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Modi to visit White House next week on Trump's invitation

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New Delhi : Prime Minister Narendra Modi would on February 12 travel to Washington for his first bilateral meeting with Donald Trump after the latter's inauguration of take over of the presidential office. The tour to France on 10 Feb would precede the US trip in view of Modi's co - chairmanship the scheduled AI summit. The invitation comes

shortly after a US military plane departed to return deported migrants to India. On January 27, Trump and PM Modi held a telephonic conversation in which they discussed several key issues, including immigration, the importance of India purchasing more American-made security equipment, and fostering fair trade relations between the two countries. India, a

strategic ally of the United States in countering China, is eager to strengthen trade ties with the US and ease visa access for skilled workers. The country is also keen to avoid the tariffs that Trump has previously threatened, particularly due to India's high tariffs on US products. In 2023/24, the US became India's largest trading partner, with bilateral trade surpass-



ing \$118 billion. India recorded a trade surplus of \$32 billion with

the US during this period. The visit will come after PM Modi's stop

in Paris, and he will be one of the few foreign leaders to visit

Washington D.C. so soon after Trump's inauguration. Earlier, Trump had hinted at PM Modi's visit, telling reporters aboard Air Force One that the Prime Minister would be coming to the White House in February. "I had a long talk with him this morning. He is going to be coming to the White House, probably next month, in February. We have a very good relationship

with India," Trump said, confirming the planned visit. The two leaders have shared a strong bond, with PM Modi and Trump addressing large crowds at rallies in Houston in 2019 and Ahmedabad in 2020. PM Modi was also one of the first world leaders to congratulate Trump after his victory in the 2024 presidential election.

Appointment of independent observers sought in New Delhi constituency

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New Delhi : In a letter to the Election Commission, Arvind Kejriwal has demanded the arrest of BJP workers allegedly involved in tumultuous incidents and suspension of concerned police officers. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal has alleged an attack on his party workers ahead of the Delhi Assembly polls and demand-



ed that the Election Commission appoint independent observers in his New

Delhi constituency no immediate reaction was available from the BJP and the Delhi Police over Mr. Kejriwal's claims. No immediate reaction was available from the BJP and the Delhi Police over Mr. Kejriwal's claims. Mr. Kejriwal is pitted against BJP's Parvesh Verma and Sandeep Dikshit of the Congress in a triangular contest in the

Snr Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor assume office

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Chandigarh: Mr Jasbir Singh Bunty senior deputy mayor newly elected member expressed his commitment to the city's development. Taruna Mehta, Deputy Mayor underscored that their primary objective included addressing the financial challenges faced by the municipal corporation and implementing previously proposed suggestions at the grassroots level. Both the leaders extended their gratitude to all senior party leaders, including sitting MP Manish Tewari. A multitude of Congress leaders and supporters gathered in the MC building, arriv-



ing in advance and eagerly waiting to the new official with garlands. Following the ceremony, city Congress president HS Lucky felicitated on their commitment to enhancing the city's development through collaborative efforts. All

noted that this victory marked Congress's return to the municipal corporation after a 12 year hiatus, affirming their dedication to being available spirits around the clock for city's development.

Local bodies warned against rise in dog bite cases

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Mohali : The officials working on the civic bodies would be held accountable, if the birth control of the dogs are not curtailed. Ms Sonam Choudhary the ADC, directed the Executive Officers of the civic bodies to start the vaccination drive in their respective



jurisdictional areas and enhance number of anti rabid camps. The directives were served during the review meeting of the activities of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) held at the District Administrative Complex.

Misuse of funds, graft, charges levelled against former RERA chief

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Shimla: Former Chief of RERA (Real Estate Regulatory Authority) Shrikant Baldi had indulged in arbitrary activities of corruption, as per the details of the information sought in the @ RTI, procured by former deputy advocate general Viney Sharma. Viney Sharma has filed a complaint in the state vigilance and anti



corruption bureau against the former chief secretary Shrikant Baldi who during his tenure had created

massive bungling in the public funds /exchequer. On learning, Mr Baldi had distributed free apples worth Rs 10 lakhs from govt funds to IAS and IPS officers across the country during his service in RERA as the chairman of the Himachal Pradesh real estate. There is no legal provision for incurring such type of massive expenditure, said Viney Sharma.

Canada creates hazardous environs for crimes, illegal entries of immigrants

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New Delhi : For organised criminal activities, it is becoming unbearable now, said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesman of foreign ministry. We reject the rubbish allegation of reinforcing interference in Canadian internal matter. An enquiry into foreign interference in Canada's recent election called on Intel agencies and federal government to reform, how they would respond to meddling by China, India and other state actors before the next national elections. India



always maintains, since Canada has unstintingly been supporting biased approach by expelling 41 Canadian diplomats in 2023. The campaigned efforts helped trigger a diplomatic row over the killing of a Sikh separatist for which

Ottawa charged the Indian governance. The Trump administration has been forcing the India government to accept their 40,000 nationals, made their entry through their tactful approach

ECHS facilities for veterans inspected by GOC-IN-C

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Chandigarh : The General Officer Commanding-in-chief Lt Gen Manoj Kumar Katiyar emphasised the need to infuse Artificial Intelligence in medicine management arena and oversee the mechanisms. The meeting aimed to upgrade healthcare facilities for defence service veterans and their dependents. The key initiatives discussed included revising the common drug list, IT automation in polyclinics, mobile units for remote areas, and a pilot project for home delivery of medicines. To enhance facilities, five new polyclinics were sanctioned in Western Command, and 12 high-pressure polyclinics were upgraded with additional manpower and equipments. An



additional Rs 5.2 crore in welfare funds was allocated for augmenting ECHS facilities. The Army Commander directed special attention to the healthcare needs of senior veterans above 80 years of age, and widows demonstrating the Western Command's commitment to providing quality healthcare services to veterans and their families.

BRICS member countries warned against replacing US dollar as reserve currency

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Washington : "We are going to require a commitment from these seemingly hostile countries that they will neither create a new BRICS currency nor back any other currency to replace mighty US dollar or will face 100 % tariffs," said Trump on Truth Social. At the same time Russia said any US attempt to compel countries to use the dollar would backfire. The BRICS group comprises of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa and a few more joining in past couple of years. There is, however, no



chance that BRICS would replace the US dollar in international trade or anywhere else and if any country tries should say Hello to tariff and goodbye to America, said Trump. Canada, Mexico await for his (Trump) decision to follow through on a pledge to impose 25 % tariffs on the US's North American trading partner from Feb 01.

Plastic waste segregation plant soon to become a reality

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Mohali : At Madanherri village, a first plastic waste segregation plant would be installed, appraised the additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC, Rural Development) Sonam Chaudhary. In the meeting hall of District Administrative Complex, ADC disclosed that solid rural waste had become major issue in



the rural areas. In collaboration with the department of water supply and sanitation, the water supply department will pave the way for compressing the plastic material into bales for sale in

the open market. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), 78 villages would be granted ODF+ status, by addressing dry and wet waste issues effectively.

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 16. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769 SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK
 17. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant Shimla road, Zirakpur

CLINIC/HOSPITAL/LAB

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

MEDICINES & CHEMISTS/MEDICOS

- 1.Mohan Medical Hall, 9063000061 Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
2. MF Chemist, 7341130032 Allopathic/Ayurvedic/Cosmetics SCO 16, Navjot Square, Near NK Sharma office, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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RESTAURANTS, EATRIES, DHABHA

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 5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
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EDITORIAL –

Need to accelerate green energy transition

There is urgent need to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and shift to renewable energy, and in recent years, many governments have pledged to reach net-zero greenhouse-gas emissions, albeit over extremely long timeframes. But they will never get there so long as they treat electricity, which is central to the clean-energy transition, like any other market good. The green transition is driven by several factors, such as energy intensity, investment flows, consumption patterns and distribution systems. But its success hinges on humanity's ability to move away from "dirty" fossil fuels toward clean, renewable energy sources, particularly solar and wind. And that requires a p r o f o u n d transformation in how electricity is generated, distributed and consumed. Economists and policymakers have long framed the energy transition as a question of relative prices. In recent decades, wind and solar costs have plummeted, driven by t e c h n o l o g i c a l advances — especially in China, where g o v e r n m e n t interventions have helped scale up green industries and drive down the so-called levelised cost of energy (LCOE). According to this widely used metric for

comparing power sources, renewables have consistently outperformed fossil fuels, even before external shocks like the Ukraine war sent oil and gas prices soaring. In theory, these developments should have expedited the global transition away from fossil fuels. In practice, however, renewable-energy sources merely supplement the total power supply. Meanwhile, both developed and developing countries continue to increase fossil-fuel production and invest heavily in exploring new reserves. The discrepancy cannot be fully explained by market forces or relative prices. Over the years, many have blamed political leaders for the lack of climate progress, especially after climate-change denialists rose to power in countries like the US and Argentina. But this explanation, too, is incomplete. Renewable energy has become cheaper than fossil fuels, the profits it generates are low and unreliable. Christophers vividly describes this self-c a n n i b a l i s i n g dynamic, highlighting how it has played out across different economies, from the US and Norway to India. Solution is not to subsidise green capitalism by derisking investments,

although such measures are unavoidable if renewable energy is to remain viable. Instead, the key is recognising that electricity is not a c o m m o d i t y . Consequently, we must restructure all aspects of energy production and d i s t r i b u t i o n , e n c o m p a s s i n g renewables and fossil fuels alike. Most importantly, achieving true decarbonisation requires governments to adopt a more proactive approach. Instead of acting as behind-the-scenes market facilitators, policymakers must take direct responsibility for producing and distributing renewable energy. Such an approach is far from radical. Before the rise of n e o l i b e r a l i s m , governments played a pivotal role in building and managing critical i n f r a s t r u c t u r e , including energy systems. To facilitate the green transition, they must reclaim that responsibility. The expected private-sector profits from renewable-energy generation are simply not sufficient to drive the necessary t r a n s f o r m a t i o n , despite the urgent global demand. Until policymakers come to terms with this reality, their efforts to accelerate the shift to renewables will continue to fall short.

Compounding regime of synthetic milk

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, 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.

Rs 271 crore Jan GST collection, goes up by 8%

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CHANDIGARH : The collection for January stood at Rs 271 crore, which was Rs 19 crore more than Rs 252 crore mopped up in the same month in 2024, revealed in accordance with the Ministry of Finance. After witnessing a decline in December last year, the Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in the city in January increased by 8% compared to the gross levy collected during the corresponding period in 2024. In December last year, the GST collection saw a decline of 20%. The collection for December last year stood at Rs 224 crore, which was Rs 57 crore less than Rs 281 crore generated in the same month in 2023.



The levy collection saw a growth of 20% in November 2024 when it received Rs 253 crore, Rs 43 crore more than Rs 210 crore generated in the same month in 2023. The collection for October stood at Rs 243 crore, Rs 33 crore more than the corresponding month in 2023. There was a decline of 10% in September, while August saw an increase of 27% in levy receipts. The collection for August stood at Rs 244 crore, Rs 52 crore more than Rs 192 crore collected in 2023.

Put details of house ownership online, residents urge GMADA

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MOHALI : Wide ranging arguments and negotiations were held on problems being faced by the residents of Private Mega Housing Project of Mohali. in a meeting of Committee For Residents Welfare Associations & Societies (Mega) Mohali. It was noted that due to non-mutation into revenue records of properties people are



often being cheated, said Rajwinder Singh Sarao, Committee president. "If records are available on GMADA website, then people can be saved from getting cheated," the members suggested.

No optional procurement of service charge from consumer : UT

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CHANDIGARH : "It had been noticed that some restaurants and hotels were levying service charge in the bill by default, without informing consumers that paying such charge was voluntary and optional", said an official of the Food and Supplies department. Now, the UT Department of Food and Supplies and Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology has issued an advisory in public interest to hotels and restaurants that no hotel or restaurant shall add service charge automatically or by default to the bill. Service charge is being levied in addition to the total price of the food items mentioned in the menu and applicable taxes, often in the guise of some other fee or charge. Further, it has also been noticed that some customers have been paying tips to waiters in addition to service charges under the mistaken impression that service charge is a part of taxes. As per the guidelines issued by the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA), service charge cannot be added to the bill involuntarily, without allowing consumers the choice or discretion to decide whether they want to pay such charge or not. The department stated that, "Service charge shall not be collected from consumers by any other name. No hotel or restaurant shall force a consumer to pay service charge and shall clearly inform the

consumer that service charge is voluntary, optional and at consumer's discretion." No restriction on entry or provision of services based on collection of service charge shall be imposed on consumers. Service charge shall not be collected by adding it along with the food bill and levying GST on the total amount, adds the department. The department informed the public that if any consumer finds a hotel or restaurant that is levying service charge in violation to the mentioned guidelines, a consumer may make a request to the hotel or restaurant concerned to remove service charge from the bill amount. Lodge a complaint on the Consumer Helpline, which works as an alternative dispute redressal mechanism at the pre-litigation level by calling 1915 or through WhatsApp number 8800001915 or through the NCH mobile app. Consumers can file a complaint against unfair trade practice with the Consumer Commission. The Complaint can also be filed electronically through portal www.e-jagriti.gov.in for its speedy and effective redressal and submit a complaint to the CCPA by e-mail at com-ccpa@nic.in. A consumer can also send a complaint to the Department of Food & Supplies and Consumer Affairs and Legal Metrology by helpline number at 0172-2703956 or email at fcs-chd@nic.in for subsequent proceeding by the CCPA.

Dallewal surrenders to medical aid, Centre-farmer talks to be held Feb 14

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PATIALA : Priya Ranjan, Joint Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, at a meeting with Dallewal, invited him for talks on February 14 at the Mahatma Gandhi State Institute of Public Administration, Chandigarh. He said, "I hope Dallewal breaks his fast and participates in the talks." The date has been chosen keeping in mind the model code of conduct for the February 5 Delhi Assembly elections. The Centre has invited farm leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal, who is on a fast unto death for the past 54 days at the Khanauri border, for talks, which may end the year-long farmers' protest. Dallewal later agreed to take medical treatment after Kaka Singh Kotra, Abhimanyu Kohar and other farmer leaders made an emotional appeal of going on a fast unto death if he failed to do so. Soon after, medical teams on standby started the treatment, said Kotra. Dallewal, however, maintained that he would not take food till the government agreed to a legal guarantee on the MSP. Kotra said Dallewal had expressed the desire that the first meeting should be held in Chandigarh and the second in Delhi. Hectic activity was witnessed at Khanauri after the farm bodies protesting on the Punjab border with Haryana

said they had got a "decent proposal" from the Centre regarding their demands even as farmer groups could not draw a unity plan during their second round of talks. Sources said the Centre had put a condition that Dallewal would have to accept treatment if they wanted the proposal to materialise. Earlier, Priya Ranjan visited Khanauri and met Dallewal. After meeting the fasting leader, representatives of the Centre, led by Ranjan, held nearly two-hour talks with the protesting farmers, following which they made the offer. Without revealing the details of the proposal, farmer leader Kotra said, "We have received a decent proposal and are discussing its modalities." The sources said former Punjab DIG Narinder Bhargav and former ADGP Jaskaran Singh played a crucial role in arranging the meeting. This was the first time since February 18 last year when representatives of the Centre held formal talks with the protesting farmer leaders over their demands. The protesting farmers, led by the Samyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, have been protesting at the Shambhu and Khanauri borders since February 13 when their march to Delhi was halted by the security forces.

PMEGP, Khadi exhibition opens up at Shalimar ground in Panchkula

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PANCHKULA : The state-level Khadi and Prime Ministers Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) with features 46 khadi and 54, joint exhibition PM Generation Employment Programme units, officially opened at Shalimar Ground in Sector 5, showcasing a range of eco-friendly and indigenous products, providing a platform for artisans and entrepreneurs to present their goods. Exhibition with over 100 stalls from Haryana, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, New Delhi, Nagpur and Pune, will run until February 10.



n Haryana alone, 139 Khadi institutions employ nearly 60,000 artisans, generating goods worth Rs 267.26 crore and sales worth Rs 442 crore in 2023-24. The Khadi industry has seen significant growth in the past decade, with sales of Khadi village industries products

surging from Rs 31,000 crore to Rs 1,55,000 crore, a five-fold increase. Employment in this sector has also grown, from 1.3 crore to 1.87 crore people, with over 10 lakh new jobs created in the last 10 years.

CHB cancels allotment of 42 small flats owing to unpaid dues

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CHANDIGARH : Notices had been sent to the allottees. As the allotment has been cancelled, they have been directed to hand over possession of their flats to the Chandigarh Housing Board within one month, revealed an official. Continuing action against allottees of the small flats scheme, who have not paid their dues, the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has cancelled the allotment of 42 houses. "If the allottees failed to hand over the possession, the CHB will start the process of getting the houses vacated," stated the official. In the past two months, the



allotment of 155 houses has been cancelled. The small flats scheme was implemented in Chandigarh to provide permanent shelter to poor families. Under this, houses were built in different sectors and other areas and allotted on a licence basis. According to the terms of the scheme, an allottee is required to deposit the fixed licence fee

to the CHB by the 10th of every month. Most of the allottees of this scheme have not deposited the licence Rs 800 fee for the past several years. The dues of these allottees have added up to Rs 2 lakh or more each. The official said the allottees were served notices five-six times to deposit the outstanding amount and were also called for a personal hearing. However, none turned up or paid the dues. The allotment of defaulters' houses has been cancelled under clause number 2, 12 and 16(A) of the Deed of Licence of Chandigarh Small Flats Scheme-2006.

25% seats for admission must go to economically weaker section : Admn

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : In accordance with the Right to Education Act, non-minority, recognised unaided private schools in Chandigarh must allocate 25 per cent of seats for EWS/disadvantaged group (DG). The minority schools are out of its purview. Under the Right to Education Act, 2009, the struggle continues to be bone of contention between the UT Education Department and educational institutions. Despite being in existence for over a decade now, the mandate for reserving 25 per cent seats for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) students in local private schools. While private schools claimed that the administration has no fixed pattern of reimbursing the fee, there are some schools that have not received their dues for nearly a decade. The UT Education Department contradicts the claims and maintains that not even a single penny is pending. Interestingly, the matter has been in the court for the last two years, but both the department and the schools continue to trade charges. "The Chandigarh Administration is not willing to implement law and is actually bullying educational institutions. Crores of rupees have been pending with the



administration. The payment has been delayed by almost 10 years and the matter is in court for two years now," said HS Mamik, president, Independent Schools Association (ISA), Chandigarh. He added, "While other parents pay the fee quarterly, the administration has asked schools to wait for an entire academic year to clear the dues of the EWS students. Also, the process of filling the EWS seats in government schools starts after the private schools are done with it. The government should set an example by leading from the front rather than putting pressure on the schools." In a previous submission in the High Court, the UT Administration had said educational institutions were allotted land on leasehold basis under a 1996. In the past, the department and school managements have held several rounds of discussion, but to no avail. Sources claimed that ever since the implementation of the RTE Act, the cost (fee) for

teaching EWS students has been increasing. While the department has enhanced the cost per child, the schools have flagged the issue of reimbursement rates.scheme. Accordingly, they were required to admit 5 per cent students as part of social responsibility from the EWS category without charging any dues. The limit was enhanced to 15 per cent in 2005 and covered all schools that got land prior to the policy or after the notification of the policy. The schools are entitled for reimbursement for 10 per cent EWS students and not 25 per cent students admitted by them every year. As per Harsuhinder Pal Singh Brar, Director School Education, UT Administration, "The department will fill up EWS seats as per the RTE Act. We will ensure 100 per cent compliance and will also ensure that the schools meet their commitment. There's not a single penny pending for payment with the department. All payments have been cleared. That has been the law for the last 10 years and we are committed to meet our obligation under the RTE Act. We will ensure the schools meet their part of the obligations. It has already been in the public domain."

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20 nations' Energy Ministers to attend India Energy Week from 11 Feb to 14 Feb

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NEW DELHI: India Energy Week (IEW), spanning over 1 lakh Sq mts, will be the second-largest energy event globally, in terms of participation, exhibition space and sessions. Energy ministers from over 20 countries, including those from advanced economies, largest energy producers, countries of global south will be attending IEW here in the national capital from February 11-14, officials said.

Apart from ministers, foreign ambassadors, and Heads of leading International Organizations, 90 CEOs/Members of the executive board from some of the world's largest Fortune 500 energy companies will also attend the IEW 2025.

Building on the success of the past two editions, inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the third edition of IEW is set to solidify its position as a pivotal meeting place for the global energy industry.

As one of the first major energy events of 2025, it will set the tone for the industry for the rest of the year, addressing the most critical challenges and opportunities ahead.

IEW is taking place from February 11-14 in Yashobhoomi, the India's largest



convention and exhibition centre, in Dwarka at the border of Delhi-Gurgaon.

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Dkt Doto Mashaka Biteko Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy Government of Tanzania, Yonis Ali Guedi Minister of Energy and Natural Resources Republic of Djibouti are among the energy ministers attending the IEW.

Apart from Ministers, Heads of leading International Organizations including Jassim Al Shirawi, Secretary General, IEF and Haitham Al-Ghais, Secretary General, OPEC has given the confirmation to attend this event.

90 CEOs/Members of the executive board from some of the world's largest Fortune 500 energy companies including Magda Chambriard, CEO, Petrobras, Lorenzo Simonelli, Chairman and CEO, Baker

Hughes, Izumi Kai, CEO, JERA Asia, Musabbeh Al Kaabi, CEO, Upstream ADNOC will address the conferences during this four day event.

William Lin and Emeka Emembolu, EVP, BP group, Russell Hardy, Group CEO, Vitrol, Arnaud Pietet, CEO Technip Energies, Girish Saligram President and CEO, Weatherford, Yoshinori Kanehara, Chairman, Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd, Brian Moran, Chief Sustainability Officer, The Boeing Company and Hitesh Vaid, CFO, Cairn Oil and Gas, Vedanta Ltd are also coming in this second-largest energy event globally.

IEW 2025 under the patronage of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, India and organised by the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI) and dng events, IEW will convene the global energy industry to address the most pressing challenges facing the sector, offering an influential platform for collaboration and innovation that will shape the future of energy worldwide.

The conference will also host 10 country pavilions from leading nations such as the US, UK, Russia, Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands, alongside eight thematic zones focusing on hydrogen, renewables, biofuels, and petrochemicals.

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NEW DELHI : The 8 members committee set up by Congress will first take up the Maharashtra voters' list manipulation issue, and submit a detailed report to the leadership at the earliest, the party said in a statement.

The Empowered Action Group of Leaders and Experts (EAGLE) would -- monitor the conduct of free and fair elections by the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The panel includes Congress treasurer Ajay Maken and senior leaders Digvijaya Singh, Abhishek Singhvi, Praveen Chakravarty and Pawan Khara. Besides, Gurdeep Singh Sappal, Nitin Raut and Challa Vamshi Chand Reddy are also part of the panel.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge has constituted EAGLE with immediate effect to monitor the conduct of free and fair elections by the EC of India, the statement said.

Besides Maharashtra, 'EAGLE' will also analyse past elections in other states, and proactively monitor upcoming elections and all issues related to the conduct of free and fair elections in the country.

Significantly, the setting up of the panel comes just days before the Delhi Assembly polls.



Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi had last month alleged that there is a "serious problem" with the country's election system and that the EC needs to ensure there is transparency in polls.

Maintaining that "something wrong" has taken place in Maharashtra Assembly elections, he had said the Congress and the Opposition have been asking for voter lists of Maharashtra and Haryana elections, which the EC is refusing to provide.

He had demanded that the EC come clean on the issue.

Gandhi, while addressing Congress leaders at the inauguration of the new party headquarters on January 15, had alleged there has been an increase of nearly one crore voters between Maharashtra Lok Sabha and assembly elections but the Election Commission is neither answering the queries raised by the opposition nor giving the lists of voters.

UAE addressed emerging security challenges in 36th meeting of Arab Counter-Terrorism Experts Group



Commissioner News Service
Cairo (Egypt) : The UAE participated in the 36th meeting of Arab Counter-Terrorism Experts Group, held on Monday at the headquarters of the Arab League in Cairo, alongside a workshop on combating the recruitment of children by terrorist groups through modern technologies and electronic games.

Ambassador Maha Bakhit, Director of the Legal Affairs Department and Head of the

Technical Secretariat of the Arab Counter-Terrorism Experts Group, stated that the meeting reviewed the follow-up measures on recommendations issued during the 35th session of the Arab Interior Ministers Council held in Tunis, as well as efforts to strengthen

cooperation with the United Nations and its relevant agencies and committees on counter-terrorism, in addition to international and regional organisations working in this field.

She highlighted that the discussions also included Arab states' experiences and perspectives on measures taken to prevent the use of drones in terrorist operations, reflecting joint Arab efforts to address emerging security challenges.

Loan procedure streamlined for rural women entrepreneurs at NABARD's Grameen Bharat Mahotsav

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : Speakers at Grameen Bharat Mahotsav highlighted the tireless efforts of women in agriculture and entrepreneurship that are often unrecognised despite their substantial impact on the economy.

The third day of Grameen Bharat Mahotsav, organised by the Department of Financial Services and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), witnessed a focused dialogue on empowering rural women entrepreneurs.

The day commenced with a compelling panel discussion on "Promoting Rural Women Entrepreneurs," emphasising the critical role women play in rural development and the measures needed to amplify their contributions.

The panel at the event explored the remarkable performance of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which have emerged as a beacon of hope, showcasing lower NPAs and the transformative success of initiatives like the "Lakhpati Didi" programmes that have created over three crore women entrepreneurs in just three years.

There were discussions on the difficulties of rural women in accessing financial resources,



especially loans, and how to simplify and make them easily accessible. The panel discussed the importance of streamlining loan application procedures and loan products to suit the nature of the businesses.

Increased access to finance, capacity building, and digital channels for women entrepreneurs were critical economic empowerment drivers. In this light, the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) received a special mention due to its imperative role in promoting this vision.

The participants emphasised the need for public-private collaboration, better market linkages, digital literacy, and upgraded marketing approaches, such as GI tagging for rural products.

Future steps discussed during the session included large-scale skilling programs tailored to meet evolving demands and equip women entrepreneurs to compete on international standards. Simplifying loan

disbursement processes and ensuring accessibility to various types of loans were identified as crucial priorities.

It emphasised that NRLM remains steadfast in its commitment to achieving these goals, with private-sector partnerships playing a vital role in bridging gaps and fostering sustainable development.

The afternoon session featured a workshop on "Promoting Digital Commerce for Rural Entrepreneurs," which shed light on leveraging e-commerce and digital platforms to expand market reach for rural businesses.

Experts presented insights into creating a robust ecosystem that supports rural entrepreneurs in accessing global markets and thriving in the digital age.

Cultural Spectacle: Winding up the day with a celebration of India's best tradition and artistic heritage.

The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav is being held from January 4 to 9 with the theme 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047.

The Mahotsav, through various discussions, workshops and masterclasses, aims to enhance rural infrastructure, create self-reliant economies, and foster innovation within rural communities.

Portals of Badrinath Temple to reopen on May 4

Commissioner News Service
NEW TEHRI : On the occasion of Basant Panchami, May 4, the auspicious time for opening the temple was decided after special prayers were offered at the former Tehri royal court in Narendra Nagar.

The sacred portals of the Badrinath temple in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district will open at auspicious hours 6 am on May 4.

After Ganesh Panchang and Chowki Pujan, royal priest Acharya Krishna Prasad Uniyal decided the date for opening the doors of the Badrinath temple.

On this occasion, besides former Maharaja of Tehri Manvendra Shah, his wife, daughter Shreejaand, Tehri Lok Sabha member Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, Badrinath's chief priest Rawal Amarnath Namboodri



and Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee's chief executive officer Vijay Thapliyal were present.

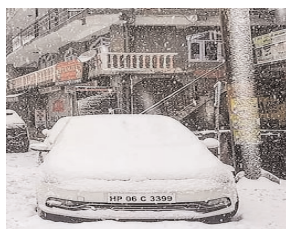
Every year after Diwali, the doors of the Char Dhams—Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri—are closed for the devotees. The portals reopen in April-May the following year.

During the six-month-long pilgrimage, lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad visit the Char Dhams.

Commissioner News Service
SHIMLA : With the aim of enhancing revenue of the state the department has devised scheme to attract more tourists as well as meet the day-to-day requirement, the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited (HPTDC) has decided to offer a winter discount on booking rooms in around 50 of its hotels from January 3 till April 15.

According to HPTDC officials, the decision has been taken to ensure that more tourists visit Himachal Pradesh during this period.

The online reservation for the said period has been monitored at the corporate office level. It has been found that the advance reservation for this period is low. Moreover as per past record the period during January to April is lean tourist season disclosed the officials.



Therefore, keeping this in mind, the corporation has decided to offer 40 per cent discount at Chail Palace, Log Huts Manali, Hotel Manimahesh in Dalhousie, Hotel Apple Blossom in Fagu, The Golf Glade in Naldehra, Hotel Gaurikund in Bharmaur, Hotel Devdar in Khajjiar, Hotel Shrikhand in Sarahan and in Hotel Giriganga in Khadapathar.

Additionally, the corporation is also offering 30 per cent discount in Hotel Holiday Home in Shimla, Hotel Peterhoff, Hotel Chanshal in Rohru, Hotel Nurpur in Nurpur, Hotel Iravati in Chamba, Hotel Baghal in Darlaghat, Chintpurni

Heights in Bharwain, Hotel Hilltop in Swarghat, The Kunal in Dharamsala, Hotel Shivalik in Parwanoo, Lake View in Bilaspur, Hotel Yamuna in Paonta Sahib, Hotel Neugal in Palampur, Camping Site at Pong Dam, Hotel Tea Bud in Palampur, Hotel Ros Common in Kasauli, Hotel Renuka, Hotel Club House, McLeodganj, Tourist Inn in Rajgarh, The Castle in Naggar, Hotel Silvermoon in Kullu, Hotel Hatu in Narkanda, Hotel Kashmir House in Dharamsala, Hotel Kunzun in Manali, Hotel Geetanjali in Dalhousie, Hotel Meghdoot in Kiarighat and in Hadimba Cottage in Manali.

Furthermore, the HPTDC is also offering 20 per cent discount in Hotel Rohtang Manalsu in Manali, Hotel Bhagsu in McLeodganj, Hotel Dhauladhar in Dharamsala and in Yatri Niwas in Chamundaji.

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- झड़ई स्कैल्प को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- दो मूँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये

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- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत बनाकर उन्हें झड़ने से रोके

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Remove accidental traffic bottlenecks from Manimajra motor market: HC

Commissioner News Services

Manimajra : There is excessive traffic in the motor market due to the heavily congested illegal encroachments made by the shopkeepers , vendors, mechanics and workers. All these unscrupulous traders have encroached upon the corridors of the market and have placed their almirahs, tools either in the parking space or the foot path meant for the general pedestrians. These bottlenecks created by the illegal movements have been causing a lot of inconveniences and nuisances pleaded the counsel before the full bench. In case of fire or medical emergencies, one



would not be able to reach the enlisted location to save and serve the vulnerable masses. For the local residents shopkeepers, vendors and mechanics serious health related and safety concerns are escalating day by day due to the unrelenting rise in the occupants on account of their occupations. Even the damaged vehicles and

scrap tyres remains dumped on the common place of the motor market. A division bench comprising of Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goyal directed the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation to vacate the motor market common place in the public interest as litigation was filed by a practising lawyer Devansh Khanna.

Owners of 80 illegal buildings served notices for demolition

Commissioner News Service

Mohali : A total of 97 illegal buildings were constructed sans approved architectural plans , survey report other day sensitized the details of the glitch. The notices have already been sent to 80 building owners for producing valid permissions and supporting documents for valid constructions within 15 days or would face demolition of the illegitimate structures , said Amarjeet Sidhu , the Mayor of the Mohali city. In the wake of Sohana building collapse, the municipal authorities are now very serious about the unapproved buildings , said the Mayor. Mr



Sidhu clarified that whilst only three storeyed building are sanctioned in the villages , many have constructed multi storeyed buildings in violation of the regulations. He added that unauthorised buildings exist both inside and outside the designated red zone in these villages and action would be undertaken against them.

AAP welfare schemes to bring prosperity in Delhi

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi: Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann lauded Arvind Kejriwal's, governance model saying "For 10 years Kejriwal ensured that tax- payers' money benefits the people - through free electricity, clean water, quality schools, hospitals, and free bus services for women. This is not 'freebies' ; this is rightful governance. "Mann hit out at the BJP, saying. They mock AAP's guarantees as freebies, yet they themselves promise Rs 2,500 when Kejriwal announces Rs 2,100 for women. The public knows whom to trust." He pointed to



AAP's transparency, recounting how the Punjab govt bought back a protect public assets, " We don't sell public institutions for personal gain; we strengthen them," he said. He said, On one side there are parties promoting conflict and hatred; on the other, there's AAP promoting education, health, and employment. One side snatches from

you; we give back to you Delhi must decide it's future and that of its children., "Bhagwant Mann continued his election campaign for AAP candidates ahead of the Delhi assembly elections. He addressed public meeting in Tughlakabad and Greater kailash, besides leading roadshows in Kalkaji and Kasturba Nagar.

Snr Deputy Mayor, Deputy Mayor assume office

Commissioner News Services

NEW DELHI : Since 2014 - it has been first time as there is no "Foreign Interference before Parliament Session": PM Modi's Jab At Opposition during Budget Session 2025. In his customary remarks, PM Modi said it had become a trend for some to do "mischief" before every session PM slammed Sonia Gandhi's P r e s i d e n t C o m m e n t s. Sonia's Remarks Insult Poor, Tribal. remains In poor taste" PM Modi said it had become a trend for some to do "mischief" before eve Budget 2025 Economic Survey: PM Modi said this session will focus on India's all-round development New Delhi: This is the first time

GANDHI OVER PREZ MURMU 'INSULT'



since 2014 that no foreign forces have tried to create disturbances ahead of a Parliament session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a quip at the Opposition ahead of the Budget Session this morning. In his customary remarks before the session, he said it had become a trend for some to do "mischief" before every session, and that he had been seeing it since 2014 when the BJP came to

power at the centre." Since 2014, this is the first Parliament session that saw no 'videshi chingari' (foreign interference) in our affairs, in which no foreign forces tried to ignite a fire. Before every budget session, I noticed that people were ready to do mischief. And many in our country leave no stone unturned to fan these sparks," he said, flanked by his party MPs in the Parliament complex.

'Udaan "set to shoot up with induction of more runways, infrastructure



Commissioner News Services

New Delhi : India is set to witness a surge in air travel with modified version of the " Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik"(Udaan) scheme Nirmala Sitharaman assured govt will expand regional connectivity to 120 new destinations with the target of carrying 4 crores passengers over this decade. The Jay

Prakash Narayan international Airport in Patna would be expanded with the another stroke of development of a brownfield airport at Nihta near Patna. The newly introduced "Udaan" has enabled 1.5 crore middle class people to access faster travel connecting 88 airports and operationalizing 619 routes .

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Punjab to start 10 hrs drug awareness course in schools

Commissioner News Services Mohali : The state govt is set to introduce a 10 - hour course on drugs issue in schools. The initiative, focused on raising awareness among students, is being developed by the department of school education and is expected to be rolled out soon. The proposal was discussed in a recent review meeting chaired by the chief secretary, if school education was instructed to draft a rollout plan. The plan will detail the timeline for introducing the course and specify the classess it will cover. Additionally, the department has been tasked with exploring wheather the course, with modification to higher education institutes.All deputy commissioners of Punjab have been instructed to actively re-engage with families of drug addicts. Using data



from Outpatient Opioid - As sisted Treatment (OQAT) clinics, field officers will contract affected families and address their concerns.This would evaluate the feasibility of making the course mandatory for Punjab govt employees , framework for such an initiative.Punjab govt is also seeking financial assistance from the National Funds for Control

of Drug Abuse (NFCDA). The principal secretary of health and the ANTF have been entrusted preparing a joint proposal to secure central funding for the state's anti - drug programmes, By combining education, community outreach and stringent monitoring .Punjab govt aims to take a multi pronged approach to tackle the menace.

Over 2 lakh metric tonne waste bedevils horizons



Commissioner News Services P'kula : Another tender to clear the amassed hill of waste once again by Civic body has been formulated .At the sector 23 dumping ground ,a part 3.52 lakh MT had been cleared of 3 .72 lakh MT. The Poola Consultation Company sensitized the sanitation and legacy waste management committee under the chairmanship of Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal.The residents of sector 23 lament saying the work has been pending and being cleared at snail's s pace. Another 5,6 months would be wasted in the tendering. process where

as work can be continued by the same old company ,said convener Nitesh Mittal ,Sangram Jhuriwala Dumping Ground. Tubewells boring have failed and the envisaged water have brought excess chlorine content than the requirement. In case of rain or fast winds ,a foul smell starts plaguing the close environs.The Mayor ,however, apprised that 212 sanitation workers from Haryana State Skill Employment Corporation would be hired to extend help in. Clearing the huge waste.

Shubhanshu Shukla,Gp Capt set to take India to International Space

Commissioner News Services New Delhi : IAF group captain Shubhanshu Shukla is designated as pilot of the Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station (ISS)Indian Air Force group captain Shubhanshu Shukla is set to represent the country as the first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft from the space station in Florida soon.Shubhanshu Shukla is designated as pilot of the Axiom Mission 4 to the ISS, as part of a joint effort between NASA and the



Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The US space agency announced on Thursday that the spaceflight will lift off "no earlier than spring 2025". IAF Group captain Shubhanshu Shukla would represent the country as the

first Indian astronaut to travel to the International Space Station (ISS)Shubhanshu Shukla (L) was commissioned into the IAF fighter wing in 2006The US space agency announced on Thursday that the spaceflight will lift off "no earlier than spring 2025". IAF Group captain Shubhanshu Shukla said on Thursday he is looking forward to sharing his experience with "Bharatvasis", adding that he plans to take items representing the country on his spaceflight and hopes to perform some yoga poses aboard the orbital laboratory.

UT power employees service terms remain unchanged : CPDL

Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh : The service terms for the UT power employees would remain stable and unchanged including the establishment of a pension trust for their long timed benefits.As art of the pension scheme ,CPDL has guaranteed the employees service terms would



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Helicopter quota reserved for Snr citizens by Vaishno Devi Board

Commissioner News Services

Jammu : The reserved quota for helicopter flying route would be kept earmarked for Snr citizens on the board ' official website maavaishnovdevi.org said Anshul Garg Chief Executive Officer of SMVDSB. The reservation would help to facilitate Snr Citizens and specially abled pilgrims at the famous shrine stop Trikuta hills in Reast district of Jammu and Kashmir . The demand of Senior Citizens Forum has now been met as it had been on pendency for long period.Anshul Garg additionally added to



say that a permanent free tea langar Deva has been introduced in the Yatra Facilitation Centre at the Katra Railway Station ensuring pilgrims reaching the town must get warm hospitality and refreshments.The board would remain dedicated continually in enhancing pilgrim services smoother, making the spiritual service smoother more inclusive and aligned with the modern infrastructural facilities.

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