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US, Israel Vs Iran, allies in all out 'mode'

India observes proceeds in consultation with world leaders

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Tehran : US President Donald Trump claimed Iran was ready for talks, Tehran said it would not "negotiate with the US" and unleashed a fresh offensive hitting back at Israel, neighbouring Gulf states, and targets critical to the world's production of oil and natural gas.

With world markets already rattled by the fighting and oil prices soaring, Saudi Arabia's Ras Tanura oil refinery came under attack Monday from Iranian drones, with defences downing the incoming aircraft. Ras Tanura, near the city of Dammam in eastern Saudi Arabia, is one of the world's largest with a capacity over half a million barrels of crude oil a day. It was temporarily shut down as a precaution after the attack, Saudi state television reported. Qatari energy facilities were also hit.



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caution after the attack, Saudi state television reported. Qatari energy facilities were also hit. Ali Larijani, head of Iran's National Security Council, rejected talks with the US. "Trump plunged the region into chaos with his 'delusional fantasies' and now tears more American troop casualties," Larijani wrote in a string of fiery posts on X. "Iran, unlike the United States, has prepared itself for a long war." At a White House ceremony Monday, Trump said the operation would last "4-5 weeks" but he was prepared "to go far longer than that". Pentagon said it was sending more US forces to West Asia amid reports that Trump declined to rule out sending ground troops into Iran, in further



signs of an expanding war. At least 555 people have been killed in Iran, the Iranian Red Crescent Society said. Eleven have been killed in Israel, and US confirmed the death of four soldiers. Three US jets were shot down over Kuwait during "an apparent friendly fire incident" while they were taking part in the campaign against Iran, the US military's Central Command said in a statement Monday.



"During active combat - that included attacks from Iranian aircraft, ballistic missiles, and drones - the US Air Force fighters jets were mistakenly shot down by Kuwaiti air defences," it said. All six crew members "ejected safely, have been safely recovered and are in stable condition," Central Command added, extending its gratitude to Kuwait for participating in the operation against Iran. Kuwait's defence ministry said that a number of US military aircraft had crashed early Monday and that rescue teams had evacuated the crew members to a hospital. Kuwaiti authorities said they were coordinating with US forces to investigate the incident. Also on Monday, a drone attack struck the US embassy compound in Kuwait, according to two US officials. The source of

the drone was not immediately clear. The US and Israel launched their most ambitious attacks on Iran in decades on Saturday, killing Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, sinking Iranian warships and hitting more than 1000 targets so far, official say. But Sunday's remarks to Congress appeared to undercut one of the key arguments for the war made by senior administration officials. Trump, was not going to "sit back and allow American forces in the region to absorb attacks." Pentagon official briefed Democratic and Republican staff of several national security committees in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Trump said the attack, which is expected to run for weeks, aimed to ensure Iran could not have a nuclear programme and eliminate threats to the US and its allies. He has urged Iranians to rise up and topple gov. Still, Democrats have accused Trump of waging a war of choice and have taken aim at his arguments for abandoning peace talks that mediator Oman said still held promise.

Trump has argued, without presenting evidence, that Iran was on track to soon secure the ability to strike the US with a ballistic missile. His missile claim was not backed by US intelligence reports, and appeared to be exaggerated, sources familiar with the reports have said. Questions about the justification for the war come as the US military revealed on Sunday the first American casualties of the conflict. Three US troops were killed and five seriously wounded, US Central Command said on Sunday. US air craft and warships have struck more than 1,000 Iranian targets since Trump ordered the start of major combat operations, the military said.

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Rs 5000/- tonne hike in coal rate, bricks may touch unprecedented rates : Survey

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Zirakpur : Voices of the brick kiln owners are emanating concerns about the unprecedented rise in the rate of bricks as already in Gujarat at Kandla and Trana ports, rate of the coal has been shot up by Rs 5000/ per tonne. The local brick kiln owners are apprehensive, if the remedial action are not initiated by the local governance, the rate of bricks would be shot up due to the dearth or the dexterous managing by the corporate sector. The import of USA coal showing shortage necessitated coal to hit heights and Rs 5000/ was raised all of sudden, bemoaned Sudhir Khanduja, the kiln owner, KKK (Regd) ; Samsher Singh Kamboj, Gulati Bricks, kiln owner. In the face of costly brick



infrastructure, house construction would be out of common man's reach. Currently, the existing rate of coal is 15400/- witnessed a, rise of Rs 5000 per tonne. Brick kiln owners are helpless having no other alternative than utilising the imported USA's plausible coal. In case of spiralling rates, if not controlled many kiln owners will raise their hands up and collapse their kin business, said other kin owners.

Awareness camp of EWS organised in Nachiketa premises

Commissioner News Service
Mubarikpur (Dera Bassi) : An employee welfare scheme in a comprehensive social security network, was organised last week on 24 Feb, in the premises of Nachiketa Paper Mills Pvt Ltd under the managing affairs of Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). On the 75th foundation day ceremony of Nachiketa Paper Mills, an awareness camp was organised by the EWS branch where Sanjiv Madan, Branch Manager who sensitised the employees and officers on different welfare schemes like in



health, financial sectors. Mr Madan apprised about the maternity benefits to female workers drawing salary upto Rs 21000/- in the registered companies. The benefits would include

sickness, work-related injury/disability, death and unemployment with 0.75 contribution from employees and 3.25% from the employers., stated the branch manager ESI.

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

Commissioner News Service
P'kula: Patanjali cow suthdesi 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.

Dr Ravneet Kaur becomes 2nd Director Principal of GMCH 32

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh : After Dr Jasbinder Kaur, another Doctor woman has assumed the charge of Director-Principal of the prestigious medical institution of the metropolitan town. Dr Ravneet said she would like to serve the masses from the low level and lead the vital departments. I would endeavour to strengthen emergency care and liquidate the potential infirmities in the prevailing system, says the newly entrant direc-



tor of the GMCH 32. She would certainly and more vigorously continue implementing digital feedback systems as such QR code based suggestions to bridge the alienation gap of administration and afflicted-sick persons.

Solve India's health predicaments dictates Dr Abhay Bang

Dr. Abhay Bang, the public health proponent who proved that the best hospital for a newborn might be their own home, returned to his alma mater Saturday to deliver the 10th Prof BNS Walia Memorial Oration. His message to the next generation of doctors was clear: true achievement is not found in escaping the country's problems, but in solving them. In 1985, Dr Bang and his wife, Dr Rani Bang, founded Search (Society for Education, Action, and Research in Community Health) in the tribal heartland of Gadchiroli, Maharashtra. They met a grim reality: infant mortality rates were staggering, and specialised hospitals were hundreds of miles away. Dr Bang realised that "bricks and mortar" were not the answer. Instead,



he looked to the village women. He developed the "Home-Based Newborn Care" (HBNC) model, a revolutionary approach that shifted medical power from doctors to community health workers. He trained local women to diagnose pneumonia by counting a baby's breaths, provide essential neonatal care within the home, and monitor nutrition

and hygiene. The results were unprecedented. Under his watch, the infant Mortality Rate (IMR) plummeted from 121 to 16 per 1,000 live births. What began as a local experiment became a global gold standard. Dr Bang's research, published in the prestigious medical journal, The Lancet, eventually provided the blueprint for India's ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) programme. Despite receiving the Padma Shri and international acclaim, Dr Bang's mission is far from over. He informed the gathering that his current focus is tackling the persistent crisis of underweight children in rural India - a challenge he believes requires the same grass roots innovation that defined his earlier career.



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 11. Hotel # Tag, 7999900050 SCO17, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 12. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079 SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 13. Hotel Atlante, Properties 9578110000 SCO24, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
 14. Hotel Magus, 9872791857 SCO 3, Shimla Highway, Zirakpur
 15. Hotel Shine Inn, 7341134340 SCO4,(Near Sohni Banquet Hall) Simla Highway, ZRK
 16. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769 SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK
 17. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant Shimla road, Zirakpur

CLINIC/HOSPITAL/LAB

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

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1. Mohan Medical Hall, 9063000061 Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
2. MF Chemist, 7341130032 Allopathic/Ayurvedic/Cosmetics SCO 16, Navjot Square, Near NK Sharma office, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. The Diabetes Store, (Retail & Wholesale) 16, Navjot Square, Zirakpur

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2. SBP Group, 9888854530 Plot no. 1265, Near Tata Motors, Sector 82, Mohali
3. Maya Garden Magnesia, 9815521552 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Om Property, 7696445500 SCO 2, Near Parmar Petrol Pump, Chd-Amb road,Zrk.

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3. Satguru, Loading Jeep Operator Union, 9872531068, 9814722165, Ranjan Plaza, Chd-road, Zirakpur
4. Sai Tour & Travels 9888875827 A/c, Non A/c 24 Hours, Shop 1, Dev Shopping Complex, Bhabat road, Zirakpur

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1. Dine o City, Mobile 9876629396 Buffet & Restaurants, SCO 5, Opp. Royal City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Baba Ki Rasoi, 8427468720 Amritsari Kulcha, Near NK Sharma office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
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 2. Mahadev Jewellers, 9876826740 9, Block-B, Ground Floor, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
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2. Ganesh Electricals, 9417621222 Shop 637, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076 Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur

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2. Brand Tree, Fashion Wear, 7888721165 VIP road, Block-C, Zirakpur
3. Sanorita, 9878523318 (Kiran) The Fashion Town,Western Outfit, SCO 5, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500 Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground, Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Raymond, Dulha Collection, 9888388919 Men's Tailoring Shop, Shop 5, Ist Floor, VIP road, Near AMCARE Hospital, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599
7. Octave Clothing Apparel,9988886017 Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpura, Zirakpur.
8. Gupta Cloth House, 9815694155, Suits, Sarees, Lehnga, Handloom
- SCO 1, Royale Estates, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
9. Veena Fashion, 9855595548 ** Party wear Suit/Dress Material/Wedding Collection

SCD 4, Royale Estate Market, Chd-Amb road,Zirakpur

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2. Dr Hayer's, Dental Care 9914495951 SCO 2, First Floor, Royal Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. Smile Dental Clinic, 9888345500 SCO 56, Dev Shopping Complex.Pabhat road, Zirakpur

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2. Fancy Stationers, Vivek, 8283828651 SCO 42, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015 SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank)VIP road,ZRK
4. Garg Stationery Zone, 7341111142 SCO 3, Block B, Royale Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur

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1. Aggarsen Building Store, 781499997 SCO 12, Near ICICI Bank, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Ganga Traders, 9034794483 Chd-Amb road, (Opp. NK Sharma) Zirakpur
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2. Aggarwal Provision Store, Mobile 8195998148, Shop 41, Lower Ground, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur

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3. Blu Heaven (Cake Shop), Mobile 8146030300 VIP road, SCO 11, (VIP Shopping Centre) Zirakpur
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 2. Chandigarh Wallpapers HUB Mobile, 9729687777 Saurav Sikri, Opp. Domino's Pizza VIP road, Zirakpur
 3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215 SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
 4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099 SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
 5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180 Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur,
 6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005 Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO, 5, Hollywood Plaza, Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
 7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250 (Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur

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2. Bhagwati Plastics, Manoj Goyal, 9315538654 43, Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.

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2. Care Vision Opticals 8284908330, 9988920377 SCF, Block-C, HighStreet Mkt, Zirakpur.
3. Sun Glasses, Square-Mobile 9728310732, SCO 39, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Kalra Opticians, 9872399095 Showroom no.5, High Street, C-Block,VIP road, Zrk.

KITCHEN WARES & SPARKS

1. Kitchen Concepts (Devanshu Goel) 7696617533, 8196857770 SCO 1, Ground Floor, High Street, Block-A, 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 9888777705 396, Ist floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
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6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543 Shop No. 3, Ist Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishaal) 8283836387, 8146118674 Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur
9. Spendid Lifestyle, The Steps, 9814201600 Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
10. She-16, All Female Wear, Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475 SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli

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7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444 Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

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2. New Style Tailor & White House, 9988820933 **Mukatsar Wale** Gents suiting shirting, Safari Suits, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044 Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR

1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218 Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK

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EDITORIAL

Medical tourism may metamorphose into advantageous bet

Every international patient generates an economic ripple - translators, hotels, transport, pharmacies and rehab facilities. Few sectors deliver foreign exchange, jobs and soft power together quite like this one. Just as IT services made India indispensable to the world's digital economy, medical value tourism can make it essential to the world's healthcare economy. Leo Medical value tourism (MVT) foreign patients Leoming coming to India for advanced, affordable and reliable treatment could become the country's next great services success. The \$40bn global medical tourism industry is expected to touch \$100bn by 2030. India's current share - barely 6-8% - lags far behind Thailand's 25% and Türkiye's 10-15%. Yet with its deep pool of skilled doctors, modern hospitals and cost advantage, India can credibly target a 25-30% share. Thailand and Türkiye built their success on hospitality and efficiency. Thailand's strength lies in "wellness-plus-elective" care and dental packages bundled with spas. Türkiye mastered marketing of hair transplants and cosmetic surgery backed by state support.

India's edge lies higher up the value chain in cardiac surgery, oncology, organ transplants, neurosurgery, advanced orthopaedics and robotic interventions. It has more than 50 internationally accredited (JCI-certified) hospitals, English-speaking doctors trained to Western protocols, and unbeatable experience of managing complex cases given population size and diversity. Add world-class diagnostics, affordable generics, skilled nursing and a robust digital health stack, and India's credibility becomes hard to match. India offers OECD-level outcomes at a fraction of global costs and with infection rates among the lowest in the world. India versus Thailand and Türkiye's 10-15%. Yet with its deep pool of skilled doctors, modern hospitals and cost advantage, India can credibly target a 25-30% share. Thailand and Türkiye built their success on hospitality and efficiency. Thailand's strength lies in "wellness-plus-elective" care and dental packages bundled with spas. Türkiye mastered marketing of hair transplants and cosmetic surgery backed by state support.

India's medical tourism story isn't about cheap care - it's about complex, outcomes-driven care at global standards and Indian prices. Thailand perfected the experience layer - hotel like recovery suites and concierge logistics. Türkiye demonstrated the power of focus and branding. India must learn from both but avoid imitation. Its brand should rest on 'advanced, outcomes-led, complex care at value' - high-end medicine built on trust, transparency and efficiency. With focused execution, India can double medical-tourist inflows within three to five years. That means more forex, more jobs for nurses and technicians, and technology spillovers into domestic healthcare. Thailand and Türkiye will remain strong in their niches. But India's opportunity is to own the global category of outcomes-driven, advanced care at value. If money, insurance and visas move as smoothly as the scalpel - and if "Heal in India" becomes a global brand-medical value tourism could do for India what IT services did two decades ago: turn human skill and trust into an enduring export advantage.

Hry govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026

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

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



Upload information on books, uniforms to prevent commercialisation : DEO

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CHANDIGARH : The local unaided and private schools have been directed to upload the complete, class-wise list of prescribed textbooks (including Title, Author, and Publisher) and uniforms on the homepage of the school's official website within three days of the issuance of the circular issued by Chandigarh District Education Officer. The relevant details have been asked to be displayed on the notice board, featuring the same lists prominently and accessible to all parents. The circular mandating all private and unaided schools to put online publication of textbooks and uniform lists for session 2026-27 to prevent alleged



commercialisation. "The schools shall not, verbally or in writing, direct parents to purchase books or uniforms from any specific shop or vendor," the circular stated, adding, adding that schools must ensure that the prescribed items are available at multiple vendors across the city to prevent artificial shortages, queues or monopolistic practices. Schools were also prohibited from coercing or compelling parents to purchase textbooks, stationery, or uniforms from within the school premises.

Direct recruitment for 377 posts by Chd Admn

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CHANDIGARH : Since recruitment has not been done in different departments of the Chandigarh Administration for a long time, Administration is soon going to carry out direct recruitment for many departments. On the instructions of the Chief Secretary, almost all departments have finalised recruitment rules for new appointments, which have also been notified as per rules. The recruitment process from April has been started for about 377 posts. The Administration will first recruit drivers, clerks, stenographers as well as for other posts of group C and in the future, they will be recruited in the same way as for the posts of other departments. Instructions have been given to the officers that no regular post



should get abolished in the absence of regular appointment. The Administration will also implement a 20 per cent quota for ex-Agniveers during direct recruitments. For this, UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria had given the approval, after which the Home Department had issued a notification. At the same time, the Administrator has instructed to implement this quota for the posts of jail warden to be announced soon. Apart from the Prison Department, 20 per cent posts in the Fire and Rescue Services and Forest and Wildlife Department will be reserved for ex-firemen.

Lok Samadhan Unified online grievance monitoring system launched by administrator

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CHANDIGARH : Mr Gulab Chand Kataria Punjab Governor and UT Administrator launched the Lok Samadhan - Unified Online Grievance Monitoring System of the Chandigarh Administration. Kataria launched the system at a 'Samadhan Shivir' held in Guru Dronacharya Stadium, Dadumajra, for residents of Dhanas and Daddumajra. Chief Secretary H Rajesh Prasad, along with senior UT officers and representatives of various departments, was present at the first-of-its-kind camp organised by the Chandigarh Administration. The portal, available at <https://loksamadhan.chd.gov.in>, enables citizens to register and monitor their grievances online at any time and from anywhere, thereby eliminating the need for repeated visits to government offices. Under the Lok Samadhan system, citizens can submit grievances after mandatory registration using a valid mobile number verified via OTP. Upon submission, an electronic



acknowledgment, along with a unique grievance number is generated and shared with the complainant through SMS, enabling real-time tracking of grievance status and ensuring transparency in the redressal process. The portal provides a centralised digital mechanism for receiving, processing, monitoring and resolving public grievances across departments. The system facilitates structured workflows, defined timelines for disposal, and effective inter-departmental coordination, while significantly reducing manual intervention and paperwork. This initiative is expected to enhance administrative efficiency, strengthen accountability and ensure timely delivery of public services.

1,400 govt houses procure net-zero bill in power consumption

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CHANDIGARH : Rooftop solar plants have been installed atop nearly 6,000 government houses across the city and nearly 1,400 of these have become net-zero in energy consumption. With a total installed capacity of 18.1 MWp (Megawatt-peak), these houses are expected to generate around 23.5 million units of solar power annually. With the installation of rooftop solar plants, nearly 1,400 government houses in the city have achieved net-zero in power consumption. The allottees of the government residential units, however, have to pay solar user charges of Rs 300 per kW monthly. In a likely relief for thousands of government employees, the UT Administration is considering abolishing user fee currently being levied on rooftop solar power plants. Similarly, 148 beneficiaries have achieved zero electricity bills under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana launched in



February 2024. Out of the total 1,542 applications received for installation of solar panels till January 28 under the scheme, solar panels had been installed at 1,026 private houses. Subsidy worth Rs 5.51 crore had been disbursed among 989 households till December 31 last year. Under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, the Central Government provides a subsidy of up to Rs 78,000 for installation of solar plants with a capacity of up to 3 kW. The UT Administration has set a target to generate 15 MWp more solar power by the end of this year so as to achieve the aim of making Chandigarh a model solar city by 2030.

24x7 helpline for stranded Punjabis in middle east

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CHANDIGARH : "The Punjab government is extending every possible support and maintaining constant coordination with the Government of India to facilitate the safe and expeditious return of the affected citizens" assured Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann. Amid the escalating conflict in several parts of the Middle East, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann announced the establishment of a dedicated 24x7 helpline to provide immediate assistance to Punjabis stranded in the region and their families back home. "Due to the outbreak of serious conflicts in certain Arab countries, many Punjabis are facing grave difficulties. The state government has set up a round-the-clock helpline and control room to address their concerns without delay," CM



Mann said in a statement issued here. He appealed to families of stranded individuals to immediately contact the following numbers for any assistance: 0172-2260043, WhatsApp: +91 94787 79112 "The Punjab government stands shoulder-to-shoulder with the families of our youth and students stuck in these Gulf countries. We are committed to providing all necessary help and cooperation," the Chief Minister emphasised. Reiterating the state's proactive approach, CM Mann said the Punjab administration is in

continuous touch with the Ministry of External Affairs and other concerned authorities at the Centre to ensure the prompt and secure evacuation of all stranded Punjabis. He also urged the Government of India to take immediate and decisive steps for the safe evacuation of Indian nationals, particularly those from Punjab, who are trapped in the war-affected areas of the Middle East. "The Central Government must intervene swiftly to bring our people back home safely. Punjab will extend full cooperation in every possible manner to make this happen," he added. Mr Mann expressed hope that the Centre would act expeditiously to extend a helping hand to all citizens caught in the crisis, ensuring their well-being and early return to their families.

Need-based changes prioritised in Chandigarh Housing Board policy through Governor approval

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CHANDIGARH : In light of the Supreme Court's judgment dated January 10, 2023, an exercise was carried out directing freezing of the floor area ratio (FAR), along with representations received from stakeholders and the prevailing ground realities. A high-level committee, constituted by the UT Administration under the chairmanship of Secretary, Estate, UT, had undertaken a comprehensive review of the consolidated 2023 order. Providing relief to thousands of occupants of Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) houses, Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria approved the recommendations of committee constituted to review the need-based changes order dated January 3, 2023.



The committee reviewed the need-based changes policy of January 2023 of the CHB. Over 10 days ago, it recommended that the policy be implemented with certain exclusions. The Administrator today approved the recommendations of the committee. Further, the CHB has been directed to start the implementation of Clauses 2-21, 24, 26-28 of the 2023 order with immediate effect. Out of the 28 clauses, the committee dropped

four clauses of the policy. The committee has rejected the construction of balconies projecting up to three feet across the full width of front and rear courtyards where none existed originally, citing structural safety concerns. The committee also cited practical constraints in installing rooftop solar panels across all CHB dwelling units. Although the 2023 policy permitted solar installations subject to consent from residents and structural safety certification, the panel noted that structural limitations make such installations unfeasible in several buildings. The committee also turned down replacement of the front courtyard brick boundary walls, wherever provided in the CHB houses, with flexible/sliding gates at the same location.

Free ration kits to 40 lakh families to begin from April

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



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

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

Juhi Jalota becomes Deputy Passport Officer at Chandigarh regional office

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CHANDIGARH : Juhi Jalota Indian Foreign Service officer on Monday assumed charge as Deputy Passport Officer and Head of Office at the Regional Passport Office (RPO), Chandigarh. Jalota has previously served in Indian Missions



in Madrid, Spain, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, as well as at the Ministry

of External Affairs, New Delhi, in various capacities. An officer of the 2018 batch, she succeeds outgoing RPO Priyanka Mehtani (IFS 2015) and will oversee passport services for Chandigarh and parts of Punjab and Haryana under the jurisdiction of the RPO.

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Assume way of dialogue, diplomacy to resolve West Asia conflict : Modi



"We will continue to work with all countries to ensure the safety of all Indian citizens in the region," he said. The situation in West Asia figured in the Modi-Carney talks. "The thrust of the discussions was how we are all concerned about the escalating situation in Iran, how dialogue and diplomacy should be the norm to resolve all underlying issues, and how there should not be any targeting of civilians who have nothing to do with this," said Secretary (East) in the Ministry of External Affairs P Kumaran at a media briefing. Following his phone conversation with the Saudi crown prince, Modi said, "India condemns the recent attacks on Saudi Arabia in

violation of its sovereignty and territorial integrity. "We agreed that the earliest restoration of regional peace and stability is of utmost importance. I thanked him for looking after the well-being of the Indian community in these difficult times," Modi said on X. In his conversation with Al Khalifa, Modi said India stands in solidarity with the people of Bahrain in this "difficult hour." "India condemns the attacks on Bahrain and stands in solidarity with its people in this difficult hour. I thank him for the steadfast support extended to the Indian community in Bahrain," he added. Iran has carried out a wave of attacks mainly targeting Israel and American military bases in several Gulf countries, including the UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, after the US and Israel attacked Iran on Saturday. The Iranian retaliation increased after Tehran announced early on Sunday that the country's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had been killed in the Israel-US strike.

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



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 Vaishnav, adding that the upcoming

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. Vaishnav 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.

Unmanned boat off Muscat coast hits oil tanker, 1 Indian killed



Commissioner News Service DUBAI : The attack by unmanned boat resulted in a fire and explosion in the engine room and the death of one crew member. The remaining 21 crew members were evacuated. An Indian national was killed on Monday when an explosive-laden unmanned boat struck an oil tanker off the coast of Muscat Governorate, according to reports. "The Maritime Security Centre reported that the oil tanker MKD VYOM was attacked by an unmanned boat 52 nautical miles off the coast of Muscat Governorate," said Oman's Ministry of Defence. The ministry did not identify the nationality of the deceased, but local media reported that the victim was an Indian crew member of the tanker. "The attack caused a fire and an explosion in the main engine room, leading to the death of an Indian crew member," Oman Observer reported. It said the evacuated crew included 16 Indian nationals, four Bangladeshi nationals and one Ukrainian national. A day earlier, another oil tanker came under attack in the Strait of Hormuz. The attack on the MV Skylight injured four crew

members. The state-run Oman News Agency said the crew were from India and Iran. On Monday, the Indian mission in Oman said it was in constant touch with local authorities who are carrying out search operations for missing crew members following the incident involving MV Skylight. "We are also coordinating with officials in Oman for the repatriation of the crew members who have been rescued from MV Skylight and will continue to render all possible assistance in the matter," the Embassy of India in Oman said in a post on X. The Strait of Hormuz is located between Oman and Iran and connects the Persian Gulf with the Gulf of Oman and the Arabian Sea. It is one of the world's most important oil chokepoints.

India set to capture slot of upper-middle income country by 2030: SBI report



Commissioner News Service NEW DELHI : The World Bank classifies nations as low income, lower-middle income, upper-middle income and high-income countries based on their per capita GNI (Gross National Income) in US dollar. India is set to transition to 'upper-middle income' country in next four years in 2030, joining the ranks of China and Indonesia, and become the third largest economy even earlier in 2028, an SBI Research report said on Monday. In 1990, of the total 218 countries classified by the World Bank, 51 belonged to low income, 56 to lower-middle income, 29 to upper-middle income and 39 to high-income categories. The latest data in 2024

shows only 26 countries as low income, 50 as lower-middle income, 54 as upper-middle income and 87 as high income. The transition clearly shows the income ladder over the years. India took 60 years to transition to lower-middle income in 2007 from low-income country. Its per capita GNI increased from \$90 in 1962 to \$910 in 2007, an annual growth rate of 5.3 per cent, said the report.

EPFO continues 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for 2025-26, in a row

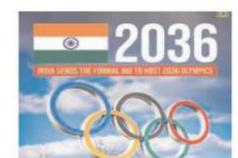


Commissioner News Service NEW DELHI : The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in 2024 increased the interest rate marginally to 8.25 per cent for 2025-26, from 8.15 per cent in 2023-24. Retirement fund body EPFO, for the third year in a row, fixed the interest rate on employees' provident fund deposits at 8.25 per cent for 2025-26, a labour ministry statement said on Monday. In February last year, the EPFO had retained the rate of interest at 8.25 per cent for 2024-25. The Central Board of Trustees, in its meeting chaired by Union Minister for Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday, recommended an 8.25 per cent annual rate of interest to be credited on EPF accumulations in members' accounts for the financial year 2025-26, the ministry said. The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) is the apex decision-making body of the EPFO. The interest rate would be officially notified by the Government of India, following which the EPFO would credit the rate of interest into the subscribers' accounts. The ministry stated that despite global uncertainties, the EPFO has maintained strong financial

discipline, ensuring stable and competitive returns without straining the interest account. The CBT also approved a one-time Amnesty Scheme to address compliance issues arising from income tax recognised trusts that are yet to be covered or granted exemption under the EPF & MP Act, 1952, duly taking into account the provisions of the Finance Act, 2026. The proposed scheme seeks to bring establishments and trusts into compliance within a defined six-month period, primarily to protect workers' interests while waiving damages, interest and penalties for those that have already provided benefits equal to or better than the statutory scheme. It allows retrospective relaxation or exemption subject to specified conditions and ensures that all eligible employees receive statutory benefits.

The measure is expected to resolve over 100 active litigation cases, along with several others, thereby benefiting thousands of trust members. The scheme shall apply to those exempted establishments which have complied with the provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The Board approved the new simplified SOP on EPF Exemption, consolidating the existing four SOPs and the Exemption Manual into a single comprehensive framework which aims to reduce compliance burden. The SOP also provides an end-to-end digital process for surrender and transfer of past accumulations. The CBT has approved the notification of new social security schemes under the Code on Social Security, 2020 to ensure seamless transition from the existing framework. The newly approved EPF Scheme, 2026, EPS, 2026 and EDLI Scheme, 2026 will replace the current schemes and provide a legally robust foundation for administering provident fund, pension and insurance benefits.

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



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

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

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

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Modi Becomes First World Leader To Cross 100 Million Followers On Instagram

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : The total Instagram count of followers pursuing Prime Minister Narendra Modi reached a historic milestone on Thursday, becoming the first world leader and politician to transcend 100 million followers on Instagram. PM Modi, who joined Instagram in 2014, has more than twice as many followers as US President Donald Trump on Instagram. The total count of followers of the next



five major world leaders is lower than PM Modi's individual follower count. US President Donald Trump stands with 43.2 million followers, followed by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto with 15 million followers. While Brazilian President Lula has 14.4 million followers, Turkish President Erdogan has 11.6 million followers and Argentine President Javier Milei has 6.4 million followers. Meanwhile, in India,

the Prime Minister is miles ahead of other Indian political leaders on Instagram. The second spot is held by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath with around 16.1 million followers, followed by Rahul Gandhi with approximately 12.6 million followers. The award was conferred in recognition of PM Modi's "exceptional contribution through his personal leadership" to strengthen strategic relations between India and Israel. The medal was conferred after PM Modi's speech in the Israeli Parliament. After his speech, PM Modi interacted with members of the Israeli parliament, the Knesset. Prime Minister Modi received a standing ovation during his speech. In his speech, PM Modi said there is great admiration for Israel's resolve, courage, and achievements in India.

From April 01, cash transactions at NH may end

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



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

8,630 complaints against sitting judges received in past decade : Minister

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : Independence of judiciary is enshrined in the Constitution. The complaints received against judges and chief justices of High Courts are handled by the judiciary through an in house mechanism, the law minister the other day was responding to a query in the lok sabha. The inhouse procedure comes from two resolutions adopted by the SC in 1997 which provided for restatement of Values of Judicial Life. The inhouse procedure also



provides for taking suitable remedial measures against judges who don't follow the university accepted values of judicial life including those in the restatement of Values of

Judicial Life. In accordance with established inhouse procedure of the Supreme Court to handle complaints against the higher judiciary, the CJI is competent to receive complaints against judges of the Supreme Court and Chief Justices of High Courts. Similarly chief justices of High Courts are competent to receive complaints against the conducts of High Court judges said the Law Minister. The govt receive the complaints and get it forwarded to law ministry, by thereupon.

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 Bilimora, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi Ahmedabad. Thane Ahmadabad. In the last run Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority

We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk. The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market.



Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney. The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities. Our nation has been notoriously becoming famous, leaving concentration away from genuine natural milk. Now fait accompli, we are tolerating assortment by of chemicals, urea, by compulsion as the occupation of genuine dairy farming has been going in very lackadaisical race even government controlled units are losing curiosity in natural milk. What a catastrophic approach, but against whom? remains puzzling.



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Chandigarh : "We have to acquire zero polythene frame work by all means", urged Chandigarh Mayor Saurabh Joshi before the Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria by getting a complete ban imposed on polythene in the developed town which could necessitate harsh executive action. The incessant use of plastic and circulation of plastic carry bags, having per se



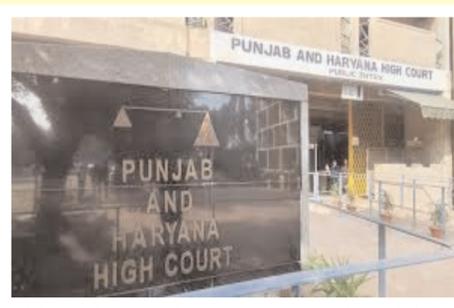
restriction, needs immediate intervention of the administration. The plight of environmental degradation too needs care along with comprehensive all round cleanliness across the city.

indigestion of the wasteful rubbish. Unregulated scrap sorting activities in peripheral area also has hit the agricultural production besides contributing to the contamination of water. He advised the administration to impose prohibition, on the manufacture, storage and sale of polythene bags, stricter regulation of scrap yards, setting up plastic-free waste collection points and levying penalties against violations.

Public Prosecutor, District Attorney summoned over the 5 year delay in framing of charges

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has expressed strong displeasure over a five-year delay in framing of charges

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Chandigarh : Observing that both the trial court and the prosecution appeared to be "highly negligent" in performing their duties. The Pb & Haryana High Court was informed during the course of arguments that the challan in the case had been presented on 31.07.2021 and since then, trial judges are bring asked to provide the written explanation against the excessive adjournments. The High court has emphasised that



unreasonable delays violate the right to fair and speedy trials under article 21 of the Constitution. In accordance with the

supreme court guidelines the High Court has taken harsh views against the uncertain delay of over 5 years in the slow case disposal. Due to routine adjournment, the fair trials are now a days becoming fairy tales. The Chandigarh judicial academy has taken over to sensitize judicial officers to stop granting frequent adjournments.

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