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Fate of investors in PACL estates hangs in balance despite SC orders

Transaction, sale of illegitimately partitioned PACL land, thrive unchecked by enforcement agencies

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ZIRAKPUR : The transaction in the properties of the fraudulent real estate company PACL land has been going on despite the order of the Supreme Court 02 May 2016 stipulates,

PACL or its directors/promoters/agents/employees/groups/ or any associate company are retrained from selling / transferring/ alienating any property of the PACL within India or outside of India." Besides this, no civil court or other authority or forum shall entertain any suit or proceeding in respect of any claim or related matter pertaining to PACL Ltd. The largest fraudulent company "Pearl Agro

Tech Corporation Ltd, "an illegal Ponzi scheme, where in, **Rs 59,000 Cr were collected from over 55 million investors** who were lured by directors and co activists for high returns on their investments in agricultural land development

Going sceptical, the SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) warned and halted all on-going operations of Pearl Group on the directives of the Supreme Court . The fraudulent estate company amassed in thousands of crores rupees having no office of its own in any township, worked in arbitrary manners.

The orders of SEBI and Supreme Court were to be implemented on behalf of

Punjab state by AIG , Bureau of Investigation, Pb, at 9 A, Sector 9, Jan Marg Chandigarh-160009 and a registered mail was received by AIG office on 19.9.2022 from Lodha Committee, (Retd) Justice constituted by Supreme Court, for urgent compliance.

The requisite action was necessitated to restore the original land by status quo ante, by coordinating with concerned Revenue department and other relevant offices. At this juncture, about one dozen land site located on either side of the PR7 road, belong to inhabitant farmers of the Chhat village. Illegitimately, Missal numbers were arranged by the Revenue depart-



ment for fast and convenient facilitation of the land record that also dug out ways for the estate builders on PR 7 road but was never realistically partitioned as per the will of the Managing Director of the PACL Ltd who filed his version in the Apex Court. The direc-

tors, associates with ex employees of the PACL managed to obtain ex parte decrees for the partition of the land, owned by PACL Ltd. and Directors but not fair and legitimate partition was ever done, noted the Apex Court. The PACL Ltd had in

Supreme Court, however, mentioned about 9 sites of illegal partitioning of land as such

1) khasra no 695/2, along the PR 7 road, Chhat village, owned by Malwa Projects Pvt Ltd through missal no 54.

2) Khasra no 1638, along the PR 7 road, Chhat khasra village ,owned by DG Housing Project Pvt Ltd, associate of PACL through Missal no 43

3) Land measuring 14 Bigha 9 Biswa, along adjoining PR7 road, Chhat village, Baldev Singh illegitimately obtained ex parte partition through Missal no 138

4) DG Housing pvt Ltd and PACL Ltd co owned land measuring 8 bigha and 2 Biswa st village

Chhat obtained illegal ex parte partition through Missal no 74.

5) Khasra no 958/1 owned by M/S Sharda Finleas pvt Ltd and M/S DG Housing Pvt Ltd associates of PACL, adjoining PR7. Mr Shamsheer Kumar had, illegal obtained of Missal no 75 .

6) PACL owning land, measuring 6 Bighas 18 Biswas at Chhat village, adjoining PR 7 Malwa Project obtained Ex Parte partition through Missal no 55

7) Nirmal Singh S/O Gurdial Singh Director of PACL, owning land 3 Bighas, 17 biswas land in Chhat village. Joginder Singh has illegally obtained ex parte partition through missal no 65.

8) PACL owned land 17 bighas located at Chhat village, adjoining PR 7. Mr Harjeet Singh illegally obtained ex partition of land through missal 71 , 72).

9) PACL owned land measuring 6 bighas 7 biswas in village Chhat, Mr Sagar Goyal has, obtained illegally ex partition of the game b b bland through Missal 132 of the said land.

The main concentration of the associates, Directors of the Pearl Agro Tech Corporation Limited was to lure the investors for the fast return of the capitalists deposits. but the unclear policies eroded the faith in the function ing of the financial transactions of the PACL company.

Putin to visit India on 5-6 Dec for annual summit

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NEW DELHI : Russia and India are considering Dec 5-6 as dates for the 23 rd annual summit of both the countries. Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov will travel to India next month to finalise the agenda for the summit ,sources revealed. This will be the Putin's first India visit since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war in Feb 2022. Putin last visited India in Dec 2021 for the annual summit that is held



alternatively in India and Russia. PM Modi travelled to Moscow for the last summit in July last year. During his visit, Modi stressed before Putin that no solution can be found on the battlefield. The leaders last

met on the margins of the SCO Summit. Modi hopped into Putin's car for an informal chat that lasted for almost 45 minutes. The summit is a key opportunity to review bilateral ties in trade, energy, connectivity, and joint defence manufacturing, as India faces US penalties for energy ties with Moscow. India last week denied NATO chief Mark Rutte's claim that US tariffs pushed Modi to confront Putin on Ukraine strategy.

Supreme Court issues notice to centres on plea for release of his husband Sonam Wangchuk

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LADAKH : Ladakh social activist and education reformer Sonam Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali Angmo, has moved the Supreme Court challenging detention of her husband Sonam Wangchuk.

She filed a writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution on Friday 1 pursuit of his detention on September 26 under the National Security Act in the wake of the protests which erupted in Ladakh over the demand for statehood for the region.

Gitanjali Angmo, his wife through the habeas corpus petition, demands the release of her husband, who has been reportedly lodged in a jail in Jodhpur (Rajasthan) after he was detained following the violent clashes in Ladakh.

"I have sought relief from the Supreme Court of India through a



HABEAS CORPUS petition against Wangchuk's detention. It is one week today. Still I have no information about Sonam Wangchuk's health, the condition he is in nor the grounds of detention," she said in a social media post.

It is expected that the matter might be moved for an urgent hearing once the Supreme Court re-opens on October 6, following the Dussehra vacations, Wangchuk, an innovator and Ramon Magsaysay awardee, has been a prominent voice on environmental and social issues in Ladakh.

'Muzaffarabad is epic centre of protesters'cry against Pak,'s loot, asserts foreign ministry

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New Delhi : India's MEA rubbish the "horrific" brutality by Pakistani forces on protestors in PoK, calling it a consequence of Pakistan's oppressive rule and resource plundering. Widespread protests, demanding reforms and basic necessities, continued for a sixth day across PoK, with Muzaffarabad as the epicentre, following reports of 10 deaths and many injuries. The ministry of external affairs on Friday called the Pakistani forces' brutality on protestors in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) "horrific", adding that it is a "natural consequence of Pakistan's oppressive approach," after 10 people were killed and many injured., Randhir Jaiswal the spokesperson of MEA said in press briefing that the ministry has taken cognisance of the reports on

protests in several areas of PoK, including brutalities by Pakistani forces on innocent civilians.

"We believe that it is a natural consequence of Pakistan's oppressive approach and systemic plundering of resources from these territories, which remain under its forcible and illegal occupation," Jaiswal said. He added that Pakistan must be held accountable for its "horrific human rights violation. The Jammu and Kashmir Joint Awami Action Committee (JKJAAC) led the protest, centred around a 38-point charter that demanded political reforms, subsidised wheat flour, reduced electricity tariffs, free education and health facilities, and the end of perks for government officials.

MAA ka bharosa, Pyar se parosa 'Patanjali' brand desi ghee dominates 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.

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Right to education for EWS, portal denied to 2,808 proctrea schools

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CHANDIGARH : Haryana education department has blocked the MIS portals of 2,808 private schools for failing to upload vacancies reserved for children from economically weaker sections (EWS) under the Right to Education (RTE) Act. The move has triggered resentment among schools management. Even they didn't comply with the notices served earlier. These schools will not be able



to make fresh admissions and other work related to affiliations.

While department officials termed the non-uploading of vacancies as intentional, the school managements termed it

a technical error in operating the portal or uploading details which led to the situation.

The Federation of Private Schools state president and National Independent schools Alliance (NISA) national president Kulbhushan Sharma alleged that the govt's closure of the MIS portal was "unconstitutional", affecting more than 2,808 private schools. Sharma reiterated private schools had never been against educating poor students.

Heavy Metal Drummer, Takaichi to Be Japan's 1st Woman PM

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Tokyo : Not necessarily a feminist choice, Sanae Takaichi, the newly TV elected and staunchly conservative head of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, is expected to become first woman prime minister of Japan. Instead the 64-year-old, who won the party's leadership election Saturday, has positioned herself as a hardline leader focused on national defence and economic security.



She saw off competition from generational-change candidate Shinjiro Koizumi, the 44-year-old surfing son of a former pre-

mier, and the experienced-if-uncharismatic Yoshimasa. Voters have been deserting the long-dominant LDP in droves because of inflation and a recent slush fund scandal, while the anti-immigration Sanseito party has been gaining ground.

In an effort to claw them back, Takaichi has taken a tough stance on immigration and foreign tourists -- both of which emerged as key issues .

Opposition deplores 24x7 contaminated water supply

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CHANDIGARH : The ongoing 24x7 water supply, called burden on the inflation-stricken public was rubbished by the opposition leaders .They questioned why a project currently under investigation by the Chandigarh Vigilance Department was being imposed on the city's residents.

The three councilors stated that the 24x7 water supply project approved in Chandigarh has collapsed completely because it was initially launched as a pilot project in Mani Majra and inaugurated by Union Home Minister Amit Shahwith great pomp and show. The residents of Mani Majra, however, have not received 24 hrs clean drinking water supply water which



councilors to repeatedly brandishing contaminated water bottles at the Municipal Corporation. Due to this project, residents of Mani Majra found damaged streets and roads unplayable. Councilor Premalata apprised that the 24x7 water supply was promised by politicians and never met only received con-



taminated water The promise was made of RO water quality. Senior Deputy Mayor Jasbir Singh Bunty explained that this project is worth 60 million euros. The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has taken a loan of 48 million euros, while receiving a grant of 11 million euro the loan would be repaid in 15 years span of time.

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Post matric scholarship for SC being evaded by Punjab govt

“The Centre has discharged its financial liability toward paying the scholarship grant as scheduled. The repeated claims of the Punjab govt to the contrary are not correct”, the Union Government made its claim in writing to the Honourable Punjab & Haryana High Court. The court expressed strong reservations about Punjab’s stance. Justice Bahl noted that the state was attempting to “evade its responsibility” by making contradictory statements. “Not paying the entire amount to the petitioners of scholarship and repeatedly state that funds have not been received from the Union of India prima facie seems to be not a true plea,” the orders dictated as here under. On Jan 9 directions of the court required both the state and the centre to hold joint meetings, resolve their disputes within eight weeks, and clear all entitlements of the institutions by June 30. Failure to do so, the bench warned, would be treated as contempt of the court . The next hearing in the court is scheduled for Nov 17. Pulling up the Punjab govt for failing to release dues under the p o s t - M a t r i c scholarship (PMS) Scheme for Scheduled Caste (SC) students, Punjab and Haryana high court has time and again observed that the state appeared to be “evading its responsibility” by blaming the Centre, despite its own admitted lapses. Granting a “last opportunity” to the state govt, the HC directed the lstate to file a detailed

affidavit spelling out the total liability of the state under the scheme. This includes year-wise committed liability for 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20, details of funds released, supported by documentary proof, and Institute-wise sanction and release of amounts. Clarification was also sought from the state on whether funds received from the Centre have been fully disbursed, and reasons for any withholding. The court also directed the director of the department of welfare, social justice, empowerment and minorities, Punjab, to appear in person on the next date, while the principal secretary was told to join via video conferencing. Justice Vikad Bahl passed the orders while hearing a batch of contempt petitions filed by Hindu Kanya Collage and others. The petitioners, including colleges and universities, alleged that the Punjab govt has not released scholarship funds means to reimburse tuition and maintenance costs for SC students, despite clear directions from a coordinate bench of the High Court earlier this year. The counsel for the petitioners argued that their contractual relationship lies squarely with Punjab. “It was the duty of the state to disburse the full scholarship amount to institutions. If the Union owes Punjab any share, it is for the state to recover it, but that cannot prejudice institutions or students,” they submitted. They further alleged that Punjab’s plea that it could only realise

40% of the dues while waiting for the Centre’s contribution of the balance 60% was a direct violation if the high court’s Jan 9 order directing full payment. Responding to the issue, the Punjab govt informed the court that it calculated 40% of the fees for the years 2017-2020 and amount, after audit clearance, would soon be released. The state, however, maintained that the remaining 60% could only be paid once funds were received from the centre. On this, the bench noted that the state admitted in earlier proceedings and in official minutes of meetings that no budgetary provision was made by Punjab for PMS scholarship in 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. Consequently, thousands of eligible students went without financial support during those years. Satya Pal Jain Additional Solicitor General of India appearing for the central government produced records of a joint meeting held on March 16, 2020, between central and state officials. The minutes made clear that since Punjab’s demand during 2017-2020 fell within its “committed liability” the centre was not obliged to provide additional funds. The Union also placed on record details of financial assistance already released over Rs 1,500 crore between 2015-16 and 2020-21.for the necessary support and sustenance for the years old scholarship scheme meant for the scheduled castes .

Sewerage board chairperson reviews progress of projects in Kharar

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MOHALI : Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board chairperson SS Ahluwalia A h l u w a l i a inspected the Rs 22.15 crore drinking water project underway at Jhangi Road, Kharar, and said that this project will provide c a n a l - b a s e d drinking water supply to Kharar residents. SS Ahluwalia General Secretary Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) reviewed various ongoing



projects of the Board in Kharar. Subsequently, he reviewed the Rs 18.61 crore sewerage project on the Kharar–Ladhran Road aimed at resolving the sewerage issues of the town. He further assessed

the progress of the Rs 14.83 crore S e w e r a g e Treatment Plant (STP) project near Khuni Majra village. He said that after the STP b e c o m e s operational, treated water would be supplied to farmers’ fields.

Legal Aid delivery mechanism to be strengthened in legal aid defence scheme at Panchkula

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PANCHKULA : Under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority and Haryana State Legal Services Authority, the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Panchkula, has launched the Legal Aid Defence Counsel Scheme (LADCS) in the district. DLSA Panchkula, said the initiative marks a major milestone in strengthening the legal aid delivery mechanism and ensuring timely, effective legal representation for underprivileged persons said Aparna Bhardwaj, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary. A dedicated Legal Aid Defence Counsel Office has been set up in Room No. 25, Mini-Secretariat Building, near the District Courts, Panchkula. Working under the supervision of the DLSA, the office will handle criminal legal aid cases in a structured and efficient manner. At a ceremony held at the ADR Centre, Bhardwaj administered oaths to the newly appointed counsel,



District Legal Service Authority

including Pawan Kumar (Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel), Renu Bhardwaj, Anusha Jain, and Abhijit Singh (Assistant Legal Aid Defence Counsels). The counsels will undertake legal aid cases of criminal nature, conduct remand duties, visit jail regularly, and ensure that no person in conflict with the law is denied legal representation due to financial or social constraints. The secretary Bhardwaj while stressing the significance of the initiative, said the establishment of the LADCS office would bring qualitative improvement in legal aid delivery and advance the constitutional mandate of “Access to justice for all”.

File your complaint with Food Safety & Standard Department, teams formed to collect food samples

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CHANDIGARH : To ensure public health and safety during the festival season, the Chandigarh Food Safety and Standards Department has constituted four teams of food safety officers to conduct surveillance drives and lift samples of sweets, milk, milk products, including ghee, khoya and paneer, and other food articles to check adulteration. In the events of any abnormality one can lodge complaint to the Department of Food Safety & Standards, GMSH, Sector 16, on emergency phone number 0172-2782457 or the Food



Safety and Standards Authority of India portal <https://foscos.fssai.gov.in/consumergrivance/>. The department urged the residents and consumers to purchase food products, especially milk and milk products, bakery products, dry fruits, sweets, etc, from licensed shops that maintain proper hygiene and maintain quality.

Mohali ESI hospital facilitated with ultrasound amenity

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MOHALI : Lauding the efforts of the hospital staff and the Mohali Industry Association for managing the hospital effectively, local MLA Kulwant Singh said he was making efforts to establish another major health facility—either an ESI Hospital or a Civil Hospital-type institution—at Sector 66. A newly installed high-definition ultrasound unit at the state-run ESI Hospital, Phase 7, Mohali became operational. The installation of the advanced unit along with the posting of a



radiologist is expected significantly improve healthcare services for employees working in the industrial area. This, he said, would help reduce the burden. Dr Harpreet Kaur, senior medical officer (SMO) in-charge of the ESI Hospital, said the ultrasound unit has fulfilled a major requirement of the hospital.

Surprise inspection for care & support held at Pkl de-addiction centre

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PANCHKULA : A surprise inspection of the Drug De-Addiction Centre at Civil Hospital, Sector-6, Panchkula was conducted by the Haryana State Legal Services Authority, Aparna Bhardwaj, Chief Judicial Magistrate-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Panchkula, conducted. During her visit, Bhardwaj inspected the premises to evaluate patient care, facilities, and overall upkeep. She noted that one of the two lifts installed was non-functional, causing inconvenience, especially since the Centre is located on the



fourth floor. She directed authorities to ensure immediate repair and maintenance to avoid difficulties for patients with mobility issues. She interacted with patients, inquiring about their living conditions, daily routines, and availability of medical facilities. She emphasised that the inspection was intended to ensure proper standards of care and support.

Strict firecrackers curbed by Mohali admn, imposes prohibition on E-commerce portals

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MOHALI : Under Section 163 of the BNNS, restricting the use, sale and storage of fireworks in Mohali district during upcoming festivals including Diwali, Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Parkash Purab, Christmas and New Year celebrations the Mohali administration has issued prohibitory orders. The permissible time for bursting fire crackers in Mohali district on Diwali is from 8pm to 10pm; Guru Nanak Dev Ji’s Parkash Purab (November 5) is from 4am to 5am and 9pm to 10pm; Christmas (December 25 and 26); from 11.55pm to 12.30am; New Year’s Eve (December 31, 2025 – January 1, 2026): from 11.55 pm to 12.30 am. The orders have been issued in compliance with the directions of the Department of Science, Technology & Environment (STE Branch), Government of Punjab, vide instructions dated September 18.



District Magistrate Komal Mittal said, “The manufacture, stocking, distribution, sale and use of series/chain fireworks (laris) is strictly prohibited throughout the state. Only green crackers, which do not contain barium salts, antimony, lithium, mercury, arsenic, lead, or strontium chromate, will be permitted for sale and use. Only licensed traders are authorised to sell approved green crackers. E-commerce websites including Flipkart, Amazon, etc., are prohibited from accepting or fulfilling online orders for sale of firecrackers within the jurisdiction of Mohali. The Police Department and

Pollution Control Department shall ensure strict compliance with these directives. The Punjab Pollution Control Board will conduct short-term ambient air quality monitoring in selected towns of the district as per the guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board. Additional caution will be exercised in non-attainment cities considering their ambient air quality levels. All actions will be in compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court of India and the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The prohibitory orders further read that any violation of these directions shall invite immediate penal action under Section 15 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, besides action under relevant provisions of BNNS and other applicable laws. The orders shall remain in force from October 1, 2025, to January 2, 2026.

Make use of Ambala Cantt airport for flight operations while Chandigarh airport goes for repair work : Vij

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AMBALA : “The Chandigarh airport is to be closed for a few days due to repair works, and it will cause inconvenience to the passengers as there is no other airport from Delhi to Amritsar which can be used in this situation, said Anil Vij, Cabinet Minister. Even as the inauguration of the domestic airport in Ambala Cantonment remains pending, Anil Vij has urged the Union Civil Aviation Minister to explore the possibility of shifting flight operations from Chandigarh Airport to Ambala for the convenience of passengers. According to officials, Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh, will remain closed for flight operations from October 26 (1 am) to November 7 (11.59 pm) due



to polymer modified emulsion work planned on the runway. The airfield will not be available for fixed-wing aircraft operations during this period. The domestic airport in Ambala is ready and all the equipment have been installed. I have sent a letter to the Civil Aviation Minister to examine the airport in Ambala and explore the possibility of shifting the flights to Ambala. If the flights can be shifted, it will

come as a big respite because the passengers can travel to Chandigarh from Ambala very easily.” He said, “The aviation department officials should visit the airport and if any changes are required then it should be made. Though the domestic airport is not that big, it can handle the traffic and at least the domestic flights can be operated from here till the airport in Chandigarh resumes operations.” In August, Vij had informed that Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh had given his consent for the inauguration of the Ambala Cantonment Airport, though the date is yet to be decided. The initial flight routes proposed include Ambala-Ayodhya, Ambala-Lucknow, Ambala-Jammu and Ambala-Srinagar.

Punjab Minister slams Mohali private hospital for ‘gross mismanagement’

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MOHALI : The patients were being made to wait in ambulances outside the hospital’s Emergency even as beds inside lay vacant, lampooned Harjot Bains, Punjab cabinet minister. He criticised the “gross mismanagement” and “fleecing of patients” at the super-specialty Max Hospital in Phase 6. “I will ask the Health Minister to get the bed occupancy verified,” the Education Minister warned during his visit to the hospital as other visitors nodded in agreement with his allegations. Bains came to the hospital after a relative of a sarpanch made a distress call to him. The patient had alleged that he was



made to wait outside the hospital for half an hour. “Due to the negligence of management and their race for money, patients coming from far away were made to sit outside under the excuse of ‘file making’ instead of being admitted in the emergency — even when the emergency ward was empty,” he wrote on ‘X’. Bains complained that an elderly woman from Hamirpur had to also wait 20–25 minutes in an ambulance. The minister added that he had to step in personally to get her,

and another patient admitted to t h e hospital. Sources said "credit patients" require an approval letter was from the department concerned. “The 60-year-old patient, who had been admitted to our hospital multiple times, was last discharged on September 22, 2025 said a hospital spokesperson. He returned to Emergency with further complications. At that time, no ICU bed was available, and this was duly communicated. The patient was admitted to the CCU once a bed became available.”



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3 military agreements during
Rajnath’s visit to be signed
this week

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NEW DELHI : In order to enhance cooperation in the areas of information-sharing, maritime domain, and joint military activities. India and Australia are likely to ink three military-related agreements this week. The agreements are planned to be signed when Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will be on a two-day official visit to Australia on October 9 and 10 at the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister of Australia Richard Marles, said the Ministry of Defence (MoD). It will be the first visit of a defence minister to Australia under this government, since



2014, the Ministry of Defence said. Richard Marles last visited India in June 2025 and met Rajnath, and also called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Defence engagements have expanded over time to include wide-ranging interactions between the services, military-to-military exchanges, high-level visits, capacity-building and training programmes, cooperation in the

maritime domain, ship visits, and bilateral exercises, the MoD said. Rajnath’s visit comes at a moment when India and Australia commemorate five years of establishment of India Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP). The minister will hold bilateral discussions with his Australian counterpart and chair a business roundtable in Sydney, which will be attended by industry leaders from both sides. He will also call on other national leaders of Australia. India and Australia elevated their bilateral relationship from a Strategic Partnership in 2009 to a CSP in 2020.

Rupee hits record low, Gold price
soars to Rs 1,30,300 per 10 g to
storm past in Delhi

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NEW DELHI : Gold prices skyrocketed by Rs 9,700 to scale a fresh peak of Rs 1,30,300 per 10 grams in the national capital on Monday, lifted by safe-haven buying in the overseas markets and depreciation in the rupee. According to the All India Sarafa Association, the yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity had closed at Rs 1,20,600 per 10 grams on Friday.



In the local bullion market, gold of 99.5 per cent purity jumped by Rs 2,700 to hit a record high of Rs 1,22,700 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) on Monday. It had settled at Rs 1,20,000 per 10 grams in the previous market session.

Silver prices also witnessed robust gains. The white metal bounced by Rs 7,400 to hit a new peak of Rs 1,57,400 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). It had ended at Rs 1,50,000 per kg on Friday. In the international markets, spot gold rose nearly 2 per cent to touch an all-time high of \$3,949.58 per ounce, while silver went up over 1 per cent to hit a high of \$48.75 per ounce.

Bihar Assembly polls to begin
from November 6, results on
November 14



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PATNA/NEW DELHI : “It is mandatory to complete counting of postal ballots before the last two rounds of counting of votes,” he added. Meanwhile, byelections for eight seats, including Tarn Taran in Punjab and Budgam and Nagrota in Jammu & Kashmir, will be held on November 11, with results to be declared on November 14. The Assembly elections in Bihar will be held in two phases, polling for which will be held on November 6 and 11 while the counting of votes will be done on November 14. Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar announced on Monday. The counting of votes will be done on November 14, Kumar said at a press conference. The term of the current Assembly ends on November 22. Bihar has

243 constituencies, including two reserved for Scheduled Tribes and 38 for Scheduled Castes. While 121 Assembly constituencies will go to the polls in the first phase, voting will be held in 122 Assembly constituencies in the second phase. For the first phase, the last date of filing nominations is October 17 while the scrutiny will be held on October 18. The last date of withdrawal of candidature for first phase elections is October 20. Similarly, for the second phase, the last date of filing nominations is October 20 while scrutiny will be held on October 21. The last date of withdrawal of candidature for the second phase elections is October 23. The CEC said that over 7.4 crore people are eligible to vote in the Bihar Assembly elections including 14 lakh first-time voters.

Gurugram holistically aims
zero emission by 2050

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GURUGRAM : As Gurugram features among the top polluted cities in the country, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has drawn a holistic plan to reduce emissions in the city. The authority has drafted a ‘net zero 2050’ document, contouring the goals for urban policy-making to make Gurugram a zero emission city. Net-zero refers to the point at which a specific area or city is able to remove from the atmosphere all green house gases (GHGs) it is emitting. Effectively, it ensures that no additional carbon or other GHGs are being



added into the atmosphere. The document elaborates on the way forward to implement sustainable development strategies like construction of green buildings, setting up of centralised cooling plants in housing societies, adoption of cleaner technologies and increasing the share of electric vehicles over the next 25 years. The plan deals in four major arenas — energy, waste, transport and greenery.

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Moscow (Russia): For BRICS Summit speakers emphasised that the forum allows the Indian community to contribute to shaping the agenda of the upcoming BRICS Summit, ensuring it reflects both India's priorities and the group's shared vision. India hosted the 4th BRICS RI International Conference, bringing together diplomats, scholars, and policymakers for two days of high-level discussions on the theme "BRICS Multilateralism: Peace & Security, Economic Development & Cultural Exchanges." BRICS Sherpa, Dammu Ravi, reflected on India's evolving role within the bloc and underlined the importance of building consensus on shared priorities ahead of the 2026 Summit. Economic cooperation and sustainable development emerged as central themes during the dialogue. Participants discussed key initiatives such as the New Development Bank and intra-BRICS trade, evaluating their



role in reshaping the global economic order. Fulufhelo Netswera, Head of the BRICS Research Institute and a TV BRICS expert, spoke on energy consumption, carbon emissions, and efficiency across BRICS nations, stressing the need for collective solutions to address shared environmental challenges. Throughout the sessions, speakers reiterated the growing influence of BRICS in promoting a more equitable international order. They emphasised the group's efforts to ensure fair representation of developing countries within global institutions such as the

United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank. This perspective aligns with the outcomes of the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan, where leaders advocated for strengthening multilateralism and inclusive global development. Experts concluded that the discussions and outcomes of the conference will help shape policy recommendations and academic insights in preparation for the 2026 BRICS Summit, reinforcing BRICS' commitment to peace, security, and economic cooperation.

2,191 food adulteration cases were
penalised Rs 3.04 crore in 5 yrs : AAP

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CHANDIGARH : In the adulteration of Milk and Dairy products Punjab govt had apprised that Punjab and Haryana High Court that it imposed penalties totalling Rs 3.04 crore in 2,191 cases decided between January 2019 and December 2024. The data was placed on record through an affidavit filed by Under Secretary Ram Ishwar, Department of Health and Family Welfare, in compliance with the high court's July 22 direction to both Punjab and Haryana to submit details of penalties imposed in such cases over the last five years. The case has its genesis in a public interest



litigation filed by advocate Sunaina on adulteration in milk and milk products across the State. The affidavit said penalties were imposed in about 95 per cent of the decided cases. The adulteration recorded in a affidavit showed in a wide spectrum of food items, ranging from cow and buffalo milk, curd, paneer, khoya, desi ghee and butter to milk-based sweets such as burfi, rasgullas and milk cake, besides products like biscuits, namkeen, ice

cream, haldi powder, red chilli powder, rose squash and edible oils. The PIL seeks court directions for the establishment of additional food-testing laboratories, extensive public awareness campaigns, and harsher penalties for repeat offenders. It also presses for strict enforcement of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, arguing that adulteration of milk and dairy products directly violates the right to health under Article 21 of the Constitution.



Tejas fighter to be rolled out in Oct 25

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Nasik : Tejas fighter to be rolled out in Oct25 Nasik. On April7, 2023, the HAL Nasik division inaugurated the third production line for manufacturing Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) MK1A. It was inaugurated by the then defence secretary Giridhar Aramane. The new target date for the rollout is Oct17 and defence minister Rajnath Singh is likely to attend, although his confirmation is still pending. This new facility in Nasik is the third production line for the Tejas LCA MK1A. HAL currently has two production lines in



B e n g a l u r u , producing16 jets annually. With an investment of over Rs 150 crore, the Nashik facility will add an additional eight units per year, increasing HAL's total production capacity to 24 jets per annum. The availability of GE-404 engines was the issue that delayed the rollout of its first LCA MK1A jet. "But we are managing with the

available and expected engines. Supply is likely to be regular next year," the sources said. HAL recently received the third GE-404 engine for the LCA-MK1A (Tejas MK1A) and another engine is expected to be delivered shortly. The MK1A variant of the LCA includes improvements in combat avionics and air-to-air refueling capabilities. The Nashik division of HAL has a total of 2,207 employees, including 1,188 technical experts, 624 experts for technical support and 395 engineers.

Drug companies must be sealed, emotional parents demand

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Bhopal : The firm owner are the real culprits. They must be hanged as our innocent children were killed, hanged in day light, said Yashin Khan, and Rashid Bosham. The c o n t a m i n a t e d 'Coldrif,' syrup had 48.6% diethylene glycol bhul. We need all from the government is the sealing of the company since we wish no other patient to fall prey in their cruel hands. I had to sell my

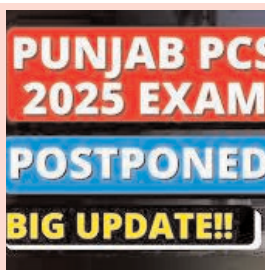


a u t o r i c k s h a w , jewellery of my wife, for the treatment of my 4 years old son. Another father lost his 14 month old daughter Sandhya, On deterioration of the health of my daughter I rushed from Karnataka to save her from. After blockade of urination, she d e v e l o p e d complications.

Pb postpones preliminary exam to 7 Dec

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Patiala: The Punjab State Civil Services C o m b i n e d Competitive Preliminary Examination -25 would now be held in 2 session on 7 Dec , said Charanjit Singh PPSC Secretary . On the commission 's web site , admit cards before the



actual 10 days of the exams would be uploaded. By using their registration number and p a s s w o r d through the Download admit

card linkage system over http// ppsc. gov. In. On admit card itself details about the exams would be indicated. On the web site, candidates are advised to check regularly the latest updates, said the Secretary.

AADHAAR CARD MANDATORY FOR CHANGE IN DETAILS

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NEW DELHI : While online application related to the electoral roll through Form 6 (fresh enrolment), Form 7 (objection to inclusion/exclusion of voter in roll) and Form 8(corrections) would henceforth require 'e-sign' based on Aadhaar authentication, those who do not have Aadhaar number can always fill out the physical forms and personally submit them to the electoral registration officer (ERO) or the booth level officer (BLO). An applicant seeking fresh enrolment or inclusion/exclusion of a voter from the electoral roll via online mode to mandatorily verify his identity through OTP-based Aadhaar authentication. The 'e-sign' requirement for online applications related to the voters' list revealed Election Commition was conceptualized in Aug and rolled out quietly in the second week of Sept. The reform , it was underlind, preceded Congress MP Rahul Gandhi's Sept 18 press



conference during which he had alleged unauthorized attempts at deletion of over 6,000 voters in Aland assembly constituency of Karnataka in Dec 2022. The e-sign initiatives is meant to ensure that the applicant's name in the electoral photo identity card (EPIC) and phone number -as declared in the online Forms 6,7 or 8 matches with his /her details recorded in the Aadhaar system. Form 7 allows an elector to object against the proposed inclusion exclusion of a voter in the electoral roll of a constituency in which he himself is also registered. Such an applicant must mention his name, EPIC

number and mobile number of self 'or' r e l a t i v e (father/mother/husband/egal guardian) in the form The e-sign option prompts the applicant to complete his OTP based Aadhaar authentication before submitting the form. Election commission had ,soon after Rahul's presser, clarified only 24 of the 6018 application for deletions in Aland were found genuine ,while the remaining 5,994 were found incorrect , and rejected. An FIR was filed on Sept 6,2023 by the Aland ERO in the case and all available details handed over to the investigation agency.

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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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Poisonous cough syrup devours lives of 11 children, doctor arrested

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BHOPAL: Following the deaths of 11 children in Chhindwara, Madya Pardeh who reportedly consumed contaminated cough syrup. A doctor who prescribed Syrup was arrested on

Dr Praveen Soni prescribed the Coldrif syrup to the children, most of whom were treated at his clinic in Parasia.

Police have also booked the manufacturers of the pharmaceutical company producing the Coldrif cough syrup in Tamil Nadu.

Madhya Pradesh police early on Sunday registered an FIR in Parasia



police station of Chhindwara district against Sresan Pharmaceuticals, a Tamil Nadu-based drug manufacturer. The FIR was lodged under Sections 105 and 276 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 27(a) of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, following a complaint filed by Dr Ankit

Sahlam, Block Medical Officer (BMO) at the Community Health Centre, Parasia. The complaint stated that several children below five years of age died after being administered the cough syrup, which was later found to contain diethylene glycol (DEG) — a poisonous chemical used in antifreeze and brake fluids.

Sonam Wangchuk to stay in Jodhpur Jail behind bars until judicial probe

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Jodhpur : Sonam Wangchuk detained climate activist and education reformer lodged under the National Security Act has sent out a message from Jodhpur Central Jail, saying he is prepared to remain in custody until an independent judicial inquiry is ordered into the recent killings in Ladakh. The Home Ministry has cancelled his NGO's Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence and a CBI inquiry is going on to determine his nexus.

“I am doing well, both physically and mentally, and thank everyone for their concern and prayers,” Wangchuk said in the statement. Offering condolences to the families of those killed in the recent violence in Leh, he added, “My heartfelt condolences to the families of those people who lost their lives and my prayers with people who



are injured and are arrested.

“There should be an independent judicial inquiry into the killing of our four people, and unless that is done, I am prepared to stay in jail.

While the Ladakh police have alleged that Wangchuk has links to Pakistan, the home ministry has cancelled his NGO's Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence, and a CBI inquiry is pending against him. Following his detention under the NSA from his native village in Ladakh, he was shifted to Jodhpur Central Jail. His detention has drawn widespread criticism from Opposition parties and civil society groups.

More than worth Rs 62,000 crore youth focused initiatives unveiled

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New Delhi : In a landmark initiative for youth development, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi unveiled various youth-focused initiatives worth more than Rs 62,000 crore at 11 AM in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, giving a decisive push to education, skilling and entrepreneurship across the country.

The programme featured the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh, the fourth edition of the National Skill Convocation, organized in accordance with the Prime Minister's vision, where 46 All India Toppers from Industrial Training Institutes under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship were felicitated.

Prime Minister launched PM-SETU (Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs), a centrally sponsored scheme with an investment of Rs 60,000 crore. The scheme envisagef the upgradation of 1,000 Government ITIs across the country in a hub-and-spoke model comprising 200 hub ITIs and 800 spoke ITIs. Each hub will be connected to four spokes on average, creating clusters equipped with advanced infrastructure, modern trades, digital learning systems and incubation facilities. Anchor Industry Partners



will manage these clusters, ensuring outcome-based skilling aligned with market demand. Hubs would house innovation centres, training-of-trainers facilities, production units and placement services, while spokes will focus on expanding access. Collectively, PM-SETU will redefine India's ITI ecosystem, making it government-owned but industry-managed, with global co-financing support from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. In the first phase of the scheme implementation there will be special focus on ITIs in Patna and Darbhanga.

Prime Minister inaugurated 1,200 Vocational Skill Labs established in 400 Navodaya Vidyalayas and 200 Eklavya Model Residential Schools across 34 States and Union Territories. These labs will equip students, including those in remote and tribal areas, with hands-on training in 12 high-demand sectors such as IT, automotive, agriculture, electronics, logistics and tourism. Aligned with the

National Education Policy 2020 and CBSE curriculum, the project also involves the training of 1,200 vocational teachers to deliver industry-relevant learning and create an early foundation for employability.

A special emphasis of the programme will be on transformative projects in Bihar, reflecting the state's rich legacy and youthful demographic. Taking forward the National Education Policy 2020 with the vision to make higher education avenues better, Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for new academic and research facilities in four universities of Bihar namely Patna University, Bhupendra Narayan Mandal University in Madhepura, Jai Prakash Vishwavidyalaya in Chapra and Nalanda Open University in Patna, under the PM-USHA (Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan). Together, these projects, with a total allocation of Rs. 160 crore, will benefit more than 27,000 students by enabling modern academic infrastructure, advanced laboratories, hostels and multidisciplinary learning.

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Milking competition across all 154 blocks of Punjab organised - Minister

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Chandigarh : 'Block level milking competition 2025-26' was held across the state, ' said Gurmit Singh Khudian, the minister for animal husbandry, dairy development and fisheries.

Year long preparations for holding milking competition, began from 6 Oct on every 2nd of each month would be held. Minimum criteria and categories, he said Murrah and Murrah - graded breed buffaloes would be required capable of producing 16 kg or more milk.

Other category comprised of Neeli Ravi and Neeli Ravi graded breed buffaloes 14 kg or more and other indigenous breeds 12 kg or more and HF and HF cows 30 kg or more milk.

Our farmers are the backbone of Punjab and



our dairy sector holds immense potential to propel the rural economy to new heights. The milking competition was not just about the winning prizes but held focus in establishing the strategy to identify, reward and propagate best practice in live stock management. Such type of consistent endeavour ensured to harvest higher income, better genetics and a more robust, sustainable dairy eco system in Punjab, said Mr Khudian.

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