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## UGC, AICTE, NCTE to merge into a single regulator, bill approved by cabinet

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : The cabinet govt has approved proposal for Viksit Bharat Shiksha, Adhikshan Bill for merging of UGC, AICTE and NCTE into a single overarching regulator for higher edu-

cation which was previously called Higher Education Commission of India ,said Union Education Minister D h a r a m e n d e r Pardhan. The act will oversee functioning of this singular commis-

sion educational institutions as the sole authority responsible for coordinating and determining standards of higher education, research, scientific and technical institutions nationwide includ-



ing IIT and IIM institutions. The bill having been passed in Parliament would have (a) Viksit

Bharat Shiksha V i n i y a m (Regulation) Parishad (b) Viksit Bharat Siksha (Accreditation) Parishad(c) Viksit Bharat Shiksha Manak (Standard) Parishad, into a unified central body.

The UGC earlier regulated non technical higher education institutions in India. The VBSA would oversee functioning of Central, state technical, private universities including open universities,

digital, besides online education with holistic development. The bill passed by the cabinet was envisioned by the National Education Policy (NEP ) 2020 which proposed 3 verticals of HECI.

## Rs 65 Cr accorded for Dhakoli overbridge, tendering process to begin soon by railways

Commissioner News Service

Zirakpur : The fly-over bridge on Rly crossing, project in Dhakoli area has been sanctioned Rs



65 Cr by the union ministry of railways. Residents in the affected area have been demanding

the provision of rly over bridge as the congestion had been unbearable, at least 20 times the railway "phatak

"remains closed. Several people designated the number of jams as curse/misery offered by ruthless nature.

No more headaches will be tolerated due to uneasy awaits near the railway crossing, consoled Manpreet

Singj Banni Sandhu, a local BJP leader of DeraBassi block constituency.

## India accelerates business visas for Chinese professionals

Commissione News Service

New Delhi: India has cut red tape to speed business visas for Chinese professionals, said two officials. A major step to boost ties with the Asian giants and end chronic delays that cost output worth billions of dollars because of scarce technicians. As Prime Minister Narendra Modi cautiously rekindles ties with Beijing in the face of punishing U.S. tariffs, the officials said New Delhi dropped a layer of bureaucratic scrutiny and shortened visa approval times to less than a month. India had blocked virtually all Chinese visits after the nuclear-armed neighbours clashed on their Himalayan frontier in mid-2020, widening its vetting of business visas beyond the home



and foreign ministries. The issues around securing visas have now been completely resolved, said one of the officials with knowledge of the matter, who both spoke on condition of anonymity. "We have removed the layer of administrative vetting and are processing the business visas within four weeks," the official added. India's ministries of external affairs, home and trade, as well as the prime minister's office

and the top think tank on policy, did not respond to e-mail requests for comment. Following the news, China's foreign ministry said it had noticed "positive action" from India to facilitate people-to-people exchanges in the common interest. "China is willing to maintain communication and consultation with India to continuously enhance the level of facilitation of exchanges," added ministry spokesperson Guo Jiakun. Think tank the Observer Research Foundation estimates the tougher scrutiny led to production losses of \$15 billion over four years to Indian electronics makers, which import key machinery from China to make mobile telephones.

## Schedule for online admission for EWS issued by education deptt

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The registration of candidates on the admission portal will open on a date prior to Jan 18 2026, followed by scrutiny of applications from Feb 01 to Feb 21. A total of 25 % seats in entry level classes across these schools are reserved under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act. Through centralised module, applications may be submitted, after that provisional eligibility would be checked up by the department .



The first list of selected candidates to be issued through a computerized of lots draw , is scheduled for release on Feb 25, if required, the second list would be issued on Mar 17. The schools will complete confirmation of admissions by Mar 24.

## 41 ft statue of Ex PM Vajpayee to be unveiled in P'kula on Dec 24

Commissioner News Service

P'kula : A 41 ft high statue of Ex Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee would be unveiled by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in sector 1 on Dec 24. On the eve of birth anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee the distinguished event would be marked jubilantly and illustriously. Amit Shah will inaugurate several programmes throughout the day, besides mega blood donation camp at Atal Park after the unveiling cere-



mony. An exhibition at state BJP office P'kula would be inspected by the home minister. About 5000 recently passed out police personnels would

salute Home Minister at the passing out parade at Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in sec 3. As a Chief guest , Amit Shah would attend Veer Bal Diwas programme on same day ." The purpose of meetings with the prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah was to accelerate development works to ensure general public could reap the maximum benefits from govt schemes", said, the Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini in New Delhi.

## Trump's \$100,000 H-1B visa fee draws legal challenge from U.S. states

Commissioner News Service

Washington : California and 19 other U.S. states filed a lawsuit on Friday (December 12, 2025) seeking to block President Donald Trump's \$100,000 fee on new H-1B visas for highly skilled foreign workers. The lawsuit in federal court in Boston is at least the third to challenge the fee announced by Trump in September, which dramatically raises the cost of obtaining H-1B visas. California Attorney General Rob Bonta's office said in a release that Trump lacks the power to impose the fee and that



it violates federal law, which allows immigration authorities to collect only fees necessary to cover the cost of administering visa programs. The H-1B program allows U.S. employers to hire foreign workers in specialty fields. The tech industry, with many companies headquartered in California, is particularly reliant on workers who receive the visas.

Bonta, a Democrat, said the \$100,000 fee would create unnecessary financial burdens for providers of vital services such as education and health-care, exacerbating labor shortages and threatening to cut services. The states joining California in the lawsuit include New York, Massachusetts, Illinois, New Jersey and Washington. The White House, in response to other lawsuits, has said the new fee is a lawful exercise of Trump's powers and will discourage employers from abusing the H-1B.

## Cabinet approves for conduct of census in 2027

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the proposal for conducting Census of India 2027 at a cost of Rs.11,718.24 crore. The Indian Census is the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world. The Census of India would be conducted in two phases: (i) Houselisting and Housing Census – April to September, 2026 and (ii) Population Enumeration (PE) – February 2027 (For the UT of Ladakh and snow bound non-synchronous areas of UT of Jammu & Kashmir and states of Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, PE shall be conducted in September, 2026).

About 30 lakh field functionaries will complete this gigantic exercise of national importance. Use of mobile app for data collection and the Central portal for monitoring purpose will ensure better quality data. Data dissemination will be much better and in a user friendly way so that all the queries on required parameters for policy making will be made available on the click of a button.



Census-as-a-service (CaaS) will deliver data to ministries in a clean, machine-readable and actionable format. Census of India 2027 will cover the entire population in the country. The Census process involves visiting each and every household and canvassing separate questionnaire for Houselisting & Housing Census and Population Enumeration. The enumerators, generally government teachers and appointed by the State Governments, will be doing the field work of Census in addition to their regular duties. Other Census functionaries at Sub-district, District and State levels will also be appointed by the State/District Administration First Census by digital means in country. Data will be collected using mobile applications that will be available for both Android as well as iOS versions.

## Chandigarh has 11300 govt buildings with solar panels

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : "I am surprised there are 6000 govt buildings of the UT Administration. From Oct 24 to Dec 24, Chandigarh administration kept browbeating Inhabitants of Chandigarh that their land registration would be cancelled . Who in Chandigarh administration issued so illegal, arbitrate instruction in a malicious exercise of power , asked Manish Tewari, the Chandigarh MP. In response, Mr Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister of State for Renewable Energy categorically denied any such type of statement was ever issued.



He disclosed as of 31 oct, 2025, total of 22.42 GW of Roof top solar RTS capacity was installed across various categories of consumers in the country. A total of 52825 MW RTS capacity with rooftop solar plants were installed on these 11,300 govt buildings, added Mr Naik

## Gramin Rozgar Yojna from old MGNREGA Act

Commissione News Service

New Delhi : On the amended legislation, the Bill envisaged to increase the guaranteed employment up to 100 days to 125 days, and introduce tweaks for better utilisation of funds, especially in economically weaker states. The proposed Bill in the ongoing Winter session of Parliament would amend the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee



Act (MGNREGA), to the changed flagship rural employment scheme to "Puiya Babu Gramin Rozgar Yojana". The amended Bill was cleared by the Union Cabinet in its

meeting held on Friday (December 12, 2025) disclosed the senior govt officials. There was no official announcement on the proposal at the Cabinet briefing addressed by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The original Bill passed by Parliament on August 25, 2005 was called "National Rural Employment Guarantee Act". The prefix "Mahatma Gandhi" was added in 2009.

## Demand for regulation of airfare, free, compulsory early childhood care

Commissione News Service

New Delhi : K Ram Mohan Naidu, Civil Aviation Minister on Friday (December 12, 2025) apprised the Lok Sabha that the Centre can intervene to regulate airfares under extraordinary circumstances but cannot impose caps throughout the year as fares depend on demand and supply in particular seasons. He responded to a private mem-



ber's resolution on regulating airfares, brought in by Congress member Shafi Paramabil. The Union Cabinet on Friday (December 12, 2025) cleared a Bill to repeal 71 laws which have outlived

their utility in the statute books, officials said. Out of the 71 laws, 65 are amendments to principal Acts and six are principal laws. At least one law proposed to be repealed is of the British era, the officials .The issue of air pollution in major cities of the country was raised by Rahul Gandhi , leader of opposition and asked the Centre for a discussion in the matter.



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  10. Near Patiala Chowk, Zirakpur
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  12. Hotel Waves, 01762-510909, 9041092622
  13. SCO 21, Kalgidhar Enclave, Zirakpur-Kalka road, Baltana Zirakpur
  14. Hotel # Tag, 7999900050
  15. SCO17, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
  16. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079
  17. SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
  18. Hotel Atlante, Properties 9578110000
  19. SCO24, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK
  20. Hotel Magus, 9872791857
  21. SCO 3, Shimla Highway, Zirakpur
  22. Hotel Shine Inn, 7341134340
  23. SCO4,(Near Sohi Banquet Hall) Simla Highway, ZRK
  24. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769
  25. SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK
  26. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant

CLINIC/HOSPITAL/LAB

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

MEDICINES & CHEMISTS/MEDICOS

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

PROPERTY GROUP

1. Investors Home, 9781077770
2. Civil Construction, Interior Designer, Shop 9, Silver City Mains, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. SBP Group, 9888854530
4. Plot no. 1265, Near Tata Motors, Sector 82, Mohali
5. Maya Garden Magnesia, 9815521552
6. Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
7. 4.Om Property, 7696445500
8. SCO 2, Near Parmar Petrol Pump, Chd-Amb road,Zrk.

TAXI, TRANSPORTS

1. Guru Nanak Taxi Service, 9988531007
2. \*\*A/c, Non A/c cars\*\*
3. Near UCO Bank, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. 2. GS Tezi Transport, 24 Hrs Mobile : 9316017250
5. Ranjan Plaza, Zirakpur
6. 3. Satguru, Loading Jeep Operator Union, 9872531068, 9814722165,
7. Ranjan Plaza, Chd-road, Zirakpur
8. 4. Sai Tour & Travels 9888875827
9. A/c, Non A/c 24 Hours, Shop 1, Dev Shopping Complex, Bhabat road, Zirakpur

RESTAURANTS, EATRIES, DHABHA

1. Dine o City, Mobile 9876629396
2. Buffet & Restaurants, SCO 5, Opp. Royal City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. 2. Baba Ki Rasoi, 8427468720
4. Amritsari Kulcha, Near NK Sharma office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. 3. Guru Nanak Vaishnu Dhabha, 9779004974
6. Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

JEWELLERS SHINE

1. Shri Kapila Jewellers, 9872207279
2. SCO 21, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Mahadev Jewellers, 9876826740
4. 9, Block-B, Ground Floor, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. 3. Bagga Jewellers, 9815000662
6. SCO 6, Badal Colony, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
7. 4. MG Jewellers, 9888881869
8. Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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3. Ganesh Electricals, 9417621222
4. Shop 637, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. 3. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076
6. Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur

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3. G-10, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. 2. Brand Tree, Fashion Wear, 7888721165
5. VIP road, Block-C, Zirakpur
6. 3. Sanorita, 9878523318 (Kiran)
7. The Fashion Town,Western Outfit,
8. SCO 5, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
9. 4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500
10. Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground, Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur
11. 5. Raymond, Dulha Collection, 9888388919
12. Men's Tailoring Shop, Shop 5, Ist Floor, VIP road, Near AMCARE Hospital, Zirakpur
13. 6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599
14. 7. Octave Clothing Apparel,9988886017
15. Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpora, Zirakpur.
16. 8. Gupta Cloth House, 9815694155,
17. Suits, Sarees, Lehnga, Handloom
18. SCO 1, Royale Estates, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
19. 9. Veena Fashion, 9855595548 \*\* Party wear
20. Suit/Dress Material/Wedding Collection
21. SCO 4, Royale Estate Market, Chd-Amb road,Zirakpur

DENTAL CARE/CLINIC/DENTURE

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2. Dr Samir Anand 9872184048,
3. VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
4. 2. Dr Hayer's, Dental Care 9914495951
5. SCO 2, First Floor, Royal Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
6. 3. Smile Dental Clinic, 9888345500
7. SCO 56, Dev Shopping Complex.Pabhat road, Zirakpur

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3. 2. Fancy Stationers, Vivek, 8283828651
4. SCO 42, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. 3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015
6. SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank)VIP road,ZRK
7. 4. Garg Stationery Zone, 7341111142
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13. Chd-Amb road, (Opp. NK Sharma ) Zirakpur
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SCO 1, Near GS Memorial Public School, Zirakpur

SWEETS WONDER

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5. 3. Goyal's Chandigarh Sweets, 9357258011,
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8. Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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12. 2. Graphics Printing, 9256338644
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18. 5. Glow Signage Chg, 9316198717
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22. Ganpati Karyana Store, Shop 4, VIP road, Zirakpur

2. Aggarwal Provision Store, Mobile 8195998148,
3. Shop 41, Lower Ground, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. 3. PTC Retail,
5. Shop No. 44, Block-B, High Street Market, VIP road, Zirakpur

COMMUNICATION, LAPTOP, MOBILE, COMPUTERS

1. Tricity Computers Service, Link Patiala Road
2. Sigma City, Opp Defence Enclve Lohgarh (Zirakpur) Balwinder Singh Mobile 7814422624
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6. 3. Phone Zone, Mobile : 9464856771
7. VIP road, near KFC, Zirakpur
8. 4. Sachhi Trading, Mobile 9914669100
9. Shop 10, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
10. 5. Dell Store, Gulam Heddar 9878614133, 9914007121
11. Computer, Laptop, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

BAKERS/OVEN/DAIRY

1. Pulkit Dairy, Mobile 9872715495
2. Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer,
3. Shop No.3, Opp. Apple Height VIP road, Zirakpur
4. 2. Khan Dairy, Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer, VIP road, Kaseri Plaza, Zirakpur
5. (Mr Sonu) 8872413205, 9779908814
6. 3. Blu Heaven (Cake Shop), Mobile 8146030300
7. VIP road, SCO 11, (VIP Shopping Centre) Zirakpur
8. 4. Gurpal Bakers, 8728885252
9. Baker & Confectioners, 37,
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6. 2. Chandigarh Wallpapers HUB Mobile, 9729687777 Saurav Sikri,
7. Opp. Domino's Pizza VIP road, Zirakpur
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9. SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
10. 4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099
11. SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
12. 5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180
13. Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur,
14. 6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005
15. Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO, 5, Hollywood Plaza, Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
16. 7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250
17. (Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur

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2. Mobile 8708478658, 8968215182
3. Shop 36 Opp. Square Hospital, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
4. 2. Bhagwati Plastics, Manoj Goyal, 9315538654
5. 43, Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.

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

KITCHEN WARES & SPARKS

1. Kitchen Concepts
2. (Devanshu Goel) 7696617533, 8196857770
3. SCO 1, Ground Floor, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. 2. Ten 11 Kitchen, Vikash Tomar, 7657999655,
5. Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

READYMADE/BOUTIQUE/APPARELS

1. Odhani, 9888889021,
2. RNT Enterprises, (For Lady Purses, Luggage) 614, Hollywood Plaza, near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Odhani, 9888888299,
4. Shivam
5. All Clothings from Indian to Western, Amb-chd road, Shingpura chowk, Zirakpur
6. 3. The Junior's, Complete Kids Store, Mobile 9888777705
7. 396, Ist floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
8. 4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044,
9. Suits Sarees Lehngas,
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11. 5. Elegant Saloni Collection, 9417303402
12. (A complete range of lady wear)
13. SCO 16, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
14. 6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599,
15. Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
16. 7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543
17. Shop No. 3, Ist Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
18. 8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishaal) 8283836387, 8146118674
19. Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur
20. 9. Spendid Lifestyle,
21. The Steps, 9814201600
22. Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
23. 10. She-16, All Female Wear,
24. Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475
25. SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli

FURNITURE/PLY/DOORS

1. Elite Furniture 9219200009, 8427069000 (Kurl on)
2. Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. 2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408
4. Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. 3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715
6. Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
7. 4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473
8. (Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
9. 5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773
10. Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
11. 6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595
12. Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
13. 7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass
14. SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
15. 8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444
16. Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
17. 9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729
18. Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS, FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC

1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (For Shoes, Bags),
2. SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur
3. 2. Me n Moms , Cuddles n Snuggles,
4. Mobile 9876016099
5. Raksha Business Centre, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

TYRES/WHEELS/BLANCERS

1. Auto Care, 8196098829,
2. Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. **ROARING MACHINE/BULLET CAFE**
4. 1. Bullets Sale & Services, 7347029497, 7347029498
5. Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
6. 2. The Bullet Café, 9872000106
7. SCO 3, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

TAILORING/DESIGNING EXPERTS

1. Royal Wear Tailors, 8837859503, 9268600001
2. Designer Studio, Main Silver City (Opp Sethan Da Dhaba), Ambala road, Zirakpur.
3. 2. New Style Tailor & White House, 9988820933
4. \*\*Mukatsar Wale\*\* Gents suiting shirting,
5. Safari Suits, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
6. 3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044
7. Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
8. **MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR**
9. 1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218
10. Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
11. **INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK**
12. 1. Insurance 8872135535
13. Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim
14. 2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571
15. SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur
16. 3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985
17. Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur
18. **PROMINENT GENERAL STORES**
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20. \*\*Visit for : Laces, Bangles, Jewellers, Purse Garland, Under garments etc \*\* Shop 329, Amb-Chd road, ZRK
21. 2. Ekam General Store, 9941934567
22. \*\*Wide range of Cosmetics, Jewellers, Embroideries, Purse etc.\*\* Shop no. 112, Old MC Office road, ZRK
23. 3. Saini General Store, 9814798003, 9814003377
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4. Main Chowk Zirakpur, Chandigarh road
5. **Brick Kiln Quality**
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7. Patiala road, Chhatbir.
8. 2. Om Bricks, 9877672881
9. Patiala road, Azizpur.
10. 3. Gulati Bricks, 9671600219
11. Sundra road, Mubarakpur



EDITORIAL ~

Basmati rice are not subsidised for export

Exporters fear that if this false claim of subsidy spreads, other countries may also believe it. "If we do not stop this lie now, it may reach Europe and other major markets," said Ranjit Singh Jossan, vice-president of Basmati Rice Millers and Exporters Association.

Indian rice exporters deny receiving any subsidies, especially for basmati, which is the primary variety shipped into the US. They say that no govt financial support exists at any stage neither for farming, purchase, milling, nor export of basmati and that the small interest benefit previously available was discontinued on Jan 1, 2025.

MSP applies exclusively to non-basmati paddy, which India does not export to the US. Rice procured under MSP is reserved for domestic welfare schemes and is often sold internationally at a higher price than competing rice from nations like Pakistan, Thailand, or Vietnam. Basmati, being a high-quality, premium product, is grown by private farmers and traded purely through open market competition. Even Sona Mussoorie, a premium non-basmati variety

exported in small volumes, receives no subsidy, they pointed out. "Calling Indian rice 'subsidised' is not only wrong, but also a planned move to influence US trade policy," said Jossan. Exporters fear more losses due to the high US tariff and have urged Indian govt to ask US to remove it. Since Sept 2025, US has been charging a 50% tariff on Indian rice, which has resulted in India's exports to the US dropping by almost half. If the remaining 2.5-3 lakh tonnes of basmati export is also stopped due to new rules or higher tariffs, it will hit the Indian market badly, Jossan said.

Rice exporters from Punjab have rejected the charge by some US rice producers that India "dumping" low-priced rice in the US market, and have urged Govt of India to counter the "false story" by explaining to US and other markets that minimum support price (MSP) does not apply to basmati rice. Prices in India may fall, and exporters may suffer huge losses on shipments already on the way. Though the US takes only a small share of India's total basmati exports, it is a premium and important market. During a White

House roundtable discussion where President Donald Trump unveiled an aid package for US farmers on Dec 8, the CEO of a rice mill accused India of "dumping" low-priced rice into the US market. US producers argued that these subsidised imports were undercutting domestic prices and making it difficult for American farmers to compete. With a US delegation visiting India to discuss tariffs, including the one on rice, the All India Rice Exporters' Association (AIREA) has been working with the commerce ministry to firmly explain that MSP applies only to non-basmati, which is not exported to the US. Exporters also demand removal of the 50% tariff on basmati, which hurts both Indian exporters and American buyers. "If the false story about 'subsidised Indian rice' continues, it can harm India's long-term trade. As India prepares for important talks with the US, exporters hope the govt it will give a strong and clear reply to protect India's basmati industry from false allegations and heavy tariff pressure," said Jossan.

Datesheet of CBSE Class 10, 12 released, exams to begin on Feb 17, 2026

**CHD/NEW DELHI** : In accordance with the revised datesheet, Class 10 exams will conclude on March 10, while Class 12 exams will end on April 9, 2026. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) on Thursday announced the final schedule for the Class 10 and Class 12 board examinations, which will commence on February 17, 2026. The final timetable replaces the tentative version released last month and includes several modifications, such as the addition of an extra examination day for Class 10. CBSE Examination Controller Sanyam

Bhardwaj said that the schedule was prepared with students' convenience in mind. "A sufficient gap has been provided between major subjects for both classes. The dates of entrance examinations for Class 12 students have also been considered, ensuring that board exams finish well in advance," he said. "This will help students manage their time effectively for both board and

Mass rapid transport system needs Rs 25,000 Cr for Metro project : MP Manish Tewari

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : The Chandigarh Metro project, scrapped once in 2017 and revived again in 2022, continues to inch through paperwork with no construction activity in sight. The project remains off-track even 13 years after it was first conceived, despite multiple feasibility studies, revised proposals, formation of key committees and repeated official endorsements that the Tricity urgently needs a mass rapid transport system (MRTS) in view of increasing traffic. Raising the matter in the Lok Sabha, Chandigarh MP Manish Tewari demanded that the Centre should immediately declare the Chandigarh Metro a Strategic Connectivity Project and sanction a special grant of Rs 25,000 crore so that the long-delayed system can finally move to execution. He pointed out that the cost of the project has already escalated from Rs 16,000 crore during initial planning to around Rs 25,000 crore, and further delay

would push it even higher. Tewari reminded the House that he had written to the Union Ministers of Road Transport and Highways and Housing and Urban Affairs in November 2019, pressing for MRTS connectivity between Chandigarh, Mohali, Panchkula and New Chandigarh to unlock the economic potential of the region and ease the rising traffic burden. He said UMTA — the Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority — formed to oversee the project, had met only three times, even as RITES submitted two feasibility reports affirming that a Metro was essential and viable for all four cities. Despite this, he said, "nothing has moved on ground".

Monthly pass for parking across Chandigarh scheduled to come up

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : Soon, the implementation process of a single pass system for all paid sites under its jurisdiction will be initiated. The local body has launched a significant step towards easing parking access for residents by initiating a high-level meeting chaired by MC Commissioner Amit Kumar was held to discuss the Phase-I rollout and integration framework of the new system. Under the proposed structure, monthly passes will be issued at Rs 500 for four-wheelers and Rs 250 for two-wheelers, offering citywide access to all MC-

managed paid parking locations. Officials from the MC, the Department of Information Technology, Chandigarh, and representatives of various banks attended the presentation-cum-pre-consultation meeting. The MC Commissioner directed that a committee be constituted to scrutinise technical and financial proposals and finalise the banking partner for implementation of the system.

For academic session ALLEN scholarship admission test to be conducted on December 21

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : The scholarship test for the 2026-27 will be held on December 21 at ALLEN Career Institute, test centres across the country for admissions to the new session. The admission process for the academic session at ALLEN Career Institute has commenced for aspirants of engineering and medical entrance examinations. The ALLEN Scholarship Admission Test (ASAT) will be organised for Kota and other centres. By appearing in the test, students can avail scholarships up to 90 per cent. Students can apply on [www.allen.in](http://www.allen.in). The

next national ASAT will be held on January 4. ALLEN is offering double benefits to students who appear in ASAT and then enroll. Students who participate in ASAT on December 21 and secure early admission will be eligible for scholarships along with additional fee benefits. For the last two consecutive years, ALLEN Career Institute, Kota, has produced the All India Rank 1 in JEE Advanced, said a press release.

Civic body to formalise new MC limits by December end

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI** : Residents of TDI City, Balongi, Badhmajra, Bailyali, Green Enclave have resented the decision to exclude the villages from the new civic body Limits and have even threatened to approach the court if their villages are not included in the new limits. The expansion of the Municipal Corporation (MC) limits is set to be formalised before December 31, Local Bodies Department sources have disclosed. After the deadline for suggestions and objections regarding the draft notification finished on November 6, the department has intensified the process to formalise the new MC limits as the government is keen to complete the process after much delay. Mohali MLA Kulwant Singh said, "The government has taken the decision after much deliberation keeping in mind the pros and cons of the move. However, after the residents expressed their desire to include their villages in the notification, government is considering their demand sympathetically and the decision will be taken in the benefit of all concerned." Mayor Amarjit Singh Sidhu, meanwhile, "The House had resolved to include these villages in the new limits in 2021. But now the government

has taken a decision arbitrarily. We will support the residents of these village and will knock on the doors of the court if AAP government does not reconsider its decision." Significantly, the government will have to complete the entire process before December 31 as the Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner Mrityunjay Kumar Narayan in a letter to Chief Secretaries of states and UTs has stated that the administrative boundaries will be frozen on December 31, disallowing the states and Union Territories to change the boundaries of its municipalities, panchayats, police stations, sub-districts and districts from January 1 2025 to March 31, 2027. The first phase of the Census 2026 will begin from April 1. The house-listing operation will begin on April 1, 2026 whereas population enumeration will start on February 1, 2027.

Vajpayee's statue in Panchkula to be unveiled on December 24 : Nayab Saini

**Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA** : On the eve of the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Union Home Minister Amit Shah will unveil Vajpayee's statue at Atal Park, MDC, Sector-1, Panchkula. On 24 December, announced Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini. "He will participate in several other events scheduled in Panchkula," Saini said.



The Chief Minister (CM) was addressing journalists after inspecting arrangements for the programme at Atal Park. Haryana BJP president Mohan Lal Badoli was also present on the occasion.

Saini said, "After unveiling the 41-foot metal statue of Atal Ji, Amit Shah will inaugurate a blood donation camp at Atal Park. He will visit an exhibition at the state BJP office 'Panchkamal'." The Home Minister would also take salute at the passing-out parade of 5,000 police personnel at Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium, Sector 3, and attend the Veer Bal Diwas programme as the chief guest, the CM said.

Submit suggestions for formulation of excise policy 2026-27 - UT Excise deptt

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : Facing allegations of cartelisation, the UT Excise and Taxation Department has invited suggestions from stakeholders and general public for the formulation of the Excise Policy 2026-27. The suggestions or feedback could be submitted latest by December 30. Seeking consumer-friendly policy, Darshan Singh Kler, president, Chandigarh Wine Contractors' Association, suggested that the upcoming Excise Policy 2026-27 should be formulated while considering the transparency and to prevent "cartelisation" of the liquor trade in the city. "The policy should focus on the retailers and the consumers of the city while preventing the increase in rates of various kinds of liquor like the previous years," he further added.



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Advocate Sachit Jaiswal, who deals in excise and taxation cases, suggested that any officer against whom complaints were pending should not be the part in formulating the upcoming Excise Policy. "The administration should take steps against monopolisation of the liquor trade in the city," he said, further adding that a single individual from a family/enterprise/business firm or as an individual should only be allowed to run not more than five liquor vends. "To strengthen revenue

protection, promoting transparency, safeguarding public health, ensuring fairness, and improving enforcement," Ajay Jagga, member, Administrator's Advisory Council, suggested that prohibition of employment of men under the age of 25 years and women. Further suggestions included that no person licensed to sell liquor should employ with or without remuneration any man under the age of 25 years or any women in any part of such premises where liquor or intoxicating drugs are consumed by the public. Besides, the number of liquor drinking places/restaurants must be freed (or reduced) in the areas like Sector 10, 11, 15, 26, 32, 36 etc, where educational institutions are high in numbers.

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 would be waived in full. If legal heir/heirs of a deceased borrower deposit the entire principal outstanding amount, they would receive 100 per cent waiver of overdue interest, along with waiver of penal interest and other charges, he said.



The bank currently has 17,229 deceased and widow borrower accounts, with dues amounting to Rs 190.70 crore in principal, Rs 246.77 crore in interest and Rs 41.68 crore in penal interest, totalling Rs 479.14 crore. "In addition, under the OTS Scheme 2022, all other overdue borrowers will be eligible for 50 per cent waiver of interest, while the penal interest and additional charges will also be waived. The scheme will apply to all categories of loans issued by the bank," Rana said. "As per the scheme, any borrower who, for whatever reason, could 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

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## Digging ‘Modi’s grave’ slogan by Congress triggers storm in Parliament

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** The Lok Sabha witnessed an uproar over the combustible issue, leading to adjournments. The Rajya Sabha also saw heated exchanges, including an early adjournment, as Leader of the House JP Nadda condemned the Congress and sought an apology from senior party leader Sonia Gandhi and Leader of Opposition in the Upper House Mallikarjun Kharge. The Parliament witnessed several adjournments on Monday as the ruling BJP demanded an apology from the Congress over “digging the grave” slogans raised against PM Narendra Modi during its “Vote Chor, Gaddi Chhod” rally in the national capital on Sunday. The Congress, on its part, denied that any such slogans were raised during the rally. The Lok Sabha was first adjourned till 12 pm and then till 2 pm as BJP and Congress members were locked in a verbal duel over the issue. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju condemned the slogans and demanded an



apology from the top leadership of the main Opposition party. “We are political opponents, not enemies. Congress workers have threatened to dig the PM’s grave at the party rally. This is the most unfortunate incident,” Rijiju said as the Lok Sabha convened for the day at 11 am, triggering protests from Congress members. Amid the turmoil, Speaker Om Birla adjourned the proceedings till 12 noon. When the House reassembled at 12 pm, Congress members were in the Well raising slogans against Home Minister Amit Shah, seeking an apology from the BJP over his alleged objectionable language during the discussion on electoral reforms in the Lok Sabha last week.

## Opposition deplores removal of ‘Mahatma’ from MGNREGA

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** The removal of Mahatma from MGNREGA has sparked strong protests from the Congress-led INDIA bloc. It slammed the decision to drop Mahatma Gandhi’s name from the “only law dedicated to him” and said the new Bill would burden the states financially by changing the nature of the scheme from 100 per cent centrally funded to Centre-state fund sharing in a 60:40 ratio. The government has determined to introduce a new Bill in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday to replace the existing Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee (MGNREGA) Act. The Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G) Bill-2025, listed for introduction in the LS on Tuesday, proposes a major overhaul of the 20-year-old MGNREGA, with a guarantee of 125 (in place of the current 100) days of employment per rural household whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work.



The draft legislation moots the following major changes — replacement of the current nomenclature dedicated to Mahatma Gandhi with G Ram G; rise in daily wages from Rs 205 to Rs 240; shift from demand-based budget allocation to normative funding that uses pre-defined, objective norms like performance, enrolment and strategic goals, rather than just demand, to distribute funds; switch from 100 per cent centrally funded scheme to centrally sponsored scheme (CCS) model with standard Centre-state fund sharing in 60:40 ratio; mandatory unemployment allowance in case job is not given within 15 days of application;

BJP member Dilip Saikia, who was in the Chair, allowed the tabling of parliamentary papers and assured Congress members that he would allow them to raise their issues after Zero Hour mentions. With members remaining unrelenting in their protests, Saikia adjourned the proceedings till 2 pm. Similar scenes were witnessed in the Rajya Sabha as heated exchanges took place between Treasury and Opposition benches over the alleged anti-Modi remarks. Nadda again condemned the Congress and sought an apology from Sonia and Kharge. Rajya Sabha proceedings were adjourned till 12 noon amid uproar from the Treasury benches after papers were laid in the Upper House and Nadda raised the issue, saying the slogans reflected the Congress’ thinking. Nadda said shouting derogatory slogans against the PM and wishing his death was unacceptable. “The Congress has stooped to a low level in politics that is beyond imagination. I strongly condemn this,” Nadda said.

## Kangana to appear on January 5 as the court case deferred

**Commissioner News Service**  
**BATHINDA :** “Kangana did not appear in court on Monday, and her proxy counsel had filed an application seeking her exemption for the day, citing the ongoing winter session of the Lok Sabha, which was granted,” said Advocate Raghubir Singh Behniwal. A special MP-MLA court on Monday adjourned the hearing in the defamation case against BJP’s Mandi MP and Bollywood actor Kangana Ranaut to January 5 after the prosecution witnesses and the accused failed to appear. The case was listed for the cross-examination of the prosecution witnesses—complainant Mahinder Kaur, an elderly farmer from Bahadurgarh Jandian village here, and her relative Gurpreet Singh. Arguments on Kangana’s plea for permanent exemption from personal appearance in the court were also scheduled to be heard. “Mahinder Kaur could not appear due to her old age



and the cold weather. The court has directed that all witnesses be presented by furnishing their names to the court as well as to the accused’s counsel before the next hearing. The court has also directed Kangana to appear at the next hearing,” he added. The case pertains to a 2020 tweet by Kangana during the farmers’ protest, in which she shared a photograph of Mahinder Kaur, mistakenly identifying her as Shaheen Bagh protester Bilkis Bano and alleging that such women were “available for Rs 100” to participate in protests. Mahinder Kaur filed a defamation complaint against her in January 2021.

## 23 daily departures to be held by Navi Mumbai International Airport from Dec 25

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MUMBAI :** In the first month, Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA) will operate for 12 hours between 8 am and 8 pm, handling 23 scheduled daily departures. During this period, the airport will manage up to 10 flight movements per hour, a release said on Monday. NMIA will start commercial flight operations from December 25 and initially, there will be 23 scheduled daily departures. The airport has been developed by Navi Mumbai International Airport Pvt Ltd (NMIAL), a special purpose vehicle jointly owned by Adani Group and the City and Industrial Development Corporation of Maharashtra Ltd (CIDCO). NMIA, the second main airport in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR), was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on October 8. In the initial phase, the airport will handle around 120 air traffic movements daily. From February 2026, the airport will transition to round-the-clock operations,



expanding to 34 daily departures. “The inaugural flight to arrive at NMIA will be IndiGo 6E460 from Bengaluru, scheduled to touchdown at 8:00 am. Shortly after, IndiGo 6E882 will depart for Hyderabad at 8:40 am, marking the first outbound service from the new airport. “During the initial launch period, passengers will benefit from services operated by IndiGo, Air India Express, and Akasa Air, connecting Mumbai to 16 major domestic destinations,” the release said. The first phase of NMIA has been built at a cost of Rs 19,650 crore. Spread across 1,160 hectares, the airport will have one terminal and one runway in the first phase with an annual passenger handling capacity of 20 million.

## Near Visakhapatnam BARC to set up new centre to boost nuclear research

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** The envisaged novelty centre will carry out research in the nuclear field with applications in energy security, health, agriculture, water and other strategic areas. The Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) is setting up a new campus on the east coast near Visakhapatnam to boost nuclear research. “BARC is setting up a new campus on the east coast near Visakhapatnam based on strategic reasons. The selection of the site was based on recommendations of the Site Selection Committee and approved by the Atomic Energy Commission. Of this 1,207 hectares of revenue land has already been acquired for the project. The 148.15 hectares of forest land proposed for



diversion is adjacent to this acquired land and lies between the project site and sea,” the minutes of the meeting of the Advisory Committee said. Of the 148.15 hectares, 120.32 hectares will be left undisturbed and will serve as buffer zones required for security and safety reasons. Only 27.83 hectares is planned to be developed for purposes like routing of services and effluent discharge and sea water lines, construction of jetty, security watch towers, compound wall and

patrolling roads. As many as 1,722 of the 21,244 trees on the land will be felled. However, those located in areas close to the sea will not be cut, and the EAC said this would not affect the general ecosystem. Due to the strategic nature of the project the detailed project report (DPR) is protected from disclosure. “No land use change shall be considered for non-site specific activities in future on the diverted land,” the committee said while recommending the proposal.

## 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.



## Non compliance of safety norms on sleeper buses

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Chandigarh : Concerned officials would carry out checking of all buses approved by govt agencies as ARAI, CIRT and ICAT. As per the reports on compliance of safety norms in sleeper coach, buses were not adhered to as per the standing norms, bemoaned the Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. In recent bus fires in Rajasthan and Andhra Pradesh, accident had killed 40 persons with



negligent lapses Gadkari sought action against erring bus body builders and also transport department.

Ensuring against lapses. Nevertheless, there was a view that ensuring high quality bus body building objectives can be achieved better when skilled manufacturers

build them. 'It was realized that such a decision would impact a large number of people engaged by bus body builders. The focus remains that such type of business body builders do comply with envisaged norms are complied with". said an official of the transport department.

## 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.

## Scrupulous time distribution regime from Jan 26

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New Delhi : Equitable to poor litigants, time would be allocated at par with other high profiled litigants announced Surya Kant, Chief Justice Of India on 11 Dec. There would be a time limit from January for each advocate to conclude his/ her argument, since now unjustified, absolutely



unfair system is prevailing. Because of unending arguments of influential, high profiled advocates, poor litigant's case is not taken up due to lack of time

factor, remarked CJI. Certain cases go on for days together with long debates where helpless poor litigants go back home disappointedly despite appearing on scheduled dates after paying requisite fee of lawyers. The high profiled manage the case in their own style and highhandedness before the judicial officers in the courts., opined CJI.

## MC censures displayment of commercial advertisements by Chandigarh police against Adv Control Order 1954

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Chandigarh : "Chandigarh police is displaying private commercial advertisements on properties under its jurisdiction, such as barricades without obtaining prior approval from the chief administrator UT Chandigarh as mandatory under the Chandigarh Advertisement Control Order 1954 " said Civic body in a letter addressed to Snr Superintendent of Police.

Displaying



unauthorised commercial ads on the barricades across the city in violation of the Chandigarh Advertisement Control Order . Requisite details of all such Advertisements and copies of agreements have been demanded by the Municipal Corporation, if any such phenomenon

took place. The violations of advertisement policy would attract penalties, interest, advertisement fee, and GST. The letter quoted instances of barricades carrying add and attached evidential phographs. One month time period by MC has been granted to police for response.

## "Easy Land Registry System" in Punjab introduced by Bhagwant Mann Chief Minister

Commissioner News Service

Fatehgarh Sahib : The recently launched easy land registry system is going to be the first in India, which would herald simplicity, speed and transparency and would remove corruption in the already prevailing system, said Bhagwant Mann.

For the decades, property registration system had been a complicated, time consuming factor, in the state, involving frequent




tiresome visits to the sub registrar office. The needy person could get his registry done any where of his choice in whole district . Online, sale deed could be drafted through Sewa Kendra ny paying a nominal fee of Rs 500/-, and under

"Sarkaar Tuhade Dwaar " scheme, citizens may call 1076 to avail the services. Within 48 hours, online documents would be acceptable, tehsildars would not be able to raise unnecessary objections for registering the sale deed. A fixed time frame of 48 hrs has been fixed and finalised for removing of objections which would be referred to the concerned deputy commissioners for remedial verification.



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## Public grievances being redressed with accelerated pace

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Chandigarh : Heads of departments have been instructed to prioritise genuine issues of the aggrieved persons and maintain accountability with reasonable explanation where legal and policy matters hang over the issues and prevent resolutions said the Chief Secretary H Rajesh Prasad. The administrator's direc-



tions have facilitated the hearings more effective, ensuring time bound resolutions. Mr Kataria has, since July personally heard 95 grievances ---

where 62 were resolved and 33 are in the fast process. The weekly public hearing has ignited the people's interest more and feel about the presence of the citizen centric governance in UT. Full commitment to transparency and efficiency was assured to the Governor by the incumbent chief secretary.

## 18339 cases disposed of by National Lok Adalat at Distt courts

Commissioner News Service  
P'kula: Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) organised a speedy effective , amicable resolution of disputes through mutual settlements on Saturday at P'kula aswell Sub division Kalka. A dedicated help desk was set up at the district court to guide litigants and the visitors.



Requisite information was catered on lok adalt benches, case categories and settlement procedures ensuring smooth participation and better

access to justice. Mr Jagdeep Singh Lohan Member Secretary HALSA visited the court complex to review the functioning of the Lok Adalat. He inspected benches, interacted with presiding officers and stressed, fair, consensual, settlements and coordination among stake holders for maximum disposal.

## Indian designated carriers free to start int'l flights

Commissioner News Service

Mohali : "In accordance with existing bilateral air services agreement, Indian designated carriers are free to commence their international operations from Chandigarh International airport,"said Murlidhar Mohol, the minister of state for civil aviation. Explaining status of international flights to and fro, the minister gave reply to Rajya Sabha MP Vikramjit Singh Sahney as per the provisions of bilateral agreements, Indian airlines can operate services between any international airport in India including Chandigarh and foreign destinations sub-



ject to mutually agreed capacity limits The commencement of direct international flights from any point in India is not a govt regulated process but is, a commercial decision of scheduled airlines. Such decisions are taken by airlines based on passengers demand, availability of airport slots, economic viability of routes and other operational considerations.

## Squadron leader Shivangi Singh Refale pilot silences Pak, joins Hawk training

Commissioner News Service

Ambala : Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's first woman Rafale pilot, has transitioned to an instructor role in the Indian Air Force's Hawk training fleet, showcasing her dedication and expertise. Despite false claims by Pakistan, her career continues to inspire and mentor the next generation of fighter pilots. Squadron Leader Shivangi Singh, India's first woman Rafale pilot, has moved into a new role as an instructor with the Indian Air Force's Hawk training fleet. The development comes after her name became the subject of false claims by Pakistan during Operation Sindoor, where Pakistani media had circulated fabricated reports suggesting she had been captured by the forces. The claims were eventually debunked by the IAF. Commissioned in 2017, the Varanasi-born officer belongs to the second batch of women fighter



pilots. She previously flew the MiG-21 Bison before joining Ambala's Rafale squadron, where she gained recognition for her professionalism during high-intensity missions and major exercises. She also accompanied President Draupadi Murmu on a recent Rafale sortie. Responding to the false claims, Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari dismissed them as "Manohar Kahaaniyaan," underscoring that the IAF would not be distracted by Pakistan's propaganda. Singh's recent graduation from the prestigious Flying Instructors School in Tambaram further highlighted her operational credentials, completing one of the toughest aviation courses in the military.

## Luthra Brothers' detained by Thai police in connection with nightclub fire



Commissioner News Service  
Bangkok : Gaurav and Saurav Luthra, would be routed to India in connection with the Goa nightclub fire that killed 25 people. stepped out of their hotel in Thailand for a meal. Short outing on December 9 led the authorities to apprehend Gaurav and Saurav Luthra in Phuket. With their passports already being scrutinised by Indian authorities, the brothers were questioned by officials, according to sources. Once their identities were verified, the Luthra brothers were detained from their hotel room and taken to immigration for further legal process.

The deportation process was then started after formal papers were received from India. A blaze swept through the nightclub at Arpora village in North Goa around midnight on December 6, killing 25 persons, most of them staff and a few tourists. Gaurav Luthra, 44, and his brother Saurav, 40, were detained in Thailand on Thursday, even as a Delhi court rejected their transit anticipa-

tory bail pleas, citing the duo's conduct and the gravity of the offences. An emergency travel certificate will be issued by the Indian embassy to validate their travel back to the country since their passport remains cancelled, which marks a serious overstay issue. A Goa court also remanded Ajay Gupta, allegedly a silent partner and investor in the nightclub, to police custody. While the Luthra brothers were allegedly at a wedding in Delhi at the time the fire broke out and fled to Thailand within hours, Gupta was in Goa and was later traced to a Delhi hospital.

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## 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 his 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, infertility, 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 seriouses contemplation, medication and panacea.

## 'WHO IS WHO' AT SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)

### HELPLINE DISTT SAS NAGAR

Municipal Corporation : 1800137007

SDM : 0172-2219580

Fire Brigade : 101, 0172-2225902

Electricity Complaint : 9646115973 (Online)

Police Control Room : 100, 0172-2210357, 58

DSP Office : 0172-2272003, 0172-2272045

SSP Office : 0172-2219211, 212, 2219356, 2219357 (M) 9115516066

PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11

Punjab School Education Board : 3047444

Industrial Area : 0172-2250910

Police Station Ph-1, 0172-2272850, Ph-II, 9115516027, 9115516015

Police Station Mataur : 9115516020

Police Station Suhana : 9115516029

Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040

Police Station Zirakpur: (M) 95929 16063

### COMPLAINT CENTERS

Water Supply : 18001802468

Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

### COMPLAINTS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Street Light : 0172-5044907, Sanitation Branch : 0172-5044907

Birth and Death : 0172-5044902,

Engineering Branch : 0172-5044909, 5044907 (O)

### OTHER HELPLINE

WOMEN - 1091 & CHILDREN - 1098

VIGILANCE HELPLINE - 1800-1800-1000

0172-2231669, 0172-2216142

### HEALTH SUVIDHA CENTER

Civil Hospital Phase-6, Mohali

Multi Specialists Government Hospital Phone 0172-2225464

Cheema Medical Complex Phase 4, Multi Speciality, Child Specialist 3101030 Ambulance, Mobile 9815400070

PUDA OFFICE - 0172-2215308

### PASSENGERS SERVICE

Punjab Roadways : 0172-2704023

CTU : 0172-2704005

PRTC : 0172-2704128

Haryana Roadways : 0172-2704014,

Himachal Roadways : 0172-2704015

Railway : 0172-2641656

Airport : 0172-2654832

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