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Updated record of fire resistant buildings missing

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Panchkula : Every human seems concerned about one's safety lest any calamitous event like outbreak of fire unprecedentedly takes place in near future. With regard to these concerns, many times fire safety acts, rules were undertaken for revision as in 2009, 2016 and 2022 to ensure quick and better provision of optimum fire services. Nevertheless, it is like the more you undertake, the deficient it remains. In recent survey of 2025 the CNS urged the fire department, Mr Tarsem Singh, designated Fire Officer to let the civil population know about the strength of the safe, fire resistant buildings in the satellite town of P'Kula, but every time the fire officer perhaps ridiculed the issue and never made the figures



available for residents scrutiny. It may be pointed out here that safe, fire resistant buildings must prevail in good, expected strength but how many and why not total structures been known. The prevention of fire, and implementation of fire safety measures in all types of structures have been the

objectives of the fire department since its origin, say from ages, the threats of its very blaze has been embarrassing. Subsequently the previous acts revisions were replaced by protection of life and properties from fire hazards. A fire NOC is mandatory for buildings that are over 15 meters in height or con-

tain more than 12 dwelling units. The applicant seeking NOC would have to apply through state single window portal subject to inspection by fire safety officer, checking thoroughly the extinguishing system, alarm system, electrical safety, escape route, only then guaranteed safety with validity of 3-5 years would be permissible. In case of 12 dwelling units are dwelt, occupied including residential housing complexes, educational institute buildings, assembly building, mercantile buildings, industrial buildings, storage buildings, and hazardous buildings. The NOC, however would be required essentially for premises of business activity with issuance of trade licence.

Unsanitary conditions sans proper storage, contaminate eatables



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Panchkula : One outlet of "Gopal Sweets" has been selling eatables inclusive of insects, due to the unchecked hygiene, infestation and wider deficient storage and irregular handling of these crawling insects. As the allegation of corruption against the State Director Dr Manish Bansal have surfaced, it



becomes all the more intricate to comprehend as to how would he efficiently execute his duties where contaminated sweets are being sold unchecked without any fear of state health inspectors on carrying out of any raid. Stricter food safety and enforcement investigation by health authorities would be the paramount



need in the ensuing festival season said Mohan Singh, a (ret'd) Principal who was breathing very hard due to his health issues. The presence of worms and insects point out to the availability of lacking cleanliness in the preparation of certain storage area where sweets may be easily contaminated. Potential health risks and

outrage of the consumers would be posing gigantic troubles for the wholeseller of the sweets. To escape consumption of contaminated food, sweets, one will have to choose only sealed and stored sweets. In case of any infestation of insects, the health authorities would have to be notified and ensured punitive action.

UNGA Session In US, role may be spear-headed by Jaishankar on September 27

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NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not go to the US this month for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session. Foreign minister S Jaishankar will represent India instead at UNGA's General Debate during the High-Level week, as per the provisional list of speakers issued on September 5. This is as per the convention in recent years as PM Modi had last attended UNGA in 2021, which was the assembly's 76th



session. Modi did go to the UN Headquarters last year but not for the General Debate. He had then spoken at the "Summit of the Future" event of the UNGA, two days before the general debate started. Jaishankar has been representing India at the UNGA general debate since 2022.

In all other years, either then external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj or present foreign minister S Jaishankar represented India at the general debate. The General Debate, scheduled to run from September 23-29, will commence with Brazil speaking first, followed by the United States. Trump is set to address world leaders on September 23 in his first UNGA appearance since he returned to the White House for a second term.

Over Khalistani Terror Groups Funding, Canada admits existence of terror units

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Ottawa : Canadian report has raised red flags over terror financing linked to Khalistani terrorists in the country. While it has been an open secret that Canada provides a safe haven to Khalistani terror groups like the Babbar Khalsa, International Sikh Youth Federation, and Sikhs for Justice, Ottawa has, for the first time, confessed that these groups have been operating from Canadian soil and receiving financial support. The admission is part of an assessment on money laundering and terrorist financing risks in Canada by its Finance department. The Khalistani groups "are suspected of raising funds in a number of countries, including Canada", it said. The report also pointed to financial links between Canada and other listed terror groups like Hamas and Hezbollah under the Politically Motivated Violent Extremism (PMVE) category. "Several terrorist entities listed under the Criminal Code in



Canada that fall under the PMVE category, such as Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Khalistani violent extremist groups Babbar Khalsa International and the International Sikh Youth Federation, have been observed by law enforcement and intelligence agencies to receive financial support originating from Canada," said the report. Extremist groups are capitalising on charitable funds to drug trafficking and auto thefts, the report said, noting that Canada remains a terror financing hub. It also pointed to the misuse of the non-profit sector by Khalistani terrorists and donations from expatriates.

'Worst floods in three decades, farmers crops decimated

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CHANDIGARH : Farming communities in Punjab watched the catastrophic rains fall and the rivers rising with mounting apprehension. By Wednesday, many woke to find their fears realised as the worst floods in more than three decades ravaged their farms and decimated their livelihoods. Hundreds of thousands of acres of bright green rice paddies - due to be harvested imminently - as well as crops of cotton and sugar cane were left destroyed as they became fully submerged in more than five feet of muddy brown flood waters. The bodies of drowned cattle littered the ground. "The crops are ruined, and even our homes are in danger of collapsing," said Pampreet Singh, 52, a farmer from Ajnala in



Amritsar district, Punjab. His family, including his elderly mother and two young children, were now living on the roof of their house to stay safe from the murky flood waters. "My entire livelihood depends on my seven hectares of farmland, all of which has been destroyed by flood waters," he said, despairing that his only option left would be to sell his land and abandon farming. "I had already invested most of my money into seeds and fertilisers

for the previous crop. Now everything is gone." So far, 43 people have lost their lives and almost 2,000 villages in the state have been affected, leaving hundreds of thousands of people without electricity and access to clean water. The stench of rotting animal carcasses hangs over many villages. "This is the worst time Punjab has ever faced," said Parminder Singh Pinki, a lawmaker from Firozpur district in western Punjab, one of the areas badly hit by floods. "I have never witnessed such devastation in my lifetime. Entire farmlands are submerged under water, now layered with mud and sand," said Parminder Singh Pinki, a law maker in Ajnala.

Shishir BJP activist names Rahul Gandhi, a UK citizen

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New Delhi : The Enforcement Directorate has begun collecting information with regard to a petition filed by a BJP activist Mr Vignesh Shishir, lying pending in the Allahabad High Court. On the allegation of UK Citizenship gained by Rahul Gandhi. Mr Shishir urged the honourable court to cancel the Indian citizenship of Rahul Gandhi as per law.



ED was curious to know the details of his knowledge pertaining to the British citizenship

case of Rahul Gandhi. ED sensized the media as the agency was curious to know if information with Shishir represented any violation of the foreign exchange management act FEMA or if there were banking transactions and income abroad which were not declared. The petitioner had documents and emails of British govt establishing that Rahul had taken up UK Citizenship.

PAN India (SIR) Special Intensive Revision exercise

New Delhi : On the lines of Bihar, now the Election Commission India on Sept 10 would convene a meeting to discuss modalities with Chief Electoral Officers of all states and UTs. The details sought would include current electoral strength of last extensive electoral revision exercise,



including the qualifying date of last SIR and whether rolls from last SIR have been digitised and uploaded on the CEOs' website.

The CEO's suggestions on any document would be heard to prove citizenship and the rationalisation of polling station to limit number of electors per PS to 1200 and the status of appointment and training of electoral registration officers (ERO) and additional EROs and booth level officers BLOs.

Trump realises he was wrong when under estimated Ex-diplomat on US KP Fabian

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Washington : India is a civilisational state... wants to be friends with everyone and wants to do business, but cannot take dictation," said KP Fabian on Trump's latest perspectives. It's been at least a couple of days that US President Donald Trump softened his stance towards India, on which he has put massive trade tariffs. That's because the tariffs did not have much effect, former Indian diplomat KP Fabian argued on Sunday. Fabian said Trump is begin-



ning to realise that his aggressive trade tactics with India, particularly the additional 25 per cent tariff due to New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil - taking the total to 50 per cent - "did not produce the desired outcome". Trump has called US-India

ties a "very special relationship", and underlined his personal equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has reciprocated saying the feeling is mutual. Fabian, however, remained circumspect. "Prime Minister Modi did what is appropriate to respond to a cordial tweet, but from this, we cannot conclude that we are going to see any early end to this, what I call 'Triple T' - Trumped-up Trump Tariff. Trumped-up means without basis," ANI quoted Fabian as saying.

Ice Cream thy name is frozen dessert : FSSAI

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MOHALI : Ice cream is medically and scientifically incorrectly named and misrepresented as nutritional value remains missing due to excessive vegetable oil and at times usage of unmeasured quantity of egg yolk. The Food Safety Standard Authority of India defines ice cream as a frozen dessert or dairy product with minimum requirements for milk fat 36% and protein 35% in our country. The standard of milk fat do differentiate between ice cream and frozen dessert which uses vegetable oil instead of milk fat and must display clear label of ingredients and percentage of used fat and protein contents therein. Frozen products are made with vegetable oil, protein prod-



ucts along with other ingredients. Ice cream is frozen product made from a pasteurised mix of milk and milk products with specific minimum standards for milk fat and total solid content. A product labelled as ice cream must meet the specific criteria for milk fat and solid while a product with a difference base might be designated as a "frozen dessert".

Masses of Ward no 23 extend help for victims of devasta

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The recent floods in Punjab have severely impacted countless people's crops, homes, and daily lives. The ward's residents have responded generously to the call of the councillor. A significant quantity of ration, cooking oil, ghee, toothpaste, tinned water, medicines, Odomos, sanitary napkins, and mosquito nets were collected. All these supplies were distributed to the flood-affected people through Gurudwara Sahib in Sector 34. The Shantivan Housing Cooperative Society also

contributed by donating a cheque of Rs 31,000. On this occasion, representatives of the Residents Welfare Association, including Amarjeet Singh, Rajesh Rai, Vikram Chopra, Naresh Salwan, Jaswinder Singh, Avatar Singh, Bobby Anand, Shri Tung, Seva Singh, Purushottam Singh, Balveer Kaur, and social workers Rahul Mahajan and Raj Chadha, along with many other residents of the ward, were present to empathise in the crisis hours of femine.

Japan PM resigns from top post, as LDP President

Tokyo : Shigeru Ishiba, Japanese Prime Minister said that he has "decided to resign as LDP President," revealed the Media the news agency cited that "Mr Ishiba will step down as the Prime Minister to prevent divisions within his ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), a source close to the premier narrated on Sunday. The move throws the world's fourth-largest economy into a new phase of political uncertainty. Since assuming office in



September last year, Ishiba has faced a series of election losses, including the LDP's upper house defeat in July. Analysts say voter frustration over rising living costs has been a central factor behind the setbacks. Despite calls from within the LDP to take responsibility and resign, Ishiba had until

now resisted, instead prioritising negotiations with Washington on trade tariffs that have weighed heavily on Japan's automotive sector. Attention has turned to who might succeed Ishiba, if he resigns as the PM too. Fiscal dove Sanae Takaichi, who narrowly lost to Ishiba in last year's party leadership run-off, is seen as a strong contender. She has been critical of the Bank of Japan's rate hikes and has argued for more expansionary fiscal policies.

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Flood invasion is caused by weak infrastructure & poor management

Flood exposure in Punjab is shaped by two overlapping processes. In rural belts, river overflows and canal breaches spread across farmland, damaging crops, livestock and village infrastructure. In urban centres, high-intensity rainfall overwhelms drains and paved surfaces, leading to prolonged waterlogging that disrupts daily life and economic activity. The expansion of unplanned urbanisation has further intensified exposure by reducing natural drainage, as increasing areas are covered with concrete, leading to frequent waterlogging. The recurrence of flood events constitute challenge in Punjab, events constitutes a continuing challenge in Punjab where seasonal inundation disrupts agriculture, settlements and infrastructure year after year. These floods are not just natural occurrences, but outcomes shaped by weak infrastructure, unplanned growth and poor management. This pattern reveals how environmental processes intersect with governance arrangements, transforming rainfall and river flows into recurrent disasters rather than manageable risks. Differences in the scale and intensity of floods across districts demonstrate that outcomes cannot be explained by physical exposure alone. The degree of preparedness, the effectiveness of governance and the resilience of social systems are equally critical in determining the extent of losses. If Punjab is to break this cycle, floodplains must be treated as shared resources with strict zoning, embankments and drainage tied to regular checks, and early warning systems backed by health and disaster funds. Anything less will mean repeating the same tragedy, season after season. (Loss assessment) signify an important political acknowledgement that flooding in Punjab cannot be looked at as an episodic calamity. Rather, it must be understood as a structural hazard, embedded in the ecological setting said CM. This recognition also signals a shift in politics, moving from short-term relief towards an acceptance that floods require sustained attention. At a broader level, it reflects the reframing of floods not as natural incidents but as systematic outstanding that arise from the intersection of environmental processes, agrarian practice and institutional arrangements. Triggered by a combination of intense monsoon rainfall and emergency reservoir releases, it resulted in extensive inundation across multiple districts and became a benchmark case for large-scale agrarian and infrastructural disruption. In 1993, another major - flood damaged crops, settlements and local infrastructure reinforcing the recurrent character of the hazard. More recently, the flood of 2023 displaced thousands of people across several districts, though fatalities were markedly lower, reflecting gradual gains in early warning systems and evacuation procedures. District-level patterns bring out another varied dimension of flood vulnerability. During the 1980-2024 period, Patiala accounted for 27 per cent of the inundated area in Punjab and 38 per cent of cattle mortality. This clearly highlights the centrality of fragile housing and settlement patterns in producing vulnerability. Surprisingly, population displacement further under-scores these variations. Jalandhar recorded 2.55 million flood-affected persons followed closely by Patiala with 2.41 million.

Aadhaar Enable Biometric Attendance System at private colleges ?

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The Department of High Education (DHE) is planning to ask the private colleges to follow suit. Having implemented the Department of Personnel orders for mandatory Aadhaar Enable Biometric Attendance System at local government college the department is considering compliance of biometrics attendance at private colleges. The Department of Personnel had asked, in February, all departments, boards, corporations under the UT Administration to implement the biometric attendance, and in March the government college authorities began the process. As the new session in the department will be involving the private college managements only after discussing the matter with the higher authorities. Since local colleges partially functions under the banner of DHE, the rule shall be ideally extended to all the educational institutions but we cannot just ignore the UGC guidelines as well. We have to wait till next week,” said a highly placed official, requesting anonymity. Meanwhile, the plan has received a mixed response from the heads of the private colleges. Though many appreciated the introduction of the programme, they opted to remain tight-lipped when asked about its implementation in their respective colleges. Several private colleges affiliated with Panjab University are not directly under the DHE, but are relevant to higher education in Chandigarh considering receiving aid and technical guidelines besides following the lines of the University Grants Commission. “The discussions are most likely to start next month with the higher officials in the department (DHE). Our office may have already written to the private colleges, but

Pet dog registration made mandatory by MC

Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA : The Panchkula Municipal Corporation has made pet dog registration mandatory. Residents have hailed the directive as an important step towards ensuring responsibility pet ownership, improving public safety and promoting adherence to animal welfare norms. The directive, issued under Section 311 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, and the Haryana Municipal Corporation (Registration and Proper Control of Dogs) Bylaws, 2008, is aimed at bringing pet owners into a structured framework. The Chief Sanitary Inspector of the MC in a communication addressed to all Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), has urged full cooperation in facilitating the registration process. While the online registration through the SARAL portal has been closed, pet owners can now apply via the offline process. However, while the intent is widely supported, residents have also voiced concerns over practical implementation of the directive. Many have pointed out that delays in processing applications, repeated follow-ups without updates and technical glitches in the SARAL Haryana portal are making the process cumbersome. A resident shared that his application, submitted on April 9, was still unresolved, with the last communication he received was dated June 10. The corporation has directed the pet owners to submit documents manually due to portal failures, but uncertainty continues to linger. Guidelines from the Animal Welfare Board of India, such as keeping pets on leashes and observing muzzle rules, are in place but difficult to enforce without efficient registration. The pet owners and residents’ groups have called on the authorities to streamline procedures and ensure prompt responses, emphasising that registration is crucial not only for compliance but also for public health and order.



On account of renewal delay, 2 immigration firms deprived of licences

Commissioner News Service MOHALI : Under Section 6(1)(e) of the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2012, the licences of two firms, Soft Tech Education Services, Kharar, and Stark Global Consultants, Kharar have been cancelled by Mohali administration. Due to non-compliance with statutory provisions, the action was taken due to non-renewal of licenses, non-submission of reports, closure of offices, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Geetika Singh clarified that any future complaints will make them personally liable for consequences and compensation.



GMADA launches its housing project in 317 acres land

Commissioner News Service MOHALI : The residential project by GMADA has been divided in two parts: Part A covering 322 acres and Part B 398 covering 398 acres. The development authority will be seeking environmental clearances and consent to establish after hiring a consultant for the project. Residential, commercial and institutional properties will be offered in the land of Rasulpur, Salamarpur, Dhodemajra, Takkipur, Rajgarh, Majra, Kartarpur, Kansala and Hoshiarpur villages, which comprise of upcoming Ecocity-3 in Kharar sub division. The Development Authority has initiated the process to develop a low density and high-end residential apartment in 317 acres of New Chandigarh area. Decks are being cleared to carry out the environmental impact assessment study for the project and get a consultant on board for the project. Officials said the environmental clearances from the MOEF of the government of India and consent to establish will be applied for in the coming months. Also on cards is the development of 720 acres in Ecocity-3. Meanwhile, Ecocity-2 (Extension) scheme is up and running in New Chandigarh. The new township will have residential and commercial plots on 96 acres land. Around 29 acres have been kept for open spaces, green buffer, and roads. 17 acres is earmarked for residential plots, 10 acres for four group housing societies (2.50acre each), four acre for school, and seven acre for a park. A commercial pocket of five acres has also been earmarked in the project. Officials said 153 residential plots of different sizes, with maximum of 110 plots of 500sq yards will be on offer. In commercial area, 68 plots of varying sizes will be on offer with a maximum of 38 plots measuring 3844.46sqm (saleable) total area.



25th lakh tractor from Mohali routed out by Swaraj Mahindra



Commissioner News Service MOHALI : The milestone of achieving higher manufacturing digits comes three years after Swaraj crossed the 20-lakh production mark in 2022. Swaraj Tractors, part of the Mahindra Group, announced the roll-out of its 25th lakh tractor from its manufacturing facility in Mohali. Swaraj’s journey began in 1974 with the launch of its first model ‘Swaraj 724’ in the 20–25 HP category marking the debut of India’s first indigenously designed and manufactured tractor. Having marked a 5-lakh production milestone in 2002, it grew fivefold in 23 years.

PU Science Congress gets facilitated with portal launched by VC

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : In collaboration with the Chandigarh Region Innovation and Knowledge Cluster. “CHASCON-2025, built around the theme ‘Empowering Humanity: Science, Technology and Healthcare for All’, will inspire our students and researchers to pursue meaningful scientific enquiry and collaborative innovation. Prof Renu Vig Panjab University (PU) Vice Chancellor formally launched the Chandigarh Science Congress (CHASCON)-2025 website in the run-up to



the Chandigarh’s flagship science event scheduled for November 6 to 8. It is an academic event organised the congress will encourage them to innovate responsibly, build partnerships across disciplines and develop solutions that make healthcare and technology accessible to all sections of society,” said Prof Vig. She added, “For the university students in particular, it’s a gateway to sharpen their skills, broaden their horizons and contribute to nation-building through science and innovation.” The event will feature plenary lectures by leading scientists, panel discussions, oral and poster presentations, innovation competitions and an interactive industry expo.

MC plans infra upgrade, to replace 45K LED streetlights in UT

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : Municipal Corporation is planning a major project to modernise the lighting infrastructure as wide criticism attributed over the non-functional streetlights across the city. A detailed project report (DPR) for the modernisation of the public lighting infrastructure in the city has been prepared by the Civic body. The project is aimed at enhancing energy efficiency, reducing operational costs and improving public safety. It involves operations, maintenance and phase-wise replacement of approximately 45,781 LED streetlights/floodlights and 681 CCMS (centrally controlled monitored systems) panels installed across the city. A proposal in this regard will be tabled in the next MC General House meeting. With the contract of the company managing the



streetlights ended long ago, most streetlights are non-functional. Though MC staff is managing streetlights, they face problems in their maintenance due to the financial crisis. As per the proposal, the project spans seven years, with an optional three-year extension, and focuses on replacing the present infrastructure with a smart lighting system, which integrates advanced lighting control and monitoring systems for real-time monitoring and management. he successful bidder will take over the existing

Disaster management funds to procure and modernise fire safety equipments

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : A meeting of the Fire and Rescue Services Committee was held under the chairmanship of MC councillor Maheshinder Singh Sidhu. More than 105 suggestions were received from the public, which were formally placed before the committee for consideration. The committee has reviewed the proposal for adopting provisions of the Haryana Fire Safety Act for Chandigarh. During detailed deliberations, the committee expressed



concern over the safety and security of the people and showed keen interest in taking robust and prompt decisions on fire safety measures. It was decided to procure and modernise fire safety equipment through the disaster management funds to ensure rapid emergency response. A presentation by

department officers on the existing infrastructure, preparedness and additional requirements for effective coverage was also shown. The committee also charted out a provisional plan of safety measures, which includes upgrading of fire hydrant systems and their regular maintenance, introducing awareness drives in residential, commercial and institutional areas on preventive fire safety practices.

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Prime minister to address top brass armed forces’ on Sept 15

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NEW DELHI : At the “Combined Commanders’ Conference” Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the top brass of the armed forces on September 15 in Kolkata — the first structured interaction of all three Services with the PM after Operation Sindoor. The conference, described by the Ministry of Defence as the apex-level brainstorming forum of the armed forces, will bring together the nation’s top civil and military leadership to deliberate on reforms, transformation and operational preparedness. Besides the Chiefs of the Army, Navy and the Air



Force, all regional commanders of the three Services are expected to attend. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and other senior officials from various ministries are also likely

to be present. According to the Defence Ministry, the conference will focus on reforms, transformation and change, and operational preparedness. It will highlight the armed forces’ commitment to institutional reforms, deeper integration, technological modernisation and sustaining multi-domain operational readiness. In keeping with the tradition of inclusive engagement, the conference will also feature interactive sessions with officers and personnel of various ranks, ensuring that field-level perspectives feed into strategic-level discussions.

Case registered against Health Director, 2 others for forgery

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SIRSA : The state Health Department Director, Dr Manish Bansal, and two others have been booked on charges of forgery and criminal conspiracy, following a court order by CJM Suyasha Jawa. On the registration of case at Fatehabad City police station on Monday against Dr Bansal, De-addiction Centre incharge Dr Girish Kumar, and CMO office clerk Bhanu Pratap. The case was registered on the same day Dr Bansal was seen presenting a bouquet to Health Minister Aarti Rao at a



public event. The FIR follows a complaint by Dr Sanjeev Kumar, who runs a hospital at Bhuna. He alleged that in 2017, when Dr Bansal was CMO, a false case under the MTP Act was filed against him and his wife after they refused to pay bribes. The couple was acquitted in July 2022.

Dr Kumar said he filed a complaint with the CM Window in January 2020 regarding improper medical practices. During the inquiry in 2023, he refused to sign a statement prepared by Bhanu Pratap. Later, he discovered that his forged signature had been used to close the complaint. Dr Kumar obtained documents via RTI and confirmed through a fingerprint expert in Hisar that the signatures were fake. When contacted, Dr Bansal did not respond to calls or messages.

‘Accept Aadhaar as proof of SIR for electoral rolls’ SC tells EC

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NEW DELHI : At present, there are 11 prescribed documents which Bihar electors have to submit with their enumeration forms for SIR. A Bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, however, clarified that Aadhaar was not a proof of citizenship and the Election Commission was entitled to verify its genuineness before adding the names of applicants to the electoral rolls. The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Election Commission to accept Aadhaar as the 12th document for the purpose of establishing a person’s identity for inclusion in the electoral rolls during the special intensive revision (SIR) in poll-bound Bihar. Directing the poll panel to issue instructions in this regard to its officials in Bihar today itself, the top court listed the matter for further hearing on next Monday (September 15). During the hearing on the petitions challenging the Election Commission’s June 24 SIR notification, senior



counsel Rakesh Dwivedi told the Bench on behalf of the EC that it would conduct a similar exercise across the country. The EC claimed that 99.6 per cent of the 7.24 crore electors in the draft electoral rolls had already filed their eligibility documents. Termining the confusion over the Bihar SIR as largely a trust issue, the top court had earlier directed the poll panel to allow those excluded from the draft roll to submit their claims through online mode, besides making physical submissions in the SIR exercise. Amid demands from opposition political parties for extension of time for filing claims and objections with regard to the SIR in Bihar, the EC had told the Supreme Court that it could be done even after the September 1 deadline.

Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050

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



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

‘Free trade agreement’ with Qatar, draft likely by next month

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : In a significant step towards strengthening the economic ties, India and Qatar may finalise the terms of reference for a free trade agreement by October, a government official said on Monday. Piyush Goyal Minister Commerce and Industry may also visit Qatar on October 6 to discuss the proposed trade deal, disclosed an official. India and Qatar announced plans for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to double bilateral trade by 2030 during the India visit of Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani in February. Qatar



represents 1.22 per cent of India’s total trade, with India exporting \$1.68 billion and importing \$12.47 billion in FY 2024-25. Qatar’s primary exports to India include LNG, LPG, chemicals, petrochemicals and aluminium products. Both nations agreed to double bilateral trade to \$28 billion over the next five year. Amid US President Donald Trump’s 50 per cent tariff on Indian

goods (with a 25 per cent penalty for Russian oil purchases), expanding Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners has become critical for India to mitigate the impact. India is focused on market diversification to cushion the impact of US tariff. In FY 2024-25, India exported goods worth \$86.5 billion to the US and had a trade surplus of over \$40 billion. The FTA, aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment, is expected to cover a wide range of sectors. Qatar, a key supplier of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to India, is a vital partner in the energy sector, and the trade deal could further enhance this relationship.

No contract can deprive workers of right to legal remedy : High Court

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CHANDIGARH : “All afflicted employees or any person who is aggrieved by the action of his employer— the State or any other statutory authority, has the right to challenge the same before an appropriate forum. Besides, any grievance against a private individual can also be raised in a court of law, tribunal or any other adjudicatory authority/forum. Deprecating the practice of compelling employees to file affidavits relinquishing their right to challenge termination, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled that no contract or service condition can deprive an employee of the fundamental right to seek adjudication of disputes before a competent forum. It is trite that the right to legal adjudication cannot be taken away from any party through a contract, but at best can be relegated to a set of courts for ease of the parties,” the Division Bench of Justice Anupinder Singh Grewal and Justice Deepak Manchanda. Referring to the unequal nature of the employment relationship, the Bench asserted that the relationship



between the employer and the employee was unequal and the employee held “very little bargaining power”, especially at the time of seeking employment. “If the employee had raised any dispute qua the same, she would not have been appointed by the appellant at the first instance,” the court observed. The ruling came in a case where a Panchayat Samiti had challenged the judgment of a Single Bench dismissing its petition against Bathinda Industrial Tribunal’s award holding the termination of a contractual computer operator as illegal before ordering her reinstatement with 40 per cent back wages. The Bench was told employee had joined service on July 2, 2012, but her services were terminated on July 14, 2017,

after her work was termed unsatisfactory. The Panchayat Samiti relied on a clause in her appointment letter stipulating that she would not approach any court in case of termination. Rejecting this contention, the Bench held that the stipulation could not oust an employee’s right to legal remedy. The Bench also dismissed the Samiti’s plea that it did not fall under the definition of ‘industry’ under the provisions of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947. It asserted that “no such issue was framed by the Labour Court and no evidence whatsoever was led in support of the contention. This has also been noticed by the Single Bench in its judgment that such a plea cannot be raised for the first time in a writ petition without it having been substantiated before the Labour Court”. Dismissing the appeal, the Bench concluded there was “no merit in the contention” advanced on behalf of the Panchayat Samiti and upheld the Tribunal’s order for reinstatement.

Ordered 8 yrs student, 100 sit,stand, sustains leg injury

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R a i p u r (Chhattisgarh) : In a govt funded school at Partapgarh in district Surguja, teacher subjected a 8 yrs girl to do 100 sit-ups which damaged her muscles in the legs. Notwithstanding an enquiry instituted by DEO, the offender teacher along with school principal were sent on leave for an indefinite period.



The statements of the students, teachers and principal were being recorded by the DEO Dinesh Jha accompanied by BEO. In fact, the girl student was going to toilet , enroute a

lady teacher stopped her to strike the student with her stick twice. The girl complained about her severe pain in knees and c o l l a p s e d immediately.

Trump realises he was wrong when under estimated Ex-diplomat on US KP Fabian

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Washington : India is a civilisational state... wants to be friends with everyone and wants to do business," said KP Fabian on Trump's latest perspectives. It's been at least a couple of days that US President Donald Trump softened his stance towards India, on which he has put massive trade tariffs. That's because the tariffs did not have much effect, former Indian diplomat KP Fabian argued on Sunday. Fabian said Trump is beginning to realise that his aggressive trade tactics with India, particularly the additional 25 per cent tariff due to New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil — taking the total to 50 per cent — “did not produce the desired outcome”,. Trump has called US-



India ties a "very special relationship", and underlined his personal equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has reciprocated saying the feeling is mutual. Fabian, however, remained circumspect. “Prime Minister Modi did what is appropriate to respond to a cordial tweet, but from this, we cannot conclude that we are going to see any early end to this, what I call 'Triple T' — Trumped-up Trump Tariff. Trumped-up means without basis,” ANI quoted Fabian as saying.

Appaling vehicular tortoise speed demands building of Ring Roads in congested cities

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New Delhi : In order to tackle escalating urban congestion, the Union Govt has chalked out plans to d e v e l o p approximately 34 new access controlled " Ring Roads " in our country. On either side,15 metres of the stretches of choke p o i n t s , " Development Control Zones "would be notified and here upon no construction would



be allowed leaving apart public utilities and green zones. Nevertheless, r e g u l a t e d development would be permitted in 2 km beyond (DCZ) D e v e l o p m e n t Control Zones. Such type of

projects would be financed at the behest of states having upfront payment of 50% of costs for 50 % of toll revenue for 15 years, paying 50% of land acquisition or providing pooled land.

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Integrated Air Defence Weapon System maidenly emerges successful

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New Delhi : The Defence Research and Development Organisation (D R D O) successfully conducted the maiden flight test of the Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS) on Sunday (August 23, 2025) at 12.30 hours off the coast of Odisha. Very Short Range Air Defence S y s t e m (VSHORADS) missiles, and a high-power laser-

based Directed Energy Weapon (DEW) roved it's everwhelmong. The DRDO has successfully conducted the maiden flight Tests of Integrated Air Defence Weapon System (IADWS), on 23 Aug 2025 at around 1230 Hrs off the coast of Odisha. IADWS is a multi-layered air defence system comprising of all indigenous Quick Reaction Surface to Air.



Rajnath Singh , Defence Minister felicitated DRDO, the Armed Forces, and the Indian Defence industry on this achievement. “This unique flight test has

established the multi-layered air-defence capability of our country and is going to strengthen area defence for i m p o r t a n t facilities against enemy aerial

threats,” posted Mr. Singh on X. On August 20, the Ministry of D e f e n c e announced that India successfully test-fired the Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile Agni-5 from ITR C h a n d i p u r , Odisha. All operational and t e c h n i c a l parameters validated launch conducted under the aegis of Strategic Forces Command.

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NMC exhorts medical colleges to render medical services in flooded affected areas

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New Delhi : The directives issued by the National Medical Commission read as "In view of the recent floods/ disaster like situation in northern states, there is urgent requirement for health care professionals as part of the ongoing relief measures. Such initiative will provide much needed health services besides enabling



young medical professionals to gain meaningful experience in the ongoing disaster response , public health manage-

ment and community service. It is worth while to mention that several post graduate doctors have readily expressed their willingness to advance their services. The ministry of Home Affairs also has appealed for the healthcare services to be strengthened through the available resources and several PG doctors' services

High quality desi ghee dominated by Patanjali

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P'kula: Patanjali cow sudhdesi ghee has gained popularity on account of its high quality , purity and economic rates in tricity markets claimed PK Rao Marketing Manager . He adds saying this pure cow ghee is preferred by those who prioritise natural and organic options. During 2021, the claim of high purity was made in October 2022 , sample BKD 2458 was taken for purity test and won clientele applause and wide acceptance . For the quality emergence con-



vential ayurvedic Bolana procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is

manufactured from white butter curd. The quantum of cow milk is put on mild flame specific span of time until it got melted for ghee . It is widely claimed that cow milk is scared substance , oftenused in regious rituals besides Aurvedic treatments . Cow ghee must be used before 9 months from date . Milk fat is inherently expensive . Its current exdairy price of Rs 460, -- 470 / is way above Rs 125 - -130, wholesale range for refined palmolien , soyabeen or sunflower.

Illegal excavation of Murrum soil for road construction enrages minister

Mumbai : A video has gone viral showing Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar purportedly in a heated exchange with a woman Indian Police Service (IPS) officer who was taking action against illegal excavation of soil in Solapur. In a two-minute video, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar was purportedly heard speaking to Anjana Krishna, a sub-divisional police officer, on the phone of a Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) worker on August 31.

"Suno, mai deputy chief minister bol raha hu aur apko aadesh deta hu ki vo rokwaio (Listen, I am the deputy chief minister and giving you the order to stop it)," Mr Pawar can be heard telling Ms Krishna, who had reached Solapur's Kurdu village to take action on the complaint of illegal excavation of 'murrum' soil for road construction. Ms Krishna, a resident of Kerala who was recently posted in Maharashtra, however, doesn't recognise his voice and asks him to call on her mobile phone.

"Mai tere upar action lunga (I will take action against you)," Mr Pawar then tells Ms Krishna, who was seen standing in a field with some NCP



workers. "Tujhe mujhe dekhna hai na. Tera number de do ya WhatsApp call karo. Mera chehra toh apko samajh me aega na (You want to see me, right? Give me your number or call me on WhatsApp. You will recognise my face, right?)," he tells Ms Krishna. NCP MP Sunil Tatkare said the video was deliberately leaked and claimed that Mr Pawar didn't intend to stop the action but might have berated the officer to placate party workers.

"Ajit Dada may have chided the IPS officer to placate party workers. He didn't mean to stop the action completely," he said.

Mr Pawar is known for his straight talk and never supports any illegal activity, Mr Tatkare, who heads said NCP's Maharashtra unit.

"He perhaps meant to stop the action briefly just to defuse the situation," he said.

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, former Union Minister for Science & Technology.

In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of. India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law.The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values,which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk.The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market.



Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney.

The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities. Our nation has been notoriously becoming famous, leaving concentration away from genuine natural milk.

Now fait accompli, we are tolerating assortment by of chemicals, urea, by compulsion as the occupation of genuine dairy farming has been going in very lackadaisical race even government controlled units are losing curiosity in natural milk. What a catastrophic approach, but against whom? remains puzzling.

Emblem at shrine row, terror trial demanded : BJP



Srinagar:A rare show down was noticed at the national emblem row in Hazratbal . The skirmishes between politicians in the Valley displayed disgruntledness ,even joined by clergy, and the BJP on Saturday, with senior leaders, including chief minister Omar Abdullah, condemning the installation of the emblem at a religious place and seeking ouster and action against waqf chief Darakshan Andrabi.

A mob of devotees on Saturday vandalised the national emblem engraved on the inauguration plaque inside the shrine, equating it with the installation of an idol.

Andrabi, a BJP leader, condemned the incident as a terrorist attack and asked police to book the offenders under the

Public Safety Act. While arrests are likely and some people have already been summoned by the police for questioning, the LG administration is treading cautiously in the wake of Eid-e-Milad celebrations in Kashmir on Saturday. Tens of thousands thronged Hazratbal and other places in the Valley on Saturday to pay obeisance.

BJP's Sunil Sharma, leader of the Opposition in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly, on Saturday rallied in sup-

port of Andrabi, calling the national emblem a symbol of "India's unity, integrity and sovereignty".

Mr Sharma said the way the National Conference justified the issue confirms the belief "that it is a semi-separatist group that has formed itself into a political party supporting anti-national elements and terrorists". But Valley parties, joined by clergy, mounted a counter-offensive, questioning the presence of the emblem in Hazrtabal.

The ruling NC uploaded photographs of the inauguration of infrastructure at Mata Vaishno Devi shrine by lieutenant governor (LG) Manoj Sinha, where no emblem could be seen, asking why it was installed at a Muslim religious place.

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