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Pearl group 18 bigha land registry executed despite prolonging stay order of Supreme Court

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Panchkula (Raipur Rani) : No transaction on the land of Pearl Group can be made without the clearance (NOC) from Justice (Retd) RM Lodha Committee constituted by Honorable Apex Court. The Pearl Agrotech Corporation Ltd scam where thousands of investors were promised good returns of their land-



ed properties but were defrauded, and nothing was compensated to the victims even after fraudulently being snatched their tract of land. The starking value of the land on PR-7 too may be gauzed where one's commercial estimates are thwarted in the face of sky rocketing prices. Other side one finds on juxtapositioning the rate charts noting the massive fraudu-

lent Ponzi scheme which had involved thousands of acres of land in Haryana, Punjab and across the country as the exclusive aim was only to illegitimately grab the land asset of the innocent villagers. These victims took time for legal course and filed the case to recover their legitimate rights till the recovery of the land was ordered will remain confiscated

with the state authorities, had directed the Supreme Court. The state anti corrupt bureau/vigilance recently raided on 31 Jan, 2026 the premises of Raipur Rani, where tehsildar Mr

Vikram Singla on the charges of illegally registering the deed of prime 18 bigha land of Pearl Group at Shahpur village in Raipur Rani block took place, sources revealed. After taking permission from Chief secretary Haryana, the anti corruption bureau raided the premises of tehsildar where from, the team recovered cash, cheque, and property

documents relating to the registry. The case was lodged having taken inputs received from Patwari Narendra Dabbas who also was taken into the legal custody by the bureau for undertaking fake Registry work and onward initiating criminal proceedings against the accused Tehsildar. Remainder record from P'kula, divisional revenue office will be procured for the stern necessary action. Regarding the fake registry, the plaint was for the first time made by the Pearl Group, Director Vikas Puri, followed by Mandeep Kajla, President of Pearl Investor Welfare Trust to verify the facade of legitimate dealings as its bill was not cohesive with the periodic checks and building infra.



Door to door waste collection drive fail to germinate

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Mohali : The planned inauguration of long awaited door to door segregated waste collection drive by MLA Kulwant Singh was thwarted by the Union of Sanitation Workers. The scheduled programme on Monday failed to off shoot as the Union sanitation



workers led by Pawan Goyal demanded all previously employed sanitation workers be adjusted under the new private contractor under the new private part of the revamped waste management model.

"We are committed to making Mohali garbage free and improving its overall livability but certain unions continue to obstruct the progress of the phenomenon.

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

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



gence conventional ayurvedic Bolana procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is manufactured from white butter/curd. The quantum of cow milk is put on mild flame specific span of time until it got melted for ghee. It is widely claimed that cow milk is scared substance, often used in religious rituals besides Ayurvedic 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, soyabean or sunflower.

T20 world Cup to start in India, Sri Lanka from 7 Feb

Commissioner News Service Mumbai : For a month about 55 matches in the T20 would be played in India as well Sri Lanka amongst 20 international cricket teams beginning from 7 February 26.

Indians defending champions would have an opportunity to repeat the consecutive win of the world trophy for the second time.

No country has been able to register its victory.

Nevertheless, Afghanistan might play its wonder strokes and other side England in powerplay at early six overs proves very lethal. The openers with run rates 11.57 have been batting where other teams could't reach beyond 10 rate

The exemplary performance by Capt Mitchell Marsh of Australia and Capt Satner of New Zealand has demonstrated batting average 39.71 runs.

Commissioner News Service Chandigarh : New Delhi : Every medical practitioners owes accountability toward the patient in exercising reasonable degree of care, skill and knowledge, expected out from the prudent practitioner in the health care and cure. If the medical practitioner administers intervention lacking credibility, scientific evidence of safety and efficacy, and authoritative medical bodies too unequivocally voice concern over unproven medical treatment. Here, doctors admin-

Medical practitioners' unproven treatment is criminal misconduct : Supreme Court



istering speculative experimental treatment on patients amounts to professional misconduct and criminal negligence.

Stem cell therapy can not be used for "Autism Spectrum

Disorder (ASD), said the bench of Justice JB Pardiwala and R Mahadevan in Supreme Court. The bench expressed displeasure as ASD has never been approved for clinical treatment as no action by the Centre govt yet taken to prevent the malfunctioning. The centre was asked to put in place the rules, regulations and guidelines to govern stem-cell based clinical trials and research in our country," the bench directed.

EU-India FTA to start getting operationalized in 2026 itself : Piyush Goyal

Commissioner News Service New Delhi : "Under the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, the Union government has only done free trade agreements (FTA) with developed economic countries which would complement India," said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal.

Contrasting the deal with the ASEAN-led RCEP that he blamed the UPA government for beginning negotiations

with the developed countries which never materialised in our ambitious country. The country had been nurturing plans to raise business prospects for greater heights



During the runup to mayoral election, the necessity of internal coordination was felt desperately which could unify the contrasting leaders. "The party expects, all views will be heard and given proper importance. The committee would solve problems including funds and finances, if any, and ensure speedy completion of work," said Jatinet Pal Malhotra, the president of Chd BJP outfit.

7 member councillors to unanimously finalise development projects

Commissioner News Service Chandigarh : The Chandigarh BJP has decided to set up a seven members committee which would deliberate on all issues concerning development of the town.

The initiative would envisage better governance in the Municipal Corporation by drawing on the experience of senior leaders.

The composition of the committee is being designed by including representatives from different factions with in the party. This way differences amongst the councillors would be minimised.

SC sets aside compulsory retirement order of Income Tax Commissioner, Rs 5 Lakh costs imposed

Commissioner News Service New Delhi : The search cum selection committee (SCSC) headed by a sitting SC judge placed the Pramod Bajaj the serving Income Tax Commissioner at All India Rank One.

Mr Bajaj, income tax commissioner had applied for the appointment to the post of Member of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal who had been an army officer, later cracked Indian Revenue Services. The commissioner wanted to crack the competition for Income Tax Appellate Tribunal post but was denied on flimsy ground of his family court case.

A bench of Justice Vikram and Justice Sandeep Mehta remarked that despite his promotion to the post of Income Tax Commissioner, several prospects of next promotions loomed large, and false memorandum were orchestrated but not served in ultimate, was yet ordered to proceed on compulsory retirement.

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UN Chief Antonio Guterres cites FTA between India & European Union, yet needs multi-polarity



create the conditions for strong multilateral institutions. And can create a world in which the values that are the values of the charter of United Nations can prevail, opined Mr Guterres. The chief underlined the significance of mother deal bill between India & European Union created free trade agreement.

The deal would create a market of two billion people with PM Modi & European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen and European Council President Antonio Costa unveiled a transformative 5 year agenda to largely, leverage trade and defence in protecting the rules based world order.

New York/Geneva : If we want sustenance of peace, stable world in which development can be generalized in the end, our will prevail, we need to support multi polarity system.

The most powerful country in the world is the United States. We find two poles, one centred in the US and one centred in China, said Guterres. UN Chief emphasised global problem will not be solved by one power calling the shots in a veiled reference to US and China added Mr Guterres. We need to support a dense set of relations among different countries. And I see with a lot of expectation from recent trade agreement. You had the

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- SCF101-A, Shree Balaji Enclave, Patiala road, Zirakpur
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4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500 Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground, Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur
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6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599
7. Octave Clothing Apparel, 998886017 Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpara, Zirakpur
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3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015 SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank) VIP road, ZRK
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3. PTC Retail, Shop No. 44, Block-B, High Street Market, VIP road, Zirakpur

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4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099 SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
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2. Odhani, 9888888299, Shivam All Clothings from Indian to Western, Amb-chd road, Shingpura chowk, Zirakpur
3. The Junior's, Complete Kids Store, Mobile 988877705 396, 1st floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044, Suits Sarees Lehngas, SCO 5, Singhpara Chowk, Zirakpur
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EDITORIAL -

'Dada giri' collapses in today's democratic World

India and the EU announced successful conclusion of the FTA negotiations and signed another deal to formalise their security and defence partnership at the India-EU summit.

It would reminisce history as a tide-turning moment and the beginning of a new era in evolving relations.

India has concluded the largest free trade agreement (FTA) in its history that will also boost investment between India and the EU, create new innovation partnerships and strengthen global supply chains, acting not just as a trade agreement but a new blueprint for shared prosperity.

The summit co-chaired by the PM and EU Council and Commission presidents, Antonio Costa and Ursula von der Leyen, respectively, saw 13 "deeply strategic" culminations including signing of a mobility which would allow Europe to attract more highly skilled professionals, researchers and students from India, and adoption of a new joint comprehensive strategic agenda.

Talking about increasing global turbulence, Modi said

respect for multilateralism and international norms remained a shared priority, adding both sides were united in their view that reform of global institutions is essential to address "challenges of our time".

The "historic" FTA will facilitate easier access for Indian farmers and small

enterprises to European markets, create new opportunities in manufacturing, and further strengthen cooperation across the services sectors said Modi.

Vonder Leyen took a swipe at the US as she said both sides through the "mother of all deals" were reducing strategic dependencies "when trade is increasingly weaponised".

"It brings together India's skills, services and EU scale, with Europe's technology, capital and innovation. And it will create levels of growth that neither side can achieve alone," said the president.

On the defence partnership, Modi said it will boost co-operation on counterterrorism, maritime security, and cybersecurity: "Defence and security are a foundation for any strong partnership.

This will also strengthen our shared commitment to a rules-based international order. Our cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region will grow, and our defence companies will gain new opportunities to work together on co-development and co-production".

Two of the world's largest democratic powers had come together to add a defining chapter to their relationship. The new "ambitious and holistic" strategic agenda for the next five years, would provide clear direction, advance shared prosperity, accelerate innovation, strengthen security cooperation,

and deepen people-to-people ties. Cooperation between India and the EU constituted a "Partnership for the Global Good" said Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We will expand trilateral projects from the Indo-Pacific to the Caribbean, thereby providing tangible support for sustainable agriculture, clean energy, and women's empowerment," said the PM, adding that both sides will work to establish the IMEC Corridor as a key pillar of global trade and sustainable development.

"In the course of relations among nations, there are moments when history itself declares that this is where the direction changed, that this is where a new era began. Today's historic Summit between India and the European Union represents such a moment," said the PM.

In a joint statement, both sides underlined the necessity of comprehensive reform of the UN Security Council, to make it more representative, inclusive, transparent, efficient, democratic, accountable and reflective of contemporary geopolitical realities.

"They emphasised the World Trade Organization's central role in the multilateral trading system and global trade governance and underlined that meaningful, necessary and comprehensive reform of the WTO is essential to improve its functions so that it is better suited to advance all members' objectives".

Chandigarh Administration seeks Rs 8379.81 crore for FY27 Budget**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : The Central Government for the current financial year, had allocated Rs 6,983.18 crore to the UT. Now for the next fiscal, the Chandigarh Administration has requested an additional Rs 1,396.63 crore, taking the total budget demand to Rs 8,379.81 crore. The Administration has sought a nearly 20% increase in its annual budget for the financial year 2026-27 to undertake several major development projects across various sectors, including health, education, transport and urban infrastructure.

Of the Rs 6,983.18 crore sanctioned for 2025-26, Rs 6,185.18 crore was provided under the revenue head and Rs 628 crore for capital expenditure.

Officials said the increased demand reflected the city's growing requirements due to rapid urbanisation and rising pressure on civic amenities.

According to sources, the proposed budget for 2026-27 prioritises the health and education sectors. In healthcare,



the Administration plans to construct an Ayush hospital as well as a new hospital in Sector 53 to strengthen medical infrastructure and improve access to services. In the education sector, several government schools are slated for renovation, upgrade and infrastructure improvement to enhance learning facilities. Apart from health and education, the proposed budget also focuses on transportation, housing and urban development projects aimed at easing congestion, improving connectivity and addressing housing needs.

Chandigarh had received Rs 6,513.62 crore in the fiscal 2024-25. In 2025-26, the Central Government had increased the allocation by 7.21%.

Officials pointed out that while the Administration sought a budget of 20-25% every year, the Centre generally approved an increase in the range of 7-10%.

PKL Metropolitan Development Authority to explain framing infra, asked by HHRC**Commissioner News Service**

PANCHKULA : In the satellite town, road signage, lane markings, zebra crossings and reflective studs have virtually disappeared, making night-time driving hazardous. Mandatory signboards such as speed-limit indicators, warning signs at accident-prone sites, slip roads and pedestrian crossings are either missing or poorly maintained, significantly increasing accident risks.

The Haryana Human Rights Commission (HHRC) has been approached by the Citizens' Welfare Association (CWA), Panchkula, regarding the poor, collapsing civic infrastructure besides the discernible plight of recarpeted roads.

The Welfare Association has flagged the deteriorating state of civic infrastructure in the city, prompting the HHRC to seek a report from the Chief Engineer of the Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority (PMDA).

The CWA alleged that roads recarpeted barely a year ago have developed deep potholes across several sectors, causing distractions to commuters. The association blamed multiple government agencies, including the Municipal Corporation, HSPV, PMDA, HSIIDC, the Urban Local Bodies Department, the police and the PWD, for failing to maintain roads, medians, footpaths, drainage systems and traffic infrastructure.

"They emphasised the World Trade Organization's central role in the multilateral trading system and global trade governance and underlined that meaningful, necessary and comprehensive reform of the WTO is essential to improve its functions so that it is better suited to advance all members' objectives".

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The lack of regular tree pruning, particularly in residential areas has blocked sunlight during winter and rendered recently installed reflective guide maps ineffective. Overgrown branches have encroached onto carriageways, posing a danger to heavy vehicles. Damaged footpaths force pedestrians to walk on roads. The association further drew attention to the collapse of the drainage system in sectors 8, 9, 10, 15 and 19, resulting in rainwater entering homes during the monsoon, damaging property and disrupting traffic. Frequent damage to central business district (CBD) ducts at major junctions has led to prolonged road closures and traffic diversions.

Taking cognisance of the complaint filed by Swadesh Singh on behalf of the general public, the HHRC has directed the Chief Engineer, PMDA, to submit a detailed report on the allegations before the next hearing scheduled for February 11. The Commission's intervention has raised hopes among residents for urgent corrective action and accountability.

'Sade Bazurg Sada Maan' campaign continues, to cover remaining districts from February 2 to 18**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : The flagship campaign of "Sade Bazurg Sada Maan" reached Phase II, reaffirming the government's commitment to ensuring dignity, care and social security for senior citizens across the state. The campaign was launched from Kalkat Bhawan (Kisan Vikas Chamber) in Mohali, by Dr Baljit Kaur, Punjab Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development.

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The camps are designed to provide comprehensive care to senior citizens. Facilities include eye check-ups and cataract examinations, ENT and orthopaedic consultations, screening for non-communicable diseases and dementia, as well as homoeopathic and ayurvedic treatment. On-the-spot enrolment for social security pensions, issuance of Senior Citizen Cards and ALIMCO cards is also being done at camps.

HESMA 1974 law extended in Chandigarh by six months**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : The application of the Haryana Essential Services (Maintenance) Act (HESMA), 1974, in the city has been extended by another six months.

The ban on strikes by employees of Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited (CPDL) will continue, said an official of the UT Administration.

Power supply is an essential service and any disruption would directly affect the city's residents. To ensure uninterrupted power supply, HESMA has been imposed, prohibiting CPDL employees from going on strike. Any employee who participates in a strike or similar protest during this period will face legal action, in accordance with a notification issued by the UT Administration.

Since the employees were reportedly planning a large-scale protest on January 30



in support of their demands, the unequivocal decision was taken to frustrate the designs of the employees union. The HESMA imposed six months back was in force till January 26. Until recently, the Punjab ESMA was applicable in Chandigarh. However, amid ongoing protests against the privatisation of the Electricity Department, the Administration scrapped the Punjab ESMA and invoked the Haryana ESMA, citing its stricter provisions. Officials said that under the earlier rules, only employees directly participating in a strike could face action, but under the Haryana ESMA, even those who plan a strike or provide funds for it could be penalised.

Rules of UT staff are provisional, governed by Chandigarh Power Distribution Ltd : CAT**Commissioner News Service**

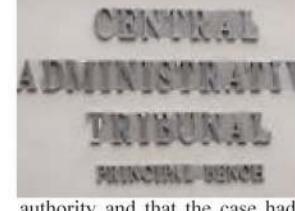
CHANDIGARH : Pankaj Kumar Gautam, challenged the transfer of his services to the newly created CPDL under the Chandigarh Electricity Reform Transfer Scheme, 2025.

The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has held that employees of the electricity wing of the UT Engineering Department continue to remain with the Administration and are with Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited (CPDL) on provisional basis.

Opposing the plea, the Chandigarh Administration and the CPDL raised objections on the finality of litigation and res judicata, citing earlier rounds of litigation before the Punjab and Haryana High Court and the tribunal.

The counsel for Gautam argued that the transfer scheme itself was ultra vires Article 311 of the Constitution, as the applicant's service conditions were governed by statutory recruitment rules — the PSEB Service of Engineers (Electrical) Recruitment Regulations, 1965.

It was submitted that Gautam continued to be an employee of



the electricity wing of the UT Engineering Department and was entitled to retain his status with all consequential benefits.

The applicant also argued that while the High Court had earlier examined issues related to the timing of finalisation of the transfer scheme under the Electricity Act, 2003, the validity of the scheme itself had not been adjudicated. It was pointed out that the tribunal, in an earlier review petition, had granted liberty to challenge the scheme, ruling out the plea of res judicata.

Hearing the petition on January 29, the tribunal directed that status quo with respect to the applicant's service position be maintained till the next date of hearing, clarifying that the order should not hinder the applicant from continuing work under the company.

The matter has been listed for further hearing on February 27, with directions to the respondents to file detailed replies by then.

'Ashirwad Scheme' pleas only through portal of seva kendras**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : The Department of Social Justice, Empowerment and Minority Affairs, Punjab Government, has made an important change in the application process of the Ashirwad Scheme, with the objective of ensuring transparency, uniformity and smooth delivery of services to beneficiaries.

Till now, most beneficiaries were applying for the Ashirwad Scheme online through private cyber cafes and personal computers. However, from January 28, the Minister of Social



Justice, Empowerment and Minority Affairs has formally inaugurated the facility of submitting applications on the Ashirwad portal exclusively through seva kendras.

With immediate effect, the option of applying for the Ashirwad Scheme through private cyber cafes or

personal computers has been discontinued.

Now, applicants wishing to avail of the benefits of the scheme

will be able to submit their applications only through authorised seva kendras.

District Social Justice and Empowerment Officer Ashish Kathuria has requested all departments concerned and field officers to disseminate this information widely among the people at their respective levels.

Applications under this scheme can be made till 60 days after the date of marriage.

New villages under Mohali Municipal Corporation under focus**Commissioner News Service**

MOHALI : Under the watch of GMADA, major issues related to water supply, sewerage, storm water drainage, ponds and STPs in various villages and colonies were reviewed. Time-bound decisions were taken to ensure completion of works before formal handover and onset of the monsoon season.

A review meeting by the Mohali administration, GMADA, and Water Supply and Sewerage Board.

During the meeting the waterlogging issues in Green Enclave were addressed through a dedicated project funded by GMADA, the tenders for which had already been floated by the Municipal Corporation.

Cleaning of rainwater drains at Ballomajra and provision of two-three feet diameter pipe at Patiala Ki Rao, estimated cost of



which was Rs 30 lakh, were

discussed. During the meeting senior officials were informed that the STP at TDI were functioning satisfactorily.

Directions were given to officials concerned for conducting a survey as well as clean and desilt ponds and sewer lines under the Amrit Yojana in villages including Balongi, Landran, Nanu Majra, Sambalki, Mauli Baidwan, Kambali, Lakhnau and Bilali.

Stormwater management issues in Gateway City and TDI City were reviewed, and GMADA was directed to submit a comprehensive plan.

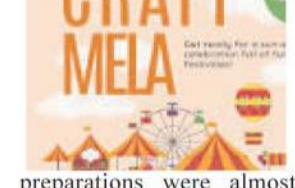
Officials were asked to urgently address infrastructure concerns in Phase 11, including street lighting and road works.

Patiala Heritage festival, crafts mela to vibrate from next month**Commissioner News Service**

PATIALA : The mela, where the decades-old Patiala royalty, culture and hospitality will be on display, is being organised by the state Department of Cultural Affairs and Tourism, along with the district administration.

To commemorate the 263 years of existence of the Patiala City, a Patiala Heritage Festival and Crafts Mela will be held at different locations. While the heritage festival will be held from February 12 to 22, the craft mela will be organised from February 2 to March 2.

DC Preeti Yadav said



preparations were almost complete and the legacy and culture of the city would be brought to fore at the event. A dog show, a flower and food festival, dance performances and music renditions would mark the festival.

Prominent shows would include military literary fest, a pop show, aeromodelling

events, dog show, plays, poetry darbar, food and flower show, nature and environment walk events, classical music and cultural evening shows.

More than 125 artisans will put up their stalls displaying metalwork, traditional jewellery, textiles and pottery products during the crafts mela at Sheesh Mahal.

During the festival, light will also be shed on Sheesh Mahal, which was built by Bhupinder Singh.

Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Damanjit Singh Mann will be the nodal officer for the event.

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Tarun Chugh appointed central observer for election of Manipur legislature

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NEW DELHI : The BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh was appointed central observer for the election of Manipur legislature poll, which indicated the possible formation of a popular government in the northeastern state.

The move came as NDA MLAs from Manipur arrived in the national capital after being summoned by the BJP central leadership, ostensibly to discuss the formation of government in the state where the current spell of the President's rule will expire next week.

Manipur has been under the President's rule since February 13, 2025, following months of ethnic violence between Meitei and Kuki communities.

The central rule was



second spell of the President's rule, which was first imposed on February 13, 2025, for six months and then extended for another six months in August 2025. Those who have arrived in the national capital include former chief minister N Biren Singh, Assembly Speaker Satyabrata Singh and former minister Y Khemchand Singh. BJP state president A Sharda Devi is also in Delhi. A major political row erupted on Monday as Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi sought to quote in the Lok Sabha from an unpublished "memoir" of former Army chief MM Naravane on the 2020 India-China conflict to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, evoking a backlash from BJP leaders who accused him of misleading the House and belittling the armed forces.

While Gandhi said the government is "afraid" of a line that he wants to quote from the book and asserted that he would state that line in the Lower House, the BJP alleged that the Congress leader undermined the dignity of Parliament and hurt the morale of the Indian soldiers with his false accusations, in defiance of Speaker Om Birla's ruling.

The legislature party meeting will be held days ahead of the expiry of the

Political storm by referring to ex-Army chief's unpublished 'memoir' on India-China clash

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla disallowed Gandhi from raising the issue, but he did not relent and several opposition leaders also rallied behind him. The House was adjourned twice and later for the day amid uproar as heated exchanges took place between the treasury and opposition benches.

Speaking with reporters, Gandhi claimed that he was not being allowed to quote from Naravane's unpublished book in the Lok Sabha because it indicts Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for "letting down" the army during the 2020 conflict with China.

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The ruling party's leaders, including ministers, asked Gandhi to stop "speaking the language of anti-India elements".

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Possible defect in Dreamliner fuel control switch, aircraft grounded : DGCA

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : The matter of fuel control switch has been communicated to the aviation regulator, DGCA. Air India had checked the fuel control switches on all Boeing 787 aircraft in its fleet after a directive from the DGCA, and had found no issues," the statement said.



control switch of a Boeing 787-8 aircraft.

"After receiving this initial information, we have grounded the said aircraft and are involving the OEM to get the pilot's concerns checked on a priority basis. The incident assumes significance against the backdrop of concerns in certain quarters about the functioning of the fuel control switch in the ill-fated Air India Dreamliner that crashed in June last year.

In one of the worst aircraft

accidents in India, a total of 260 people, including 241 passengers, died after Air India's Boeing 787-8 aircraft operating flight AI171 to London Gatwick crashed soon after take-off from Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025.

The Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is probing the crash.

In its preliminary report on the crash that was released on July 12 last year, AAIB said the fuel supply to both engines of the plane was cut off within a gap of one second, causing confusion in the cockpit soon after take-off.

"In the cockpit voice recording, one of the pilots is heard asking the other why did he cut off. The other pilot responded that he did not do so," it had said.

7,000 km high-speed rail corridors would be built by 2047: Vaishnaw

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : High-speed routes, designed for maximum speeds of up to 350 km per hour and an operating speed of 320 km per hour, will mark a transformative leap in India's rail infrastructure, said the Union railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw while inaugurating the 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE), 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.



Unveiling an ambitious roadmap for the Railways, on Wednesday announced that the government plans to build 7,000 km of dedicated passenger corridors by 2047 under the Viksit Bharat vision.

Vaishnaw said the proposed corridors would be powered by indigenously developed signaling systems and modern operations control centres, ensuring both speed and safety.

He also outlined the

model will focus on superior seats, enhanced toilets, and refined workmanship.

Discussing the Amrit Bharat series, the minister said the 2.0 version is already operational and the 3.0 model, based on push-pull technology, is being developed for long-distance routes. The 4.0 version, he added, will bring in new-generation trainsets and locomotives, expected to be ready for testing within 36 months.

Vaishnaw credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for what he termed "a decade of modernisation," noting that more than 35,000 km of new rail lines have been laid and 46,000 km of electrification completed in the past 11 years. "Our budget allocation for the Railways has consistently risen, reflecting the government's commitment to a modern, self-reliant network," he said.

Bhagwant Mann slams Centre over MGNREGA, pending rural funds



Commissioner News Service
HOSHIARPUR : Punjab Chief Minister Mr Bhagwant Mann addressed a gathering here after hoisting the national tricolour during a function on the occasion of Republic Day. He gave a warning to those who are trying to disturb peace in the state with their nefarious designs.

The CM said that his government is committed to maintaining amity and mutual brotherhood at any cost. Punjab has to fight even to get its rights, said Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday as he slammed the Centre over the issue of MGNREGA and pending rural development funds.

Mann said that his government will make all-out efforts to get Chandigarh as Punjab's own capital. At present, Union Territory Chandigarh is the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana.

Mann also listed several initiatives, including free electricity and government jobs for youths and campaigns against drugs and gangsters, carried out by his government.

He said Punjab is known as the food bowl and the sword arm of the nation. "For the country's progress, we (Punjab) suffered damage to its natural resources. Our underground water got depleted, and our rivers' water also got polluted," he said.

"I am pained to say that despite making maximum sacrifices, injustice and highhandedness have continuously been done to our state. Punjab has to fight even today to get its own rights, and it is knocking on the doors of courts," he added.

He alleged that a conspiracy was hatched to end Punjab's right over the Bhakra Beas Management Board, "which we did not allow to be successful."

Mann added that the Centre has not only changed the name of the MGNREGA (Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) scheme but its entire structure as well.

"Because of which, the livelihoods of scheduled caste workers, women and landless families have come into danger," he said.

The Chief Minister said at present, 19.85 lakh people are registered as MGNREGA workers in Punjab and out of which, 12.65 lakh belong to the SC families.

He said his government is committed to raising the voice of Punjab's rights. "In this regard, we are fighting and raising our voice for Punjab's rights, be it through the Vidhan Sabha or any other way," Mann said.

He also pointed towards the non-release of RDF funds to the state. "Our RDF funds have been stopped. The Constitution mentions the rights of all states and their fundamental rights. Even then, we have to struggle to get our rights," he said.

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TIRUPATI : The Tirumala temple of Lord Venkateswara will remain closed to devotees from 9 am to 7.30 pm on March 3 owing to a lunar eclipse, the temple administration said on Sunday.

The Tirumala temple will reopen for devotees after the completion of 'suddhi', the purificatory rites performed to cleanse the temple after the eclipse, with offline darshan resuming at 8.30 pm.

The lunar eclipse is expected to last nearly three-and-a-half hours, from 3.20 pm to 6.47 pm.

"TTD said several sevas—including Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana (worship

of the Lord's feet with eight-petaled lotus flowers), Kalyanotsavam (celestial wedding ceremony), Unjal (swing ceremony), Arjita Brahmotsavam (ceremonial procession) and Sahasra Deepalankara (lamp illumination ceremony)—will be cancelled due to the eclipse," the release said. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has requested devotees to cooperate with the arrangements made in view of the lunar eclipse.



government's futuristic vision for Vande Bharat 4.0, Amrit Bharat 4.0, and next-generation railway manufacturing standards. Highlighting the success of the Vande Bharat series, he said the third-generation train already meets global parameters, with acceleration from 0 to 100 kmph in just 52 seconds, faster than many trains in Japan and Europe, while maintaining low noise and vibration levels.

"Vande Bharat 4.0 will be a new benchmark in performance and passenger experience," said Vaishnaw, adding that the upcoming

The advertisement features a large central logo for 'PATANJALI' with the tagline 'Prakriti ka Aashirwad'. Surrounding the logo are various Patanjali product packaging, including boxes for 'Kesh Kanti' hair care, 'Dant Kanti' dental care, and 'Divya Dant Manjan'. There are also bottles of 'Patanjali' oil and 'Patanjali' coconut hair wash. The background is a green gradient with some foliage.



Industry job oriented course to surface : Vice Chancellor

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh : Outbeating the traditional flagship with gratuitous demand of certain Bachelor degree courses, the welcome degree courses in Artificial Intelligence and machine learning, Data Science and Cyber Security would be called for to meet the ever rising demand for absorption of unemployees' striking strength. A total 11 colleges affiliated to Punjab University have been enlightened for its timely infrastructural readiness. Dr Ajay Sharma, Principal opined saying the demand of industrial



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will start after familiarising the management with basics of these courses. The subject matter of these innovative courses would be forwarded to the Director of Higher Education relating to govt colleges. The convened admission committee would decide about the centralised or non-centralised modus operandi before the new academic session starts its paraphernalia, said Renu Vig, the Vice Chancellor of Punjab University.

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Efficient airlines needed to fill in vacant slots of IndiGo

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : Already surrendered slots should not remain unutilised where capacity can be added. The preference would be given to airlines which can demonstrate capacity in the form of additional aircraft, pilots, cabin crew, ground support equipment and maintenance engineer's and not ordinarily a reshuffle of existing flights.



Airlines would have to share operational preparedness failing assigned slots would be cancelled and reassigned to

deserving applicant. By 10% cut was levied on IndiGo flights after its schedule collapsed in first week of that month and same are supposed to remain in place. Led by Joint Secretary Rubina Ali, the coordinating committee held a meeting on Jan 13, where the process and rules for redistributing of slots were decided.

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Chd Univ to organise country's first AI impact summit 2026

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CHANDIGARH : The country's first AI impact summit 2026 would be organised in New Delhi by Chandigarh University from 19 Feb to 21 Feb 2026 with an aim to arm the youth innovators which could augment the sense of creativity and influence the technology based ideology.

The inauguration of the Atos Solutions and System Pvt Ltd event would be pioneered by CEO Umar Ali Sekh and



the Rajya Sabha MP cum Chancellor Satnam Singh Sandhu who would accompany the Atos Solutions and Systems Pvt Limited. The company would specialise in digital transformation, cloud service and cyber security besides web site maintenance and multi media presentations.

Pakistan exporters warn their advantage will vanish from EU- India textiles deal

Commissioner News Service

Islamabad : Pakistan was reviewing the implications of the newly signed free trade agreement between India and the European Union, as exporters and analysts warned the deal could weaken Pakistan's competitive position in its largest export market. The agreement grants Indian exporters sweeping tariff-free access to the EU, a move that Pakistani industry groups say could neutralise Islamabad's long-



standing advantage under the EU's Generalized Scheme of Preferences Plus(GSP+).

At a press briefing, Foreign Office spokesman Tahir Andrabi said Islamabad was aware of the agreement and would continue its trade relationship with the European Union.

"Pakistan maintains long-standing, friendly, and mutually beneficial relations with the EU. The GSP Plus scheme for Pakistan has proven to be a win-win template for bilateral cooperation," said Andrabi.

He added trade volumes between Pakistan and the EU stood at over 12 billion, that EU imports of Pakistani textiles and apparel had risen sharply under the scheme.

Chemistry professor made incharge-head of English department ?

Commissioner News Service
Ahmedabad : Mr Kokilaben Parmar, the faculty member in chemistry department was appointed head of English department after the retirement of Adesh Pal from the post of incharge of the said department.

Another professor Hetal Patel as aggrieved filed a case with education tribunal that stayed the appointment on Oct 10, 2025. Ms Parmar challenged the stay on grounds that she was



not heard by the tribunal. The university also challenged the order of the Tribunal saying that issue in the application was not a service matter hence beyond its jurisdiction.

Justice Nirjar in the high court questioned the University as to how a chemistry professor could address academic concerns of English literature. The university however replied that Parmar role was restricted to administrative decisions. The university came with a draft order of new appointment of Tapal Chakrabarty to function as, a Head of the English department citing rule of appointment and seniority.

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

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



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

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Investors' invite welcomed by South Korea, delegation arrives in Chandigarh

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Chandigarh : Vertical farming techniques of South Korea were appraised in the meeting of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann. The advanced technology farming by South Korea was at its zenith. The state of Punjab is principally known as agriculturalist entity. Most behavioural state Punjab would be provided with innovative and efficiently crafted agriculturist machinery. Both the agricultural entities would work in cooperation and cohesiveness to meet the envisaged targets said Bhagwant Mann.



Mr Mann has extended invite to South Korean delegation to attend the "Punjab Summit" taking place from 13 Mar to 15 Mar, where expertise minutes would be discussed and exchanged. He recounted the hours when India and South Korea had attained freedom from the clutches of British regime. During the on going period India has

made many strides like opening of Punjab Agriculture University, Thapar Institute of Technology deemed to be University etc. The state has sought technological assistance from South Korea in vertical farming which could uplift the small farmers to live prosperous and efficient workmanship.

Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

Commissioner News Service

DeraBassi : Fluoride habitation carrying water contaminants with the fast depletion of ground water and distant access to safe drinking water has been evolving a serious concern with the ministry of Jal Shakti. As public health has been the intimate concern of Punjab Pollution Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps must be initiated to eradicate flow of untreated sewage, effluents into the ground water.

The community water purification plants need to be augmented. The control over expansion of fluorsis need to be endemic, sources revealed. The accessibility to safe drinking water has been eloping with the discharge of untreated chemicals, effluents into the ground water, and depletion not halting for a cause. The multiplying cases of cancer are not being contained duo to the surge in bacterial growth.

Pathogens like bacteria and viruses are being experienced as a very common hazard with the rural public life. Afflicted several health issues might be arthritis, infirtility, hypertension, neurotoxicity and increased risk of skeletal cancer, reveals an official.

Additionally prolonged exposure can damage organs like liver, kidneys, lungs and testis. Water contamination has been posing immediate and chronic health threats, needs serious contemplation, medication and panacea.

High Court takes suo motu cognizance over delaying of Morni Hills as "reserved forest"

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : "It becomes apparent the Haryana state is in no mood to proceed with demarcation / survey of Morni Hills, and are wilfully delaying the process on one or the other pretext. The bench of Pb and Haryana High Court led by Chief Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice Sumeet Goel after taking the suo motu cognizance, has issued notice of contempt to Vasvi Tyagi, Secretary to Govt of Haryana, Forest, and Wild Life Department. The state department



on the directions of the honorable high Court was expected to initiate proceedings of declaring Morni Hills area as a "reserved forest" but the Court had to take suo motu contempt initiations against the state secretary for failing to act consistently on the sensitive issue, said the court.

Sensitive sectors of agriculture and dairy have been excluded from the U.S. deal, says Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : On the India-U.S. trade agreement, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, says, "The trade deal is in the final stages of detailing between the negotiating teams of both countries. We will be issuing a joint statement by both countries shortly, along with the details which we will be shortly inking between the U.S. and India. As soon as the final understanding of the deal is inked and the joint statement is finalised, technical processes are completed, and full details will be shared." U.S. President Donald Trump announced a trade deal with India on Monday (February 2, 2026), saying that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has promised to stop buying Russian oil over the war in Ukraine. Mr. Trump said he was cutting tariffs on Indian goods to 18%. He had previously levied 25% reciprocal tariffs, plus an additional 25%



for New Delhi's purchases of Moscow's oil. Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty were trading nearly 3% higher during the afternoon session on Tuesday (February 3, 2026). The development also propelled a sharp rally in textile, leather, gems and jewellery, seafood exports and speciality chemicals stocks. "Delighted that Made in India products will now have a reduced tariff of 18%", said Mr. Modi, thanking Mr. Trump. "When two large economies and the world's largest democracies work together, it benefits our people and unlocks immense opportunities for mutually beneficial cooperation," said Mr. Modi in his post on X.

Japan, England to strengthen collective cyber security

Commissioner News Service

Tokyo : In the back drop of escalating geopolitical, economic and technological shocks literally shaking the world, Japan and England have accelerated cooperation in strengthening the cyber security.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer while addressing a joint news conference said he and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi have decided



to strengthen the collective security across the Atlantic and the Indo Pacific. In order to protect our economies, the fuk said they

would have to take this step for boosting growth and economic resilience and launch a new cyber partnership. About the growing global export restrictions on critical minerals, Mr. Takaichi expressed contentment, said there was urgent need for the like minded countries to work in cohesion to intensify the chain resilience in the sensitive region."

Real Estate Tycoon commits suicide In Office

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Bengaluru : CJ Roy, Confident Group Chairman died by suicide on Friday by shooting himself in the head at his Bengaluru office while Income Tax raids were underway, disclosed the police. It was allegedly revealed that Roy possessed assets disproportionate to his known sources of income.

Under the Ashoka Nagar police station limits, the shooting incident took place. It appeared prima facie that the Confident Group chairperson and founder, C.J. Roy, shot himself dead. His body is at Narayana Hospital in HSR Layout, Bengaluru Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh told reporters having inspected the spot.

The commissioner said the inci-

dent occurred between 3 pm and 3.30 pm. "According to our initial reports, the searches had been ongoing for the past three day. Only investigation would reveal what actually had happened," revealed the police commissioner. Could the case be treated as abetment to suicide. Mr. Singh said the investigation would proceed based on the complaint.

He added that the searches were led by an I-T team from Kerala, and the police would elicit information needed for conclusion. Roy's brother told a Malayaman news channel that the Income Tax team from Kerala first came on December 3 last year, and stayed in Bengaluru for a few days. Again they visited on January 28 after calling him back from Dubai. In a message posted on its Facebook page, the company paid tribute to its chairman, calling him its "beloved leader". "Our beloved leader has departed from us, but not from the path he showed us. The values he lived by and the vision he entrusted to us will continue to guide our journey forward," it said, adding that the entire Confident Group family mourns the "sudden and irreparable loss" of its chairman.

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