our children are undernourished and suffer from

iron deficiency. The meals they get are not rich in protein. As a welfare government, it is our duty to ensure that every citizen in the state gets wholesome meals," he said. The CM said frequent quality control checks would be made to ensure that all beneficiaries get good quality ration. Mann said the Budget session would be held between March 6 and 16, and the budget proposals presented on March 8 coinciding with International Women's Day. He said the state government would give full cooperation to the Election Commission for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. "But we will oppose any move to delete the voters," he said.

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**In assembly election Assam, Kerala, Puducherry to vote on April 9, Tamil Nadu on April 23, West Bengal on April 23 and 29**

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**NEW DELHI** : Assembly elections in Assam, Kerala and Puducherry will be held on a single day on April 9, in Tamil Nadu on April 23 and in two phases in West Bengal on April 23 and 29, while votes will be counted for all polls on May 4, the Election Commission announced on Sunday. Compared to eight voting days spread across almost a month in 2021, there will be three polling days in a 20-day period in these elections, which will see the BJP trying to retain power in Assam, while it will be pitted against ruling parties in West Bengal, Kerala



**GYANESH KUMAR** and Tamil Nadu. Puducherry is governed by NDA partner All India NR Congress. A total of 17.4 crore voters are eligible to vote in the elections to five assemblies with 824 constituencies, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said at a press conference here. "Voting for all seats in Assam will be held on April 9. Voting in West Bengal will take place

in two phases on April 23 and April 29. "The voting for all seats in Kerala and Puducherry will take place on April 9, while all Tamil Nadu seats will go to polls on April 23," said Kumar, who was flanked by the two Election Commissioners — Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi. The model code of conduct has come into effect immediately with the announcement of the poll schedule. Tamil Nadu, West Bengal and Kerala are currently ruled by opposition DMK, Trinamool Congress and Left Front, respectively.

**High prospects for pharma, healthcare and medtech opened through Free Trade Agreements : Piyush Goyal**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : India has signed a total of nine FTAs in the last three to three-and-a-half years, of which five have been concluded in the past 12 months. As a result, nearly two-thirds of global trade is now open to India, said Mr Goyal while addressing the post-Budget webinar. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry on Monday said the country's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are opening new opportunities for the pharmaceutical, healthcare and medical technology sectors, while enabling the country to strengthen its position in global trade. He noted that these agreements provide India with preferential access compared to many other countries, with lower duties and expanded market opportunities, thereby opening new avenues to enhance trade. According to him, the scale of India's trade with the world in the pharmaceutical and



healthcare sectors is now greater than ever before. Goyal said FTAs are linked not only to large industries but also to farmers, fishermen, MSMEs, small industries and traders. He added that these agreements benefit sectors such as pharmaceuticals and the medtech sector that manufactures medical equipment, and also open new global opportunities for those working in innovation and emerging technologies. Highlighting India's strong presence in the pharmaceutical sector, he said the country is widely recognised as the "Pharmacy

of the World". He said growing global interest in strengthening trade relations with India reflects the recognition of country's economic potential. Furthermore, he noted that the Indian economy, currently valued at around four trillion dollars, could grow to nearly thirty trillion dollars in the next two to two-and-a-half decades, presenting a historic opportunity for global economic engagement. Goyal emphasised the need to connect the healthcare sector more strongly with exports. He said that India should focus on training skilled professionals such as caregivers and nurses, for whom there is significant demand both in India and internationally. "By strengthening skill development, India can build a workforce that supports exports, increases remittances and facilitates the global presence of Indian products and services," he added.

**CBSE warns Class 10, 12 board exam evaluators of legal action for sharing info on social media**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : "The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) evaluation process is confidential and governed by strict protocols" said CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam Bhardwaj.

The controller on Monday warned Class 10 and 12 board exam evaluators of legal action for sharing confidential information on social media, officials said. "It has come to the notice of the board that certain individuals engaged in the evaluation process of Class 10 and Class 12 examinations are posting comments, opinions and experiences on social media platforms. Many of these posts are misleading, factually incorrect and have the potential to create confusion and spread rumours among stakeholders," said



high officials of the CBSE institution. "Sharing any misleading information, experiences or opinions related to evaluation on public platforms is strictly prohibited. Any attempt to spread rumours or misrepresent facts on social media is a violation of professional conduct and may invite disciplinary action. "Teachers are advised to exercise restraint and uphold the integrity of the examination system. The board expects all evaluators to maintain confidentiality, dignity and professionalism in the discharge of their duties," he said.

**Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**GURUGRAM** : As Gurugram features among the top polluted cities in the country, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has drawn a holistic plan to reduce emissions in the city. The authority has drafted a 'net zero 2050' document, contouring the goals for urban policy-making to make Gurugram a zero emission city. Net-zero refers to the point at which a specific area or city is able to remove from the atmosphere all green house gases (GHGs) it is emitting. Effectively, it ensures that no additional carbon or other GHGs are being added into the atmosphere.



The document elaborates on the way forward to implement sustainable development strategies like construction of green buildings, setting up of centralised cooling plants in housing societies, adoption of cleaner technologies and increasing the share of electric vehicles over the next 25 years. The plan deals in four major arenas — energy, waste, transport and greenery.

**Ex-MLA Jassi Khangura, another convicted in old poll assault case**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**LUDHIANA** : Pronouncing the judgment in an appeal, the court of Additional Sessions Judge Barinder Singh Romana sentenced former MLA Jasbir Singh, alias Jassi Khangura, and another co-accused, Gurpreet Singh, both convicts to two years' imprisonment each. A fine of Rs 3,000 each was also imposed upon the convicts, which was paid by them in the court. However, the court upheld the acquittal of 11 other co-accused in the case. The incident was 18-year-old assault case linked to the 2008 Block Samiti and Zila Parishad elections. The orders came in an appeal filed by complainant Faqir Singh, challenging the acquittal of the MLA and others by the court of the then Judicial Magistrate First Class, Ludhiana, Gurpreet Kaur, on August 29, 2017. According to the prosecution, a case was registered at Dehlon police station on May 12, 2008, on the statement of the complainant, who was serving as a presiding officer during the Block Samiti and

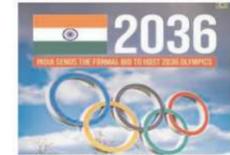


Zila Parishad elections. Faqir stated that on May 11, 2008, he along with other members of the polling party and a police team had been deputed at Government Senior Secondary School, Buttari village, for polling at booth no. 1. After the polling concluded on May 12, the ballot boxes were sealed in the presence of polling agents and were taken back to Government Senior Secondary School, Dehlon, for deposit. The complainant alleged that when he reached the school premises to deposit the ballot boxes, five to seven persons confronted and manhandled him, questioning why the ballot boxes had been brought in a car. One of them allegedly called Jasbir Singh Khangura on the phone. About 10-15 minutes later,

Khangura, along with 20-25 supporters, reached the spot and allegedly abused and assaulted the complainant. The attackers allegedly slapped and punched him, removed his turban, and kicked him, while police officials later intervened to rescue him. Faqir was taken to Civil Hospital, Dehlon, where he was medically examined and was found to have six injuries on his body, including injuries on the nose, under the left eye, left flank, elbow, and knee. He was later referred to Civil Hospital, Ludhiana, and subsequently underwent treatment at a private hospital. After examining the evidence and hearing arguments in the appeal, the Additional Sessions Judge partly allowed the appeal by convicting the MLA and Gurpreet Singh, while maintaining the acquittal of the remaining accused. However, both were released on bail as they made an application to challenge the conviction before the High Court.

**BJP's commitment to make Thiruvananthapuram 2036 Olympics venue generate political uproar**

**Commissioner News Service**  
**Thiruvananthapuram** : BJP Kerala unit urge it would request the Centre to include the city as one of the venues for the 2036 Games. In its manifesto for the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation election. BJP's local body election manifesto promise to develop the state capital into a co-host city for the 2036 Olympics triggered a political row, with leaders of both LDF and UDF on Monday calling it a fake claim. The International Olympic Committee is yet to announce the host for the 2036 edition of the world's biggest sporting event. However, there have been reports that India is bidding for the Games with Ahmedabad as its proposed main host city. Kerala Education Minister V Sivankutty accused BJP of deceiving the people of Thiruvananthapuram. "When the Union Government has bid for the



Olympics in Gujarat, how can BJP here claim that Thiruvananthapuram will be a venue?" He further said as part of the bidding process, BJP is planning for the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad, he claimed. He asked whether BJP state president Rajeev Chandrasekhar considered the people of Thiruvananthapuram "fools". "The proposal submitted to the Olympic body has no mention of Thiruvananthapuram. This is a trick because BJP has nothing to say about development," he said. Senior Congress leader K Muraliedharan also hit out at BJP on its election manifesto,

saying that, fearing defeat, the party had begun making "fake promises". "They know they would not even become the main opposition party this time. Hence, such claims," he said. State Revenue Minister K Rajan echoed a similar view, stating that the host for the 2036 Olympics had yet to be announced, but BJP claimed the event would be held in Thiruvananthapuram. Reacting to the criticism, Chandrasekhar said that other political parties would realise the proposal later. "They do not understand how it will happen. We will teach them after we get the opportunity to govern," he said. BJP is currently the main opposition in the CPI(M)-governed Thiruvananthapuram Corporation. The local body election in the state will be held in two phases on December 9 and 11.

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**India-US trade deal signing on hold until new tariff structure takes place : Secretary Commerce**

Commissioner News Service  
New Delhi : The signing of the India-US trade deal will happen only after the new tariff framework is in place, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said on Monday during a trade data briefing. Agrawal said the pact will be finalised once Washington restores global tariff rates following a court ruling that had struck them down. "Because at the end of it, each country is doing a deal as a part of a package where one is at comparative advantage...vis a vis competitors," the official said.



India and the US last month announced the finalisation of a framework for the first phase of their bilateral trade agreement. Under the proposed framework, the US had agreed to lower tariffs on Indian goods to 18 per cent. However, the tariff structure in the US has since changed following a Supreme Court ruling against President Donald Trump's sweeping tariffs. After the ruling, Trump imposed a 10 per cent tariff on all countries for 150 days starting February 24. Amid the developments, the meeting between the chief negotiators of India and the US has been postponed. The two sides were scheduled to meet last month to finalise the legal text of the pact, which had earlier been expected to be signed this month.

**1st oil tanker navigates its herculean way for India**

Commissioner News Service  
MUMBAI : Liberian flagged tanker hauling Saudi Arabian crude, captained by an Indian, cleared the Strait of Hormuz two days ago and has berthed at the port of Mumbai, becoming the first India-destined vessel to safely transit the waterway, where maritime traffic has all but halted since the US and Israel attacked Iran. The Liberia-flagged Shenlong Suezmax loaded crude from the Saudi port Ras Tanura on March 1 and embarked two days later. Its last signaled location was inside the strait on March 8, according to maritime data firms Lyod's List Intelligence and TankerTrackers. Iran has struck merchant ships and threatened not to let oil transit the water



channel, other than those headed to China, effectively making one of the world's most vital trade routes impassable. Nearly a fifth of the world's crude passes the strait. The vessel had carried 1,35,335 metric tonnes of crude of oil. She is berthed at Jawahar Dweep and has started discharging the crude cargo," Praveen Singh, deputy conservator of Mumbai Port Authority (MbPA) said. The crude will go to refineries in Mahul, in eastern Mumbai.

**From April 01, cash transactions at NH may end**

Commissioner News Service  
New Delhi : Cash payments would be likely disallowed from April 1, and the issue of penalties for over loading would be rationalised, and facilitated over the loading penalty payments," said the official. The proposed measure is aimed at consolidating the gains



achieved in passing a toll plaza, sans a valid, functional FASTag are charged the twice the applicable toll if the payment is in cash. Electronic Toll Collection and strengthening the efficiency and reliability of fee plaza operations. As per current norms, vehicles

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**Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority**

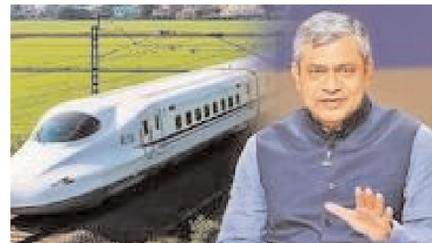
We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority 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.

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

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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 on Friday. In systematic schedule of



planned phases, Ahmadabad. In first would run the last run from Surat to Mumbai to B i l i m o r a , A h m a d a b a d followed by would be other Vaapi - c o v e r e d , Surat, Vaapi commented the A h m e d a b a d . minister. T h a n e

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**China responds after Trump urges countries to send warships to secure Strait of Hormuz**

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Washington : Hours after US President Donald Trump urged many countries including China to deploy warships in the Strait of Hormuz. China wants an immediate cession of hostilities, and that "all parties have the responsibility to ensure stable and unimpeded energy supply." The UK's Defense Ministry responded saying that they are still weighing a number of options to ensure the security of the strategic shipping route. There has been no response from France, Japan, South Korea so far, stating that the security of the Strait of Hormuz should always have been a "team effort", Trump



in a Truth Social post on mar 14 said that the countries of the world that "receive oil through the Hormuz Strait" must take care of that passage." He also declared that the US will help them. "As a sincere friend and strategic partner of Middle Eastern countries, China will continue to strengthen communication with relevant parties, including parties to the conflict, and play a constructive role for

deescalation and restoration of peace." A spokesperson for the British Ministry of Defense said that the UK is "currently discussing with our allies and partners a range of options to ensure the security of shipping in the region." The Chinese response amid uncertainty over Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping's meeting in Beijing in over two weeks. Meanwhile, at least 29 maritime incidents have been reported since the closure of Strait of Hormuz by Iran. Several Indian Navy warships have been deployed near the Persian Gulf and remain on standby to assist merchant vessels coming towards India..

**India remains optimistic about Iran over talks giving easy Hormuz route**

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New Delhi : SJaishankar, Indian Foreign Minister said he is hopeful that talks with Iran will begin to ease shipping disruptions for the country's vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. "I am at the moment engaged in talking and my talking has yielded some results," he apprised the journalist. There was ,however, no "blanket arrangement" for all Indian ships to pass through the narrow waterway, a vital oil shipping channel. Two Indian-flagged gas tankers passed through the strait on Saturday after discussions progressed between Delhi and



Tehran. 22 Indian-flagged vessels are still waiting for clearance to pass through the channel. The war in the Middle East - which began after US and Israel launched wide-ranging strikes on Iran on 28 February - has led to Iran almost completely blocking ship movements through the channel. Iran has also launched attacks on Israel and US-allied states in the Gulf, which have extended to non-military targets. The Strait of Hormuz is

a narrow waterway between Iran and Oman linking the Persian Gulf with the Arabian Sea - about one-fifth of the world's oil and gas passes through the route. The channel is crucial for India as roughly 40-50% of its crude oil imports come through the strait. It also carries around half of the country's liquefied natural gas imports and most of its liquefied petroleum gas shipments. India has been dealing with a squeeze in cooking-gas supplies over the past few days, leading to panic-buying by domestic users and also forcing some restaurants to shut down temporarily.

**US destabilises regional security by prompting oil \$ 200 a barrel --Iran Military Command**

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DUBAI/TEL AVIV/WASHINGTON, March - Unleashed with joint US air strike on Iran almost two weeks ago the war so far has killed appx 2000 people and thrown global energy markets and transports into chaos, and Israeli Iran appeared to have set ablaze two tankers in Iraqi waters as it stepped up attacks on oil and transport facilities across the Middle East, warning the world should be ready for oil at \$200 a barrel in defiance of President Donald Trump's claim that the U.S. had already won the war. The conflict has spread across the Middle East and prompted plans for a record release of strategic oil reserves to dampen one of the worst fuel shocks since the 1970s. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said more than 1,100 children had been killed or injured. At a campaign-style rally in Kentucky ahead of November midterm elections in which his Republican party is trailing



badly, Trump said the United States had won the war but didn't want to have to go back every two years. "We don't want to leave early do we?" he said on Wednesday. "We got to finish the job." Oil prices, which shot up earlier in the week to nearly \$120 a barrel before retreating, jumped almost 10% back above \$100 a barrel in Asian trade on Thursday amid renewed fears about supply disruption. Wall Street's main share indexes fell and stocks ?in Asia followed suit. Iran has made clear it intends to impose a prolonged economic shock, with the spokesperson for Iran's military command saying in remarks directed at the U.S. on Wednesday: "Get ready for oil to be \$200 a barrel, because the oil price depends on regional security, which you have destabilised."

**Gulf Cooperation Council seeks immediate halt on attack by Iran**

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New York : The United Nations Security Council adopted a draft resolution condemning Iran's attacks on Gulf countries and Jordan, demanding that Tehran immediately halt hostilities. Thirteen of the 15 members of the UNSC voted on Wednesday in favour of the resolution sponsored by the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and cosponsored by an extraordinary 135 other UN member states. "It was overwhelming. It was 13 votes on the Council in favour, two abstentions," Al Jazeera's Gabriel Elizondo said, reporting from UN headquarters in New York. "Both China and Russia abstained but notably decided not to use their veto power to block this resolution, probably because it got a lot of support, not only in



the Security Council but with other member states - 135 other countries cosponsored this resolution that has now been adopted," Elizondo said. "We believe that this is the largest number of countries ever to cosponsor a Security Council draft resolution," he said. The resolution condemns Iran's attacks, demands an immediate halt to hostilities, and deplores Tehran's targeting of infrastructure such as ports and energy facilities in the Gulf region. "The resolution is very clear; it is now part of international law. The question becomes, will Iran abide by it? We will find out in the coming hours and days," Elizondo said.

**Need of citizen-centric time, no place for 'babugiri', pleads Kataria**

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Chandigarh : Officials of the Chandigarh Administration and the Municipal Corporation would be required to "shun " ,compounding 'babugiri' and intricate style of functioning. The need for citizen-centric and more responsive approach was becoming a pre-requisite in delivering public services , said Gulab Chand Kataria UT Administrator and Punjab Governor while delivering inaugural address on Friday at the Urban Innovating Summit organised by



Municipal Corporation along with Technomedia. . The mode of effective services may not be paralysed due to the behavioural pattern under bada chhotta establishing trends. After the retirement in the present premises, they

would be required to note the ethicle changes as the sincere personnel have transformed their mode of working style, knowing that they would be required to visit different places for the tasks of urgency. No superiority complex was worn , instead cloak of humbleness had become the expressive way to exhibit the lifestyle. The pain of the people must be felt with genuine commitment toward resolving their issues very expeditiously. With urban innovation, self innovation is directly required.

**Oil tankers burn near Iraq as Iranian strikes defy Trump's false claim of victory in war**

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**Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health**

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DeraBassi : Fluoride habitation carrying water contaminants with the fast depletion of ground water and distant access to safe drinking water has been evolving a serious concern with the ministry of Jal Shakti. As public health his been the intimate concern of Punjab Pollution Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps must be initiated to eradicate flow of untreated sewage, effluents into the ground water. The community water purification plants need to be augmented. The control over expansion of fluorsis need to be endemic, sources revealed. The accessibility to safe drinking water has been eloping with the discharge of untreated chemicals, effluents into the ground water, and depletion not halting for a cause. The multiplying cases of cancer are not being contained duo to the surge in bacterial growth. Pathogens like bacteria and viruses are being experienced as a very common hazard with the rural public life. Afflicted several health issues might be arthritis, infertility, hypertension, neurotoxicity and increased risk of skeletal cancer, reveals an official. Additionally prolonged exposure can damage organs like liver, kidneys, lungs and testis. Water contamination has been posing immediate and chronic health threats, needs seriouses contemplation, medication and panacea.

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**HELPLINE DISTT SAS NAGAR**

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- SSP Office : 0172-2219211, 212, 2219356, 2219357 (M) 9115516066
- PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11
- Punjab School Education Board : 3047444
- Industrial Area : 0172-2250910
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- Police Station Mataur : 9115516020
- Police Station Suhana : 9115516029
- Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040
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Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

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