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## Cooperative societies members await operationalisation of notification, yet extend gratitudes to Bhagwant Mann

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The Gazette (Extra) notification of Punjab Govt, Cooperation department dated 21 Nov 2025 facilitating registries afresh with the revenue department, share holders of cooperative housing societies are awaiting compliance till the date. The process has not yet been

operationalised as the revenue department too has not received any government direction for the implementation of the registration deeds, said Lovedeep Singh, the incumbent tehsildar of Zirakpur block. The original share holders or the members to whom property was directly allot-

ted by the housing society, as per the Gazette notification, would be exempt from the payment of stamp duty though the prescribed registration fee shall be payable to the revenue department, reads the notification. Several share-holders conveyed their heartfelt obligations to the cooperation

department since they intended to have independent government documentation as and when they felt to sell the property to any other prospective house

builder. All transfers of membership, possession or ownership subsequent to the original allotment shall be subject to stamp duty and regis-

tration fee as per the rates prescribed by the department of revenue. All transfers of property allotted by a cooperative society shall be effected only through a duly executed conveyance deed between the transferor and the transferee. Where the existing holder of property intends

to transfer it to any purchaser or transferee and same in the case of the original allotment. A society however may recover an administrative fee, not exceeding Rs 10,000/- or such amount, as may be specified by the Registrar) solely for the record verification and confirmation of the membership.

### Russia strikes "Kyiv" Ukraine's capital during Trump-Zelenskyy meeting

Commissioner News Service  
Kyiv : Russia has carried out drone and missile strikes on Ukraine's capital Kyiv on the eve of a key meeting between the United States and Ukrainian leaders, killing at least one person and leaving a third of the city without heat, according to local authorities.

Russian ballistic missiles and drones rocked Kyiv from the early hours of Saturday morning, where an air alert was in place for nearly 10 hours.

The attacks killed a 47-year-old woman and wounded at least 22 others, according to



Kyiv's mayor and regional governor. Among those wounded were two children, said the head of Kyiv's City military administration, Tymur Tkachenko.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said the attack was "still ongoing" as of 10:45am (08:45 GMT), with some 500

drones and 40 missiles launched targeting "energy facilities and civilian infrastructure". The air raid alert for the capital ended at 11:20am local time (09:20 GMT).

In addition to the casualties, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said there was no heat in one-third of the capital, where temperatures hovered around freezing (0 degrees Celsius).

Russian forces are "trying to cut off all Ukrainians from our critical resources just to freeze us", Kyiv-based journalist Kristina Zelenyuk told Al Jazeera.

### MAA ka bharosa, Pyar se parosa 'Patanjali' brand desi ghee, shahad, chyawanprash dominate market

Commissioner News Service  
P'kula: Patanjali cow sudhesi ghee has gained popularity on account of its fragrant quality, purity and economic rates in tricity markets, claimed PK Rao Marketing Manager. He adds, saying this pure cow ghee is preferred by those who prioritise natural and organic options.

During 2024, the claim of high purity was made in



August 2025, sample BKD 2458 was taken for purity test and won clientele applause and wide acceptance.

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### "VB - G RAM G "Act envisions development of rural India centric with Mahatama's Ideals : Shiv Raj

Commissioner News Service  
New Delhi : Congress Working Committee led by Mallika arjun is shedding crocodile tears and is confused with nurturing misin-

formation about the VB G RAM G law", said Shivraj Chouhan, Union Rural Development Minister.

The Congress in its regime

had slashed MGNREGA's budget, froze wages. The

opposition protest was false

and misinterpreted, The party had mired the MGNREGA scheme in wide corruption!

The Modi govt has introduced the VB- G RAM G Act with full transparency to ensure tangible and deserving benefits for workers across the country.

Mahatma Gandhi's name, ideals are being maintained in original spirits, not at all removed. The false and base-

less allegations are being fabricated by the opposition simply to show disruption.

The core spirit of the VB- G RAM G Act is deeply rooted in Gandhian principle envisioned for India's rural future - village centric development, Gram Swaraj, self reliance, honour for labour, people's participation and social accountability.

Rajesh received the support of 50 BJP councillors and one Independent member in the 101-member corporation.

The UDF mayoral candidate, KS Sabarinathan, secured 17 votes, while the LDF's candidate, RP Shivaji, received 29 votes.

### Kerala BJP applauds for getting own Mayor VV Rajesh

Commissioner News Service  
Thiruvananthapuram : In a historic political development, BJP State Secretary and Kodunganoor ward councillor VV Rajesh was elected Mayor of the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation on Friday, securing 51 votes and mark-



ing the Bharatiya Janata Party's first-ever victory in a municipal corporation in Kerala.

### Drunken on duty, cops dismissed from service, no relief from High Court

Commissioner News Service  
Chandigarh : The Punjab and Haryana High Court has dismissed a revision petition filed by two cops of the Chandigarh Police, who were convicted in a 20-year-old case registered under the Excise Act.

The police had registered a FIR under Section 68 of the Excise Act on January 30, 2003, after both were caught in a drunken state on duty. The case was registered on a complaint filed by DSP Om Parkash. He had reported that the PGI police post received a wireless message that the cops posted with a PCR vehicle had consumed

liquor and they were under the influence of liquor on duty.

During checking, the DSP found that Head Constable Rajinder Singh and Constable Harvant Singh were under the influence of liquor. A glass used in drinking and a bottle containing 180 ml of liquor were recovered from the vehicle.

Finding a prima facie case, charges were framed against the accused, to which they pleaded not guilty and claimed a trial.

### Poultry to face closure, violating environmental norms-- NGT

Commissioner News Service  
Chandigarh : In contravention of the Central Pollution Control Board Environmental guidelines like proper stack height of diesel generator sets, absence of water meters, valid consent to operate, the poultry operator might face closure order.

The National Green Tribunal dismissed



the appeal filed by an entrepreneur of poultries whose power connection was snapped against the failure to maintain the environmental norms under section 33 A of Water (pre-

vention & control of pollution) act 1974, and section 31A of Air (prevention and control of pollution) Act 1981. The NGT ordered to close the defaulted poultry farm as it was located in the closer vicinity of a govt school at only 80 meters where school children used to study at their tender age.

### Staffing crunch germinates longer wait for aggrieved patients

Commissioner News Service  
Chandigarh : Aggravating more trouble for the patients due to staffing crunch, massive strike by the Himachal Pradesh doctors has paralysed the healthcare services in Chandigarh. About PGI OPD intake of patients traffic stems from Himachal Pradesh, revealed an official of the Post Graduate Institute. The senior consultants in govt medical college and hospital away on break schedules are busy with their domestic obligations, left with no extra medical specialists. At present, only emergencies are being handled by doctors of Himachal medical



services.

The influx of patients are taken

over by the Government Multispecialty hospital sector 16 as no winter break is observed by this hospital.

At GMCH 32, the faculty leave is

staggered from Dec 15 to Jan 31 with the second half begins

from Jan 1 to Jan 18.

### Pkula mayor fails to clear 1.7 tonnes legacy garbage despite several promises

Commissioner News Service  
Panchkula : About 1.7 lakh metric tonnes of garbage remaining unlifted there only, despite wide assurances by Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal given to residents.

Fresh tender of Rs 11.50 Cr was awarded to the same old agency which cleared 3.72 lakh metric tonnes in 3 years in the earlier phase, said an official of the Municipal Corporation.

This , Dec 25 , is the second dead line of August 31 was too jumped by the contractor, whom again the tender has been

advanced despite several complaints of the residents of the Jhaggarwala village located near to Ghaggar river.

The proximity of the Ghaggar river and continual delay could exacerbate the scourge of piled

garbage with the potential high

risks of human health, bemoan hundreds of villagers from Jhaggarwala.

### GMADA submits list of 54 unauthorised constructions to NGT

Commissioner News Service  
Mohali : A large scale illegal constructions in villages near the Chandigarh boundary included Mirzapur, Jayanti, Majri, Bharonkoan, Karor, and Seonk under the Regulatory branch's jurisdiction, apprised Amarinder Singh Malhi



in an affidavit submitted to National Green Tribunal were traced by GMADA.

Since 2023, the GMADA

has issued 62 show cause notices, and taken action against the violators. Another 92 notices after 15 Sept 2025 for newly identified cases were issued to violators.

Action under the Punjab Regional and Town Planning Development Act 1995,

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11. Hotel # Tag, 7999900050 SCO17, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK

12. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079 SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK

13. Hotel Atlante, Properties 9578110000 SCO24, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK

14. Hotel Magus, 9872791857 SCO 3, Shimla Highway, Zirakpur

15. Hotel Shine Inn, 7341134340 SCO4,(Near Sohi Banquet Hall) Simla Highway, ZRK

16. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769 SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK

17. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant Shimla road, Zirakpur

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

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

## PROPERTY GROUP

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

## TAXI, TRANSPORTS

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2. GS Tezi Transport, 24 Hrs Mobile : 9316017250 Ranjan Plaza, Zirakpur
3. Satguru, Loading Jeep Operator Union, 9872531068, 9814722165, Ranjan Plaza, Chd-road, Zirakpur
4. Sai Tour & Travels 9888875827
- A/c, Non A/c 24 Hours, Shop 1, Dev Shopping Complex, Bhabat road, Zirakpur

## RESTAURANTS, EATRIES, DHABA

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

## JEWELLERS SHINE

1. Shri Kapila Jewellers, 9872207279 SCO 21, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
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3. Bagga Jewellers, 9815000662 SCO 6, Badal Colony, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. MG Jewellers, 9888818169 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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2. Ganesh Electricals, 9417621222 Shop 637, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076 Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
4. CLOTH HOUSE/EMPORIUM/BOUTIQUE
1. Paridhaan, (9570000069) Designer Suit Saree, Lehenga G-10, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Brand Tree, Fashion Wear, 7888721165 VIP road, Block-C, Zirakpur
3. Sanorita, 9878523318 (Kiran) The Fashion Town, Western Outfit, SCO 5, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500 Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground, Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Raymond, Dulha Collection, 9888388919 Men's Tailoring Shop, Shop 5, 1st Floor, VIP road, Near AMCARE Hospital, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599
7. Octave Clothing Apparel, 998886017 Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpara, Zirakpur
8. Gupta Cloth House, 9815694155, Suits, Sarees, Lehnga, Handloom SCO 1, Royale Estates, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
9. Veena Fashion, 9855595548 \*\* Party wear Suit/Dress Material/Wedding Collection SCO 4, Royale Estate Market, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

## DENTAL CARE/CLINIC/DENTURE

1. Aesthetic Dental Centre Dr Samir Anand 9872184048, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
2. Dr Hayer's, Dental Care 9914495951 SCO 2, First Floor, Royal Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. Smile Dental Clinic, 9888345500 SCO 56, Dev Shopping Complex, Pabbat road, Zirakpur
4. Books & STATIONERS, GIFT, TOYS
1. Jindal Book Centre, 9417851069, 9463420594 \*Gift Item Sports\*, near Mona Green, Opp Apple Height, VIP road, Zirakpur

2. Fancy Stationers, Vivek, 828382651 SCO 42, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015 SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank) VIP road, ZRK
4. Garg Stationery Zone, 7341111142 SCO 3, Block B, Royale Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. SANITARY, HARDWARE/PLY/PLY/TIMBER
1. Aggarwal Building Store, 7814999997 SCO 12, Near ICICI Bank, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

2. Ganga Traders, 9034794483 Chd-Amb road, (Opp. NK Sharma) Zirakpur
3. Bansal & Sons, 9815245803 \*\*Plywood, Hardware, Sanitary, Paints SCO 1 A, B Royale Estate, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

4. Shiv Hardware, 9417728473 Paints, Sanitary Near NK Sharma Office, Opp. Royale Estates, Zirakpur
5. Amara Trading Co., 9356948172 \*\*Aluminium Section, A.C.P, A.P.P sheets, Laminated Board\*\* Opp. UCO Bank, Chd-Amb road, Badal Colony, Zrk.

6. AS Enterprises, 8194980063 \*\*Manufacturing variety of boards including 2D & 3D Jaali\*\* SCO 1, Near GS Memorial Public School, Zirakpur

## SWEETS WONDER

1. Khalsa Sweets & Dairy, 9914304596 (Jawaharpurian Dee Hatti), Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
2. Longia Sweets, 9814906894, 9914351215 21, near Hotel Citi Inn, Zirakpur
3. Goyal's Chandigarh Sweets, 9357258011, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Annpurna Sweets, 7508700555 Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

## GRAPHICS/FLEX/PRINTING/ GLOW SIGN/DOCUMENT CENTRES

1. Kothari Graphics, 9988335861 Near NK Sharma Office, SCO 13, 15 Navjot Square, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Graphics Printing, 9256338644 SCO 6/697, Basement, Opp. Parmar Petrol Pump), Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
3. AV Traders, 9888063232 Amb-Chd road, Parmar petrol pump, Zirakpur

4. Yadav Document Centre, 9888348862 \*\*Documents all solutions\*\* Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. Glow Signage Chg, 9316198717 (A Complete Printing Hub) SCO 1, Modern Complex, Near Vijay Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur

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1. Tushan Gupta, Mobile 8437061864 Ganpati Karyana Store, Shop 4, VIP road, Zirakpur

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

## COMMUNICATION, LAPTOP, MOBILE, COMPUTERS

1. Tricity Computers Service, Link Patiala Road Sigma City, Opp Defence Enclave Lohgarh (Zirakpur) Balwinder Singh Mobile 7814422624
2. The Mobile Gallery, 9888301099 Near Lottery Bazar, SCO 06, PKL-road, Zirakpur New Mobiles, Accessories and Mobile Repair etc.
3. Phone Zone, Mobile : 9464856771 VIP road, near KFC, Zirakpur
4. Sachhi Trading, Mobile 9914669100 Shop 10, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Dell Store, Gulam Heddar 9878614133, 9914007121 Computer, Laptop, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

## BAKERS/oven/DAIRY

1. Pulkit Dairy, Mobile 9872715495 Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer, Shop No.3, Opp. Apple Height VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Khan Dairy, Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer, VIP road, Kaseri Plaza, Zirakpur (Mr Sonu) 8872413205, 9779908814
3. Blu Heaven (Cake Shop), Mobile 8146030300 VIP road, SCO 11, (VIP Shopping Centre) Zirakpur
4. Gurpal Bakers, 8728852525 Baker & Confectioners, 37, Block-B, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. National Baker's Bake Shop, 9646688997 Patiala road, Near PNB Bank, Zirakpur

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1. Apple Creels, Cittu Bragta Mobile 8626862695, 9805742761 www.applecreels.com

## PUNGENT TARKA, SPICES

1. Fish 'n' Chips, Mobile 8307957367 Apple Height, VIP road, Zirakpur

## INTERIOR DECOR, GIFTS/ GLITTERS/PVC

1. Dhruv Interiors, 9356280216 Shop 4,5 Navjot Square, Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
2. Chandigarh Wallpapers HUB Mobile, 9729687777 Saurav Sikri, Opp. Domino's Pizza VIP road, Zirakpur
3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215 SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099 SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180 Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur
6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005 Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO 5, Hollywood Plaza, Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250 (Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur

## DISPOSABLE &amp; PLASTIC ITEMS

1. Sri Balaji Enterprises, Mobile 8708478658, 8968215182 Shop 36 Opp. Square Hospital, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
2. Bhagwati Plastics, Manoj Goyal, 9315538654 43, Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.

## OPTICAL/VISION/SPECS

1. B.L. & Sons Opticals 9888549073 EYE CARE CLINIC (Computerised Eye Testing) Gali no. 2, Chd-Amb, Zirakpur
2. Care Vision Opticals 8284908330, 9988920377 SCF, Block-C, HighStreet Mkt, Zirakpur.
3. Sun Glasses, Square-Mobile 9728310732, SCO 39, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
4. Kalra Opticians, 9872399095 Showroom no.5, High Street, C-Block, VIP road, Zrk.

## KITCHEN WARES &amp; SPARKS

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

## READYMADE/BOUTIQUE/APPARELS

1. Odhani, 9888889021, RNT Enterprises, (For Lady Purses, Luggage) 614, Hollywood Plaza, near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Odhani, 9888888299, Shivam All Clothings from Indian to Western, Amb-chd road, Shingpura chowk, Zirakpur
3. The Junior's, Complete Kids Store, Mobile 988877705 396, 1st floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044, Suits Sarees Lehngas, SCO 5, Singhpara Chowk, Zirakpur
5. Elegant Saloni Collection, 9417303402 (A complete range of lady wear) SCO 16, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543 Shop No. 3, 1st Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishala) 8283836387, 8146118674 Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur
9. Spendid Lifestyle, The Steps, 9814201600 Amb-Chd road, Singhpara, Zirakpur
10. She-16, All Female Wear, Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475 SCO 93, Guru Nanak Enclave, Old Amb-road, Dhakoli

## FURNITURE/PLY/DOORS

1. Elite Furniture 9219200009, 8427069000 (Kurl on) Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408 Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715 Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473 (Opp. Royal Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 987

## EDITORIAL -

## CIC reprimands ASR civic body for missing record

As the appellant sought details including the ownership of the property, sanctioned building plans, parking provisions, violations from the approved plan, if any, and the action taken thereupon in the property concerned.

During the proceedings, the respondent public information officer submitted that in the absence of a general registration number, town planning wing of the at Amritsar municipal corporation was unable to trace records of the prominent commercial complex, Ganpati Tower, situated on Lawrence Road. However, it was admitted that information related to the property tax department was retrieved and supplied to the appellant.

The Punjab Chief Information Commissioner issued detailed directions, flagging serious concerns over record management, enforcement of building bylaws, and accountability under the Right to Information Act, 2005.

The bench was headed by Chief Information Commissioner Inderpal Singh,

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

**CHANDIGARH :** Facing allegations of cartelisation, the UT Excise and Taxation Department has invited suggestions from stakeholders and general public for the formulation of the Excise Policy 2026-27. The suggestions or feedback could be submitted latest by December 30.

Seeking consumer-friendly policy, Darshan Singh Kler, president, Chandigarh Wine Contractors' Association, suggested that the upcoming Excise Policy 2026-27 should be formulated while considering the transparency and to prevent "cartelisation" of the liquor trade in the city.

"The policy should focus on the retailers and the consumers of the city while preventing the increase in rates of various kinds of liquor like the previous years," he

**Chandigarh Administration** further added.

Advocate Sachit Jaiswal, who deals in excise and taxation cases, suggested that any officer against whom complaints were pending should not be the part in formulating the upcoming Excise Policy.

"The administration should take steps against monopolisation of the liquor trade in the city," he said, further adding that a single individual from a family/enterprise/business firm or as an individual should only be allowed to run not more than five liquor vends.

examined the appeal filed by a resident seeking information related to a multi-storeyed commercial complex in Amritsar.

The respondent further claimed that no construction activity of any nature took place in recent years, including the period preceding the filing of the appeal. It was also submitted that no on-site survey was conducted as no complaint requiring such action was received by the department. The respondent asserted that any action regarding the compounding of violations, if any, could not be undertaken since an RTI application cannot be treated as a complaint under the RTI Act, 2005.

The department remained silent on the issue that the property in question is a large commercial complex, comprising more than 75 shops spread over five floors. The complex is located in a posh area of the city and, according to the appellant, lacks adequate parking facilities for commuters. The appellant sought information precisely on these aspects.

The commission recorded that it was

not satisfied with the plea taken by the municipal corporation's town planning wing that information relating to the sanctioned map could not be retrieved from official records. It also noted that the Department of Local Government has its own Chief Vigilance Officer and deals with a large number of complaint cases across the state.

Keeping these aspects in view, the commissioner exercising powers under Section 25(5) of the RTI Act, 2005, directed that a copy of the order be sent to the principal secretary to the Govt of Punjab, dept of local government, for enquiry.

The commission sought a specific report to be submitted on or before the next date of hearing on January 14, 2026, on several issues, including whether the respondent's stand that the GR number must be obtained from the owner is justified even when complete details and address of the building have been disclosed; whether any action has been taken by the department so far to retrieve building plan details on its own.

"To strengthen revenue protection, promoting transparency, safeguarding public health, ensuring fairness, and improving enforcement," Ajay Jagga, member, Administrator's Advisory Council, suggested that prohibition of employment of men under the age of 25 years and women.

Further suggestions included that no person licensed to sell liquor should employ with or without remuneration any man under the age of 25 years or any women in any part of such premises where liquor or intoxicating drugs are consumed by the public. Besides, the number of liquor dinkin places/restaurants must be freezed (or reduced) in the areas like Sector 10, 11, 15, 26, 32, 36 etc, where educational institutions are high in numbers.

## TRICITY

## Pensioner can't suffer financial loss, HC's big relief to MC retirees

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**CHANDIGARH :** PK Pushkarana and others, had joined the Chandigarh Administration and were later transferred to the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh after its constitution in 1994. The petitioner and others retired between 2014 and 2015 and were paid 90 per cent provisional pension in 2015, with the remaining pension released in 2018.

The Punjab and Haryana High Court has directed the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh to pay 7.5 per cent interest on delayed pension payments to retired employees. The interest will commence two months after the date of retirement. The court also ruled that 60% of the interest will be borne by the Chandigarh



Administration and 40% by the Municipal Corporation. Justice Jagmohan Bansal noted that the delay in payment was due to communication issues between the Chandigarh Administration and the Municipal Corporation, and the petitioners could not be deprived of their rightful dues. The court directed the respondents to pay interest on the delayed amount, with the Municipal Corporation to verify the figure and make the payment within three months, failing which the interest rate would increase to 9 per cent.

## Rs 10L family health insurance cover from next month by Pb

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**Chandigarh :** The new family insurance scheme, which is expected to be rolled out for 65 lakh families by the state government early next year, will provide health cover which will be significantly higher from the number of families that are presently covered under the state health insurance scheme.

The Punjab government will soon provide health insurance cover of Rs 10 lakh each family of the state under Mukh Mantri Sehat Bima Yojana. When the state government had announced the scheme in July this year, around 45 lakh beneficiary families were covered under the government health insurance schemes,



including around 29 lakh families that were enrolled under Mukh Mantri Sarbat Sehat Bima Yojana, which was capped at Rs 5 lakh per annum.

"The scheme will be rolled out during the current fiscal with an estimated expenditure of Rs 600 crore, wherein an insurance agency and state's private hospitals will be roped in to provide healthcare facility to around 65 lakh families residing in the state" said Punjab health minister Harpal Singh Cheema.

## 3rd most polluted Pkl city emerges in North

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**PANCHKULA :** "North India continues to experience unhealthy air quality with AQI remaining in poor category. Unfavourable winter meteorology, lower boundary layer and fog limit, pollutant dispersion are increasing exposure risks, especially for vulnerable groups," commented Dr Ravindra Khatiwala, Professor of Environmental Health at the Department of Community Medicine and School of Public Health, said in a public health advisory:

Panchkula recorded the third-highest air pollution level in North India this evening, prompting concerns not only over deteriorating air quality but also the reliability of pollution-monitoring system amid unusually sharp fluctuations in official readings.

Only Delhi and Ghaziabad reported worse air quality, with AQI levels of 373 and 353, respectively, at 8:05 pm on Sunday. Panchkula ranked above Baddi (328), Jind (329), Gurugram (321) and Rohtak (318), reflecting the widespread impact of winter pollution across the region.

Official data over the past four



days reveals extreme variation in Panchkula's air quality. On December 18, the AQI was 346 (very poor), before dropping sharply to 145 (moderate) on December 19 — an improvement of over 200 points within a single day. This was followed by a sudden spike to 361 (very poor) on December 20, before easing slightly to 340 on December 21 evening.

Such abrupt swings contrast with trends in neighbouring Chandigarh, where changes were more consistent. Chandigarh recorded an AQI level of 266 (poor) on December 18, 254 (poor) on December 19, 302 (very poor) on December 20 and then improved to 216 (poor) on December 21. Environmental observers noted that while both cities were affected by winter pollution, Panchkula's volatility stood out.

## Monthly pass for parking across Chandigarh scheduled to come up

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**CHANDIGARH :** Soon, the implementation process of a single pass system for all paid sites under its jurisdiction will be initiated. The local body has launched a significant step towards easing parking access for residents by initiating a high-level meeting chaired by MC Commissioner Amit Kumar was held to discuss the Phase-I rollout and integration framework of the new system.

Under the proposed structure, monthly passes will be issued at Rs 500 for four-wheelers and Rs 250 for two-wheelers, offering citywide access to all MC-



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

## Unrented shops of CITCO generate financial loss to corporation : Audit

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**CANDIGARH :** The audit inspection report points out Rs 37.87-lakh loss due to infructuous decision of running a bakery shop instead of renting it out. The corporation is running a cafeteria at Sukhna Lake comprising a restaurant, fast food counter and pub. It has rented out shops and the area for amusement and other tourist interest activities.

An inspection report of the Director General of Audit (Central) has pointed out a number of shortcomings in the functioning of the Chandigarh Industrial Tourism Development Corporation (CITCO), which led to losses to the corporation.

The 2023-24 inspection report highlights the revenue loss of Rs 53.56 lakh due to non-leasing out of shops and other establishments of the corporation.

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various locations. It also has three hotels, namely Mountview, Shivalikview and Parkview, besides Chef Lakeview food court at the Sukhna Lake. These hotels, petrol pumps and food court have shops/cabins, from which the corporation earns rent. Out of the five shops at Hotel Shivalikview, three have been lying vacant for more than three years," states the report.

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remained vacant from April 7, 2022, till March 2025, shops No. 4 from September 1, 2021, till March 2025, and shop number 5 from March 31, 2020, to March 2025. The last per month rent received from these shops was Rs 26,910, Rs 34,929 and Rs 38,480, respectively. With monthly rent of Rs 86,031, a booth at Chef Lakeview had remained vacant from December 24, 2024, till March 2025, and a convenience store at a petrol pump with a monthly rent of Rs 26,500 was vacant from April 19, 2024, till March 2025.

"Due to non-leasing out of shops/cabins/stores, the corporation suffered loss of lease rent of Rs 53.56 lakh. The corporation should make efforts to lease out these shops and start process before the end of lease period, so that lease rent may be maximised" says the report.

## Hry govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026

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**PANCHKULA :** During a meeting of the all district-level Chief Executive Officers and Managers held at the Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Land Development Bank (Land Mortgage Bank) headquarters information was shared by the bank's Chairman, Amar Pal Rana. The Haryana Government has extended the One-Time Loan Waiver Scheme (OTS Scheme 2022) for overdue borrower-members of the Bank until March 31, 2026. Mr Rana informed that under this scheme, overdue interest on the loan accounts of deceased borrowers of the District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks together have 61,767 borrowers, with total outstanding dues of Rs 1,857.92 crore (Rs 723.55 crore principal, Rs 1,002.91 crore interest and Rs 131.47 crore penal interest). The government extended the OTS Scheme once again to facilitate repayment by these borrowers.

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other charges, he said. The bank currently has 17,229 deceased and widow borrower accounts, with dues amounting to Rs 190.70 crore in principal, Rs 246.77 crore in interest and Rs 41.68 crore in penal interest, totalling Rs 479.14 crore.

"In addition, under the OTS Scheme 2022, all other overdue borrowers will be eligible for 50 per cent waiver of interest, while penal interest and additional charges will also be waived. The scheme will apply to all categories of loans issued by the bank," Rana said.

"As per the scheme, any borrower who, for whatever reason, could not repay his/her loan and was

declared a defaulter by the bank on March 31, 2022, may avail benefits of this settlement," he said. It is noteworthy that the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks together have 61,767 borrowers, with total outstanding dues of Rs 1,857.92 crore (Rs 723.55 crore principal, Rs 1,002.91 crore interest and Rs 131.47 crore penal interest). The government extended the OTS Scheme once again to facilitate repayment by these borrowers.

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disfigured her face. She had to remain at home for around a week, which also caused loss to plaintiff's professional and social life. When asked to fulfil the commitments, including reimbursement of the medical expenses and compensation, the defendants did not give any satisfactory reply.

The defendants, however, denied the allegations and claimed that they had kept only two pet dogs as per the permissible limit and the canines were duly licensed and registered with the MC.

After hearing the arguments, the court ordered that the defendants to pay Rs 30,000 on account of medical and incidental expenses along with simple interest at the rate of 9% per annum.

Further, the plaintiff was also entitled to damages and compensation of Rs 1 lakh to be paid by the defendants for causing reputational, economical, mental and social loss to her, the court ordered.

Later, the plaintiff underwent medical treatment, which cost her around Rs 30,000. The injuries permanently



down. Thereafter, the dog bit her on the forehead and scratched the flesh thereof. An extensive section of skin was completely torn off the underlying tissue. As she shouted for help, other residents of the society came out. She was taken to the hospital for medical aid. The police were informed about the incident. Both defendants admitted their mistake and requested not to take any legal action while assuring that they would bear the expenditure on her treatment. She agreed and no FIR was registered.

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## Pakistan surrounded by horrific victimisation of minorities, India rejects Pak's remarks : MEA

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**NEW DELHI** : "Pakistan's own treatment of minorities of various faiths was a 'well-established fact' that could not be obscured by what he described as finger-pointing" said Randhir Jaiswal, Ministry of External Affairs.

India strongly rejected on Monday remarks by Pakistan's ministry of foreign affairs on incidents involving minorities in India, saying comments from a country with a "horrific and systemic" record of persecuting minorities lacked credibility. "We reject the reported remarks from a country whose abysmal record on this front speaks for itself. Pakistan's horrific



and systemic victimisation of minorities of various faiths is a well-established fact. No amount of finger pointing will obfuscate it," Jaiswal said. The MEA response came after Pakistan's foreign office spokesperson Tahir Andrabi, in a statement issued in Islamabad on Monday, expressed concern over what he termed the "persecution

of minorities in India". In his remarks, Andrabi referred to incidents of vandalism during Christmas and alleged "state-sponsored campaigns" targeting Muslims, including the demolition of homes and instances of lynching. He also called upon the international community to take note of what he described as violations of the rights of vulnerable communities in India. India has consistently dismissed such statements from Pakistan, maintaining that they are aimed at diverting attention from Islamabad's own domestic record and misuse of minority rights narratives at international forums.

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



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

### Longer work visas opened for Indian students; 5,000 professionals to benefit in New Zealand

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**NEW DELHI** : Under the concluded trade pact, New Zealand has liberalised mobility provisions enabling Indian students to access longer post-study work visas and allowing 5,000 Indian professionals, including yoga instructors and chefs, to work in the Oceania country. The students going to New Zealand for study will now be eligible for a two-year work visa if they take degree course, three-year work visa if they take bachelors degree with honors or are graduate in STEM disciplines and a four-year work visa if they do postgraduate studies in New Zealand. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal told reporters here. The two countries on Monday announced closure of the FTA negotiations. It is expected to be signed and implemented in about 7-8 months from now. The Union Cabinet approved the pact last week. The pact also needs approval from the New Zealand parliament. As per the pact, New Zealand has, for the first time, signed an annexure on student mobility and post-study work visas with any country, offering no numerical caps and locking in



20 hours a week of work rights for Indian students. He also said that almost 5,000 of India professionals such as yoga instructors, chefs, Ayush professionals, IT, education teachers, nurses, caregivers, will get professional visas for serving the New Zealand economy. At present, an estimated 12,000 Indian students are enrolled in various courses in New Zealand. The pact provides for a Skilled Employment Pathways through a new Temporary Employment Entry Visa pathway for Indian professionals in skilled occupations, with a quota of 5,000 visas at any given time and a stay of up to three years. It is in addition to the existing visa pathways; "therefore, professionals and skilled workers can continue to apply to go to New Zealand under the existing visa regime (e.g. Accredited Employer Work Visa, Skilled Migrant Category Resident Visa, etc.)" the Commerce Ministry said.

## India-Australia Economic Cooperation provides Zero-duty access to Oz market from Jan: Goyal

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**NEW DELHI** : "Reminiscing three years of the trade pact, the agreement had emerged as a key pillar of India's economic engagement in the Indo-Pacific region, delivering tangible export gains, deeper market access and stronger supply-chain resilience" said Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. Indian exporters will gain zero-duty access across all Australian tariff lines from January 1, 2026, a major milestone under the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (Ind-Aus ECTA), Goyal said on Monday.



The removal of tariffs is expected to open fresh opportunities for labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather and plastics, pharmaceuticals, petroleum products, and gems and

jewellery. Agricultural exports also saw robust expansion, particularly in fruits and vegetables, marine products and spices. Coffee exports registered exceptional growth during the period. Gems and jewellery shipments alone rose 16 per cent between April and November 2025.

Goyal also highlighted the signing of a mutual recognition arrangement (MRA) on organic products, which is expected to simplify certification processes and reduce compliance costs for exporters. As negotiations on a broader Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) continue, the minister said the Ind-Aus ECTA remained central to India's trade strategy in the Indo-Pacific region.

## Cong mulls tickets on new faces as party battled internal rift throughout years

**Commissioner News Service**

**CHANDIGARH** : Amongst 70 new faces as candidates for the 2027 Assembly polls would be picked up said. Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring. He has sent a strong message to the old guard, saying the party would decide afresh considering the merits. The Congress, which is the state's main Opposition party, grappled with factionalism throughout the year. This cost it dearly in the Ludhiana (West) and Tarn Tarun Assembly bypolls, prompting demands for a change of guard in the state unit. However, Warring's reply seemed measured. He said people were not fed up with the Congress but with leaders "being repeated" in the elections. However, handing out olive branch to old-timers, especially his detractors, he said, "Along with new faces, we will have 47 old leaders



too." Warring said the new faces would be picked from among block presidents, district presidents and sarpanches. "I have my list with me. Will submit this to the party high command that would conduct its own surveys to ascertain new faces," he told. "There are many new faces among recently appointed district presidents. My take on the issue is in line with Rahul Gandhi's process of bringing new faces," added Warring. Asked why the party failed to identify the leaders who could lead the Congress in run-up to the

next elections, Warring said to be a leader, one had to be disciplined, hardworking and loyal.

"AAP found a leader in CM Bhagwant Mann in 14 years," he quipped. On too many CM aspirants and problem of leaders vying for one-upmanship, Warring clarified that he was not in the race. "The party has already given me a lot," he added. On why senior leaders were "fighting their personal battles" to retain their positions, he said, "It is a problem with some leaders across the country. Like Capt Amarinder Singh, they think they are popular and great leaders.

On the Congress CM face ahead of the polls, Warring said the party had decided not to project a leader for the post as happened in Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Telangana.

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

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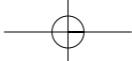
**Thiruvananthapuram** : BJP Kerala unit urge it would request the Centre to include the city as one of the venues for the 2036 Games. In its manifesto for the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation election, BJP's local body election manifesto promise to develop the state capital into a co-host city for the 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 Sivakutty 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.



**Strengthen congress party line with sense of discipline --Tharoor**

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New Delhi : As Digvijaya Singh, senior congress leader had stirred a controversy by praising the RSS-BJP organisational unity by quoting Narendra Modi's picture on X, representing that in BJP, Grassroot Swayamsewaks of RSS, and then JanSangh, who used to sit on the floor at the feet of others became CM and PM, this was pure democracy means people's own regime. On the eve of 140th foundation day celebrations, Tharoor

said "I too wanted to see their organisation must strengthen to see their wellbeing and prosperity. After the first Congress session of 1885, the party remained a cornerstone of the nation's democratic revolution and political evolution. The occasion at Indira Bhawan was marked with solemnity and

camaraderie spirits, echoed Shashi Tharoor. Mr Digvijaya Singh added that Congress was vehemently united into oneness. He deplored the way BJP attempted to sow the seeds of discord within the Nehru-Gandhi family. I nurture feelings of differences and oppose this type of vicious ideology of RSS-BJP combine and would continue to fight the emergence of such glaring concepts, said the senior Congress leader.

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**IMD sounds red alert in Delhi over dense fogging**

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New Delhi : At least 128 flights were cancelled, 8 diverted, about 200 flights were delayed on Tuesday at the Delhi Air Port due to severe low visibility conditions, said the airport authorities. The persistent fog blanketed, causing visibility falling sharply in several areas, disrupting operations at the airport, triggering the air quality back to worst category.

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## Centre opposes PIL in Delhi High Court to slash GST on air purifiers

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New Delhi : 'Pandora's Box' situation might ensue if the Court were to order the GST Council to slash goods and services tax (GST) without following the applicable process involved before such decisions can be taken. Add. Solicitor General on Friday informed Delhi High court in [Kapil Madan vs Union of India & Ors] case.

A Division Bench of Justices Vikas Mahajan and Vinod Kumar was hearing a plea on air purifier case seeking directions to categorise under the kind of 'medical device' and



reduce the GST on them from 18 to 5 percent. The High Court had, on December 24, asked the GST Council to convene an urgent meeting to consider this proposal. The Central government today said that the matter is being examined at the highest level, but sought more time to give a measured response.

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) N Venkataraman, representing the Centre, added that if the GST Council mechanism is bypassed in this case, it could open a Pandora's Box whereby more GST exemptions may be sought without following the proper procedure. "This will open a Pandora's Box. Parliamentary committee has recommended something to us. It will be considered. There is a process. We are not saying anything. We are not saying whether it will be done or not. Constitution issue is involved," the ASG said.

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## PPCB to submit district wise verifiable water pollution data to NGT

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Chandigarh : Across the state, district wise verifiable water pollution data would be required for submission to National Green Tribunal, revealed the sources. The submission of information would help assess the ground realities and the effectiveness of remedial measures.

The NGT bench comprising Justice Prakash Srivastav and expert member Dr Senthil Vel in a suo moto case. A total of 1511 sources of water pollution were identified, and a total of 45.79% were closed or removed, left



with 819 pollution sources where action was needed as yet, apprised the PPCB. The various categories of pollution generating units included industrial units, dairy waste outlets, municipal discharges, village waste water outlets and individual sources.

## Chandigarh begins to rehearse preparations for Republic Day

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Chandigarh : In order to ensure a smooth and dignified republic day celebrations, a meeting under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav was organised in the DC office. The requisite instructions were issued to additional Deputy Commissioner and all stakeholders, heads of departments. The envisaged tableau would be shown cased, eyeing stark achievements and minutes of remarkable socio developments.

The dynamic parade would include school, college students, police and para military force. School children participating in the cultural programme and parade would be provided refreshments during the rehearsals and on the ultimate event day. The engineering department would handle seating, barricading, stage set up, lighting and basic amenities at the venue and transportation of the participants would be arranged by the transport department.

The adequate number of ambulances and medical teams would be deployed for rehearsals and on the main celebration day. Extra emphasis would be laid on honouring war veterans and war widows, said the Deputy Commissioner.

## Polish jets intercept Russian reconnaissance plane spotted near airspace

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Warsaw : Posh air force intercepted a "Russian reconnaissance aircraft" flying near the border of its airspace just hours after tracking suspected smuggling balloons coming from the direction of neighbouring Belarus. "This morning, over the international waters of the Baltic Sea, Polish fighter jets intercepted, visually identified, and escorted a Russian reconnaissance aircraft flying near the border of Polish airspace from their area of responsibility," the Operational Command of the Polish Armed Forces said in a post on X on Thursday.

Polish forces also tracked unknown "objects" flying in the direction of Poland from Belarus during the previous night, prompting Warsaw to temporarily close civilian airspace in the northeast of the country. "After detailed analysis, it was determined that these were most likely smuggling



balloons, moving in the direction and at the speed of the wind. Their flight was continuously monitored by our radar systems," said the Operational Command. The post did not disclose any further details about the number or size of the balloons. Polish Defence Minister Wladyslaw Kosiniak-Kamysz said on X that the incidents did not pose an immediate threat to Poland's security, and he thanked the "nearly 20,000 of our soldiers who, during the Holidays, watch over our safety". "All provocations over the Baltic Sea and near the border with Belarus were under the full control of the Polish Army," he said.

## Digvijaya Singh Cong leader back tracks from praising RSS, BJP

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New Delhi : Senior leader Digvijaya Singh's praise for the RSS and the BJP has exposed cracks within the Congress in a fresh crisis that has gripped the grand old party and raised questions over unity and discontentment among the senior leadership.

Singh had triggered controversy over an online post in which he said that the BJP-RSS allow grassroots workers to grow within the organisation to top posts like chief minister and prime minister, sharing a photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi sitting on the floor near BJP veteran LK Advani. But in quick succession, he back tracked saying he had been a staunch critic of the RSS-BJP, the damage was already done. His post brought to attention another



er remark by Singh from a week ago, in which he had publicly called for the need for reforms and decentralisation of power within the Congress, tagging Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi.

Singh's earlier remark, however, had already divided the Congress, with a majority of the leaders siding with him. But Pawan Khera, a member of the highest decision-making body of the Congress, chose to differ. "I don't agree to what he said. Godse's supporters cannot be Gandhi's supporters," said Khera, who is in charge of the party's media and publicity.

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

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Dera Bassi : 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 fluorosis 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 due 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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PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11

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Industrial Area : 0172-2250910

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

Police Station Mataur : 9115516020

Police Station Suhana : 9115516029

Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040

Police Station Zirakpur: (M) 95929 16063

### COMPLAINT CENTERS

Water Supply : 18001802468

Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

### COMPLAINTS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

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

Birth and Death : 0172-5044902,

Engineering Branch : 0172-5044909, 5044907 (O)

### OTHER HELPLINE

WOMEN - 1091 & CHILDREN - 1098

VIGILANCE HELPLINE - 1800-1800-1000

0172-2231669, 0172-2216142

### HEALTH SUVIDHA CENTER

Civil Hospital Phase-6, Mohali

Multi Specialists Government Hospital Phone 0172-2225464

Cheema Medical Complex Phase 4, Multi Speciality, Child

Specialist 3101030 Ambulance, Mobile 9815400070

PUDA OFFICE - 0172-2215308

### PASSENGERS SERVICE

Punjab Roadways : 0172-2704023

CTU : 0172-2704005

PRTC : 0172-2704128

Haryana Roadways : 0172-2704014,

Himachal Roadways : 0172-2704015

Railway : 0172-2641656

Airport : 0172-2654832

FUNERAL PHONE : 9914855855

GRAVEYARD : 9888970033, 0172-2236403