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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 unkemptness 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

"Clean water is not a

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

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

meet was attended by Mayor Pushyamitra 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

Commissioner News Service

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.

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

Commissioner News Service
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 January 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.

Electon for the post of Mayor,

Senior Deputy Mayor, and Deputy Mayor would be held as per the existing policy of the Chandigarh 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

Commissioner News Service
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 aware 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."

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

Commissioner News Service
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 pay 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.

Restoration work of Gandhi Bhawan phase II, begins and halts

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh : Sans presence of engineers, conservation professionals from the consultancy firm the work was stopped all of sudden, despite tenders worth Rs 20 lakh were awarded to a contractor.

The conservation project of Gandhi Bhawan, an



iconic heritage structure was begun germinating

concern over the execution methods and absence of technical experts. The contractor has been asked to stop work. The restoration work will only start after proper methodology is followed with the presence of engineers and professionals from the consultancy firm.

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

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : The maiden "Bullet" train equipped with 16 coaches 11 of AC-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 Bimlora, 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

Commissioner News Service
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. The

procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is manufactured from white butter/curd. The quantum of cow milk is put on mild flame specific span of time until it got melted for ghee. It is widely claimed that cow milk is scared substance, often used in religious rituals besides Ayurvedic treatments. Cow ghee must be used before 9 months from date. Milk fat is inherently expensive. Its current exdairy price of Rs 460, -- 470/- is way above Rs 125 -- 130, wholesale range for refined palmolien, soyabean or sunflower.

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. For the quality emergence conventional ayurvedic

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EDITORIAL -

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 currentshare-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 around \$80,000 in Thailand and around \$800,000 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.

Bhardwaj said that the schedule was prepared with students' convenience in mind. "A sufficient gap has been provided between major subjects for both classes. The dates of entrance exams."

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

TRICITY

Hari Kallikkat
Secretary IT
transferred to Delhi

Commissioner News Service

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, Agricultural Marketing Board. Kallikkat had joined the Chandigarh Administration in September 2023. The Ministry of Home Affairs 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

Commissioner News Service

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

Commissioner News Service

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.

Jasjit Singh, 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



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,

economic, mental and social

loss to her, the court ordered.

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

Commissioner News Service

CHANDIGARH : 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 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

Commissioner News Service

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



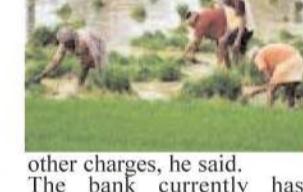
services entirely online without the need to visit the STA office.

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 online transport services would improve efficiency and compliance and help reduce congestion at the STA office.

Hr govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026

Commissioner News Service

PANCHKULA : During a meeting of the all district-level Chief Executive Officers and Managers held at the Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Land Development Bank (Land Mortgage Bank) headquarters information was shared by the bank's Chairman, Amar Pal Rana. The Haryana Government has extended the One-Time Loan Waiver Scheme (OTS Scheme 2022) for overdue borrower-members of the Bank until March 31, 2026. Mr Rana informed that under this scheme, overdue interest on the loan accounts of deceased borrowers of the District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks would be waived in full. If legal heir/heirs of a deceased principal 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 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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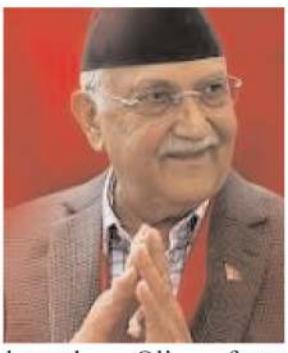
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Travel restrictions removed on Nepal's former PM Oli



Commissioner News Service
KATHMANDU : The decision to lift the travel restrictions was taken at a meeting of the commission here, said spokesperson of the commission, Bigyan Raj Sharma.

An inquiry commission probing the incidents related to last year's Gen Z protests on Monday lifted the travel restrictions imposed on former prime minister and CPN (UML) chief K P Sharma Oli.

The development comes a day after Oli sent a formal reply to a letter from the probe commission seeking clarification over the 'excessive' use of force during the Gen Z movement.

On September 28 last year, the Commission

day Gen Z protests. Of them, 22 were killed on the first day of the protests. A three-member inquiry commission, led by former judge Gauri Bahadur Karki, was formed by the interim government of Prime Minister Sushila Karki to probe allegations of use of excessive force and rights violations during the youth-led protests. A team from the commission on Sunday visited Oli's residence in Gundu of Bhaktapur district and handed him a letter consisting of around four dozen questions. The commission received a written statement from the former Prime Minister on the same day.

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Commissioner News Service

Beijing : Chinese businessmen can apply for travel to India for specific business activities, including installation and commissioning of equipment in view of recent introduction of e-Production Investment Business Visa called e-B-4 Visa of India has introduced.

The e-B-4 Visa, which was introduced on January 1, can be applied for online without visiting the embassy or agents. A latest advisory on the Indian Embassy website disclosed here.

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executives, according to the advisory.

The Indian companies desirous of inviting Chinese nationals for activities on e-B-4 Visa can also apply by registering on DPIIT's NSWS (National Single Window System) portal at <https://www.nsws.gov.in/> under the tab 'Login-Business User Login'.

Applicants can submit an application for an e-B-4 Visa online on the portal <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in> under the tab 'For e-Visa by Bureau of Immigration, apply along with mandatory supporting documents, it said.

India and China have, in recent months, agreed on several people-centric steps to reset their ties.

Lunar eclipse necessitates

Tirumala temple to be shut for

over 10 hours on March 3

Commissioner News Service

TIRUPATI : The Tirumala temple of Lord Venkateswara will remain closed to devotees from 9 am to 7.30 pm on March 3 owing to a lunar eclipse, the temple administration said on Sunday.

The Tirumala temple will reopen for devotees after the completion of 'suddhi', the purificatory rites performed to cleanse the temple after the eclipse, with offline darshan resuming at 8.30 pm.

The lunar eclipse is expected to last nearly three-and-a-half hours, from 3.20 pm to 6.47 pm.

"TTD said several sevas—including Ashtadala Pada Padmaradhana (worship

of the Lord's feet with eight-petaled lotus flowers), Kalyanotsavam (celestial wedding ceremony), Unjal (swing ceremony), Arjita Brahmotsavam (ceremonial procession) and Sahasra Deepalankara (lamp illumination ceremony)—will be cancelled due to the eclipse," the release said.

Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams has requested devotees to cooperate with the arrangements made in view of the lunar eclipse.

MUMBAI TRIALS
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DREAM LEAGUE OF INDIA

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

Commissioner News Service

Mumbai : The Tennis Ball Mumbai trials will be held at Gavdevi Maidan, 40+ Tembholi (Nevali), New Panvel, Navi Mumbai, with reporting time at 8:00 AM for all aspiring participants.

After good response in Nashik on December 11-12, the Dream League of India (DLI), India's biggest and fastest-growing Tennis Ball Cricket League, is now set to conduct its next phase of Maharashtra trials in Mumbai on December 13 and 14, according to a release.

Following massive participation across Delhi, Gurugram, Greater Noida, Gurgaon, Mohali, Lucknow, Jaipur, and now Nashik, DLI continues its mission to identify grassroots cricketing talent across Maharashtra.

After Mumbai, the league will move to Pune for its next trials.

DLI welcomes players across two age groups—Junior (13-18 years) and Senior (18 years & above)—to showcase their cricketing

abilities and take a major step toward pursuing the sport professionally.

Speaking on the Maharashtra leg of trials, Chetanya Nanda, former cricketer and Founder of Dream League of India, said,

"Nashik showed us talent and enthusiasm. We are excited to take this momentum to Mumbai next, and we are confident the city will surprise us with some exceptional players ready for the big stage," as quoted from a release.

Adding to this, Rishabh Bhatia, Founder of Servotech Sports, shared, "Every city strengthens our grassroots cricket movement. The energy in

Nashik was phenomenal, and we expect Mumbai to take it to the next level as we continue building a nationwide platform for emerging players."

Dream League of India, has introduced a new era for tennis-ball cricket by offering a structured pathway, professional exposure, and a competitive league format featuring six teams in both Junior and Senior categories.

With acclaimed actor Sonu Sood as the League Commissioner, joined by well-known personalities Salim Merchant and Darshan Kumar, the league has captured national attention and continues to inspire young cricketers.

Encouraging Mumbai's youth, actor Sonu Sood, Salim Merchant, and Darshan Kumar, said, "Mumbai, it's your turn now!

Bring your passion, bring your talent, this is your moment to shine. Let the world see what you're capable of. Do come in large numbers."

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

Commissioner News Service

Thiruvananthapuram : BJP Kerala unit urge it would request the Centre to include the city as one of the venues for the 2036 Games. In its manifesto for the Thiruvananthapuram Corporation election.

BJP's local body election manifesto promises to develop the state capital into a co-host city for the 2036 Olympics triggered political row, with leaders of both LDF and UDF on Monday calling it a fake claim.

The International Olympic Committee is yet to announce the host for the 2036 edition of the world's biggest sporting event.

However, there have been reports that India is bidding for the Games with Ahmedabad as its proposed main host city.

Kerala Education Minister V Sivankutty accused BJP of deceiving the people of Thiruvananthapuram. This is a trick because BJP has nothing to say about development," he said.

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BJP on its election manifesto. The 2036 India Venitium formal bid to host 2036 Olympics

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

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.

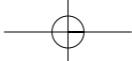
"They do not understand how it will happen. We will teach them after we get the opportunity to govern," he said.

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.

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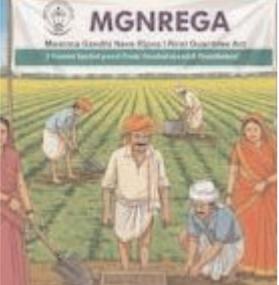
Nabha villagers unequivocally back MGNREGA

Commissioner News Service

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.

Harpreeet Kaur, a resident of Kansuha



base 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

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."

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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

Commissioner News Service

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

Commissioner News Service

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

Commissioner News Service
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

factor, remarked CJI. Certain cases go on for days together with long debates where helpless poor litigants go back home disappointed 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

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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.

Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

Commissioner News Service

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.

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

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Having experienced several times bottle-necks 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 Man Mohan Singh had laid its foundation on Nov 3, 2009, hoping it would host large convocations, cultural exhibitions and gala performances.

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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."

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 Panchkula tomorrow would be organised by Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC).

The commission regarding power tariffs would monitor suggestions from all sectors 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. Luckay, 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

the presidency of Shri

Rajesh Rai demanded the

establishment of a govern-

ment medical dispensary in

Sector 43, while the second

sought reservation for

Chandigarh domicile chil-

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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

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

Police Station Mataur : 9115516020

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Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040

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Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

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

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