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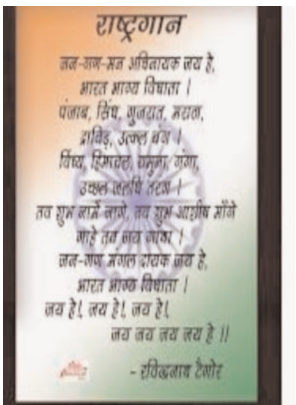
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## Juxtaposition of Vande Mataram over National Anthem becomes issue of debate

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : The Vande Mataram means "I praise thee mother" in Sanskrit, later became national song of India. The song was composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in 1876. The song was first sung in a public meeting held in Calcutta on the occasion of the release of Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay novel Anandamath. Its composition comprising words and music are known as "Jana Gana Mana" is the National Anthem of India has been subject to alteration in the words, as govt may authorise as the occa-

sion demands song Vande Mataram. The song "Vande Mataram" must be given equal status as to National Anthem, pleaded Raj Nath Singh Defence Minister, in Lok Sabha on Monday. Raj Nath Singh urged parliamentarians across party lines to restore its glory by adding a new fundamental duty. In the constitution which would mandate according to Vande Mataram as is being accorded to National Anthem across the nation. While participating in a discussion in Lok Sabha on the 150th anniversary of the national



song, expressed anger over the TMC MP Kirti Azad Interrupting despite being urged for modest conduct. After Independence, it was resolved that the national anthem and the national song would be given equal status, but only Jana Gana Mana



has become the integral part of the country's consciousness. The Defence Minister opined, on the very soil where Vande Mataram was composed, the Congress took the decision to truncate the song in 1937. Every generation needs to know



about the political deceit and injustice done to Vande Mataram and the freedom fighters who fought for freedom with chants of "Vande Mataram". 'Vande Mataram' is complete in itself, yet attempts were made to make it incomplete. "It



has however, remained the immoral song of our nation and it will remain so, added Mr Raj Nath Singh. Mr Om Birla, the Lok Sabha, speaker described 'Vande Mataram' as a reflection of India's harmony and strength. In his opening

remarks, the speaker said as the country commemorates the 150 th years glorious journey of Vande Matram, it remains etched in the heart of every Indian, even today. "Vande Mataram", is not just a song, it remains a Maha Mantra. It is neither a religious song nor a party nor individual song. The song represents national pride and Indian culture. "Despite Mahatam Gandhi's praise that the patriotic song had become like a national anthem, saying the party meted out the "grave injustice" due to its appeasement poli-

tics" said Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Mr Modi traced " evolution of Vande Mataram" a rallying cry for patriots and unifying spirit against the British rule. The song had become very popular as it had purportedly captured site of our national anthem. Its sentiments are great and is significantly sweeter than anthems of other nations. "The sole motive of the song is to ignite the patriotic spirits in people of India it sees India as mother and worships the valour of the mother", adds Mr Modi.

### Civic body not willing to construct 8 months old street tiling work in Shivalik Complex

**Commissioner News Service**  
Zirakpur : Most economically rich Municipal Council, in close vicinity of Patiala Chowk, towards Panchkula side, the tiling work in Shivalik Complex remains uncompleted by the flourishing MC with resources and responsible entity. More than a dozen times, Mr Sham Lal,



President of the Shivalik Complex apprised the ME Charan Pal as well Executive Officer Parminder Bhatti, who keep thinking "kaam



karna hai yaa nhi. Long time has passed, when ME Charan Pal was requested by Mr Sham Lal President of the Shivalik

Complex Welfare Association in the presence of this scribe and news too was published for the scrutiny of the inhabitants of the town as well. Despite sufficient stock of funds availability, reasons are uncomprehensible as to why the work is not being undertaken. On reconfirming the tardy speed, the EO Mr. Bhatti said the relaying of tiling work would be commenced soon. The residents of the complex are dubious on the sincerity of the head as well his staff.

### 25 people including staff and revelers killed in Birch night club

**Commissioner News Service**  
Goa : A fire at a popular nightclub in India's coastal region of Goa has killed 25 people, say the local officials. Police believe a gas cylinder exploded in the kitchen of the Birch nightclub, located near a popular beach. The venue was packed with revelers who had come to hear a Bollywood DJ. Four people from the same Delhi family and 21 staff were among the victims, Goa police said, that most had died of suffocation due to non availability of wide open space. The nightclub's manager has been arrested and an arrest



warrant for the owner has been issued. Goa is a former Portuguese colony on the Arabian Sea. Its nightlife, sandy beaches, and resorts attract millions of tourists annually. Eyewitnesses told the BBC of scenes of panic in the bustling nightlife area. Eyewitness said that it was a usual

Saturday night and holiday-makers were enjoying themselves. He said: "I was outside the club when I heard screams. I didn't initially understand what was going on. "In a bit, it became clear that a massive fire had broken out. The scenes were just horrific." Though the main entrance is wide, the crossing on the small lake leading to the main structure is narrow and that made it difficult for firefighters to reach the spot. The BBC saw what appeared to be melted remains of chairs, tables and plants in one corner of the club.

### 1.7 acre land finalised for official dog shelter as per SC directives

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh : The official pond meant for stray dog will come up in sector 25 provisioning 1.7 acre land by the Municipal Corporation. The architectural drawings for the project were finalised by the civic body as per the order of the Supreme Court. Adjoining the existing material Recovery



Facility Centre, located near the Dadu majra dumping site, the proposed shelter will be built. The land would be ideally feasible being away from residential,

commercial, or any other human, or habitation or business centre. The building design with a capacity of 1762 stray dogs includes 881 kennels on the ground floor and 881 on the first floor. The project also would incorporate treatment centre, corridor area, exercise zone, and open spaces

### No redemption from excruciating flies

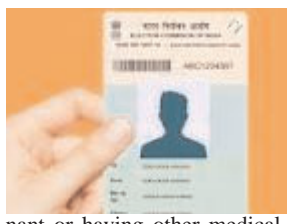
**Commissioner News Service**  
Panchkula : Taking strict action on the aggravating complaints of the villagers for violating Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) section 21, 22 act 1981 environmental pollution act 1986 in Palasra, Batawar area, Haryana Pollution Control Board has passed closure order and levied a fine of Rs 8.5 lakh against TARA I & II Poultry Farms, said the Regional Pollution Control Officer. Besides TARA, 9 Poultry Farms operating at Moulji Jeet pur, Batawar, Sunderpur, and Jaloulii have been issued notices against their pooling of wastes, bad



odour which was against the consent provided by the pollution control authorities. Notwithstanding the savage flies are not easily curbed, however the insecticide must be sprayed very frequently over the infestation of the flies.

### Heavy work pressure of electoral roll revision drives BLOs to alleged suicides -- States

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : "Certain BLOs not willing to work in Revising intensive revision of electoral rolls may be exempted, if the medical grounds are supporting the cause. Such types of cases may be substituted with other willing personnel," said the Supreme Court on Friday. The concerned states have to ensure they are not posting such employees who are preg-



nant or having other medical issues for the SIR electoral work. Can the statutorily mandated work be stopped, asked the Apex Court on a petition

filed by state Tamil Nadu political party TVK. The party bemoaned as many BLOs had committed suicide due to heavy work load. Election Commission can not find out which employee is fit for BLO work. It becomes the duty of the respective state to ensure that the employees deputed as booth level officers are fit to carry out the assigned electoral task, added the Supreme Court.

### Putin's visit emphasised on Russian Economic cooperation until 2030

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : During the Putin's visit, mostly the focus had been on economic cooperation besides "labour mobility agreement". The labour mobility would facilitate indian skill workers to work in Russia where manpower shortage for 3 million jobs are expected by the end of the decade. Mr Modi, however, proclaimed Indian Russian relationship were like a pole star and the outcome of the summit has drawn wide applause across both the nations. Meeting between Defence minister Raj Nath Singh and Russian counterpart Andrei



Belousov ended before the president landed at Palam airport. Two nations signed an agreement on maritime co operation, ports and customs. Modi called for enhancing settlement of bilateral trade in their own national currencies. A urea plant in Russia would be set up as per the signed MoU between Russian and Indian fertilizer companies..

### CACTA seeks hike in retirement age of aided college teachers

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh : Aided colleges in Chandigarh receive 95 % grant in aid from the centre through the Chandigarh administration, hence they should fall under norms applicable to centrally funded higher education institution " said Chandigarh Aided College Teachers Association ( CACTA) . The body has submitted a representation to the ministry of education seeking the implementation of UGC Regulations -



2018 and sought the retirement age from 60 to 65 years. The UGC Regulations 2018 for institutions under its jurisdiction granted pro-

visions under the Career Advancement scheme. Aided colleges in Chandigarh continue to follow old previous guidelines resulting in disparities in service conditions and retirement norms. The association has urged to the education ministry to issue a notification which would implement the regulation in full and would revise the age if superannuation to 65 years, as expected by the college teachers.

### Move to include 14 villages in MC is dictatorial --Panchayats

**Commissioner News Service**  
MOHALI : In order to expand the jurisdictional boundaries of Municipal Corporation, the Punjab govt passed a resolution to expand the territorial land of 14 villages. Sans any consultation with the concerned panchayats, before their inclusion, the move was deemed as " Dictatorial " announced several sarpanches in a press conference on Friday. They cautioned the government of protest on Dec 10 to block the airport road if the notification of inclusion was not withdrawn. The effected panchayats pleaded saying the Municipal Corporation would impose heavy tax liabilities and obliterate the sovereign rural administrative set up. They were apprehensive of steep house tax, high-



er water and sewerage charges. The additional costs for streetlights and sanitation would be imposed on the rural residents where they are already struggling for the bread sans any suitable job. The highly dear land would be captured by the municipal body which was not within the reach of common man . In case the matter was not solved favourably, they would approach the highcourt to retain their own land from any out side encroachment, said unanimously in one voice..

### Indigo projects country's worst aviation crisis

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) issued a show cause notice to IndiGo CEO Pieter Elbers after the massive flight disruptions over the past few days became the country's worst aviation crisis in years. The civil aviation ministry, meanwhile on



Sunday directed the airline to clear all pending refunds to passengers impacted by flight cancel-

lations by 8pm on December 7 (Sunday). The Indigo has on Sunday refunded Rs 610 crores by 8 pm .The civil aviation ministry also stepped in and imposed fare caps on domestic flights after airfares rose sharply between destinations in the country as stranded passengers looked for alternatives.

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**EDITORIAL**

**Indian foreign policy steadily, predictably returns**

Russia is an asset for Indian foreign policy that offers steady and predictable returns - nothing flashy, but an essential part of the investment portfolio. The India-Russia relationship has been undergoing a transformation in the last 15 years. The relative weightage of defence cooperation has been steadily falling, while that of newer areas of cooperation has been rising. The less said the better about the courting of an even more egregious neighbour Pakistan. Those engagements are justified on many grounds, yet India's relations with Russia, a partner and friend of long standing, are projected as morally offensive and worthy of reprimand. It would be reasonable to assume that this summit will be dominated by two themes. First, the identification of new drivers for the bilateral relationship, and second, review of efforts to end the Ukraine war. On the bilateral front, it's a cliché but a wholly apt one that the relationship has stood the test of time. To recall, it has withstood the collapse of Soviet Union, the buildup of the India-US relationship, the rise of China and the India-China border clashes of 2020, the Ukraine war and the aftermath of Western sanctions, and most recently Trump's

assault on India for its oil imports and other dealings with Russia. In other words, it has survived the bipolarity of Cold War, the unipolarity of the post-Cold War period and the rise of multipolarity. It could well survive a post-multipolar world run by a condominium of at least two powers. Historically, the political and strategic relationship between India and Russia has been far ahead of its trade and economic components. Despite efforts, the trade relationship has not taken off, unlike with other major powers. The high figures of current bilateral trade conceal more than they reveal. India's exports to Russia are, for example, less than to Bangladesh. The record of investments is better due to mutual complementarities in the energy sector. The ongoing summit will carry forward the process of identifying areas of cooperation with Russia that are relevant to meeting India's future growth needs such as energy, raw materials, critical minerals, fertilisers, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, maritime connectivity, the Arctic, Far East, and certain areas of industry, infra and technology. The export of Indian manpower to Russia is a particularly impactful initiative. There will also be efforts to ringence

operational aspects of the relationship from third parties. The second dimension of the visit is Ukraine. The perspectives of both sides are different. India sees intense efforts involving the presidents of US and Russia to end the war, a paradigm shift from just a year ago. The potential impact of either success or failure of this effort on the global balance cannot be overemphasised. India is acutely aware of European sensitivities, but will not be the spoiler in this effort because the last thing it wants is to worsen an already frayed relationship with Trump India will support peace efforts. Balancing acts are second nature to Indian foreign policy-making. Russia, on the other hand, sees India as a key partner, reluctant to abdicate its interests in Asia. Viewed from Moscow, China has not cut in ties off with Europe in solidarity with Russia. In fact Russia's loss has been China's gain. In the longer term, Russia would like to own its overdependence on China. Like India, it also watches the display of bonhomie between US and China, including the invocation of the idea of a G2 by Trump. If China gets a deal with US, it would not wait to

**Governor contributes Rs 1 lakh to Armed Forces Flag Day Fund**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : The Armed Forces Flag Day is celebrated on December 7 every year. Appeals are made to citizens to contribute for the fund generously on this day. It is an occasion when citizens of the country show their solidarity with armed forces by wearing flags on their dresses and making contributions. Gulab Chand Kataria, Punjab Governor and UT Administrator towards Armed Forces Flag Day Fund, contributed Rs 1 lakh from the Governor's Welfare Fund on the 77th Armed Forces Flag Day. The funds so collected are utilised for the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families who are in dire need of financial assistance. In Chandigarh, the inauguration of the campaign was symbolised by pinning of the flag on the dress of Gulab Chand Kataria by Nishant Kumar Yadav, Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, Zila Sainik Board, in the presence of Col Harjeet Singh Ghuman (retd), Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, Harbans Singh



and other staff. On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner apprised the Governor of addition of new welfare schemes for the ex-servicemen, widows and their wards. Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria launched a booklet and digital platform called "Global Disruptors Genius Hub" — a platform that brings knowledge givers and knowledge seekers together. The Governor suggested to incorporate the portal with the mentorship component under Chandigarh Startup Policy 2025. Given Hari Om Verma's experience, who created the platform, it was suggested to empanel him in the mentor pool under the notified policy.

**Error free voter lists being prepared in matching with 2002 electoral records by BLOs**

**Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA** : Booth Level Officers (BLOs) across Panchkula district have begun matching the details of present-day voters with records from the 2002 voter list. In a major exercise ahead of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, electoral things have started rolling. District Election Officer and Deputy Commissioner Satpal Sharma said this door-to-door verification is a critical pre-activity initiated to ensure clean and error-free voter lists for both Assembly constituencies in the district. He explained that the names of voters who were not listed in the 2002 rolls, but whose parents or grandparents were registered at that time, are now being cross-checked. BLOs have been deployed to visit households and collect accurate information directly from voters. So far, around 1,02,000 current voters have already been matched with the 2002 data. Sharma added that residents who are unaware of whether they or their parents or grandparents were registered in the 2002 voter list of any state in India can search the details



themselves through the 'Search your name in last SIR' facility available on the Election Commission of India's website. This feature also helps in identifying the relevant Assembly constituency, polling station number and serial number in Haryana. Urging full cooperation from the public, the District Election Officer appealed to voters in both Assembly segments to provide precise information when BLOs visit their homes. He stressed the importance of sharing accurate details regarding the state, Assembly constituency, polling station number and serial number previously associated with their family members. This, he said, will help ensure that updated voter lists are completed without errors and that eligible dependents are duly registered.

**Grant for players, associations escalated by Chandigarh Sports Department**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : The hike in the travelling allowance and diet money for local players representing the city at outstation events, has been increased. Another step of two-fold hike in the allocation of grants to the local sports associations for conducting various championships and hosting national/international tournaments. The executive committee of the UT Sports Department recently has enhanced financial assistance was approved during the meeting. Players will now get Rs 100 refreshment each for tournaments and competitions, while the diet money has been increased to Rs 750 per player/official. The budget for kits has been increased to Rs 2,500 per player/official. The local teams will now be eligible to travel in the 3rd AC (economy)/AC chair car/AC bus for outstation tournaments. The local associations will now get a grant of Rs 60,000 each for conducting sub-junior state, junior state and senior state championships. In case of north



zone meet, the grant will be Rs 2 lakh. The sports body will get Rs 4 lakh for hosting a national championship, and Rs 5 lakh for an international meet. "There was a need for enhancement in grants. The issue was raised by associations and also by other stakeholders. Besides revising the grants, the allowances for players and their budget for purchasing kits have also been increased," said Sorabh Kumar Arora, Director Sports. The grant will be released to the associations affiliated with Chandigarh Olympic Association or the Chandigarh Sports Council as per constitution, and as per the association's national body affiliation with the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.

**Civic body to formalise new MC limits by December end**

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI** : Residents of TDI City, Balongi, Badhmajra, Balyali, 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 Anarjit 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.

**Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu suspended from Congress over sensational claim of 'Rs 500 crore for CM post**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : Dr Navjot Kaur Sidhu, wife of cricketer-cum-politician Navjot Singh Sidhu, has been suspended from the primary membership of the party with immediate effect. The action came days after the former MLA made a sensational claim that "a briefcase full of Rs 500 crore" was required to become Chief Minister in the state, something she said her husband could not pay. She also charged that five CM aspirants in the Congress were pulling down the party. The Congress party in Punjab had taken a serious view of her utterances that seemed to be taking a dig at the Congress leaders at a time when party leaders were busy with the Zila Parishad and Panchayat Samiti elections. Nevertheless, no official reason has been cited in the suspension letter



signed by PPCC chief Amarinder Raja Warring, sources said. Her statement had created a stir in Punjab Congress, with senior leaders demanding that the Sidhu couple be shown the door. The suspension was seen as an act of indiscipline, sending a message to disgruntled leaders who had been taking on the top state leadership in the past. "A statement by Dr Sidhu had caused a dent to the party at the national level as the BJP and AAP were using it against the Congress," said a senior party leader. Navjot Kaur, who had gone to meet Punjab Governor Gulab Chand

Kataria on Saturday over the law and order situation in the state, had stated while talking to reporters that there was infighting in the party but had said her husband would return to active politics if the Congress declared him as the party's chief ministerial face in Punjab. After clarifying that a twist was given to her "straight comment" saying that our Congress party has never demanded anything from us, she had earlier in the day, while talking to an electronic channel, claimed that the Tarn Taran party candidate had paid money to the top state leadership.

**14 panchayats warn of protest on Dec 10 against inclusion in Mohali MC**

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI** : Members of 14 panchayats warned that all panchayats will unite and block Airport Road on December 10 if the notification is not withdrawn. All the panchayats were also prepared to approach the court subject to non attendance of their plea. Gursewak Singh of Mauli Baidwan, Gaurav Sharma of Sambhalki, Gurjinder Singh of Ballomajra, Sandeep Singh of Nanumajra, Satnam Singh of Balongi, Jass Hundal of Chappar Chiri Kalan, Amrik Singh of Chilla, Kirandeep Kaur of Rurka, Harjit Kaur of Chappar Chiri Khurd, Jaspreet Singh of Landran, Ajit Sandhu of Kambala, Kuldeep Kaur of Lakhnour and Palwinder Singh of Nanomajra and panchayat representatives alleged that inclusion in the civic body limits will put unnecessary tax burden on villagers and completely disturb the rural



administrative structure. Opposing the Punjab government's decision to expand the boundaries of the Municipal Corporation (MC), panchayats held a joint press conference in Mauli Baidwan. The representatives said the government has taken a "dictatorial decision" by including villages in the MC without seeking the consent of the panchayats. Sarpanches said the government was trying to take away village land and rights in the name of development. Villagers fear that once brought under the MC, the first impact will be hefty house tax and water-sewerage charges, which until now were free or very

minimal under panchayat management. They cited the example of Mataur, which was included in the civic body limits 30 years ago but still suffers from poor sanitation, overflowing sewer lines and a lack of stormwater management. They said the same fate awaits other villages. Many village residents depend on dairy farming for their livelihood, but once the area comes under MC limits, keeping cattle becomes restricted, pushing families towards unemployment. Even after seven decades of Independence, many houses in villages are semi-constructed, and panchayat grants help people build homes—but this support will no longer be available under the civic body. The panchayat members said they have met MLA Kulwant Singh, who assured them that a solution would be found within two days.

**State Election Commission suspends Mohali zila parishad, panchayat samiti polls**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH** : On the recommendation of the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats, elections for electing members of Zila Parishad Panchayat Samiti Mohali have been adjourned by the State Election Commission. Mohali were adjourned by State Election Commissioner Raj Kamal Chaudhari. These elections were due on December 14. "The State Election Commission has been informed by Department of Rural Development and Panchayats that in view of the notification dated November 28, 2025, issued by Department of Local Government, 15 villages adjoining Municipal



Corporation, Mohali, have now been merged into the boundaries of Municipal Corporation, Mohali. The Department of Rural Development and Panchayats has clarified that due to this notification, the 15 Gram Panchayats of Panchayat Samiti, Mohali, are now excluded from the jurisdiction of the concerned Panchayat Samiti/Zila Parishad Mohali area. As there is now a significant

change in the boundaries of Panchayat Samiti Mohali as well as Zila Parishad area, the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats is required to carry out the fresh reorganisation of the same," he said, clarifying the reason for the adjournment of the election. These elections will remain adjourned till such time as fresh reorganisation of these zones is not carried out by the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats. To clarify further, the election to elect members of Panchayat Samiti Dera Bassi, Panchayat Samiti Kharar and Panchayat Samiti Majri will proceed as scheduled, he said.

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

**Commissioner News Service 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

entrance exams." The board has also made subject-specific changes from the earlier draft. For Class 10, the revised dates affect subjects such as Data Science, French, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, Security, and Automotive. For Class 12, changes have been made to the exam schedule for Business Studies, Business Administration, Psychology, and Accountancy.

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.

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# In Modi's Vande Mataram remarks, rich references to Bengal, Tamil Nadu

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : Over the glory of Vande Mataram, the National Song, the Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid rich references. The constant political jousting with the ruling Trinamool Congress and DMK of West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were recalled. Bengal featured repeatedly in PM's speech on the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram, which was written by Bankim Chandra Chatterjee in 1875 and included in his epic 'Anandmath' in 1882. PM Modi spoke of the Song written in the aftermath of the 1857 war of independence which made the British realise that "they could not rule over India without dividing it". "The song was written at a time of a conspiracy to take the British song 'God save the queen' to every house. At that time, Bankim Babu dared the British and wrote the song that united Indians in the common cause of freedom. The British soon realised that they needed to divide India to rule and that is how they partitioned Bengal," said Modi. The PM said there was a time



when the British saw Bengal's intellectual might as the core of India's inspiration for freedom. "That is why they chose Bengal for the divide and rule experiment," Modi said, adding that even then Vande Mataram stood like a rock. The PM chose to refer to Sarojini Ghosh of Barisal, now in Bangladesh, to speak of the power of local rebellion against the British who had banned the singing and utterance of Vande Mataram. "In those times women associated bangles with self-pride. But Sarojini Ghosh of Barisal took a pledge that she won't wear her gold bangles till the British lifted the ban on Vande Mataram," Modi said referring to 'prabhat peris', a tradition of agitations to reclaim Vande Mataram across the streets of Bengal. "Bengal's streets would

reverberate with sounds of 'prabhat peris'. Children in Bengal would sing Vande Mataram and they were ready to sacrifice their lives to sing the National Song. Soon the voice of Vande Mataram that emerged from the alleys of Bengal became the voice of India," said Modi. The PM also referred to how the Indian revolutionary, Master Surya Sen from Bengal, was hanged for singing Vande Mataram. "In his last letter to friends, Sen wrote Vande Mataram," said the PM, adding that Bipin Chandra Pal and Arvind Ghosh, both from Bengal, printed papers titled Vande Mataram. In his address, Modi also mentioned national poet Subramania Bharati who translated Vande Mataram into Tamil and also wrote a description of the National Flag titled 'Salutation to the Flag'. The PM said Vande Mataram which united Indians from east, west, north and south as one in the urge for freedom, stood as a prime example of 'One India, glorious India' (Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat).

# Kullu, Kinnaur, Chamba to experience snow rain on Dec 14

**Commissioner News Service**  
**SHIMLA** : The higher reaches of Himachal Pradesh are likely to experience snow and rain on December 14 according to the State Meteorological Department. The snow and rain are likely to affect isolated areas of Kullu, Kinnaur, Chamba and Lahaul-Spiti, while the rest of the state is expected to remain dry. Dry weather is also likely to prevail across all districts until December 13. In addition to this, a yellow warning has been issued for dense fog on December 9. The advisory covers parts of the Balh valley in Mandi district and areas surrounding the Bhakra dam reservoir in Bilaspur, particularly during the early morning hours. Minimum temperatures are expected to rise by 2°C to 3°C over the next two to three days, though maximum temperatures are likely to stay near normal. The past 24 hours saw mostly dry weather across Himachal. Both day and night temperatures stayed 2°C to 4°C above normal at several locations. Minimum



temperatures varied from -6°C to 11°C, while maximum temperatures were recorded between 9°C and 25°C. Shimla registered a minimum of 9.5°C, while Dharamsala settled at 6.8°C. Manali recorded 6.7°C, Kangra 7°C, Mandi 7.1°C and Solan 3.7°C. Other minimum readings included Bilaspur at 7.7°C, Kalpa at 2.6°C, Hamirpur and Sundernagar at 5.7°C, Bhunter at 6.5°C, Una at 5.4°C, Nahan at 9.8°C, Kufri at 6.4°C, Paonta Sahib at 9°C, Narkanda at 3.7°C, Reckong Peo at 3.5°C and Tabo at -1.8°C. Berthin in Hamirpur was the warmest spot with a maximum of 25.4°C, while Kukumseri in Lahaul-Spiti remained the coldest, dipping to -6.2°C.

# US aerospace giant Lockheed Martin and Tata Advanced Systems facilitate C-130J military Jets

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : The state of the art facility comes in the backdrop of the Indian Air Force (IAF) seeking to acquire up to 80 medium transport aircraft. It issued a request for information (RFI) last year. Lockheed Martin has responded to the RFI, proposing the C-130J as a candidate. The IAF operates a fleet of 12 C-130J aircraft. US aerospace giant Lockheed Martin and Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) did the 'ground-breaking' ceremony of a new maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facility for the C-130J military planes in India. The facility will come up in Bengaluru. The construction finishes by 2026-end and the facility expects to receive the first C130 for MRO operations in early 2027, a statement said Lockheed Martin. The state-of-the-art MRO facility will provide depot-level and heavy maintenance, component repair, overhaul, structural checks and testing, structural restoration and



produce aircraft for the IAF's Medium Transport Aircraft (MTA) programme. Lockheed Martin's Chief Operating Officer Frank St. John said : "Today's groundbreaking reflects how far our collaboration with Tata Advanced Systems and India has come, and where we're headed together". This new C-130 MRO facility strengthens that foundation. It brings world-class sustainment capability into India, improves readiness for the Indian Air Force, and creates opportunities that will support regional and global C-130 operators. Commenting on the occasion, Sukaran Singh, Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, Tata Advanced Systems, said, "It represents India's growing confidence and capability in shaping its own defence future. The MRO venture strengthens our aerospace ecosystem, creating a foundation for innovation, skill development, and global competitiveness."

avionics upgrades, expanded training for Indian engineers and maintainers; opportunities for Indian suppliers across the C-130 supply chain. Lockheed Martin and Tata already have a joint venture called Tata Lockheed Martin Aerostructures Limited, which operates a plant in Hyderabad producing parts of the C-130J for Lockheed Martin's global supply chain. The two companies, last year announced a 'teaming agreement' to expand their business relationship through the C-130J. This included establishing an MRO facility in India to support the IAF's existing fleet of 12 C-130Js, as well as those operated by other air forces. The agreement aims to expand manufacturing and assembly facilities in India to

# 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 Muraleedharan 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.

# 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.

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

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : High-speed routes, designed for maximum speeds of up to 350 km per hour and an operating speed of 320 km per hour, will mark a transformative leap in India's rail infrastructure, said the Union railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav while inaugurating the 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE), 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Unveiling an ambitious roadmap for the Railways, on Wednesday announced that the government plans to build 7,000 km of dedicated passenger corridors by 2047 under the Viksit Bharat vision. Vaishnav said the proposed corridors would be powered by indigenously developed signaling systems and modern operations control centres, ensuring both speed and safety. He also outlined the



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.



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

Commissioner News Service 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

**No Voter Came Forward To Challenge Exclusion After Bihar SIR : Supreme Court**

Commissioner News Service New Delhi : The Supreme Court heard extensive arguments on the legality and process of the Electoral Roll Special Intensive Revision (SIR). A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justice Joymalya Bagchi, during the hearing, observed that despite the widespread apprehension voiced earlier about mass exclusions in Bihar, not a single voter had come forward to challenge a deletion. This suggested that the deletions from the Bihar roll on grounds of death, migration and duplication were correctly done, the bench surmised.



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**UT admin allots temporarily fresh additional departments**

Commissioner News Service Chandigarh : Afresh the duties of Secretary, House Allotment Committee, and the Chairman of the CITCO would be executed by Prerna Puri in addition to her already existing



duties. The responsibility of the Secretary, Secretariat

establishment will be handled by Pardeep Kumar IAS. The duties of Secretary hospitality would be implemented by Anuradha S Chagti, CSS in addition to her already existing departments.

**"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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**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.

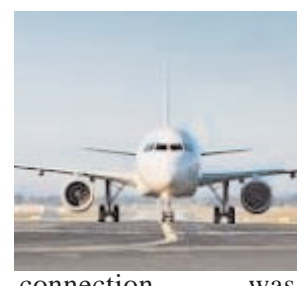


In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises 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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expands connectivity options for both business and leisure travelers. The addition of Bangkok-Don Muang (DMK) brings the total number of destinations served by flights from Delhi Airport to 150. Delhi Airport has etched its name in aviation history as the first airport in India to connect to 150 destinations worldwide.

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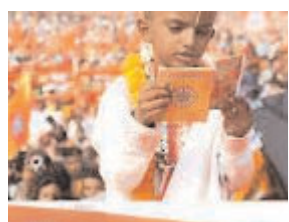
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## Panch Lakho Konthe Gita Path organised at Brigade Parade ground

Commissioner News Service

Kolkata : Chanting event in Kolkata turned into political show of strength for BJP and other political stalwarts. Lakhs of devotees, including all senior leaders of the West Bengal Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on Sunday participated in a mega Bhagavad Gita recital at Kolkata's Brigade Parade Ground. The phenomenon was witnessed a day after the foundation stone of a Babri Mosque was laid at Beldanga in Murshidabad by suspended Trinamool Congress MLA Humayun Kabir. The event stretched far beyond the political muscle flexing for the Bharatiya Janata Party and its allies. The Panch Lakho



Konthe Gita Path, saw chanting by five lakh voices, was organised by the Sanatan Sanskriti Sansad, a collective of monks and spiritual leaders from various monasteries and religious institutions in the State. Samik Bhattacharya West Bengal BJP president, Leader of Opposition Suwendu Adhikari, Union Minister of State Sukanta Majumdar and former State BJP president Dilip Ghosh were among the leaders who participated in the religious programme.

Kartik Maharaj, a prominent monk of the Bharat Sevashram Sangh from Beldanga, tried to describe it as a religious event organised by sadhus and saints. "This event has no big money involved, no big muscle power involved. This is an endeavour by a few saints who have nothing at their disposal," Kartik Maharaj said from the stage. The monk, considered close to the West Bengal BJP leadership, had in the past organised protests against the targeting of Hindus in Bangladesh. State BJP president Samik Bhattacharya said that "for organising an event of Gita recital if people have to face criticism, then it proves where are we heading to".

## Reluctant to listen can't be forced with high pitch of sound

Commissioner News Service

Nagpur : No religion prescribes prayers be performed by disturbing the peace of others through voice amplifiers or drum beating. All citizens of our country are entitled to reasonable peace and quietness particularly of tender age and sick, aged ones, directed the division bench of Bombay High Court comprising Justice Pansare and Raj Wakode. The bench also directed saying the use of loudspeakers is not essential to practising a religion and its amplified



sound cannot infringe on the rights of reluctant listeners. While there is a right to speech, there exists right to listen or decline to listen. No body can be compelled to listen. Other minds can not be trespassed by the amplified voice, as he is against the forceful noise as such, may be on health reasons, the bench quoted.

## Delhi administration works on scheduled dates for Zelenskyy visit

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : Russian President Vladimir Putin concluded his two-day visit on Dec 5 leaving India to prepare for Zelenskyy's adventure. The capital commits to preparing for the next steps in a careful diplomatic balancing act: Orchestrated moves are afoot to schedule a possible visit by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to India in the coming month. The visit could take place as early as in January 2026. A Zelenskyy visit would reinforce Delhi's effort to stay engaged with both sides of the



Russia-Ukraine war, following the same calibrated approach adopted last year. In July 2024, Prime Minister Narendra Modi travelled to Moscow and met Putin; a month later, in August, he had visited Ukraine. A wide range of discussions

between Indian and Ukrainian officials have been going on for several weeks, with New Delhi in touch with Zelenskyy's office even before Putin arrived in India.

The timing and scope of the proposed visit will depend on multiple factors, including how former US President Donald Trump's peace plan unfolds and developments on the battlefield. Domestic politics in Ukraine, where Zelenskyy's government is currently under pressure embroiled in a sweeping corruption scandal, could also influence the outcome very shortly.

## High Court declines bail to SAD leader Bikram Majithia

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : In a disproportionate assets case, the Punjab & Haryana High Court has refused to grant bail to Bikram Singh Majithia. The Court has observed that the material unearthed so far signifies "serious economic offences and his release would hamper the investigation process. The investigation agency was, however, directed to complete the



probe within three months, as he can't be kept in custody for a indefinite period. Majithia is one of the prominent political

figures if the state and had been a cabinet minister for over 7 years.

As the investigating agency steadily came across new facts which appeared to be part of a larger conspiracy pointing to the petitioner's disproportionate assets and use of ill gotten money, it was within its right to register second FIR and further investigate the case, observed Justice Dahiya.

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## Suspended TMC MLA Lays Foundation Stone For Babri Masjid In Murshidabad

Commissioner News Service

Murshidabad : Humayun Kabir, suspended Trinamool Congress MLA on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a mosque modelled on Ayodhya's Babri Masjid in Murshidabad's Rejinagar, choosing December 6, the anniversary of the disputed structure's demolition, for the ceremony. Kabir, who was suspended from the TMC earlier this week for what the party termed "communal politics," proceeded



with the ceremony amid a swelling crowd and clerics sharing the dais. Extensive deployment, with state police, RAF and central forces was stationed across Rejinagar and neighbouring Beldanga. The heavy bandobast of security was to ensure only to prevent any law-and-order flare-up.

## Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

Commissioner News Service

DeraBassi : Fluoride habitation carrying water contaminants with the fast depletion of ground water and distant access to safe drinking water has been evolving a serious concern with the ministry of Jal Shakti.

As public health has been the intimate concern of Punjab Pollution Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps must be initiated to eradicate flow of untreated sewage, effluents into the ground water.

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

Pathogens like bacteria and viruses are being experienced as a very common hazard with the rural public life. Afflicted several health issues might be arthritis, 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 serious contemplation, medication and panacea.

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