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‘National Clean Air Programme’ well devised, but compliance with environment law falls flat in Pb

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MOHALI/DERABASSI

Why the sub division of Tehsil DeraBassi was slapped 9th afflicted slot in the vulnerable area. The quantum of green house gases were polluting the breathable air and were exacerbating the environmental horizons. Mr Kirti Vardhan Singh, environment minister for the state in the Lok Sabha apprised the members and rather the nation that DeraBassi has been afflicted by 98ug/m3 during 2024 -25 from the previous pedestal of 88ug/m3 during 2017-18 under the utter neglect of necessitous regulations and persistent violation of Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act,

section 21, section 22 of 1981 and water vide section 25, 26 of 1974. The major and ample discharge of carbon emission in Sub division remained subsumed by Nector Life Sciences (was already imposed penalty of Rs 5 Cr by NGT), Saurabh Chemicals, Rama Industries, Quadlife Sciences, many more, often may be seen indulged in disseminating carbon gases. The very mind boggling global issue before the humanity remains clean air for breathing if we all visit, see and analyse the statistics of maladies procurement. Who is provisioning this exacerbated stock into the civil hospitals . The scenario



remains alarming as the graph keeps rising day by day, victimising very poor populace. The voluminous quantum of chemists, drugs, medicines are catastrophically galore, and threatening. Climate change is linked to magnified risks of head related illnesses, respiratory problems and spread of infectious diseases.

Changing weather patterns and extreme weather recurrences can disrupt agricultural production, leading to food shortages and economic instability. The plantation, greenery of dense trees ensure the air escaping through the earth's atmosphere. The Green House gases trap some of this escaping heat, keeping our plant at



a temperature perfect, for living in. Carbon dioxide occurs naturally through volcanic eruptions , wild fires , and human respiration. This gas is also generated by human made activities such as burning fuel for power, transportation. It remains primarily accountable for the green house effect. Constituent gases would

include Methane gas; such gas is released from landfills, petroleum industries and agriculture. Methane accounts for approximately 16 % green house gas emissions and stays in the atmosphere for about 12 years. Nitrous Oxides is released from agriculture, live stock and burning fuel. Nitrous Oxide is 300 times more powerful than carbon dioxide but accounts for only 6% of emission. Green House effect is where green houses gases as such CO2 absorbs the sun's solar energy and traps heat within the earth's atmosphere creating a climate habitable

for humans and other species. During the day, the sun sends solar energy to the earth, warming up our oceans and land. The earth, at night, releases this energy back into the air to escape through the earth planet. The very eco system, plants and animal life too are visual seen acclimating. Even species are falling prey to extinction due to the severity of climate effect. The trapping of heat is known as Green House effect and it is natural process that keeps the earth warm enough to support life vitality . Global warming is being caused by the persistent human activities such as burning fossil fuels

(coal, oil, natural gas) have significantly enhanced the concentration of green house gases in the atmosphere intensifying the greenhouse effect and causing global warming. Rising temperature, due to global warming are leading to more frequent and intense, extreme ruthlessness of weather,' above enumerated syndromes in the DeraBassi need to be taken seriously as no more neglect would be tolerable as the hospitals out running with throttling strength and health must be restored to the afflicting populace of the sub divisional area.

Aromatic products of "Verka" brand winning applause

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CHANDIGARH : The products of "Verka" brand are ruling the



roost in the competitive market. Hygienically and meticulously manufactured are very economically priced to win the applause of the consumer.

Exceptionally blended, taste of "Lassi" is palatable and fragrantly amusing, said PK Lamba, a Retd PNB manager. Sweetly scented and aromatically prepared "Pinny" must be underscored for the products justice and quintessential acceptance in the consumer circle, pointed out a connoisseur weighing his pros and cons for other products alike. Verka products manufactured by a very renowned company



Milkfed, Punjab State Cooperative Milk Producers Federation Ltd, has meticulously been serving its clientele with considerable applause its clientele group for the past over half century across the nation said Mr Sanjiv Sharma, the incumbent General Manager.



Mr Sanjeev recalled that recently Mr Bhagwant Mann, Chief Minister had eulogised the diligent workers and managerial skill for serving palatable Kheer. Pinni, Lassi, Dahi particular in North. Mr Mann cherished the memories of quintessential Verka brand dominating in the midst of Calcutta where the sale of its milk powder used to be great in demand. We

, however , are determined to revive its lost operations where sale of Verka products once again will reverberate at the same place besides in Siliguri , Jalpaiguri and other main towns of W. Bengal.

BJP picks up CP Radhakrishnan, A Pick For Vice President

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NEW DELHI : New Delhi : Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan is BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA)'s candidate for the Vice President polls, announced Union Minister JP Nadda . "We want the next vice president to be elected unanimously. We have reached out to opposition leaders for consensus candidate, said Mr Nadda. Mr Radhakrishnan, was born in Tamil Nadu, has been serving as the Governor of Maharashtra since July last year. The 68-year-old previously served as the Governor of Jharkhand from February 2023 to July 2024. He also held additional charge as the Governor of Telangana and Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry between March and July 2024. Within the first four months of being appointed the Jharkhand Governor in 2023, Mr



Radhakrishnan travelled to all the 24 districts of the state and interacted with citizens and district officials. *A veteran BJP leader, Mr Radhakrishnan was elected to the Lok Sabha from Coimbatore twice and previously served as the Tamil Nadu BJP State President. *In his role as the Tamil Nadu BJP chief, between 2004 and 2007, he undertook a 19,000 km 'Ratha Yatra' that lasted for 93 days. The Yatra was organised to highlight his demands for the linking of all Indian rivers, eradicating terrorism, implementing a uniform civil code,

removing untouchability and combating the menace of narcotic drugs. He also led two more Padayatras for different causes. *With more than four decades of experience, Mr Radhakrishnan is a respected name in the polity and public life of Tamil Nadu. A keen sportsperson, Mr Radhakrishnan was a college champion in table tennis and a long-distance runner. He also enjoyed cricket and volleyball. The Vice Presidential post fell vacant after Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned on the first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament on July 21, citing health reasons. The Election Commission had earlier announced that polling for the Vice Presidential election will take place on September 9, with counting of votes scheduled for the same day.

3 month time line for President and governors, Centre warns Supreme Court against judicial overreach

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New Delhi : Governors can not be 'treated as alien'; the centre has opposed the Supreme Court decision to fix a three-month timeline for the President and governor to act on bills forwarded by the state legislature. Opposing the Supreme Court's decision to fix a timeline for the President and Governors to act on Bills forwarded by State Legislatures, the Centre has underlined the separation of powers between the executive, legislature and judiciary, and said the order has the potential to "destabilise the constitutional balance between (the) organs of State". It has emphasised that "gubernatorial assent is a high prerogative, plenary, non-justiciable power". In a written submission to the court on August 12 — a five-judge bench is hearing a reference made by the President on whether time-lines can be fixed for the actions of the President or Governors. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the judiciary does not hold answers to all problems in a democracy, and "if any organ is permitted to arrogate to itself the functions of another, the consequence would be a constitutional



disorder not envisaged by (Constitution) framers." In April, a two-judge bench had set a timeline for Governors to act on pending Bills, and, for the first time, prescribed that the President should take a decision on the Bills reserved for consideration by the Governor within three months from the date on which such reference is received. In a reference to the Supreme Court in May, President Droupadi Murmu had posed 14 crucial questions on the verdict. In written submissions to the court, where a five-judge bench is hearing a reference made by the President on whether time schedules can be fixed for the actions of the President or governor, on August 12, A five-judge bench is hearing a reference made by the President on whether time schedules can be fixed for the actions of the President or governor.

Samajwadi Party Pb. supports nation wide candle march against "Poll fraud "

DERABASSI : Led by Halqa in charge and Vice President Punjab Samajwadi party Madan Sharma took out a candle march in support of Chandigarh Pradesh Congress Committee to expose the inherent electoral fraud elements, orchestrated by the BJP in close pact with the Election Commission of India. Carrying party flag, candles and placards, the party workers marched through the streets of the town. They raised the slogans, Vote "Chor, Gaddi Chorr", which amounted to murder of democracy, deplored Vice president SP (Pb) Madan Sharma. Mr Madan said in the voter list



there was manipulation, lakhs of names have been deleted by fraudulent exercise.

"Using vote chori phrase for voters amounts to insulting constitution : Election Commission

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NEW DELHI : Coming out strongly against senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's allegations of 'vote fraud', the Election Commission of India has said that using "improper words" such as "vote chori" amounts to insulting the Constitution. the poll body was being used as a launchpad to target India's voters for political motives said Gyanesh Kumar, the Chief Election Commissioner. Mr Kumar in a press conference said the poll Body stands firmly with the voters. Flanked by Election Commissioners Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Vivek Joshi, the Chief Election Commissioner said that for the poll body, there is no difference between the ruling party and the Opposition. "Every party is the same for us," he said, adding that the Election Commission will not step back from its constitutional responsibility.



The Election Commission's response came on a day Mr Gandhi launched the 'Voter Adhikar Yatra' in Bihar to target the poll body over the raging issue of Special Intensive Revision in the poll-bound state. The Special Intensive Revision of voter lists, the Chief Election Commissioner said, was launched to address political parties' demands for corrections in the database.

Mr Kumar said there is a month-long window to make objections to the draft voter list and appealed to political parties to flag any errors. "The doors of the Election Commission are always open for everyone equally," he said. All voters, political parties and booth-level officers are working transparently on the ground, the Chief Election Commissioner said. "It is a matter of concern that the voice of these representatives of political parties is either not reaching their parties' leadership, or ground realities are being ignored in an attempt to spread misinformation." As for a machine-readable voter list, the Supreme Court said in 2019 that this can lead to a breach of voter privacy. We saw some days back that photos of several voters were released in the media without their permission. Should the poll body share CCTV footage of any voter?" Mr Kumar asked.

PM Modi should recommend John Bolton Ex USA NSA for Nobel Prize twice' over unjust tariff

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Washington : John Bolton, Ex USA NSA criticised Trump over India tariffs. Former US National Security Advisor John Bolton has criticised US President Donald Trump for needlessly antagonising India, calling the steep tariffs imposed on New Delhi "a mistake in the bilateral relationship." Bolton's remarks came after Trump hit India with some of the highest US tariffs in recent history -- 50% overall, including a 25% penalty for purchasing Russian oil. The former Trump aide described this approach as "backward" and "damaging" to ties between the two nations. Trump defended his decision, claiming India was helping Moscow prolong its war in Ukraine. "India is not only buying massive amounts of Russian oil; they are then, for much of the oil purchased, selling it on the open market for big profits.



They don't care how many people in Ukraine are being killed by the Russian War Machine," he wrote on Truth Social. While China also purchases Russian oil, Bolton pointed out that Beijing faces no such tariffs or secondary sanctions. "India is the one government to have suffered from Trump's effort to get a ceasefire in Ukraine," he noted. Trump, who had previously engaged in a tariff battle with China last April, imposing rates of up to 145%, has since avoided further escalation with Beijing. India, however, became the primary target of his latest trade measures.

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EDITORIAL –

Shelter for millions
dog, uphill task

By directing that all strays should be rounded up and housed in dog shelters, the judges have mandated a quick-fix that ignores both science and practical realities. Dog housing shelter is not in the spirit of Article 51A(G) of the Constitution, which enjoins compassion for all living beings. It is also contradictory to the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules of 2023, framed under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act. These rules lay down how stray dogs are to be vaccinated, sterilised, treated and released back into their old localities. They are based on science, experience, compassion and practicality. In contrast, the SC order is perhaps influenced by personal opinions, and has been issued without hearing any stakeholder. The events of dog bites and rabins is, indeed, an important issue, but the solution does not lie in throwing the baby out with the bathwater. Firstly, not all rables cases are caused by dog bites—other cul prits include rodents and monkeys. See only, figures by the NCDC (National Centre for Disease Control) indicate that rabies has been declining since 2019. The answer to dog bite-induced rabies lies in vaccination and not culling of dogs, which is what the practical implications of the SC order are. There are an estimated 10 lakh stray dogs in Delhi alone. The MCD has no dog shelters, there are just a few run by under funded NGOs. Has the SC considered the impossibility of the MCD creating shelters for a million dogs? Without these funds, the dogs would be packed like sardines, denied food, become diseased and would eventually kill each other or have to be euthanised. This would be institutionalised cruelty, and should shock anyone's conscience. The order's deficiencies stem from a lack of consultation with animal activists, NGOs, vets, the NCDC, pet owner associations and Resident Welfare Associations. Had that been done, the court would have learnt about related issues: how the problem of strays is compounded by many owners abandoning their pets on the roads (these, having no fear

of us, can be more dangerous than the genuine strays); why it makes more sense for the government to fund NGOs to establish shelters rather than take on the responsibility itself; that most street dogs are not strays, but 'community dogs' who are well looked after by animal lovers. If only the judges had invited wider inputs, they would perhaps have seen this whole issue other than through the prism of dog bites and rabies. Street dogs are the creation of man and have become an issue because of the incompetence of our municipal administrations. The risks posed by them are exaggerated and the judicial solution proposed is bound to fail. It is still not too late for the court to hold wider consultations and arrive at a solution that is just, humane, and likely to succeed. A society that can't protect its voiceless is a society that has lost its soul. PCA Act made India one of the first countries to provide legal protection to animals. A visionary piece of legislation, the PCA Act does not give 'rights' to animals but aims to prevent "unnecessary suffer ing and not suffering that may arise out of human neces sity or to uphold human rights. It, therefore, permits the humane use, ownership, management and killing of animals. This is also a global precedent. Most significantly, the PCA Act recognises the negative impacts of stray dogs on socie ty as well as their own suffering as homeless animals, prohibits their abandonment/maintenance release on the streets for any reason by any entity, and allows for their euthanasia. Rukmini Devi could hardly have imagined the state of affairs in the country as they stasid today—millions of homeless dogs on streets, a stag gering number of stray dog attacks on people and human-dog conflict at its peak. All relevant Acts, statutory provisions and Supreme Court judgments for public health, safety and animal and disease control lay down the same principles and laws - the complete and permanent removal of all stray dogs/animals from streets. Despite this, the reason we find ourselves in this mess today is due to the Animal Birth Control Rules—a set of subordinate rules under the PCA Act. They

were notified by the Ministry of Culture in 2001 then headed by Maneka Gandhi a ministry that has nothing to do with public health or animal control. The rules were amended in 2023 and notified by the Department of Animal Husbandry, another department equally disconnected from public health and safety. The ABC rules operate in an ideological narrative of 'evil humanity', 'innocent dogs' and 'heroic animal rights saviours' to the rescue. Another particularly absurd aspect of the ABC rules is that they exist in a legal vacuum and are not backed by any existing Act, as there is no statute or constitutional provision that envisions or allows the maintenance of stray dogs on the streets for any reason, under any circumstances. Citizens are guaranteed the fundamental right to life, liberty, freedom of movement and safe, disease-free and obstruction-free public places via numerous statutes and SC judgments. However, these rights have been rendered meaningless because they cannot be experienced by citizens on the ground due to the presence of stray animals. Yet, the ABC policy has been allowed for over two decades. What is shocking is not that the court has directed the removal of all stray dogs from the streets, but that the attempt to make our streets and public places safe, clean and stray animal-free is seemingly alien, supposedly impractical and even objectionable! Such is the extent of our acceptance of squalor, disease and death, especially for the weakest and most vulnerable people in society, who suffer stray dogs the most. Portraying and justifying the forced home-lessness of dogs as compassionate, noble and even pious, while framing efforts to place animals in appropriate environments as inhumane and cruel, is whatabouter at its disingenuous best. In this context, the SC order directing the removal of stray dogs from the streets is not a kneejerk thoughtless reaction but the restoration of rights of citizens granted by Article 21 and genuine animal welfare principles, after 25 years of the failed, unconstitutional and harmful ABC policy.

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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Property tax defaulters to
face tough time, civic
bodies prepare lists

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MOHALI : Intensifying campaign to recover the dues, the district Civic bodies are now contacting them individually. The Municipal Corporation (MC) and other urban local bodies in the district have compiled the lists of property tax defaulters for the past years. One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme, has been further extended upto August 31, by the Punjab government to give time to the remaining property owners under the scheme. Officials cautioned that those who fail to clear their dues within the OTS period will face action as per rules. “There has been overwhelming response from urban residents towards clearing their property tax dues. Residents can clear their pending property tax dues without any fine or interest,” the officials said. “We have covered almost all the big commercial establishments including shopping malls and others, which has resulted in higher collection this time,” said,

Municipal Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh. The Local Bodies in the district have made remarkable progress, collecting Rs 24.82 crore between July 1 and August 15. The Zirakpur Municipal Council contributed the highest with Rs 15.47 crore, followed by Kharar with Rs 4.26 crore and Dera Bassi with Rs 2.39 crore. Other councils also registered significant collections — Lalru Rs 1.03 crore, Kurali Rs 62 lakh, Nayagaon Rs 60 lakh, and Banur Rs 44 lakh. Appealing to residents, Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal urged them to deposit their property tax dues before August 31, 2025, at their respective Municipal Councils, to avoid additional penalties in the future.



2 daily flights hike
connectivity for Bengaluru
from September 1



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MOHALI : One flight will depart from Bengaluru at 8 pm and arrive at Chandigarh at 10.55 pm. From Chandigarh, it will take off at 11.25 pm and arrive at Bengaluru at 2.25 am. By this Chandigarh will have enhanced air connectivity to Bengaluru with total two new flights announced by an airline operator, subject to schedule at Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport here from September 1. Airlines officials

disclosed. The other flight will operate in the daytime with departure from Bengaluru at 1.15 pm and arrival here at 4.10 pm. The flight will depart from Chandigarh at 4.40 pm and arrive at Bengaluru at 7.40 pm. There will be two daily flights on the Ahmedabad-Bengaluru and Chandigarh-Bengaluru routes (September 1 onwards), and daily flights between Dehradun and Bengaluru (September 15 onwards).

Tree felling, illegally logs
being sold, probe
ordered by NGT

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PANCHKULA : In accordance with an application submitted by Hardik Bhanot, unidentified individuals were cutting trees for commercial purposes on land protected under the Punjab Land Preservation Act, 1900 (PLPA), where such activities are strictly prohibited. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has taken cognisance of alleged illegal tree felling in a garden located in Bhainsa Tibba village, Sector 3, Mansa Devi Complex. The tribunal has issued notices to the respondents and directed the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF), Panchkula, to conduct an immediate site inspection. The PCCF has also been asked to prevent any further illegal activity and take action against the responsible individuals if the claims are substantiated. A separate action taken report must be filed by the PCCF at least one week before the next hearing scheduled on October 30. The NGT has also instructed the applicant to serve notice to all respondents and file an affidavit of service accordingly.



PGI receives 11th
AMRIT for hassle free
access to medicines

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CHANDIGARH : The PGI got its 11th AMRIT (Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment) pharmacy, ensuring hassle-free access and bedside delivery of essential medicines. Located in front of the Emergency porch, the facility, said the Director, will further strengthen the institute's commitment to timely, transparent, and compassionate patient care. Speaking at the inauguration, Prof Vivek Lal, Director said, “This AMRIT Pharmacy is a reflection of the PGIMER's deep-rooted commitment to patient welfare. By merging technology with compassionate service, we are removing barriers between patients and timely access to essential medicines. The convenience of bedside delivery and the elimination of long queues will directly translate into a more comfortable and dignified patient experience.” He said the online display of rates and discounts on PGIMER website will ensure transparency for the public. This centre has been created exclusively for dispensing medicines under the



government schemes being implemented in the PGIMER and is not a retail outlet. The AMRIT Pharmacy will operate through an online indent system. Prescriptions will therefore be raised digitally by the treating doctors, enabling the pharmacy to prepare and dispense medicines promptly without requiring patients or their attendants to stand in long queues. To further streamline service, the centre will also provide bedside delivery of medicines for admitted patients, particularly benefiting those in critical care, elderly patients, and those with mobility challenges. The PGIMER currently operates two Jan Aushadhi Kendras on its campus. The institute has earmarked another site for a similar facility at the Advanced Paediatric Centre.

Publication of electoral rolls
tomorrow, final on September 3

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MOHALI : “The electoral rolls, previously published on March 3, 2025, would now be updated with a qualifying date of September 1, 2025, to ensure all eligible voters were included in the list” said Mohali Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal. The schedule for the updating electoral rolls for the upcoming zila parishad (ZP) and panchayat samiti elections, set to be held by October 5, 2025, as per the Election Commission, Punjab. As per Section 28 of the Punjab State Election Commission Act, 1994, eligible voters must be at least 18 years of age on the qualifying date and ordinarily resident in a constituency. She said the draft publication date of display of existing electoral



rolls was August 19. The draft rolls would be available at panchayat samti, zila parishad and SDM offices. Residents can file claims and objections from August 20, to August 27, and the same would be disposed of by September 1. The date for the final publication of electoral rolls was September 3. Ms Komal Mittal directed all electoral registration officers-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrates to strictly adhere to the schedule so that all eligible voters in zila parishads and panchayat samitis constituencies could exercise their right to franchise.

For the conduct of general elections of panchayat samitis (PSS) and zila parishads (ZPs), the proposed poll zones in the district will be displayed from Monday onwards. This was stated by Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Sonam Chaudhary here today. Any person having an objection to these proposed zones or wishing to submit suggestions may do so within 21 days from the date of publication of the proposed zones — by August 30, 2025, up to 3 pm — either by email at — ddpelection@yahoo.in — or by submitting them in writing to Vinod Kumar Gangat, Deputy Director, Panchayats, Ground Floor, Headquarters, Vikas Bhawan, Sector 62, Mohali (Patiala Division).

Rs 90-crore flyover between PGI,
Sarangpur, proclaims Kataria

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ambitious plan was being prepared to develop Chandigarh as a National Service Industry Centre on the lines of GIFT City of Gujarat, which will make this city a great example of good economic rules, right order and modern development. Referring to the recent action against illegal colonies and markets, he said the UT Estate Office had reclaimed nearly 55 acres of government land worth Rs 2,500 crore from encroachers. It will be used to create facilities with focus on public welfare. A major regional medical hub would be set up in Sector 53. This centre will have 400 beds with modern facilities for mother and child care as well as emergencies. The hub, to be built in collaboration with AIIMS and NITI Aayog, will also serve as a centre for health research and rehabilitation.

3rd production hub HAL Nashik cleared
for manufacture of Tejas fighter

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CHANDIGARH : Nashik, which has a history of manufacturing and sustaining the IAF's fighter fleet, has now evolved into a key hub for indigenous aircraft production. The Directorate General of Aeronautical Quality Assurance (DGAQA), has accorded flight clearance to the manufacture of the indigenous manufactured Light Combat Aircraft (LCA), Tejas Mark-1A, from the Nashik Division of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL). This is the third production line for this aircraft. The development marks a significant milestone in decentralising aircraft production and expanding India's strategic aerospace capabilities. The Flight Clearance Document was handed over to Executive Director, HAL Nashik Division, by the Additional DGAQA on Monday. Hosting the third LCA production line outside Bengaluru, this set-up enhances operational flexibility and aligns with India's broader defence preparedness and strategic autonomy goals.



The office of the Additional DGAQA at Nashik played a pivotal role in the successful absorption of Transfer of Technology for LCA manufacturing. The office led the redesign and modification of tools and fixtures, transformed legacy work centres, and facilitated a technical shift in aerospace philosophies. Upholding stringent quality assurance standards, the team ensured the production of over 5,000 high-precision components, in-house loom manufacturing, line replacement unit testing and exhaustive pre-installation and assembly checks. Round-the-clock support was extended to mission-critical operations, including Right-First-Time ground runs, snag rectification and final system readiness, culminating in the successful flight clearance. Tejas, a light single-engine multi-role aircraft, has been

developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. It is meant to replace the MiG-21 and boost the IAF's depleting squadron strength, which at present is down to 31 squadrons against the authorised 42. Two most squadrons of the last remaining MiG-21s are being phased out next month. The IAF currently operates two squadrons of the Tejas — No. 18 Squadron, the “Flying Bullets” at Naliya airbase; and No. 45 Squadron, the “Flying Daggers”, at Sular airbase — that are primarily mandated for air defence roles. While about 40 Mark-1 aircraft, including trainer versions, have been delivered to the IAF, another 73 Mark-1A are on order. According to reports, the Central Government has approved the procurement of another 97 Tejas aircraft. Production of the aircraft, however, has been lagging due to constraints in supply of the engines. The Tejas is powered by the American GE F-404 engine. The delays in production have caused concern in defence circles.

Compounding regime of
synthetic milk



We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, 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.

Jaishankar tells Chinese counterpart fight against terrorism remains top priority

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NEW DELHI : The fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is a major priority said External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in a meeting with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Monday. Jaishankar in his opening remarks during the meeting, said in the current environment, there is clearly the imperative of maintaining and enhancing stability in the global economy as well. The talks between the two leaders covered economic and trade issues, pilgrimages, people-to-people contacts, river data sharing, border trade, connectivity and bilateral exchanges. Jaishankar said ties between India and China must be guided by three mutuals - mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest. Noting that India seeks a fair, balanced and multi-polar world order, Jaishankar said reformed multilateralism is the call of the day. "When the world's two largest nations meet, it is natural that the international situation will be discussed. We seek a fair, balanced and multi-polar world



order, including a multi-polar Asia. Reformed multilateralism is also the call of the day. In the current environment, there is clearly the imperative of maintaining and enhancing stability in the global economy as well. The fight against terrorism in all its forms and manifestations is another major priority," he said. India has faced cross-border terrorism sponsored by Pakistan, a key ally of China. India conducted Operation Sindoor in early May in response to the Pahalgam terror attack and targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and PoJK. India subsequently repelled Pakistani aggression and pounded its airbases. Jaishankar expressed confidence that the discussions with the Chinese leader will contribute to building stable relationship that serves interests of both countries. "Overall, it is our expectation that

our discussions would contribute to building a stable, cooperative and forward-looking relationship between India and China, one that serves both our interests and addresses our concerns," he said. Jaishankar said that the visit of the Chinese Foreign Minister provides the two countries an opportunity to meet and review bilateral ties. "It is also an appropriate time to exchange views on the global situation and some issues of mutual interest. Having seen a difficult period in our relationship, Excellency, our two nations now seek to move ahead. This requires a candid and constructive approach from both sides. In that endeavour, we must be guided by the three mutuals - mutual respect, mutual sensitivity and mutual interest. Differences must not become disputes, nor competition conflict," he said. Welcoming the Chinese leader and his delegation to India at the start of his visit for the 24th round of Talks between the Special Representatives of India and China, Jaishankar said this is also the first visit by a Chinese Minister since Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping met in Kazan, Russia, in October 2024.

Rs 25 cr worth diamonds elopes with thieves in Surat

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SURAT : The phenomenon of decamping the worth Rs 25 Cr diamonds took place between August 15 and 17 at DK & Sons Diamond Company's office-cum-polishing unit in the Kapodra area of the Gujarat city during which CCTV cameras were vandalised, said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 1) Alok Kumar. Diamonds were stolen from a Surat-based polishing and export unit by unidentified thieves, who prised open a metal safe using a gas cutter to get hold of the precious gems, police said on Monday. Since the company had declared a three-day holiday in view of Independence Day and Janmashatmi, neither employees nor security guards were present at the unit when the diamonds were stolen, he said. "Taking advantage of the situation, thieves first broke the



main door of the office on the ground floor of the company's building and then went on the third floor where a metal safe was kept. The safe was then cut open using a gas cutter," said Kumar. The diamond unit owner learnt about the theft when he reached the office on Monday morning after a gap of three days. "As per a primary estimate, thieves decamped with diamonds worth Rs 25 crore. They also vandalised CCTV cameras and stole the video recorder in an attempt to destroy evidence," said the DCP, adding efforts were on to nab the culprits.

Farmers give massive rally call at Dana Mandi Samrala on Aug 24

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PHAGWARA : A fleet of key leaders, including district president Surinder Singh Bains and district secretary Tarsem Singh Bains, addressed the media. They shared that a rally was being organised under the banner of the Samyukt Kisan Morcha to press for long-standing demands of the farming community. The district committee of the Kirti Kisan Union, Nawanshahr, has given a call to farmers across the region to participate in large numbers in a massive rally scheduled to take place at Dana Mandi, Samrala, on August 24. The leaders strongly opposed the government's land pooling policy, stating that it would not be accepted in any form. They emphasized that Punjab's fertile land produces a wide range of



pulses, vegetables, and other essential crops, contributing significantly not only to the country's food security, but also to its economy. They alleged that the state government, backed by the Centre, is moving towards displacing rural communities through this policy. They further added that the struggle to revoke the land pooling policy and to achieve other key farmer demands will continue. Preparations for the rally have already begun across the Nawanshahr blocks, and a large number of farmers are expected to travel to Samrala via buses, cars, and other means of transport.

Trump promises security for Ukraine is inevitable, assures Trump

Commissioner News Service
WASHINGTON : A peace agreement to end the war in Ukraine was attainable as he met Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and European leaders announced US President Donald Trump on Monday. Trump said the US would help Europe in providing security to Ukraine as part of any deal to end the war. He, at the White House, said in a press briefing all would prefer an immediate ceasefire but he was optimistic that an agreement could be reached to deter aggression in Ukraine. But Trump also suggested that he no longer believed reaching a ceasefire was a necessary prerequisite for striking a peace agreement, backing a position staked out by Russian President Vladimir Putin and opposed by Zelenskyy and most European leaders. Zelenskyy and Trump



expressed hope that the talks at the White House could lead to trilateral talks with Putin to bring an end to the war. The two leaders took questions from the media in the Oval Office before meeting in private, six months after their last appearance there descended into disaster when Trump and Vice-President JD Vance upbraided Zelenskyy in an extraordinary public dressing-down. This time, Trump and Zelenskyy struck a far more convivial tone, despite the US President's movement

toward Russia in recent days following his summit in Alaska with Putin. Zelenskyy was backed by the leaders of Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Finland, the European Union and NATO, who travelled to Washington to demonstrate solidarity with Ukraine and push for strong security guarantees for the country in any post-war settlement. "When it comes to security there's going to be a lot of help," Trump told reporters, adding that European countries would be involved. "They are a first line of defence because they're there, but we'll help them out." Trump greeted Zelenskyy outside the White House, shaking hands with him and expressing delight at Zelenskyy's black suit, a departure from his typical military clothes.

Punjab govt advances procurement of paddy date, to start from Sept 15

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SANGRUR : The paddy procurement process used to start every year from October 1. The moisture level in the crop spikes in October due to colder nights and morning hours. Bhagwant Mann made the announcement after inaugurating a public library in Dhuri. The Chief Minister on Sunday said government agencies would start procuring paddy two weeks in advance from September 15 to prevent damage to crop due to high moisture level.



Earlier, the state government had allowed the transplantation of paddy from June 1 instead of June 15. "Due to this, the crop will start arriving in grain markets 15 days in advance," he said. Mann said earlier farmers faced harassment during the procurement process due to high moisture levels.

"At that time, blackmailing of farmers also starts in grain markets," he said. The CM also said he recently met Union Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi, asking him to increase the commission of the arhtiyas (commission agents). He said the Union Minister had given assurance to him in this regard. "If needed, the government would lead a delegation of arhtiyas to meet the Union Minister in Delhi," he added.

Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak scheme to provide digital access

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NEW DELHI : Groundwork for implementation of digital access has been done. Not only the books will be translated but original content will also be created under the scheme said an official of the Union Education Ministry. Higher education students will be able to study textbooks in 22 Indian languages as the Bharatiya Bhasha Pustak Scheme will be implemented to provide digital Indian language books. This initiative will enhance learning by enabling students to understand subjects better in their own languages. The scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, aims to make digital textbooks available in Indian languages for students. It will cater to all disciplines. "The rollout will be digital.



For example, if a student of mechanical engineering is studying machine design. The initiative is to produce four books in different languages. The first language will be of the state in which the college is located and the other languages will be based on the number of students in the class who want the book in their languages," an official said. The scheme is rooted in the vision of the National Education Policy, which emphasises the use of Indian languages in education. "We have done the mapping to identify the courses in

higher education institutions and the textbooks associated with them. There will be original books written as well. For example, in Manipur, a book will be translated in the local language followed by other languages. And original writing will also be done. Books in all disciplines will be written," the official said. At the undergraduate level, the courses in disciplines such as arts, commerce, science, law, agriculture and medicine will be included. The effort is being spearheaded by the University Grants Commission and the Bhartiya Bhasha Samiti under the Ministry of Education. "It will help students from different linguistic backgrounds to understand the subject better. It will also promote Indian languages," the official added.

PATANJALI
Prakriti ka Ashirwad

Beyond oil tariff against India : US, Russia ties at snail's pace

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : In anticipation , Trump will discard, 25 per cent additional tariff. If all go well in Trump -Vladimir parleys.

India is optimistic ,
Delhi would want
Trump to postpone
the deadline of
August 27 for
implementing the
additional tariffs
against India.

If India was counting on a clear and positive outcome from the Alaska summit to avert the 25 % tariff. The unfinished US-



Russian talks in Alaska leave a cloud of uncertainty over India's trade negotiations with Washington. On the upside, though, there was no breakdown of engagement, and the two leaders remain hopeful of an accommodation. As the details of the summit conversations come into public view,

India will have to look beyond the tariff question at the implications of a potential reset in Russia's relations with the US and the West.

Trump briefed Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and key European leaders on his discussions with Putin.

Morni, Tikkar Tal run short of dry place, boating halted

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Panchkula : Boating in Taal Tikkar has been halted nevertheless all other tourist amenities remain fully operational.

Hotels, restaurants, and even the amusement park near Tikka Tal remain open for visitors. Officials assured that the overall situation is normal and safe for recreating tourists. "There were a lot of apprehensions among people after videos circulated online demonstrated high water levels in Tikkar Taal and its surrounding areas. However, everything is under control. Only boating remains suspended due to the overflowing of water. We are conducting test rides and will



decide about reopening in the next 10 days ." said an official of the tourism department . Heavy rainfall in the region has necessitated the boating activities at the popular Tikkar Taal to lake were temporarily suspended.The boat stand area got categorically submerged, triggering fear among visitors and staff members . Tourism authorities decided to halt boating until water gets receded with stable and tranquil operations.

Plight of cadets during military training pitiable SC takes suo motu note

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognisance of difficulties faced by cadets, who were medically discharged from military institutes on account of disabilities suffered during training programmes.

A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and R Mahadevan will be hearing the case on Monday which was registered on August 12 after a media report flagged the issue of these cadets, who were once part of training at the nation's top military institutes such as the National Defence Academy (NDA) and Indian Military Academy (IMA).

There are around 500



officer cadets who have been medically discharged from these military institutes since 1985, due to varying degrees of disability incurred during training, and are now staring at mounting medical bills with an ex-gratia monthly payment that's far short of what they need. It said at the NDA alone, there are around 20 such cadets, who were medically discharged in just five years, between

2021 and July 2025.

The plight of these cadets, as per rules, are not entitled to the status of ex-servicemen (ESM), which would have made them eligible under the Ex - S e r v i c e m e n Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS) for free treatment at military facilities and empanelled hospitals, since their disabilities took place during training before they were commissioned as officers.

Unlike soldiers in this category, who are entitled to ESM status, all that these officer cadets get now is an ex-gratia payment of up to Rs 40,000 per month depending on extent of disability an amount that falls far short of basic needs.

Samajwadi Halqa Pardhan unfurls national flag on “Azaadi Diwas”

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DeraBassi - Amidst the noisy Dhol Nangare palatable beats, Pardhan Madan Sharma, Halqa Dera Bassi on College road unfurled the National flag by raising vociferous slogans of Azaadi Diwas. The recalling of independence of 15 August, 1947 day was passionately celebrated with vigour and vitality in the esteemed presence of Dr Vikram Yadav, Chandigarh Samajwadi Youth Pardhan, Dr Balwinder Singh Pardhan Samajwadi Youth Brigade .



addressed the gathering and assured particularly villagers Kauli Majra inhabitants where no water disposal, pathways were ever carved out by the local administration under the AAP governance, said Mr Madan Sharma, now all stones would be turned in facilitating the civic amenities. It was pitiable to see villagers were not having proper



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All efforts would be
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Amid tariff war, trade goes in limbo as US team defers India visit

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Washington : The United States has been pressing India to open its agriculture and dairy sectors, but New Delhi has ruled out concessions, saying such moves would endanger small farmers and cattle rearers. The next round of negotiations for the proposed India-US bilateral trade agreement (BTA) is expected to be delayed, with a visiting American delegation likely to defer its scheduled trip to New Delhi later this month, sources revealed. Talks for the pact



have already gone through five rounds, and the sixth round was planned from August 25 to 29. "This visit is likely to be rescheduled," disclosed the official requesting anonymity. The deferment or rescheduling came at a time when Washington has imposed fresh trade penalties on India. A 25 per cent duty on Indian goods has

been in place since August 7, and an additional 25 per cent levy, announced as a penalty for India's crude oil and military equipment purchases from Russia, is set to take effect from August 2. The US has also been pressing New Delhi to open up politically sensitive sectors like agriculture and dairy. India has categorically ruled out such concessions.. We will never accept any compromise regarding our farmers, their livestock rearers and fishermen," said PM Modi .

"We want no war between India --Pak, nor in future 'US Secretary of State Marco Rubio

Washington : US Secretary of State Marco Rubio on Sunday said that the US keeps an eye on what is happening between Pakistan and India "every single day". The US Secretary of State said that beyond reaching a ceasefire, one of the complications is maintaining it, adding that it is very difficult. "Mr Rubio means every single day we keep an eye on what's happening between Pakistan and India, what's happening between Cambodia and Thailand," Rubio said. A. Rubio said that the US was therefore not aiming for a permanent ceasefire, but was looking for a peace deal between Russia and Ukraine. "...I don't think anyone disagrees that the ideal here, what we're aiming for is not some permanent ceasefire. What we're aiming for here is a peace deal so there's not a war now



and there's not a war in the future," Rubio said. We've seen it in Cambodia and Thailand. We've seen it in India-Pakistan," Rubio said, repeating a claim made by US President Donald Trump multiple times in the past. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the discussion on Operation Sindoor in Parliament, stated that no leader of any country had asked India to stop Operation Sindoor. External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has also said that there was no third-party intervention in reaching a ceasefire with Pakistan during Operation Sindoor.

'Trump Conveys Putin's Donetsk Demand Zelenskyy Turns Down

Kyiv : Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy poohed an offer reportedly made by Russian President Vladimir Putin to halt fighting along current front-line positions in return for Kyiv ceding full control of the Donetsk region. Zelenskyy has turned down the proposal sources revealed Russia already holds around 20 per cent of Ukrainian territory, including nearly three-quarters of Donetsk, which it first moved into in 2014. Trump added that he and Putin had agreed a peace settlement should be pursued without the precondition of a ceasefire — a condition that Ukraine and its European partners, until now backed by Washington, have consistently insisted on. Donetsk serves as an industrial region that is one of Moscow's main targets. "It was determined by all that the best way to end the horrific war between Russia and Ukraine is to go directly to a Peace Agreement, which would end the war, and not a mere Ceasefire Agreement, which often times do not hold



up," Trump posted on Truth Social Zelenskyy has ruled out ceding territory, saying constitutional changes would be required for any such move. He noted that his discussions with Donald Trump included "positive signals from the American side" on potential US involvement, but stressed that Kyiv seeks a lasting settlement rather than "another pause" in the conflict. They also signalled plans for tougher sanctions on Moscow, underscoring that any deal must uphold Ukraine's sovereignty, offer reportedly made by Russian President Vladimir Putin to halt fighting along current front-line positions in return for Kyiv ceding full

control of the Donetsk region. US President Donald Trump served as the messenger to convey Russia's proposal to Zelenskyy during a private briefing held after he met with Putin in Alaska on Friday. After the Alaska talks, Trump said Ukraine should move toward a peace deal with Moscow, remarking, "Russia is a very big power, and they're not." Zelenskyy has turned down the proposal, reported Reuters, citing sources. Russia already holds around 20 per cent of Ukrainian territory, including nearly three-quarters of Donetsk, which it first moved into in 2014. "It was determined by all that the best way to end the horrific war between Zelenskyy has also pressed for binding security guarantees to shield Ukraine from future attacks with European leaders expected to participate. They also signalled plans for tougher sanctions on Moscow, underscoring that any deal must uphold Ukraine's sovereignty.

Asian cricket cup to begin in UAE from Sep 9

Commissioner News Service

Mumbai : India and Pakistan have been placed in Group A along side UAE and Oman while group B comprises Sri Lanka, Bangladesh , Afghanistan and Hong



Kong. After months of uncer-

tainty due to serious tension between India and Pakistan Asian Cricket Council ' flagship tournament will feature the the highly anticipated showdown between India and Pakistan .

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Tender for 200 tonne dry waste plant

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CHANDIGARH : For 200 tonne dry waste plant , the civic body has finalised its plan to conduct the tender formalities.The engineering department of the MC has traced two companies eligible after completing the technical scrutiny, following which the process of financial bidding has started to select the new bidder . For a period of 2 years,tender would be allotted to the eligible bidder. A total of five companies showed interest in the bid to run the dry waste plant, out of which three could not clear the technical criteria and were , thus , rejected. Now, the two approved bidders in the technical scrutiny will complete in the financial bidding.As per past



practice,the company quoting the lowest amount will given the tender after tender fulfilling the laid -down terms and conditions. The 200 - tonne capacity dry waste plant processes around 100-125 tonne of waste on a daily basis. Currently, the plant is being run by the old bidder so that the processing of the waste isn't affected.However, the moment the tender is allotted to a new bidder after fulfilling the entire allotment process and norms, the new bidder will the take over the entire processing work of the plant" , revealed the sources.

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