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India- France to exploit AI's potential for charismatic evolution

By Vidya Rattan Sharma

The wide latitude of France & India would land the duo with unwavering trust on a boastful , roaring platform. This duo's ever evolving partnership has gained perse momentum and universalism This duo has already been associating strong assets in terms of research capabilities talent and data. Many more multiple rendezvous would amplify the envisaged scope of Indo-French roadmap on cyber security and digital technology.Artificial governance would ensure the wider development of a safe open , secure environs. Are not we first and foremost, pioneering , trailblazing expedition to invent the future, through our joint imagination, capabilities to innovate our curiosity and learn from nuances and bitter experiences.The



above words quoted were not in uttered in 2025 but were articulated in 1998 by French President Jacques Chirac. when our strategic partnership was founded and established . The meteoric clinching togetherness , cooperation envisaged and determined the bright future and the liberal regulations to cement the dynamic digital public infrastructural moorings. The French digital companies in India are sustaining innovative ,unprecedented ecosystem. The embodied French Tech Bangalore - Tech

launched in 2019 has consolidated start ups and corporate . members from over 20 cities in France and India.France has of late demonstrated its quest to deepen its alliance with India on AI in order to develop computing access , improve data- quality, develop AI capabilities , fascinate top talent to foster industry collaboration,provide startup risk capital, bolster ethical AI Five dedicated group will dictate future of work , public interest innovation and culture Trust in AI and global AI governance.

Civic body continues to neglect provisioning of Dogs sterilisation

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Zirakpur: Civic body continues to neglect provisioning of dog sterilisation Zirakpur : Not a single time,ever in the local metropolitian town nurturing with a population of over 5 lakh, a solitary sterilisation camp was held to save the vulnerable residents of the town.25 years blank speak the bedevilled tale of the dog victim but the municipal heads who are accountable don't have time to contemplate over the pathetic



issue.It would be i m p e r a t i v e that since it is paramount civic right to safe life of the citizens in the town ,Executive officer must intervene

and start holding veterinarian camps and start sterilisation to destroy the reproductive organs of the herd of intercepting canines.It has been in

the annals that the neutered dogs remain less likely to roam and reduce risks of attacks , accidents, bites and scratches.Spaying , neutering are common procedures being practised and performed by veterinarians under the a n e s t h e s i a control.Sterilisation plays a crucial role in preventing the birth spree of unwanted puppies, reducing their frequency of dog bite and infection of cases , c o n f i r m a t i o n No approximate record of pet, stray

dogs has been maintained by the local civic body in view of the potential if any action plan comes ahead for the implementation and execution of medical treatment or outbreak of plague like disease. With regard to the relevant issue ,an RTI application has been filed by one Kamal Kumar who was too bitten by one Pitbull owner and no action was initiated by the officials of the local civic body.

Two Agendas to hike sewerage cess, hefty penalties on vendors, deferred

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CHANDIGARH :The Civic body had proposed increasing the sewerage cess from 20% to 30%, a move that would have increased water bills of residents. However, the proposal quickly sparked a heated political debate, with councilors from AAP and the Congress opposing the hike. Amid the backlash, the House deferred the a g g e n d a . The MC House deferred two key revenue-generating proposals — increasing the sewerage cess and penalties on shopkeepers for encroaching on public spaces. Both proposals were postponed following opposition from councillors. Last year, the sewerage cess was reduced to 20% to ease the financial burden on residents. The proposed hike was seen as a measure to



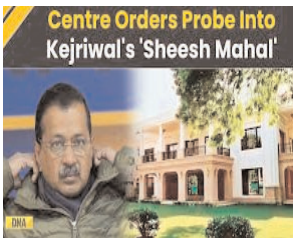
boost revenue, but councillors argued that it would disproportionately affect the public. The second proposal on increasing penalties for shopkeepers illegally occupying public spaces also faced stiff resistance. Currently, violators are charged Rs 2,000 for the release of impounded articles. The proposed amendments

sought to impose fines of Rs 5,500 for first-time offenders and Rs 6,000 for repeat violations and a permanent seizure and auction of goods after the third offence. However, councillors across party lines opposed the plan, citing concerns over corruption within the MC enforcement wing. AAP councillor Damanpreet Singh argued that higher fines would fail to deter encroachments and instead foster corrupt practices. “If the MC seizes articles worth ₹ 2,000, shopkeepers will simply buy new items rather than paying the fine. Increased penalties will only encourage corruption. The focus should be on installing body cameras for enforcement staff, conducting more anti-encroachment drives, and taking legal action against encroachers,” he said.

Central Vigilance Commission orders probe into Kejriwal's Sheesh Mahal'

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NEW DELHI: The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has ordered a thorough probe into the expenses incurred on renovations and luxury upgrades at 6 Flagstaff Bungalow, the former residence of ex-Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.The CVC has directed the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) to investigate allegations that building norms were violated to construct a lavish mansion, dubbed 'Sheesh Mahal', spanning 40,000 square yards (8 acres).The decision to launch the probe came on February 13, following a factual report sub-



mitted by the CPWD based on a complaint by On October 21, Gupta filed another complaint with the Vigilance Commission, this time focusing on the alleged misuse of public funds for extravagant renovations and

interior decorations at Kejriwal's residence.He accused the former CM of spending crores of taxpayers' money on luxury amenities, far exceeding reasonable limits, raising serious concerns about financial irregularities.Taking note of the allegations, the CVC acknowledged the seriousness of the matter on November 5. Later, on December 5, the CPWD's chief vigilance Officer (CVO) submitted a factual report based on Gupta's complaint, which ultimately led to the CVC's decision to launch a full-scale investigation.BJP leader Vijender Gupta.

No hearing despite legal documents in hand , lawlessness prevails



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Raipur Rani : In ultimate , law takes its own course to sustain and establish regime of prosperity since the ages of civilisation .Here in exclusive narration by the victim Amit Sharma ,one finds the pathetic & horrific neglect of law and regulations ,and denial of its compliance by the offender Shiv Kumar, Ashwani Kumar residents of Hangoli (Raipur Rani).The fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution of India , to till , plough his land has been snatched arbitrarily, throwing the compliance into the doldrums..No hearing is

being attributed to the victim ,who carries the legal document issued by the revenue department in his hand said vexed , plagued Amit Sharma. In order to corroborate his stance Amit produces his latest copy of the "Farad " document in the name of his father Bachna Ram, uncle Rajkumar Issued by the government department.The Farad document shows explicitly its Khewat No 542, Hadbast No 266 and Khatauni 665 which is per a norms and exhaustive in all respects for the claim of his ownership to plough his fields but being denied.

Shashi Tharoor, Congress leader applauds role of PM Modi, saying 'Insaan Sahi hai ...'

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New Delhi : 'Modi emerges better than...'. Shashi Tharoor shoots rare praise for PM after Trump meeting, netizens say, 'insaan sahi hoHe commented on the Trump-Modi meeting, expressing hope that Modi defended Indian migrants. He praised the outcome of trade negotiations and noted positive statements from both leaders. Tharoor acknowledged Trump's compliment to Modi as a strong endorsement of his negotiating skills.Tharoor Reacts to Trump Praising Modi as a Tougher Negotiator.Congress leader Shashi Tharoor shot a rare praise for Narendra Modi after President Donald Trump described the Indian Prime



Minister as a better negotiator than him.Apparently, while welcoming PM Modi to the White House, President Trump called him a great leader, who is doing really great job in India. Formerly hailing him the US President said, “He is a much tougher negotiator than me, and he is a much better negotiator than me. There is not even a contest.”Referring to the

comment, Tharoor said, “To hear a man like Donald Trump, whose defence secretary on Thursday called him the greatest negotiator in the world, announcing that the Indian prime minister was a better negotiator than he was, that sounds like something Mr Modi can put in the bank, that sounds very good.”One said,

2 farm unions Sanyukt Kisan Morcha,Kisan Mazdur Morcha fail to arrive consensus

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Chandigarh : The scheduled meeting of Sanyukat Kisan Morcha, Kisan Mazdoor Morcha and Central leaders although held in cordial environs , didn't fetch any fructuous



returns for the farm-

ers' cause on Friday.The next meeting now will be held on Feb 22, in the face of Union Agriculture minister Shiv Raj Singh Chauhan expected to participate.

US India collaborate to enhance bilateral trade -- Mission 500

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Washington: India, US agree to cut tariffs via 'mutually-beneficial' trade deal New Delhi:n February 13, India and US agreed on a new goal for bilateral trade – "Mission 500" – aiming to more than double total bilateral trade to \$500 billion by 2030. In a bid to achieve this target the two sides also announced plans to negotiate the first tranche of a mutually beneficial, multi-sector Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA) by fall of 2025.Both sides also



pledged to collaborate to enhance bilateral trade by increasing US exports of industrial goods to India and Indian exports of labor-intensive manufactured products to the United States as well as work

together to increase trade in agricultural goods.On whether the proposed bilateral agreement between India and US can be termed as a "mini trade deal", the official said that the negotiations will decide the expanse of the pace and it cannot be called a free trade agreement yet.During Trump 1.0, we had discussed a mini trade deal with the US, the understanding was it will be on MFN (Most Favoured Nation) principle.

US to impose reciprocal tariff ,Modi leaves with a todo in the Oval Office of the White House on Feb. 13.

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Washington:Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was counting on a series of concessions ahead of his meeting with US President Donald Trump to keep his country in the US's good graces after weeks of tariff threats.Now Modi heads back to New Delhi : India buys more US goods — from energy to the most expensive US weapons systems — showing that the two leaders' bonhomie from Trump's first term will only go so far.The outcome of the first meeting between the two leaders since 2020 underscored Trump's determination to upend trade ties



with every nation — even US partners. Not only did Trump announce that the US would begin imposing “reciprocal” tariffs just hours before meeting with Modi, he criticized the country's policies at a news conference with the Indian leader

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12. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079
- SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
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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
10. She-16, All Female Wear,
- Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475
- SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli
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- Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408
- Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715
- Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473
- (Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773
- Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595
- Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass
- SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444
- Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729
- Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS, FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC**
1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (For Shoes, Bags),
- SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur
2. Me n Moms , Cuddles n Snuggles,
- Mobile 9876016099
- Raksha Business Centre, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- TYRES/WHEELS/BLANCERS**
1. Auto Care, 8196098829,
- Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- ROARING MACHINE/BULLET CAFE**
1. Bullets Sale & Services, 7347029497, 7347029498
- Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
2. The Bullet Café, 9872000106
- SCO 3, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- TAILORING/DESIGNING EXPERTS**
1. Royal Wear Tailors, 8837859503, 9268600001
- Designer Studio, Main Silver City (Opp Sethan Da Dhaba), Ambala road, Zirakpur.
2. New Style Tailor & White House, 9988820933
- **Mukatsar Wale** Gents suiting shirting,
- Safari Suits, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044
- Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR**
1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218
- Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
- INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK**
1. Insurance 8872135535
- Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim
2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571
- SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur
3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985
- Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur
- PROMINENT GENERAL STORES**
1. Aman Pappu General Store, 9779723419
- **Visit for : Laces, Bangles, Jewellers, Purse Garland, Under garments etc.**
- Shop 329, Amb-Chd road, ZRK
2. Ekam General Store, 9941934567
- **Wide range of Cosmetics, Jewellers, Embroideries, Purse etc.**
- Shop no. 112, Old MC Office road, ZRK
3. Saini General Store, 9814798003, 9814003377
- **Varieties of Under Garments and School Uniforms etc**
- Chd-Amb road, Main Bazar, Zirakpur
- WATCH PURCHASE & REPAIR**
1. Usha Watch Co., Rakash Verma 9888940945, 9914097950
- Auth Dealer : Sonata, Titan, HMT, Other watches, Wall clock
- Alarm Time Pieces and Calculator, Sun Glass & Opticals also available
- Main Chowk Zirakpur, Chandigarh road
- Brick Kiln Quality**
1. Khanduja Brothers (KKK), 9814400801
- Patiala road, Chhatbir.
2. Om Bricks, 9877672881
- Patiala road, Azizpur.
3. Gulati Bricks, 9671600219
- Sundra road, Mubarakpur

EDITORIAL ~

Need to nurture welfare schemes not free bie

The crux of free bie is wider: Are these sops, a necessity for the welfare of the poor or a necessity for political parties in pursuit of electoral gains? There's another issue: If the promise is for the poor, it's a free bie; if for the rich, it's an incentive. In this entire debate, economy takes a back seat. Sops in India broadly fall into two categories: Those offered before the announcement of the elections and those promised afterwards, when the model code of conduct is in operation. The first type are policy decisions taken by the ruling party — subsidies, price cuts, new welfare schemes timed conveniently before the model code kicks in to spoil the party. The second category appears through party manifestos — grand promises with no regard for fiscal consequences. Whether they promise free food, transport, cash transfers, the manifestos don't attract the Election Commission of India's (ECI) scrutiny. The Supreme Court, in a 2013 judgment, had ruled that such promises do not constitute "corrupt practices" under the Representation of the People Act, even though they undeniably "shake the roots of free and fair elections". The court directed the ECI to frame guidelines in consultation with political parties. In the recent past, a new term has entered our political lexicon: revdi culture. The Prime Minister's critique of this so-called culture of freebies sparked a fresh debate, questioning the legitimacy of welfare measures and whether they are viable or merely fiscal irresponsibility dressed as generosity. The Supreme Court, too, has now weighed in on the matter, expressing concern that excessive handouts are creating dependency. A Bench recently remarked that free ration might be discouraging people from

working, going so far as to suggest that such policies may be creating a class of parasites. In the just-concluded Delhi elections, all major parties competed with each other in offering freebies — free power, water, travel, medical treatment and education, besides monthly cash subsidies to women and the youth. No wonder the SC reacted with strong words, which are worth pondering over. In 2019, the government slashed corporate tax rates for domestic manufacturers from 30 per cent to 22 per cent and for new manufacturing companies from 25 per cent to 15 per cent. The decision was implemented within 36 hours using special provisions that bypassed Cabinet scrutiny. This single move cost the exchequer Rs 1.5 lakh crore in revenue, significantly deepening the country's fiscal deficit. Oxfam reports reveal that during the Covid-19 pandemic, as poverty soared and unemployment peaked at 15 per cent, the number of Indian billionaires surged by 39 per cent. The 10 richest Indians amassed wealth sufficient to fund education for every child in India for 25 years. It's a perpetual paradox. When the state gifts billionaires tax benefits, it is economic reform. When it provides relief to the poor, it is labelled fiscal recklessness. The apex court's recent remarks about freebies leading to dependency add a serious dimension to this debate. The concern, particularly in rural India, is that free ration and welfare schemes are discouraging labour participation. Justice BR Gavai noted that in Maharashtra, farmers are struggling to find labourers because workers prefer to rely on free ration instead of earning daily wages. This is a phenomenon visible in Punjab for years, ever

since the MGNREGA scheme was introduced in various avatars. This feeds into the broader argument that welfare measures must be designed to empower people, not create permanent dependency. The absence of affordable healthcare, quality education and stable employment opportunities are the real culprits behind dependency, not welfare programmes. If people have secure, well-paying jobs, they would not rely on free foodgrains given as charity. Welfare should be a stepping stone, not a ceiling. It's ironical that a country boasting of being the fifth largest economy in the world should be giving free ration as charity to over 80 crore people — nearly 60 per cent of its population. A question arises: Are the poor easily swayed by freebies, especially when all parties dish out similar promises? Historically, we have observed several advantages of freebies/welfare schemes. When then CM NT Rama Rao introduced 'Re 1 per kilo rice' scheme in Andhra Pradesh, he was ridiculed, but the result was that starvation deaths became a thing of the past. Free bicycles for schoolgirls by Nitish Kumar increased female enrolment and retention rates in Bihar. Employment guarantee schemes have provided a safety net for millions, even if they have created a domestic labour shortage for the urban elite. The Indian debate should not be about whether we need welfare schemes, it should be about ensuring that they are well-designed and sustainable. Free healthcare, quality education and employment opportunities are not sops. They are rights in a democracy. Instead of revdis, we should be talking about rights and freedoms.

Rs 80 lakh paid by couple to illegal immigration agent, claim kins of US deportees

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MOHALI : "We have suffered a great financial loss. We appeal to the government to compensate for our loss to some extent. Action must be taken against immigration agents who dupe people of their hard-earned money," said Gurpreet's father. A couple from Jaulan Khurd village, who reached here after being deported from the US, had paid Rs 80 lakh to a Haryana-based immigration agent, members of their family claimed. Gurpreet Singh and his wife Amanpreet Kaur, both aged around 25, were among the 67 Punjab deportees who arrived at Sri Guru Ram Dass Jee International Airport in Amritsar by a special flight on Saturday night. Gurpreet has done bachelors



in agriculture, while Amanpreet is a Class XII pass-out. Gurpreet's father, a Punjab Police ASI posted in Mohali, said the couple had last called him on February 5 when they entered the US territory from Mexico. The couple first left for Dubai around nine months ago. A native of Khera village in Sialba Majri block, Taranveer Singh, today reached home but remained confined to his room. Rupnagar deportee Harsimranjeet Singh's family had gone to pick him up from Amritsar but they left for an undisclosed destination from there.

Patient care being transformed under Digi Seva at PGIMER : Director

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CHANDIGARH : The digital initiative not only simplifies hospital registration, but also introduces priority-based doctor consultations, a feature that was previously unavailable. The Director, PGIMER, Vivek Lal, launched Digi Seva PGI, an online registration and doctor priority system aimed at transforming patient care. By ensuring that patients with urgent medical needs or prior appointments are seen



first, Digi Seva significantly reduces waiting time and improves healthcare efficiency. It was initially launched on pilot basis for the liver clinic run by the Department of Hepatology on January 10.

Event of Motor rally to kick on Feb 27



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CHANDIGARH : The 38th edition of motor rally has been extended to two nights and three days. The rally will conclude at St John's High School, Sector 26. The St John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) Rally will take place from February 27 to March 2. The event will kick off with the ceremonial flag-off on February 27 at the Sector 34 Exhibition Ground. After the scrutiny of vehicles, a 'Super Special Stage' will be held at the exhibition ground. The rally will witness participation of 30 four-wheelers and 60 two-wheelers in four competitive sections each day. The total prize money for the 2025 edition of the rally will be about Rs 6 lakh.

In the women's category, a total of three riders will be participating in the two-wheeler category. The rally will also pass through Ropar, Garhshankar, Mansowal and Hoshiarpur. There will be 'axe-breaking' riverbeds, both dry and wet; fast tarmacs with winding hairpins, un-metalled surfaces and exhilarating hilly terrain in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on the route. The first SJOBA Motorcycle Rally was held in March 1981 and it evolved into the SJOBA Open Rally in 1982. It attracts professionals and budding rallyists from the Chandigarh capital region, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi NCR, Rajasthan and other parts of India.

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-jagruti.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.

Rahul deplores midnight selection of CEC as it amounts disrespect to PM

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NEW DELHI : It becomes serious and disrespectful for PM to have made midnight decision to appoint new CEC: Rahul Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said it is "discourteous" for the Prime Minister and Home Minister to have made a midnight decision to select the new Chief Election Commissioner when the process of



selection is being challenged in the Supreme Court. The government late on Monday night appointed Gyanesh Kumar as the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC), hours after the meeting of the

PM -led selection committee. Gandhi, who is in the three-member committee. In a judgement on March 2, 2023, the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court ordered that the appointment of the CEC and election commissioners should be undertaken by a committee comprising of the PM, LoP and Chief Justice of India (CJI), Gandhi wrote.

Master the art of Justice delivery system, need for urgent shift : Justice Surya Kant



Justice Kant asserted that the real test of their competence was not in theoretical knowledge but in its application. And that is why normally our emphasis is not to repeat the curriculum.... We presume that you are aware of it. But how to apply those tools? Where to apply? To what extent to apply? In what situation, how you deal with that? These are the part and parcel of the training curriculum. And this should be the part of this entire training programme," Justice Kant asserted. He urged the judicial academy to focus on the practical intricacies of adjudication, courtroom demeanour, and ethical conduct, cautioning that a judge's reputation was shaped not only within the

courtroom but also in the public sphere. Chief Justice Sheel Nagu referred to the immense responsibility that came with the position. He stressed the need for impartiality, integrity, and the highest standards of conduct, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental wellbeing for judges to perform their duties effectively. He encouraged the inductees to ask questions during their training to enhance their knowledge and contribute positively to the judiciary. High Court Judge and CJA Board of Governors' president, Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma, emphasized that the word "Judge" encapsulates it all—signifying a Jurist, unwavering commitment, diligence, grace, and ethical conduct. The event also saw the launch of Justice Shekhar Dhawan's memoir, "My Journey," offering insights into his 40-year journey as a judicial officer and a HC judge before his retirement. CJA director (administration) made "expression of gratitude".

Unpaid dues: Allotment of 42 more small flats cancelled

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CHANDIGARH : 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. An official said 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. "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.

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.

Law Ministry appoints Gyanesh Kumar as India's Chief Election Commissioner

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NEW DELHI: The abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir was implemented during the stint of Gyanesh Kumar in the Union Home Ministry, Election Commissioner. Gyanesh Kumar was appointed India's 26th Chief Election Commissioner on Monday night, the Law Ministry said. His term will run till January 26, 2029, days before the Election Commission is expected to announce the schedule for the next Lok Sabha election.

Vivek Joshi, a 1989-batch Haryana-cadre Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer, has been appointed Election Commissioner.



Joshi is currently posted as Chief Secretary in Haryana. During his tenure as the 26th CEC, Gyanesh Kumar will oversee the Bihar Assembly polls later this year, and the Kerala and Puducherry Assembly polls in 2026. Similarly, he will oversee the Assembly polls in Tamil Nadu and West Bengal, which are also due in 2026. Kumar, who played a key role in implementing decisions following the abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution in Jammu and Kashmir

during his stint in the Union Home Ministry, took charge as an Election Commissioner on March 15, 2024. A 1988-batch IAS officer from the Kerala cadre, Kumar is the senior-most Election Commissioner, the other being S.S. Sandhu, who was also appointed in March 2024. Importantly, Kumar is the first CEC to be appointed under the new law on the appointment of the members of the Election Commission (EC). The new CEC and Other Election Commissioners Bill, 2023, came into force in December 2023 and is currently facing a legal challenge in the Supreme Court.

Rs 2 crore in cash, jewellery seized from BJP leader's premises by ED

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PANIPAT : Under the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, the ED raids were carried out in connection with a case involving Raees Ahmed Bhat and others, who are allegedly involved in the unauthorised sale and diversion of a codeine-based cough syrup (CBCS), Cocrex, and associated illicit monetary gains. The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has seized unexplained cash of Rs 40.62 lakh and jewellery worth Rs 1.61 crore during raids conducted at multiple locations, including the residence and business establishments of BJP leader Niti Sen Bhatia and his son in Panipat and Paonta Sahib (Himachal Pradesh).



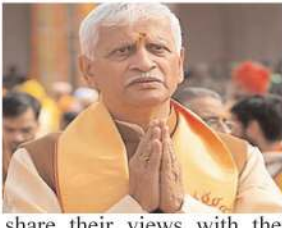
The investigation revealed that Vidit Healthcare, owned by Neeraj Bhatia, manufactured CBCS, which was then procured and diverted by shell companies, including M/s SS Industries, NK Pharmaceuticals, and Kansal Pharmaceuticals. During the searches, ED seized unexplained cash, jewellery, and various documentary and digital evidence. Two accused persons, Garv Bhambhari

and Mamta Kansal, who were absconding in a Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) case, were also traced during the search operations. Niti Sen Bhatia is a close relative of former Karnal MP Sanjay Bhatia, who was also present during the ED raid at his residence. Notably, BJP leader Niti Sen Bhatia's elder son, Navin Bhatia, had applied for the mayoral ticket in the upcoming Panipat civic body elections but was dropped from the list after the ED raid. His younger son, Neeraj Bhatia, was arrested by NCB in August last year under the NDPS Act but has since been released on bail by the Jammu and Kashmir High Court.

Ex-CJI Lalit to appear before ONOE committee on 25 Feb

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NEW DELHI : Former President Ram Nath Kovind headed the high-level committee was constituted by the Modi government on 'one nation one election' (ONOE) and it had in its voluminous report strongly batted for the concept. Former chief justice of India U U Lalit will appear before the Parliamentary committee, which is scrutinising two Bills advocating simultaneous elections, on February 25 as the panel begins consulting experts and various stakeholders as part of its mandate, sources said on Monday. They said former Law Commission of India chairperson Ritu Raj Awasthi, a judicial member of Lokpal, E M Sudarsana Natchiappan, a senior advocate and former Congress MP who had headed in 2015 a Parliamentary committee that favoured simultaneous polls, and IAS officer Niten Chandra, the secretary of the high-level Kovind committee, are also likely to



share their views with the panel. The Parliamentary committee's agenda for the February 25 meeting is briefly listed as "interaction with legal experts". Subsequently, the Union Cabinet accepted the committee's recommendations and the government tabled two Bills, including one seeking to amend the Constitution, in Lok Sabha. Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla constituted a 39-member Joint Committee of Parliament headed by BJP MP and former law minister P P Chaudhary. The Parliamentary committee has so far held two meeting in which it has prepared broad details of its agenda and the list of stakeholders and experts to be consulted.

Badrinath Temple portals to open on May 4

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NEW TEHRI : The sacred portals of the Badrinath temple in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district will open for devotees at 6 am on May 4. On the occasion of Basant Panchami, the auspicious time for opening the temple was decided after special prayers were offered at the former Tehri royal court in Narendra Nagar. 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 Nambodri



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.

Zelenskiy nurtures disbelief against US-Russia talks, insists Kyiv be involved

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KYIV : The Ukrainian leader called for stronger American security guarantees as part of a critical minerals deal opening up Ukraine's vast natural wealth in exchange for US support. "The question is not just about taking the resource, the question is what you invest, so that something comes out of this resource," he said. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy on Monday dismissed planned talks between the US and Russia on ending the war in Ukraine, reiterating that Kyiv should be involved in any discussions about its own future. His comments came as US Secretary of State Marco Rubio arrived in Saudi Arabia ahead of the high-stakes talks between



American and Russian officials which have spurred Ukraine's concerns that it could be left out of a peace process. "Ukraine will not take part. Ukraine did not know anything about it," he said in a virtual briefing from the United Arab Emirates, where he was on a state visit. "Ukraine regards any negotiations on Ukraine without Ukraine as ones that have no result, and we cannot recognise ... any agreements about us without us." The Kremlin said on

Monday it was sending President Vladimir Putin's top diplomat and his chief foreign policy advisor to Riyadh for the talks, which would aim to pave the way for a meeting between US and Russian leaders. Zelenskiy said he would be visiting Saudi Arabia on Wednesday but that his state visit planned in advance and had nothing to do with the US-Russian talks. "We are not just a simple supplier for raw materials, and I think this point should be clearly reflected in the document," Zelenskiy said he would invite Trump's Ukraine envoy Keith Kellogg to the front line to meet with troops during a trip slated for February 20.

HP Assembly Budget Session to commence from March 10

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SHIMLA : A total of 15 sessions would be held and the chief minister would present the annual budget on March 17, said Industry Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan. The Budget Session of Himachal Pradesh Vidhan Sabha is likely to be held from March 10 to 28 and the annual budget would be presented on March 17. The state Cabinet in its meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Thakur Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Saturday decided to recommend to the governor to convene the Budget Session from March 10 to 28, Industry Minister Harshwardhan Chauhan told media persons here. The Cabinet also approved the declaration of pending results for 713 posts in seven categories, including junior engineer, market supervisor, fireman, clerks (Himachal Secretariat), lineman and



steno-typist, he added. Results of various examinations were withheld after the vigilance pointed out irregularities in examinations conducted by the HPSSC following alleged paper leak unearthed on December 23, 2022, when the vigilance arrested commission's senior assistant Uma Azad with solved question papers and Rs 2.5 lakh in cash. The Cabinet also approved 60-day special maternity leave for government employees in the event of a stillbirth or the death of a child soon after birth, a statement issued here said. The Cabinet decided to categorise all the 135

existing police stations into six categories based on the criteria of population, area, major crime, traffic, interstate borders and flow of tourists. It was also decided that staff posting in police stations will be revised on the basis of their category to strengthen the field offices and ensure better services to people. It also gave its nod to auction-cum-tender process for collecting entry tax for the financial year 2025-26, with an expected additional revenue of Rs 11.56 crore as compared to 2024-2025. Additionally, the Cabinet also decided to implement the FASTag facility at all entry toll barriers in a phased manner. In the first phase, FASTag will be introduced at toll barriers in Garamaura (Bilaspur), Parwanoo (Main) and Tiara Bypass (Solan), Govindghat (Sirmaur), Kandwal (Nurpur), Mehatpur (Una), and Baddi (Solan).

केश कान्ति

बालों की समस्याओं का साइंटिफिक व इफैक्टिव सॉल्यूशन

केश कान्ति नैचुरल शैम्पू

- हेयर फॉल रोक कर बालों को घना बनाये
- बेजान बालों में चमक लाये
- ब्राई स्कैल्प को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- दो मुँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये

केश कान्ति एलोवेरा शैम्पू

- बालों को घना बनाये
- रुखे बालों को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- बेजान बालों को डीप कंडिशन करके नरिश करे
- हाइड्रेट करके टूटने से बचाये

केश कान्ति एंटी डैंड्रफ़ शैम्पू

- रुसी हटाकर बालों को झड़ने से रोके
- स्कैल्प को नरिश करके बालों को हेल्दी बनाये
- झड़नेस हटाकर बालों को चमक दे

केश कान्ति मिल्क प्रोटीन शैम्पू

- रुखे, बेजान बालों को पोषण दे व असमय सफेद होने से रोके
- उन्हें रिपेयर करके हेल्दी ग्रोथ दे
- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत बनाकर उन्हें झड़ने से रोके

केश कान्ति हेयर एक्सपर्ट ऑयल

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- दो मुँहे बाल व बालों को असमय सफेद होने से रोके
- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत करके उनकी ग्रोथ में मदद करे
- बालों को गिरने और डैंड्रफ़ से बचाये

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Trump's tariffs bedevil pace of India's growing economies

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New Delhi : Donald Trump's tariffs present fresh salvo for India's slowing economy announced that the United States would levy reciprocal tariffs on its trading partners. It could hardly have come at a tougher time for India, which is already pressed by a slowing economy and sluggish demand. India runs a large trade surplus with the US and such negotiations and military and oil purchases could adversely impact its economy at a time



when it is going through a slowdown. With the Indian economy expected to grow at 6.4 percent in the year ending March, its slowest in four

years, the Modi government announced income tax relief for the middle class in the annual budget earlier this month.

Delhi CM Candidate would take oath on Feb 20

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi :As the suspense over Delhi's next Chief Minister continues, BJP MLA Rekha Gupta from the Shalimar Bagh constituency has emerged as the frontrunner. While the BJP has yet to make an official announcement, reports indicate that all 48 party MLAs will convene for a crucial meeting in the National Capital .When asked about the possibility of leading Delhi, Rekha Gupta told media "The people of Shalimar Bagh will naturally have their opinions, but Delhi's citizens trust Modi Ji's decision. Their immense faith in the Bharatiya Janata Party is evident from this historic victory. Our priority is to ensure Delhi gets a strong Chief Minister, and that decision rests with our esteemed Prime Minister. As Team Modi and Team BJP, we will work together." Assembly Elections, Verma's supporters were heard chanting, "Delhi ka CM kaisa ho, Parvesh Verma jaisa ho," which translates to



"Our CM should be like Parvesh Verma." His victory came on the back of strong promises, including revamping the Yamuna riverfront, creating 50,000 government jobs, ensuring a pollution-free Delhi, and providing housing for slum dwellers. Amid the campaign, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) accused Verma of influencing women voters by offering them Rs 1,100. In response, he dismissed the allegations, stating that the financial assistance was provided through his late father's NGO.

Tabling of 14 CAG. reports would unfold deeds of AAP --Vijender Gupta

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi -About 14 long pending CAG reports ,in very first session would reveal the nature of financial bungling perpetrated during the AAP regime, said Vijender Gupta ,former leader of the opposition .The truth would be exposed by the placement of CAG reports on massive corruption,assured the ex Opp leader of the BJP.The AAP' s' misrule has ended with the power shift to BJP , further added Mr Gupta.The three times.MLA from Rohini bemoaned on not allowing and discussions



humiliated the opposing the party members .The excruciating treatment had forced to seek intervention from constitutional authorities like the President, Lieutenant Governor and Chief

Secretary but nothing happened , We had to file a petition in the Delhi High Court to steer the. Govt to present these reports,said the former opp leader

Rs 11 Cr to incur on proposed camps for insurgent groups in Manipur

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Manipur: The Manipur government will construct two camps at two locations at a cost of ?11 crore for 416 cadres of the United National Liberation Front (UNLF), the oldest armed Meitei insurgent group, which signed a peace agreement with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Manipur Government on November 29, 2023.Around 80 cadres of the Pambei faction of the UNLF surrendered in 2023 with 31 weapons. A few more cadres laid down arms subsequently.According to the ground rules signed by the UNLF, the group will honour the Constitution of India and the laws of the land. The rules state that the cadres have to stay in designated camps and their movement would be monitored by central



security forces. On January 4, the media reported that at a meeting chaired by Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Border Security Force (BSF) flagged the violation of ceasefire ground rules by UNLF cadres. In a statement, the group denied the violations terming the security forces' concern "baseless."On February 8, the Manipur Police

arrested two members of the UNLF (Pambei), identified as Khoisnam Ronaldo Singh (23) and Soram Ngouba Meitei (30) from Imphal West District. "They were directly involved in extortion activities from general public, government officials, shopkeepers, etc., in Greater Imphal areas, and in illegal smuggling of arms and ammunitions for use in extortion purpose," the police said.

High quality care by Cmd Hosp to elderly



Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh : The Continuing Nursing Education programme has been devised on Geriatric Nursing Concept : Challenges and a Way Forward ,Western Command .The plan aims to empower nurses with the knowledge

and skill required to provide high quality care for the aged persons .The programme envisages to address the significant economic health and social challenges of aging receive the best care.

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MP charges DC with falsely covering illegal mining close to Chhatbir Zoo

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Chaat(Zirakpur) : Regular illegal mining at just 150 meters away from the Chaatbir Zoo has been taking place regardless of the ample cognizance of the local authorities.The district authorities have not been seriously initiating any action,instead rendering false clean chit to the illegal miners ,means that under the politicos' blessing the mining operations have been going unnoticed, un actioned . The state ' s natural resources are being plundered only to make bucks, bemoaned the parliamentarian Dharamveer Gandhi . He claimed saying a letter has been shot off to the union ministry to get the matter investigated thoroughly . Mr Bhupendra



Yadav , Union minister for Environment , forest and climate change has been apprised for his personal involvement.The contract for this site was offered only for removing of silt from the water. The silence of the Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and the Mining minister Barinder Goyal apparently symbolises

complicity.Nevertheless, the . fusillade of the truckloads carrying sand, gravels are ignored with wide latitude yet the co natural resource precious wealth can't be overlooked. The imbalance of earth . can't be permitted by uneven excavation and unplanned digging

Wilful halt of Rs 50 lakh probe into junked vehicles gropes in dark



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Panchkula : The local civic body in 2018 happened to purchase 29 garbage meant vehicles for transporting the door to door waste but quick break down of vehicles reportedly raised eyebrows of a many staffer.It is now 4 years , have passed and the probe marked in the Rs 50 lakh cost of vehicles had reached nowhere but groping in dark . Neither the amount has been recov-

ered from the concerned agency nor the repair of the vehicles taken place.The file of enquiry marked to the Chief Vigilance Officer is gathering dust ,as the intimation reveals .The vehicles on their arrival carried inferior batteries and went out of order and the cost of batteries was indigestible and astronomical hence will be auctioned in scrap,said the Mayor Kulbhusan Goyal

Free health , heart checkup camp for marginalised organised

Commissioner News Services

Chandigarh :At Gurdwara Sahib, Bapu Dham Colony Sec 26, a free health & heart check up camp was inaugurated by Mr. Jasbir Singh Bunty, Senior Deputy Mayor & Ms. Taruna Mehta, Deputy Mayor of Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh. Prominent amongst those who were present included Mr. Pramod Sharma, founder, Yuvsatta, Ms. Harminder Batra, Director, Mukat Hospital, Mr. Krishan Lal, President, Residents Welfare Association, Sector 26, Mr. Nirmal Singh, President, Gurdwara, Sector 26, Mr. Sanjay Sharma of Market Welfare Association of Sector 26,



Chandigarh. Mr. Jasbir Bunty, sensitized that our health is in our hands, with a healthy lifestyle consisting of right thoughts, good food and abstinence from toxic substances. He appreciated the role of institutions like Yuvsatta, Residents Welfare

Association, Sector 26 and Chandigarh State AIDS Control Society and Mukat Hospital & Heart Institute, Chandigarh, for their exemplary work to empower and support the marginalized. More than 200 patients were screened today and given the required medicines, medical advice and condoms for safe-sex and family planning. In the end, Mr Pramod from Yuvsatta thanked all the partners for such a noble cause and said they look forward to more such opportunities for the marginalized in the future also.

For nurturing terror activities , 3 govt employees get dismissed from service

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi : Under article 311 2 (c) of the constitution of India , Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday terminated three more govt servants from their services,included police constable Firdous Ahmad Bhat, teacher Ashraf Bhat and forest department orderly Nisar Ahmad Khan.The govt employees were found arranging weapons, providing targets for attacks and fuelling violent protests in the valley,all at the



behest of handlers based in Pakistan and POK (Pakistan occupied Kashmir)Firdous and Ashraf were lodged in separate jails of Jammu region whole

Nisar was detained for 8 months under the PSA.As a special police officer ,Firdous was engaged in 2005 ,became constable in 2011 and was posted in J&K police electronic surveillance unit, but was embroiled in the service of LLaskar e Taiba. The quantity of arms and narcotics were recovered from Firdous's house in Srinagar and Anantnag. Other two were equally found in nurturing terror links.

Ease of doing business sans unwarranted fear



Commissioner News Services

New Delhi : Establishing of deregulation commission is set to reduce State's role in governance announced Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi.The NDA government through its policies have been able to replace 'Fear of Business' with 'Ease of Doing Business', said Mr Modi.Acknowledging that the role of the private sector is very important in the journey for Viksit Bharat, the government has opened many new sectors including nuclear energy, space, commercial mining and power distribution for investment and bring in efficiency uttered Mr Modi .It is my conviction that there should be less interference of the government

in the society. For this, the government is also going to constitute a Regulation Commission," added Mr Modi.Talking about various reforms, the Prime Minister said it has been made in property rights by launching 'Svavitva Yojana.'Worldwide, many people do not have legal documentation for their properties. Property rights help reduce poverty, but the previous government never paid attention to this issue. This approach does not help build a nation. That's why we launched the 'Svavitva Yojana'. Thanks to 'Svavitva', properties worth Rs 100 lakh crore have been unlocked in rural areas," said Mr Modi

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