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Indore's paralysing status of cleanliness epitomises negligence of bureaucrats

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Bhopal : An aphorism goes 'Cleanliness is next to Godliness' even if it is put vice versa nothing is wrong as in the absence of cleanliness, the persistent cycles of unemptness has devoured about more than 16 innocent lives in Bhagirath pura (Indore) after consuming contaminated drinking water. Even John Wesley had remarked Slovenliness is not a part of religion. " in Madhya Pradesh's

Indore, officially was called India's "cleanest city," where had the top accountable Municipal Commissioners Dilip Kumar Yadav, and Additional Commissioner Rohit Sissoniya (later removed) had eloped from the vicinity of the urbanites, asked Uma Bharti, a former BJP MP. The outbreak of diarrhoea targeted about 18 lives and more than 200 were facing hospitalisation and rest 36 were

found in ICUs fighting for survival. Elected representatives and officials were seen at loggerheads attributing accountability on one another. Politicos were charging commissioners, secretaries with neglect of sanitation. The ministry of "Jal Jivan" has failed to provide clean water or clean air to the people," said Mallikarjun Kharge, the President of the Indian National Congress. "Clean water is not a



Chief Minister Mohan Yadav

favour but right to life which ought to be provided free but is being destroyed by the insensitive governance,said Rahul Gandhi, leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha. More than 1,400 residents fell ill and several are still battling for life in hos-

pitals. Now, the tragedy has taken a disturbing new turn crossing 16 mortal patients. Battlelines were drawn during a high level meeting chaired by additional chief secretary Sanjay Dubey, incharge of Urban Development, the

meet was attended by Mayor P u s h y a m i t r a Bhargava . A 67-year-old woman from Bhagirath pura, Parvati Bai Kondla, shows symptoms of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (GBS) a rare, potentially fatal neurological disorder that attacks the body's nerves, raising fears that the water contamination has caused not just gastrointestinal illness, but long-term, irreversible neurological damage. Parvati, who is on a

ventilator, is undergoing dialysis due to kidney failure. And her nervous system is failing. She first fell ill on the night of December 27. She had vomiting and loose motions. The next day, she was admitted to a private hospital. Her condition deteriorated rapidly. Her limbs became weak. Her reflexes disappeared. She could no longer breathe on her own. On January 2, she was shifted to Bombay Hospital,

Indore. A Nerve Conduction Study (NCS) carried out at Alpha Brain Study Centre in Indore found clear evidence of acute nerve injury. The findings show, reduced muscle response (CMAP) in both peroneal nerves, absent sensory nerve signals in both legs, absent late nerve responses and a pattern consistent with acute inflammatory nerve damage, not age-related degeneration.

Trump charges President Maduro of Venezuela with drug trafficking so bombed nation

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Caracas : Juan Guaido, an opposition political leader in Venezuela was recognised by the U.S. and its Western allies as the acting President of Venezuela. After Mr. Trump returned to power in early 2025, his immediate foreign policy priority was Venezuela and South America more broadly. The administration declared a 'war on drugs' and accused Mr. Maduro



of being 'one of the largest narco-traffickers in the world'. The U.S. began bombing civilian boats off Venezuela, claiming they were carrying drugs and deployed jets, warships and thousands of troops to the Caribbean.

" I have authorised the CIA to carry out a clandestine operation inside Venezuela and warned that Mr. Maduro's "time is up" also imposed a naval quarantine on oil tankers to and from Venezuela",announced Mr Trump.

Mayor post would be decided on Jan 29, by raising hands in election process

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Chandigarh : Nishant Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, the prescribed authority for conducting the elections declared on Friday that the poll for new Mayor would be held on 29 Jan 2026.

The name of Dr Ramneek Singh Bedi ,councillor, not a candidate for the post of Mayor, was designated as Presiding authority for the meeting scheduled to be held on 29 Jan 2026. The election would be held by showing hands, in accordance with the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act 1976 and Chandigarh MC regulations 1996. Election for the post of Mayor,



Senior Deputy Mayor, and Deputy Mayor would be held as per the existing policy of the Administration. The prescribed authority for holding the polls on the administrative,procedural,logistical ,security arrangement was briefed by senior officers of the Municipal Corporation to ensure smooth, lawful and orderly conduct of the election.

Iran national security is formidably a "Red line" -- Shamkhani

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Tehran : Iranians were very well aware of US "Rescue Operation" in Iraq, Afghanistan and Gaza, cautioned the United States. Moments after Donald Trump threatened military intervention in Tehran if it fired on peaceful protesters, the consequences would be tough for Iran.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's adviser mocked the US President, saying that Iranians were well Khamenei of US "rescue operations" in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Gaza. In response to Trump's direct threat to the Ayatollah, Ali Shamkhani, a senior aide to Iran's Supreme Leader, reminded him of the US's hasty withdrawals from Afghanistan and Iraq, among other examples. Shamkhani was referring to the US Army's rapid exit from Afghanistan in 2021 after maintaining a stronghold there for two decades, leaving behind one



million weapons and military equipment - mostly funded by Washington DC- to the Taliban. Another example Shamkhani cited was the US withdrawal from Iraq at the turn of the last decade, which eventually contributed to the rise of ISIS and a bloody four-year war that devastated the country between 2013 and 2017. Accusing Trump of engaging in what he called "adventurism," Shamkhani told Americans to "watch over their soldiers." He added that Iran's national security was a "red line" and not something to be tested through what he described as "adventurous."

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



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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. For the quality emergence convential ayurvedic Bolana

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90-day work a year for gig workers, proposal by Centre

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New Delhi : Gig and platform workers would now need to be engaged for at least 90 days with an aggregator, or at least 120 days in the case of multiple aggregators, within a financial year to be eligible for social security benefits, according to the draft rules released for public comment by the Union labour ministry. The notification, dated December 30, 2025, came a day before gig and platform workers' strike on New Year's Eve demanding higher payouts and better working conditions. Under the draft rules, gig



and platform workers must be engaged with an aggregator for at least 90 days in a financial year to qualify for social security benefits established by the Centre. For those working with more than one aggregator, the required period increases to 120 days. The rules define a worker as engaged if they have earned income for work carried out for an aggregator on a particular calendar day, regardless of the amount earned.

A gig worker or a platform worker will be treated as engaged with an aggregator for one day if they earn any income, irrespective of the amount, for work done for that aggregator on that calendar day. If a gig worker or a platform worker works for multiple aggregators, the total number of engagement days will be counted cumulatively across all aggregators. If a gig worker or a platform worker is engaged with three aggregators on the same calendar day, it will be counted as three days of engagement.

Bullet train to run on tracks from 15 August 2027 - Railway Minister

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New Delhi : The maiden "Bullet " train equipped with 16 coaches 11 ofAC-3, 4 of AC-2, 1 of AC-1. A total of 823 travellers would be able to board the envisaged train, disclosed Mr Ashwani Vaishnav, the Railway minister on Friday. In systematic schedule



of planned phases, first would run from Surat to Bilimora, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi Ahmedabad.

Thane Ahmadabad.In the last run Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

Swiss launch criminal investigation over deadly fire at Ski Resort Bar

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SKI : Public prosecutors in Switzerland have opened a criminal investigation into the managers of the bar in Switzerland's Crans Montana, where at least 40 people died in a fire. Two days after the fire, in which 119 people suffered injuries, including severe burns, officials were still trying to identify many of those killed. Attention has also turned to how one of Switzerland's worst tragedies could have occurred. The bar's two managers are suspected of offences including homicide by negligence, causing bodily harm by negligence and arson by negligence, prosecutors in Valais, the canton ?that is home to the bar in the upscale ski resort of Crans-Montana, said in a statement on Saturday. They did not



name the pair. "It was an enormous tragedy. We're all so sorry that this had to happen," Beat Jans, the Swiss justice minister, told reporters, standing in front of the cordoned-off bar, Le Constellation. He said temperatures during the blaze must have reached "500, 600 degrees [Celsius, or 900-1,100 Fahrenheit]". The managers of the resort were reported by multiple outlets to be a man and a woman from France. The

man is believed to have been away while the woman was inside the bar and suffered burns to her arm, according to the French broadcaster BFM TV. Switzerland's Tribune de Geneve reported that the man told the newspaper the bar had been checked "three times in 10 years" and that "everything was done within the standards". The couple reportedly have two other establishments, one in Crans-Montana and another in nearby Lens.

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Medical tourism may metamorphose into advantageous bet

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

India's edge lies higher up the value chain in cardiac surgery, oncology, organ transplants, neurosurgery, a d v a n c e d orthopaedics and robotic interventions. It has more than 50 internationally accredited (JCI-certified) hospitals, English-speaking doctors trained to Western protocols, and unbeatable experience of managing complex cases given population size and diversity. Add world-class diagnostics, affordable generics, skilled nursing and a robust digital health stack, and India's credibility becomes hard to match. India offers OECD-level outcomes at a fraction of global costs and with infection rates among the lowest in the world. India versus Thailand and around \$80,000 in US; coronary bypass and joint-replacement surgeries are similarly a quarter of prices in Asean and less than a tenth of that in US. The savings extend across diagnostics, ICU care and follow-up, w i t h o u t compromising safety or recovery. For patients and insurers in Africa, Gulf and Eastern Europe, this combination of value and reliability is unbeatable. We can be confident that

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

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

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

Bhardwaj said that the schedule was prepared with s t u d e n t s ' convenience in mind. "A sufficient gap has been provided between major subjects for both classes. The dates of e n t r a n c e examinations for Class 12 students have also been considered, ensuring that board exams finish well in advance," he said. "This will help students manage their time effectively for both board and

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CHANDIGARH : Hari Kallikkat, a 2018-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, Mizoram and other Union Territories) cadre, has been shifted from Chandigarh to Delhi, and Syed Abid Rashid Shah, a 2012-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, has been transferred from Jammu and Kashmir to Chandigarh. Kallikkat was also holding the charge of Managing Director, CITCO, Additional Chief Electoral



Officer and Secretary, A g r i c u l t u r a l Marketing Board. Kallikkat had joined the Chandigarh Administration in September 2023. The Ministry of Home Affair also ordered the transfer of Rajiv Ranjan Singh, IPS officer of 2010 batch, from Delhi to Chandigarh.

Online classes to regulate study upto class XII till January 10

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Chandigarh : The UT Education Department has regulated timings of local government, private and government-aided schools considering the prevailing weather and foggy conditions, upto January 10. There will be no classes in physical mode for Class VIII and for non-board classes (IX and XI), but schools may organise online classes from 9 am and regulate the timings for their staff



accordingly. Similarly, for board classes (X and XII), the schools may open but not before 9:30 am and close no later than 3:30 pm. "To avoid disruption of pre-board examinations (if any), these instructions shall be followed suitably," read the order.

Strict MC drive launched against property tax defaulters

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MOHALI: Sealing notices had been issued under Section 138-C of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, to repeat defaulting properties, and in appropriate cases a final period of three days has been granted for payment of the entire outstanding property tax said Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh. A strict enforcement drive against repeat property tax defaulters, particularly major commercial and industrial properties that have failed to deposit the property tax despite repeated notices and adequate opportunities. Parminder Pal further cautioned in the event of failure to clear the dues within this final period, the municipal corporation will proceed to seal the premises without any further intimation, and the owner/occupier shall be personally responsible for any loss or damage to goods, stock or machinery lying inside the sealed property. Joint Commissioner added that after sealing, the municipal corporation was empowered under law to dispose of such properties through public auction to recover outstanding



property tax, along with penalty up to 20 per cent of the tax amount and interest at the rate of 18 per cent with effect from April 1, 2014, till the date of recovery, as admissible under the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976. The present action particularly covers prominent industrial and commercial units located in various phases and sectors of Mohali, details of which have been compiled in the defaulter list prepared by the MC. All property tax payers who are still defaulters have been warned to immediately deposit their arrears along with applicable penalty and interest at the office of the MC within the stipulated time. Any delay or failure to comply will invite coercive measures, including sealing of property, auction for recovery of dues and other legal proceedings as per the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976.

Canine bite victim to receive Rs 1-lakh relief, court directs owners

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CHANDIGARH : Dr Bhumika Gupta, a resident of Sector 49-B, Chandigarh, had filed a suit for recovery of Rs 30,000 with interest rate of 18% per annum on account of medical and incidental expenses for treating the injuries caused by a dog owned by Divya Setia and Manpal Setia, who lived in her society. She also sought damages and compensation of Rs 2,00,000 for the reputational, economical, mental and social loss caused to her. A local court has directed the owners of a dog to pay a compensation of Rs 1 lakh to a woman who was bitten by the canine. The court also directed the owners to pay Rs 30,000 on account of medical and incidental expenses. Gupta said on January 18, 2020, she went to the terrace of her building to collect clothes hung up for drying and found Divya and her five unchained pet dogs there. One of the dogs suddenly attacked her, making her fall 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. Later, the plaintiff underwent medical treatment, which cost her around Rs 30,000. The injuries permanently 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.

Delisted eco-fragile areas comprise of 'illegal plotting', NGT moved

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CANDIGARH : Kapil Dev, President of the Council of Engineers, said a builder under the banner of Defence and Services Personnel's Welfare Housing Society had inserted advertisement in newspapers regarding allotment of farm lots under eco-tourism scheme, without the mandatory approval from RERA and without any CLU from the Housing and Urban Development department. In a complaint to the RERA Chairman and Principal secretary, Housing and Urban Development the president highlighted the grievances of Engineers before the Chairman of RERA. Days after the Council of Engineers moved the National Green Tribunal (NGT) against the Punjab Government over the low housing policy for the delisted forest areas in the eco-fragile lower Shivalik Hill, foot Hills, the association has complained to Punjab Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) regarding alleged illegal colonisation in the delisted areas. Near 55,000 hectares of land across the state had been



taken out of the purview of the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA) and termed as delisted lands. He alleged that the complaint is filed solely in public interest to prevent environmental degradation, unauthorised real estate development and financial harm to unsuspecting members of the public, particularly ex-servicemen and government employees. "The tentative location of the project is located in the eco-fragile areas delisted from forests at short distance from PGIMER, Chandigarh. The unregulated development in delisted areas was causing irreversible environmental damage. At the site, banners of the society have been put up. The Supreme Court guidelines for delisted lands have been violated by allowing commercial

exploitation," he stated while blaming the enforcement agencies for overlooking the violation for long. The association said while the farm house policy of the state government has been stayed by the NGT, illegal colonisation was being done without impunity. Devinder Sandhu from the WWICS said the housing society coming out with farm lots had eco-tourism approval from the competent authority. "Regarding the notices issued by GMADA to property owners who have developed eco-tourism sites for their personal use, the affected persons have filed a contempt petition in in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The matter is being heard by the court," he added. The GMADA has written to the police for registration of FIR against the World Wide Immigration Consultancy Services, for carving an illegal colony Fair wood Farms and Imperial Golf Greens, Nada (Majri). The District Town Planner has sought registration of the FIR under Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act, 1995.

21 services through VAHAN portal for commercial vehicles go online

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CANDIGARH : The State Transport Authority (STA) has put its 21 services online for commercial vehicle owners in the city. The services would be available through the VAHAN portal. In a move aimed at strengthening the ease of doing business framework. The STA will also start issuing Registration Certificates (RCs) on doorstep through postal delivery from January 10. The services now available online include new vehicle registration, issuance of duplicate registration certificates, transfer of ownership and addition or termination of hypothecation. With this initiative, commercial vehicle owners and operators can apply for



services entirely online without the need to visit the STA office. According to official data from the Transport Department, the city has around 38,000 registered commercial vehicles, including three-wheelers, goods carriers and others. The officials said the digitisation drive was expected to significantly benefit commercial vehicle operators, who frequently

required transport-related approvals and documentation and earlier faced delays due to manual procedures. The online system also offers real-time status tracking of applications. Applicants are informed through SMS in case any deficiency is found in their submissions, ensuring transparency and time-bound processing of services. Before making the services online, there used to be a great rush, as nearly 200 to 300 operators visited the office daily for getting their work done, said the official. The officials said the online transport services would improve efficiency and compliance and help reduce congestion at the STA office.

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



other charges, he said. The bank currently has 17,229 deceased and widow borrower accounts, with dues amounting to Rs 190.70 crore in principal, Rs 246.77 crore in interest and Rs 41.68 crore in penal interest, totalling Rs 479.14 crore. "In addition, under the OTS Scheme 2022, all other overdue borrowers will be eligible for 50 per cent waiver of interest, while penal interest and additional charges will also be waived. The scheme will apply to all categories of loans issued by the bank," Rana said. "As per the scheme, any borrower who, for whatever reason, could not repay his/her loan and was

declared a defaulter by the bank on March 31, 2022, may avail benefits of this settlement," he said. It is noteworthy that the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks together have 61,767 borrowers, with total outstanding dues of Rs 1,857.92 crore (Rs 723.55 crore principal, Rs 1,002.91 crore interest and Rs 131.47 crore penal interest). The government extended the OTS Scheme once again to facilitate repayment by these borrowers. Rana said, "The scheme has been extended for a limited period. The beneficiaries should avail its benefits on a 'first come, first served' basis. For availing the scheme and obtaining further information, borrowers may contact any of the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks or the 70 branches established at the tehsil

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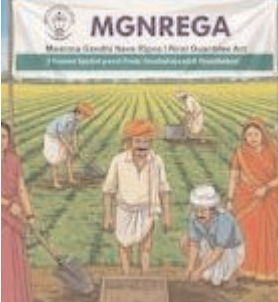
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Tennis Ball Cricket League of India gears up for Mumbai Trials on December 13-14

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.

Nabha villagers unequivocally back MGNREGA

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Kansuha Khurd (Nabha) : Inhabitants of the Kansuha village raised their concerns about the funding pattern under which states were expected to bear about 40 % costs of the VB-GRamG. Earlier, Centre used to pay 100% wages and most material costs. Workers asked whether this signalled an attempt by the Centre to cut its own expenditure and shift the burden onto financially strained states. Harpreet Kaur , a resident of Kansuha



Khurd said several elderlies didn't receive old age pensions for the past two months due to shortage of funds at the state level. It means VB G RAM G employment will depend upon availability of the funds . The shifting of demand based legal right to fund

b a s e d scheme,certainly would deprive their much sought after dividends, deplored another disgruntled woman. Such barrages of delayed payments would lead to politicisation of relief employment and deepen regional disparities. The MGNREGA enacted in 2005 guaranteed at least 100 days of wage employment per rural household on demand and was financed largely by the Centre which always paid full wages.

Colombian President ready to 'take up arms' in face of Trump threats

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Bogota: Colombian President Gustavo Petro said on Monday (January 5, 2026) he would "take up arms" in the face of threats from U.S. counterpart Donald Trump, who over the weekend seized the leader of neighboring Venezuela in a military strike. Mr. Petro, a former guerrilla who has for months been the target of insults and threats from Mr. Trump, said on X: "I swore not to touch a weapon again... but for the homeland I will take up arms again." Mr. Trump said over the weekend that Mr.



Petro should "watch his ass" and described Colombia's first-ever leftist leader as "a sick man who likes making cocaine and selling it to the United States." Mr. Petro has harshly criticised the Trump administration's military action in the region and accused Washington of abducting Mr. Maduro "without legal basis.".

Maduro arrives at federal courthouse in New York

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New York :Venezuela's interim President Delcy Rodriguez on Sunday created a commission to seek the release of ousted President Nicolas Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores. Ms. Rodriguez held her first cabinet meeting since U.S. forces ousted Mr. Maduro. Hours after Ms. Rodriguez was appointed as interim President of the country, U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday (January



4) warned that she may have to pay a "bigger price than Maduro" if she does not cooperate with the United States. Mr. Trump insisted the United States is "in charge"

of Venezuela after the seizure of Mr. Maduro, but was also dealing with the new interim leadership in Caracas. No Venezuela death toll has been announced, but Defence Minister Vladimir Padrino Lopez said a "large part" of Mr. Maduro's security team was killed "in cold blood," as well as military personnel and civilians, after the U.S. strike on Venezuela.

China triggers fire drills around Taiwan, Japan resists, would embroil in conflict

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Beijing : By deploying navy, air, rocket troops , China has launched live-fire drills in war games around Taiwan, its military said were aimed at testing combat readiness and delivering a "stern warning" against "separatist" and "external interference" forces. The exercises on Monday prompted Taiwan to scramble soldiers and hardware to rehearse repelling an attack. It came amid anger in Beijing over an \$11.1bn weapons sale to Taiwan by the United States, as well as a statement by Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi, who suggested that



the Japanese military could get involved if China were to attack the self-governed island. Beijing considers Taiwan as part of its territory and has pledged to take control of the island by force if necessary. In a statement, the Chinese military's Eastern Theater Command said it had concentrated forces to the north and southwest of the Taiwan Strait and carried out

live firing and simulated strikes on land and maritime targets. The drills, dubbed Just Mission 2025, would continue on Tuesday and include exercises to blockade the island's main ports and encircle it. Shi Yi, a spokesperson for the Eastern Theater Command, said in a post on Chinese social media platform Weibo that the activities will focus "on training for maritime and aerial combat readiness patrols, gaining 'integrated control, sealing off key ports and areas and conducting multi-dimensional deterrence".

Scrupulous time distribution regime from Jan 26

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



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

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

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Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority

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

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

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US will intervene if Iran 'kills peaceful protesters' :Trump

Commissioner News Service

Washington : US President Donald Trump in the back drop of protests in Iran, has issued a strong warning saying that if Iran kills peaceful protesters, US will come to their rescue. “We are locked and loaded and ready to go,” Trump said in a post on his Truth Social account. At least seven people have been killed in Iran amid clashes between security forces and protesters as protests have rocked Iran since Sunday. The protests that began in capital city of Tehran as shopkeepers on Sunday took to the streets over the gov-



ernment’s handling of a sharp fall in the currency, economic stagnation and high inflation, which officially rose to 42.5 per cent in December. The protests intensified after students from at least ten universities joined the demonstrations on Tuesday. Markets have been shut amid the ongoing protests and the government declared a holiday due

to cold weather, effectively shutting much of the country. The protests have spread to multiple provinces as demonstrators poured into the streets over the last 24 hours, with some protests escalating into fatal confrontations with security forces. Iran’s civilian government, led by President Masoud Pezeshkian, has tried to show a willingness to engage with protesters. “From an Islamic perspective... if we do not resolve the issue of people’s livelihoods, we will end up in Hell,” he said at an event aired on state television.

PU's largest auditorium no longer delayed, set to open

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Having experienced several times bottlenecks like administrative changes ,contractor issues, cost revision, covid 19 ,finally largest auditorium of Punjab University in sector 25 at south campus appears to be ready for opening at short notice. Many other projects hostels work, parking developments, and vehicles proper regulation too are awaiting completion. The most of the work is significantly complete. Awaiting compliance clearance, the main structure, seating and core facilities are complete.



The auditorium envisions as a multipurpose academic and cultural venue capable of hosting large convocation, conferences and performances. Dr ManMohan Singh had laid it's foundation on Nov 3 ,2009 hoping , it would host large convocations, cultural exhibitions and gala performances..

Why did Trump abduct Maduro on illegal terms, Colombian President ready to ‘take up arms

Commissioner News Service

Bogota :Colombian President Gustavo Petro said on Monday (January 5, 2026) he would “take up arms” in the face of threats from U.S. counterpart Donald Trump, who over the weekend seized the leader of neighboring Venezuela in a military strike. Mr. Petro, a former guerrilla who has for months been the target of insults and threats from Mr. Trump, said on X: “I swore not to touch a weapon again... but for the homeland I will take up arms again.” Mr. Trump said over the weekend that Mr. Petro should “watch his ass” and



described Colombia's first-ever leftist leader as “a sick man who likes making cocaine and selling it to the United States.” Mr. Petro has harshly criticised the Trump administration’s military action in the region and accused Washington of abducting Mr. Maduro “without legal basis.”

Suspects mashing window caught at US Vice President JD Vance's Ohio home

Commissioner News Service

Washington : The suspicious person is in custody, and an investigation is underway following an incident at the Ohio residence of US Vice President JD Vance, quoted federal law enforcement agency. Local outlets, including WLWT, reported that several windows were damaged and broken glass was present, with both law enforcement and the Secret Service on the scene for further investigation. The Vance family was not home at the time of the incident in Cincinnati, and authorities do not believe the person entered the house. The investigators are probing whether the individual was targeting the US Vice President and his family. Neither Vance nor the White House has commented on the incident yet. The Secret Service heard a loud noise at the home around midnight and found a person who had broken a window with a hammer and was trying to get into the house, quoted two law enforcement officials. The man had also vandalised a Secret



Service vehicle on his way up the home's driveway, one of the officials said. The home, in the Walnut Hills neighbourhood, on hills overlooking the city, was unoccupied at the time, and Vance and his family were not in Ohio, Secret Service spokesperson Anthony Guglielmi said. The US Vice President was in Cincinnati for the holidays last week and left on Sunday, hours before the incident occurred. The Secret Service is coordinating with the Cincinnati Police Department and the US attorney’s office as charging decisions are reviewed, he said. Vance, a Republican, was a US senator representing Ohio before becoming vice president. His office directed questions to the Secret Service and stated that his family had already returned to Washington.

HERC to hold public hearing tomorrow in Panchkula

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : A public hearing on power tariff in P’kula tomorrow would be organised by Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC). The commission regarding power tariffs would monitor suggestions from all sects of subscribers for the new



2026- 27 financial year . On the petition filed by the

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN) and Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam(DHBVN). Both the Nigam already had filed their petitions before HERC on Nov 28, 2025 for the Annual Revenue Requirement for the year 2026 - 27.

MP Manish Tewari joins celebration gala of Annual sports day at Sector 43



Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh– Member of Parliament, Manish Tewari joined Annual sports day and inaugurated beautifully illuminated statues of Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. The Resident Welfare Association (RWA) of Sector 43-B, with particularly joyful children, enthusiastically participated in various sports events, showcasing their talent and spirit. Manish Tewari graced the



event as the Chief Guest and appreciated the efforts and performances of the young participants, distributed prizes to all winners, and motivated them to pursue sports for a healthy and disciplined life. Premlata Area Councillor attended as the Guest of Honour. Prominent dignitaries included Shri H.S. Lucky, President of Chandigarh Congress; Area Councillor Smt. Premlata;

Shri Sachin Ghalib, Councillor; Smt. Chandramukhi Sharma; Shri Ashok Prashar; Shri Vikram Chopra and Hitesh Puri. In addition, the RWA, under the presidentship of Shri Rajesh Rai demanded the establishment of a government medical dispensary in Sector 43, while the second sought reservation for Chandigarh domicile children.

Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

Commissioner News service

DeraBassi : Fluoride habitation carrying water contaminants with the fast depletion of ground water and distant access to safe drinking water has been evolving a serious concern with the ministry of Jal Shakti. As public health his been the intimate concern of Punjab Pollution Control, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, steps must be initiated to eradicate flow of untreated sewage, effluents into the ground water.

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

Pathogens like bacteria and viruses are being experienced as a very common hazard with the rural public life. Afflicted several health issues might be arthritis, infertility, hypertension, neurotoxicity and increased risk of skeletal cancer, reveals an official.

Additionally prolonged exposure can damage organs like liver, kidneys, lungs and testis. Water contamination has been posing immediate and chronic health threats, needs seriouses contemplation, medication and panacea.

‘WHO IS WHO’ AT SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)

HELPLINE DISTT SAS NAGAR

Municipal Corporation : 1800137007

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Police Control Room : 100, 0172-2210357, 58

DSP Office : 0172-2272003, 0172-2272045

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

PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11

Punjab School Education Board : 3047444

Industrial Area : 0172-2250910

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Police Station Mataur : 9115516020

Police Station Suhana : 9115516029

Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040

Police Station Zirakpur: (M) 95929 16063

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Water Supply : 18001802468

Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

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Birth and Death : 0172-5044902,

Engineering Branch : 0172-5044909, 5044907 (O)

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