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Breach of food safety law 2006 continues unchecked by health sleuths



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Derabassi: Under food safety law 2006 suffice care by Food Safety Standard authority is not being attributed, had it been executed sweets in abundance could not have been advance

stored for ensuing row of festivals. The supply opens with stale sweets as round the calendar year , sweets are available with the manufacturers, having free hands to epitomise their letouts. As has

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal reassured other day that Dr. Amrit Warring District Health Officer cum Incharge Food Safety teams would continue raids on unhygienic preparations of foods yet the conse-

quences are dismal. Since daily supply of Momo, Burger, Spring rolls, Kulchas, Bhatoora has been multiplying under unchecked poor upkept of unkempt kitchen system opposite to Daragah (mosque) near

the old site of bus-stand. Hundreds of visitors maybe seen eating burger , momo, spring roll which are preaped in shabby condition, reason being no check, raid by the Food Safety sleuths. It may be recalled on sun-

day 40 kg of rotten vegetables, stale noodles and stinky sauce, unfit for human consumption was seized, by the food safety teams. Three sample of momo and spring rolls were taken into custody upon

detection of unhygienic syndromes. It may here be pointed out how in Zirakpur sweet houses , the manufacturers remain busy in preparing sweets in wholesale where there is no festival around the cor-

ner. On confirming from the workers it was learnt that there's no daily supply but the traders do intercept the sweet godowns for wholesale purchase not bothering about the stale food items/sweets.



The case should be investigated by CBI or Enforcement Directorate --Chief Bar Asso Allahabad

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New Delhi : Whether this impression which is being given by the Supreme Court administration is being believed by the general public is the question. The way the matter is being handled, public confidence has already been lost. Once public confidence is lost, the entire democracy will collapse," Allahabad High Court Bar Association President said Anil Tiwari .The case should be investigated by CBI or ED' The way the



proceedings were going on creates doubts in the minds of the general public - doubts on integrity of a being handled. I say that the case should not be investigated by an in-house committee but by the

CBI or the ED I Arvind Kejriwal was the current CM of Delhi, he was sent to jail, he was not given any protection in criminal cases. Then why is Justice Yashwant Verma being given this special facility.

5 gaushalas to be handed over to NGO : Civic Body

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Chandigarh : Except for the newly constructed gaushala in Raipur Kalan, all other gaushalas in the city have almost reached their full capacity. Out of the total five gaushalas in the city, the Sector 45 gaushala is being run by an NGO, while the other four are managed by the Municipal Corporation. The MC is now set to call for an Expression of Interest (EOI) to look for an NGO to run all the gaushalas effectively. The management of the gaushalas and effective catching of the stray cattle is one of the most crucial tasks of the Municipal Corporation. However, the problem of stray cattle persists, and the situation is worse in some municipal wards, mainly located in the border areas of Mohali. Although the MC has purchased cattle-catching vehicles and



deployed extra manpower, residents of border areas are still struggling with the problem. Municipal councillors of different municipal wards have been raising this issue regularly. "The process to call the EOI has been started by the concerned department. Although deliberations have been done with some NGOs, it will be interesting to see how many NGOs come forward to take over the gaushalas.

Haryana police inspectors' selection sans fraud -- High Court

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Chandigarh : In the absence of illegalities, it is not possible to set aside the selection of candidates who have been working with the state police for the last 15 years and have been promoted from the post of inspector to DSP. Maintaining the 2009 selection of police inspectors by Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC) during former chief minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda's term, the Punjab and



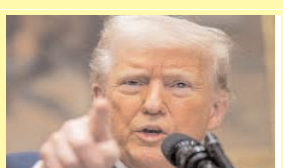
Haryana high Court ruled that "there was no fraud, suppression of facts, or connivance by candidates or the selection commission". "Cancellation of their selection would be worse than the alleged irregularities. It is well known that solutions cannot be worse than the

problem," the HC stated in its order released on Monday. While dismissing the petition filed by Amit Kumar and others, Justice Jagmohan Bansal concluded that "there were irregularities, but no illegality was committed".

Trump reiterates reciprocal charge from India w.e.f from Arpil 2

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United States : On summit with PM Narendra Modi last month, US President Donald Trump said , "I have a very good relationship with India... I believe they're going to probably be lowering those tariffs substantially, but on April 2, we will be charging them the same tariffs they charge us". "The ones that wouldn't be as friendly to us in



some cases treat us better than the ones that are supposed to be friendly, like the European Union, which treats us terribly on trade. India and everybody would think of them as an ally,"

the US president said, adding, "I can say the same for others. But this is a group of wonderful nations that is countering other countries that look to hurt us on trade." "On India-Middle East-Eu-EC), Trump said it was a "group of wonderful nations" banding together "countering other countries that look to hurt us on trade". "We have a powerful group of partners in trade,"

Rs 1 Lakh Cr budget presented by- Rekha Gupta

Rs 2500/- monthly cash aid would be paid to eligible women

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New Delhi : While presenting annual budget for 2025- 26 of Rs 1 lakh Cr for the metropolitan town, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta fired jabs over Sheesh Mahal. Mr Arvind Kejriwal had misused Rs 45 Cr of tax payers' money to



refurbish his former residence leading to his ultimate ouster from legislators 's

race. She reminded his commitment to clean up the Yamuna River and transforming Delhi into London but instead has left the city with the huge , unbearable traffic jams and redux of barbs with having incomplete projects added Rekha Gupta.

Canada snap polls on April 28: PM Carney

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Ottawa : Canadian PM Mark Carney is set to call a snap federal election on April 28. Liberal Party sources had said Carney would call an election soon after he won the party race to replace Justin Trudeau on March 9, seeking a strong mandate during turbulent times as ties with the US deteriorate. Although the next poll was not due until Oct 20, Carney is hoping to capitalise on a remarkable recovery by the Liberal Party since Jan, when US President Trump began threaten-



ing Canada and Trudeau announced his resignation. Carney, a former central banker with no previous political experience, captured Liberal leadership two weeks ago by persuading members he was the best person to take on Trump.

Threat of melting glaciers with huge lakes in Himalayas

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Derabassi : The United Nations : Wide accelerated growth in high-altitude lakes are happening due to rapid glacier melt. As the world reels under the impact of climate change and temperatures keep ramping up, the impact is most visible in the Himalayas as glaciers are melting at an alarming pace. However, what's more alarming is the rapid pace at which the glacial lakes are growing due to this enhanced melt and need for its conservation and monitoring

attract more human attention. Suhora Technologies, an Indian Earth observation firm, has analysed how the Himalayan glacial lakes are expanding at an alarming rate, with heightening risks of devastating glacial lake outburst floods (GLOFs). Satellite analyses by Suhora Technologies, which monitors 33,000 lakes across the Indus, Ganga, and Brahmaputra basins, confirm accelerated growth in high-altitude

lakes due to rapid glacier melt. ISRO, on the other hand, reports that 27% of Himalayan glacial lakes have expanded since 1984, with 130 located in India. Rising global temperatures have pushed lake formation to elevations above 5,500 meters, reflecting glacier retreat to higher altitudes. Over 76% of Himalayan glacial lakes are end-moraine-dammed, a fragile structure prone to breaches. However, gaps remain in early warning systems.

Mohali food safety drive hunts 5 vendors

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Mohali : Food safety teams of Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar district took 15 samples and issued five challans in the past five days, said Komal Mittal, deputy commissioner. After the recovery of rotten vegetables and unhealthy conditions inside kitchens of vendors preparing Chinese fast food in Mataur, food safety teams were asked to conduct regular checks and spread public awareness about the issue. Sub-standard articles were destroyed during inspections included about 40kg rotten vegetables, stale noodles and sauce which was unfit for human consumption. The food safety



team were also directed to check transportation of chicken, milk, and other edible items by setting up check posts at random places. The DC warned that those found to be preparing food in unhygienic conditions, using sub-standard are rotten material, would be strictly dealt with. Dr Amrit Warring District Distt Health Officer gave details of recent checks and inspections. He said that the team visited four food joints in Kharar area and collected four samples.

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EDITORIAL

Rigid structure of old education system replaced

The necessity for a paradigm shift to new policy stemmed from the critical challenges in educational dispensation. It was felt that the existing policy had been losing relevance, with the emergence of a growing army of unemployable job-seeking graduates who did not have the relevant skill set and knowledge base. The policy was not in tune with the requirements of the knowledge economy of the 21st century, which is based on the market being the anchor of economic decision-making. The 'massification' of education with selected schemes, interventions and programmes with 'compromised quality' had resulted in what is called 'degree inflation'. During this period, only a few Indian universities got recognition in the global rating and accreditation systems. Ironically, the non-absorption of graduates into jobs as per the qualification certificates has often been sighted as a shortcoming of the growth model adopted since 1991. The NEP-2020 is structured around the five core principles of access, capacity, quality, affordability and accountability, all aiming to align with the emergent socio-economic and global demands. Its vision has been operationalised by the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) developed by the Kasturirangan-headed 12-member committee. The policy acknowledges the inter-connection and mutual dependence among various stages and domains of education. The outputs of different

stages and subsectors of education serve as inputs for the subsequent stages. The NEP-2020 aims to draw its strength from a multi-disciplinary, inter-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary process of learning, skilling and knowledge acquisition. To achieve this, the policy emphasises the replacement of the rigid structures of the old system with flexible ones. This transformation has to be facilitated through a robust digital infrastructure, system of academic credits and awards, a blended mode of learning, the initiation of more liberal subject combinations and boosting academia-industry interactions. The policy upholds the Kothari Commission (1968) and subsequent education policy recommendations (1986, revised version 1992) to invest up to 6 per cent of the GDP in the education sector by the Centre, states and union territories' budgets. Notably, the public expenditure by the education department and other government departments on education and training in their respective domains was equivalent to 4.04 per cent of the overall GDP of the country during 2019-20; which constituted 13.03 per cent of the overall budgetary expenditure. Further, during the same year, 24.67 per cent of the overall budgetary expenditure on education (by education and other departments) was incurred by the Central government and the rest by the states and UTs. Now, educational landscape, more particularly in the

higher education domain, has gone through cataclysmic changes. A student's learning experience gets a boost when he is allowed a chance to creatively combine the core domain knowledge with other subjects of his choice. The cross-fertilisation of ideas with greater conceptual clarity breaks the mental silos. The NEP-2020 enables this through the multi-disciplinary higher education framework, portable credits, multiple entry and exit options and re-entry provisions. The policy also introduces a structured certification system where students receive certificates, diplomas and degrees based on the duration and extent of the completion of their under-graduate course. The policy seeks to synchronise India's higher education sector with the global best by incorporating flexibility in both classroom and experiential learnings. To improve educational management, technology has been introduced for the digital storage of credentials, along with the facilitation of online and offline learning by transferring the credits earned. The policy also envisions that the affiliation of colleges will be gradually faded out by granting graded autonomy. Further, standalone institutions will be encouraged to evolve into multi-disciplinary institutions through strategic collaborations, dual-degree programmes, joint research activities and international exchange programmes.

Worth Rs 20 crore fuel saved by e-buses within 2 years

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CHANDIGARH : About 25.28 lakh litres of diesel worth Rs 20.80 crore has been saved within two and a half years by plying electric buses on local routes. Procured in November 2021, 80 electric buses are in service in the tricity at present, said a spokesman of the UT Transport Department. The electric buses had covered 1.26 crore km till August 16 on intra-city routes, thus saving over 25.28 lakh litres of diesel besides preserving environment. These buses have helped prevent 6674.91 tonne of CO2 emission. The e-bus fleet of the department included vehicles of Ashok Leyland and Eicher. In order to provide eco-friendly transportation in the city, the department plans to procure 100 more e-buses this year. The administration has plans to replace the entire fleet of 350



diesel buses of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU), running both on local as well as suburban routes, with electric ones by 2027-28. Each bus covers a distance of nearly 130 km on a single charge. It takes nearly two hours to fully charge a vehicle. With a seating capacity of 36, a bus can carry a maximum of 54 people at a time. On an average, each bus covers 200-300 km a day. The State-Level Steering Committee (SLSC) has decided to replace 100 diesel buses with e-vehicles sanctioned by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to Chandigarh under the Centre-sponsored PM

e-Bus Sewa Scheme. The ministry will be requested to allocate 80 more buses to the city under this scheme. Apart from public transport, the share of private electric vehicles (EVs) is also increasing. Since the implementation of the EV Policy in September 2022, as many as 3,281 electric two-wheelers and 1,785 four-wheelers have been registered in the city till July 15. According to the data provided by the Registration and Licensing Authority (RLA), 352 electric two-wheelers and 114 four-wheelers were registered from September to December in 2022. The highest number of 2,103 electric two-wheelers and 1,013 four-wheelers had been registered in 2023 and 826 two-wheelers and 658 four-wheelers till July 15 this year in the city.

AAP failing to deliver on its electoral promises of Mohali's development : Balbir Sidhu

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MOHALI : "No new project has been launched by the government for the development of Mohali in the last three years," said Former Punjab Health Minister and Congress leader Balbir Singh Sidhu. The Minister held a meeting with the local residents in Phase 6, Mohali, and discussed many important issues related to the district with them while also listening to their



problems. Taking a dig at the Bhagwant Mann-led AAP government, he said, "The people of Punjab are fed up with the current Bhagwant Mann government because the AAP government has failed to deliver on its promises."

Swachh Survekshan necessitate MC to use stricter measures against plastic carry bags littering, non segregation of waste material



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CHANDIGARH : About 165 violators were issued challans during a special drive against plastic carry bags, where undertaken on Monday by the Municipal Corporation. Illegal dumping of construction and demolition waste, horticulture garbage, non-segregation of trash and was found littering in market places. MC Commissioner Amit Kumar in view of the shortly approaching Swachh Survekshan in next few days, formed various teams of the sanitation wing to check violations of

the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) rules in the city. The teams, headed by chief sanitation inspectors, inspected markets across the city and found many shopkeepers using and storing plastic carry bags. A total of 165 violators were challaned — 43 for selling/using plastic carry bags, 68 for sanitation/littering in public place, 52 for non-segregation of waste and one each for C&D waste and horticulture waste dumping. Challans ranging from Rs 500 to Rs 20,000 were imposed on defaulters.

Online booking for ritual 'Chola' at Mansa Devi begins from April 10



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PANCHKULA : The launch of an online booking system for offering "chola" at temple premises would take place from March 16 to April 30, announced Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board's Chief

Administrator and Deputy Commissioner Monika Gupta. Online bookings will open on April 10. Interested devotees can register on the shrine board's website www.mansadevi.org.in.

MC property tax wing to collect payments on Saturday, Sunday also

Commissioner News Service

MOHALI : The decision of collecting property tax was taken to enable people to deposit property tax before March 31, the last date for the payment of the levy for the financial year 2024-2025, said MC Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh. The property tax branch of the Municipal Corporation will remain open from 9 am to 2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays this month. Notices are being sent to



property tax defaulters and some properties were sealed by the civic body last week. Dues will be recovered from property owners, if they did not deposit tax at all or paid less due to incorrect assessment, with interest and penalty.

Pilot project to generate access fard, mutation documents online in Mohali

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CHD/MOHALI : "The state on an average generates 40 lakh fards in a year. We hope after the formal launch of the digitally signed fard system, there will be no need to visit the Fard Kendras. It will be helpful to speed up the work of farad generation," said Additional Chief Secretary - Cum - Financial Commissioner (Revenue) Anurag Verma.



Mr Verma, added to facilitate registration of deeds and other revenue-related works and eradicate the corruption in revenue offices, the district administration will soon initiate a pilot project to generate digitally signed fard online. A beta version of the

application has been launched on website where one can apply for the document digitally after paying an online fee. The documents will then be handed out on WhatsApp. The digitally signed fard will carry a QR Code to ascertain its authenticity. Visiting the Sub-Registrar Office at the District Administrative Complex, Verma said the project was being initiated on pilot basis in the district before being launched statewide. Besides, an online module

for entering Mutation and Revenue Rapat (Report) is also in testing mode on the website of Revenue Department. He appealed to the general public to visit the website and use the beta versions to access the documents. Verma said his visit was aimed to assess the requirements for making necessary changes on ground. During his visit to the Kharar Sub-Registrar Office, the Additional Chief Secretary interacted with the visitors who had come in to access their deed registration and asked about the functioning at the office. He also visited Zirakpur and Dera Bassi Sub-Registrar Offices and interacted with the locals.

351 high-resolution CCTV cameras monitor 17 junctions E-challans across Mohali

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MOHALI : As many as 351 high-resolution CCTV cameras are monitoring 17 junctions across Mohali. Meanwhile, residents have expressed reservations over the existing system with some of them seeking change in the speed limit on main roads, fresh coat of line markings, stop lines, and zebra crossings. The police have issued 30,934 traffic slips since the e-challan system became operational on March 6. Of



these, only 1,775 traffic slips have been disposed so far, with the police having collected Rs 1.66 lakh. In total, around Rs 2.97 cr remains pending till now, the

official data showed. The administration has given a two-week time to the civic body and Greater Mohali Area Development Authority to fix all persisting issues. Deputy Mayor Kuljit Singh Bedi, meanwhile, has also written a letter to CM Bhagwant Mann, condemning the issuance of helmet challans to Sikh women in Mohali and demanding their cancellation.

3rd edition of Gully Cricket Tournament to begin from April 20

Commissioner News Service

CHANDIGARH : The three-week-long tournament is being organised by the UT Cricket Association in collaboration with Chandigarh Police. The final of the tournament will be held on May 11. The third edition of the Gully Cricket Tournament will



commence from April 20. Sanjay Tandon, president, UT Cricket Association, and Kanwardeep Kaur, SSP, Chandigarh Police,

chaired a meeting with various stakeholders to detail the event at the Police Headquarter, Sector 9, Chandigarh, on Friday. The nodal officers of MC, UT Sports, Education and Social Welfare Departments, along with the functionaries of UTCA, and others discussed the key strategies.

Electricity complaint cell for consumers : Power Wing

Commissioner News Service

ZIRAKPUR : An officials said the number (9646119321) would handle grievances from residents in Zirakpur, Bhabat, Godown Area, Nabha, Nadiyali, Alipur, Safipur, Dayalpura Bakarpur, Rurka, Kandala, Matran, Dharamgarh, Naraingarh Jhuggian, Adda Jhuggian, Chatt, Stabgarh, Kurri, VIP Road, and parts of Lohgarh, Singhpura, Ramgarh, Bhudda, Bishanpura and Aerocity. For timely resolution of power supply-related problems, the Zirakpur Division of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has announced complaint cells for consumers. He said Dhakoli, has its own



complaint cell (9646137873). This line would assist consumers from Baltana, Wadhwa Nagar, parts of Lohgarh and Singhpura, Dhakoli, Dhakola, Peer Muchalla, Kishanpura, parts of Bishanpura, Sanoli, Gazipur, Ajijpur, Bassi Sekhan, Rampur Kalan, Banur, Fatehpur Garhi, Sekhan Majra and Bal Majra. Senior Executive Engineer, Operation Division (Special), PSPCL Mohali,

Tranjit Singh, said for consumers in Phase 1 to Phase 6 of Mohali, including residential and commercial areas, as well as villages such as Mohali, Balongi, Daun, Badmajra, Green Enclave, 36 West and surrounding areas like Mullanpur, Nayagaon, New Chandigarh, Sec 125 and Sec 126, Nodal Complaint Centre-1 can be reached at 96461-15973. Similarly, for those in Phase 7 to Phase 11 Mohali (residential and industrial areas), as well as Matauri, Sec-48 C, Sec-76 to 113, Sohana, Saneta, Bhagamajra, Kambali, Kumbra, Swara, Chadiala and IT City, Nodal Complaint Centre-2 is available at 96461-19214.

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India-France naval exercise 'Varuna 2025' strengths maritime cooperation in Indo-Pacific

Commissioner News Service Panaji (Goa) : The exercise of the Indian and French Navies featured advanced air defence drills, anti-submarine warfare operations, and surface combat manoeuvres, enhancing interoperability and joint operational capabilities revealed the sources.

The two naval forces conducted the bilateral naval exercise Varuna 2025 from March 19 to 22, reinforcing their strategic partnership and commitment to maritime security in the Indo-Pacific.

The bilateral naval exercise Varuna 2025, held from 19 to 22 March, brought together the Indian Navy and the French Navy, underscoring their enduring partnership, a statement from the Navy said.

This edition of the Exercise included exercises ranging across multidomain environments. The structured drills were designed to further fine-tune tactical and operational proficiency in complex scenarios. Advanced Air defence drills with the participation of Rafale-M of the French Navy and MIG-29K of the Indian Navy, simulating realistic combat scenarios,



honed the ability of participating units to counter aerial threats jointly, as per the statement.

Anti-submarine warfare exercises involving Indian submarines and Anti-Submarine frigates of the two forces focused on deepening the understanding and proficiency in underwater domain awareness and tactics. Surface warfare operations involved complex coordinated manoeuvres and simulated engagements, showcasing the combined combat power of the participating fleets.

Replenishment at Sea exercises by the two Fleet Tankers proved the logistical interoperability and enhanced mutual support and endurance for sustained operations. This edition of the exercise achieved a higher degree of operational coordination between the two

navies than the previous editions.

The exercise achieved its aim of enhanced Jointmanship and reinforced the shared commitment to upholding the principles of a rules-based maritime order and promoting stability in the Indo-Pacific. The complex drills provided invaluable operational experience, strengthening the collective capacity to address contemporary maritime security challenges, the statement said.

The exercise facilitated the critical exchange of Best Practices, fostering a deeper understanding of each other's operational doctrines and enhancing the two navies' ability to operate seamlessly in complex maritime environments. Since its inception, the Varuna exercise has been a cornerstone of India-France defence relations, with both countries recognising the importance of maritime security and collaborative defence efforts.

France and India share a strong commitment to safeguarding global Sea lanes and addressing shared maritime security challenges.

IGNOU extends deadline for online distance learning registration to March 31

Commissioner News Service NEW DELHI : Since, the last date for IGNOU admissions-2025 was March 15 and the candidates needed to have a DEB ID for admission (IGNOU) the Indira Gandhi National Open University has changed its admission programme.

Now, IGNOU has announced the extension of registration for online distance learning and online programmes till March 31, except for the certificate and semester courses.

"Last date for the submission of applications (except for certificate and semester-based programmes): March 31, 2025. Please note: DEB ID is mandatory for submission of application. Please create your DEB ID before starting the application process," the official website read.

The ID refers to a unique identification number created by a student who wishes to enroll in any online or open and distance learning (ODL) programme



offered by IGNOU. This ID was developed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to help students easily identify and enrol in recognised and accredited institutions.

Once a student creates this ID, it remains valid for all future use, meaning the student can use it for any future admissions or educational activities. This system ensures that students are enrolling in institutions that meet the necessary standards set by the UGC.

To re-register, students should log in on the official IGNOU re-registration portal using their enrolment number and password. After logging in, they can select their desired courses and complete the payment process online.

Bilateral cooperation & strategies between UAE and Russia to magnify

Commissioner News Service Abu Dhabi : The two leaders UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Russian President Vladimir Putin exchanged views on a number of regional and international issues of mutual concern. In this context, His Highness reaffirmed the UAE's consistent approach of supporting peace and stability around the world, as well as promoting peaceful solutions and initiatives to resolve conflicts.

UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan received a phone call from Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, during which they discussed bilateral cooperation and ways to strengthen ties. The conversation took place within the framework of



the strategic partnership between the two countries and as part of efforts to serve their mutual interests. Both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to further enhancing these ties across multiple sectors for the benefit of their peoples.

During the call, Vladimir Putin expressed his appreciation to Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan for the successful mediation efforts undertaken by the UAE in recent months to facilitate the exchange of prisoners between Russia and Ukraine--the most recent of which took place earlier this March.

UAE President, in turn, thanked the Russian government for its cooperation with the UAE in this regard in playing a vital role in the success of the initiative. He also reiterated the UAE's commitment to continuing its efforts in this important humanitarian domain and its support for all endeavours aimed at facilitating a peaceful resolution to the crisis while mitigating its humanitarian impact.

On 19 March, the UAE announced the success of a new prisoner exchange between Russia and Ukraine that involved the release of 175 prisoners from each side--a total of 350. This latest exchange brings the total number of prisoners exchanged through 13 mediation efforts facilitated by the UAE to 3,233.

Winter discount in HPTDC hotels to continue till April 15

Commissioner News Service SHIMLA : With the aim of enhancing revenue of the state the department has devised scheme to attract more tourists as well as meet the day-to-day requirement, the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited (HPTDC) has decided to offer a winter discount on booking rooms in around 50 of its hotels from January 3 till April 15.

According to HPTDC officials, the decision has been taken to ensure that more tourists visit Himachal Pradesh during this period. The online reservation for the said period has been monitored at the corporate office level. It has been found that the advance reservation for this period is low. Moreover as per past record the period during January to April is lean tourist season disclosed the officials.



Therefore, keeping this in mind, the corporation has decided to offer 40 per cent discount at Chail Palace, Log Huts Manali, Hotel Manimahesh in Dalhousie, Hotel Apple Blossom in Fagu, The Golf Glade in Naldehra, Hotel Gaurikund in Bharmaur, Hotel Devdar in Khajjiar, Hotel Shrikhand in Sarahan and in Hotel Giriganga in Khadapathar.

Additionally, the corporation is also offering 30 per cent discount in Hotel Holiday Home in Shimla, Hotel Peterhoff, Hotel Chanshal in Rohru, Hotel Nurpur in Nurpur, Hotel Iravati in Chamba, Hotel Baghal in Darlaghat, Chintpurni

Heights in Bharwain, Hotel Hilltop in Swarghat, The Kunal in Dharamsala, Hotel Shiwalik in Parwanoo, Lake View in Bilaspur, Hotel Yamuna in Paonta Sahib, Hotel Neugal in Palampur, Camping Site at Pong Dam, Hotel Tea Bud in Palampur, Hotel Ros Common in Kasauli, Hotel Renuka, Hotel Club House, McLeodganj, Tourist Inn in Rajgarh, The Castle in Naggar, Hotel Silvermoon in Kullu, Hotel Hatu in Narkanda, Hotel Kashmir House in Dharamsala, Hotel Kunzun in Manali, Hotel Geetanjali in Dalhousie, Hotel Meghdoot in Kiarighat and in Hadimba Cottage in Manali.

Furthermore, the HPTDC is also offering 20 per cent discount in Hotel Rohtang Manalsu in Manali, Hotel Bhagsu in McLeodganj, Hotel Dhauladhar in Dharamsala and in Yatri Niwas in Chamundaji.

Badrinath Temple portals to open on May 4

Commissioner News Service NEW TEHRI : The sacred portals of the Badrinath temple in Uttarakhand's Chamoli district will open for devotees at 6 am on May 4.

On the occasion of Basant Panchami, the auspicious time for opening the temple was decided after special prayers were offered at the former Tehri royal court in Narendra Nagar.

After Ganesh Panchang and Chowki Pujan, royal priest Acharya Krishna Prasad Uniyal decided the date for opening the doors of the Badrinath temple.

On this occasion, besides former Maharaja of Tehri Manvendra Shah, his wife, daughter Shreejaand, Tehri Lok Sabha member Mala Rajya Laxmi Shah, Badrinath's chief priest Rawal Amarnath Nambodri



and Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee's chief executive officer Vijay Thapliyal were present.

Every year after Diwali, the doors of the Char Dhams—Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri—are closed for the devotees. The portals reopen in April-May the following year.

During the six-month-long pilgrimage, lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad visit the Char Dhams.

PM Internship Scheme carrying mobile app launched by Finance Minister Sitharaman

Commissioner News Service New Delhi/Ludhiana : With the aim at providing 1.25 lakh internship opportunities to the youth during 2024-25, the pilot project of the scheme was launched on October 3, 2024.

With a dedicated mobile application for the Prime Minister Internship Scheme, Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday urged more companies to join the programme while appealing the MPs to encourage youth to join the scheme.

"The scheme is aimed at getting youth from Tier II and III cities and help them to understand the skills that are required by the industry as well as the job availability," Sitharaman said, after launching the app in New Delhi.

Maintaining a shortage of people in terms of industry expectations and requirements and the scheme is aimed at bridging that gap, the FM emphasised that there is no compulsion on industry and no interference.

"The scheme is for a national cause," Sitharaman asserted, while urging more companies



to be part of it.

Exhorting the Indian industry to participate in the larger interest, she said, "You need to open the window... for people to have a peek."

Speaking on the occasion, Minister of State for Corporate Affairs Harsh Malhotra said the scheme provides on the ground experience for youth and will help in contributing towards Viksit Bharat.

"In the first round of the scheme's pilot project, more than 1.27 lakh internship opportunities were provided by the companies and the second round of the project started in January this year under which over 1.18 lakh internship opportunities have been posted by around 327 companies. The deadline for applications in the second round is March 31," he shared.

Sitharaman informed that the scheme's website and app are being made more accessible. It is available in various languages, she said, adding that every language should have its prominence and interns will be provided monthly financial assistance of Rs 5,000 for 12 months and a one-time grant of Rs 6,000 under the scheme.

"The scheme, announced in the 2024-25 Union Budget, aims to provide internship opportunities to one crore youth in the top 500 companies in five years," she recalled, while stating that the top 500 companies have been identified by the Corporate Affairs Ministry, which is implementing the scheme, on the basis of their average CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) expenditure over the last three years.

Stating that more companies beyond the top 500 ones are expected to join the scheme, Corporate Affairs Secretary Deepti Gaur Mukherjee said the government has also introduced a framework for assessment of the implementation of the pilot project.



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Trump issues Memorandum on Trade and Tariff

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New Delhi : As of date, there has been no imposition of country-specific, including reciprocal tariffs by the US on India. There has been the imposition of additional duties on steel and aluminium imports by the US from all countries without any exemption," he said in a reply to a question by CPI(M) MP John Brittas. The Commissioner: Donald Trump said that India is a very high-tariff nation, adding that reciprocal tariffs on countries that impose levies on US goods will kick in on April 2. The Narendra Modi government on Friday said that there has been no imposition of country-specific, including reciprocal tariffs by the United States on



India. While replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister Of State (MoS) for commerce and industry Jitin Prasada said, "The United States has issued a Memorandum on Reciprocal Trade and Tariffs on February 13, 2025, wherein the Secretary of Commerce and United States Trade Representative are to take necessary actions to investigate harm to the US from any non-reciprocal

trade arrangements adopted by trading Partners and provide a report with detailed proposed remedies for each trading Partner, based on which, US action against relevant trading partner could, thereafter be undertaken under any of the relevant US legislations." While replying to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister Of State (MoS) for commerce and industry Jitin Prasada said".

Now "Kidney" Life saving organ transplantation at Command Hosp

Commissioner News Service

Panchkula: Haryana health department has approved kidney organ transplants at Command Hospital Western Command p a n c h k u l a , making it the second such public set-up facility in the Tricity, after PGI. The approval, issued by the directorate general of health services, Haryana, marks a crucial step in expanding life saving organ transplantation services in the region. The cost of a kidney l transplant is around Rs 1 lakh in PGI, while it costs between Rs 7 and Rs 8 lakh in a private centre. It is expected that the waiting period for the transplant will be reduced with the Command Hospital starting this facility, as patients were sent to the Research and Referral Army Hospital in



Delhi or ECHS-empanelled hospitals for the ex-servicemen. With Command Hospital now equipped to perform kidney transplants, more patients here will have access to treatment without having to travel long distances. Haryana health minister Kumari Aarti Singh Rao said, "This approval is a milestone in ensuring timely for those suffering from kidney failure"

Drive against drugs, during Shimla Summer Festival from June 01

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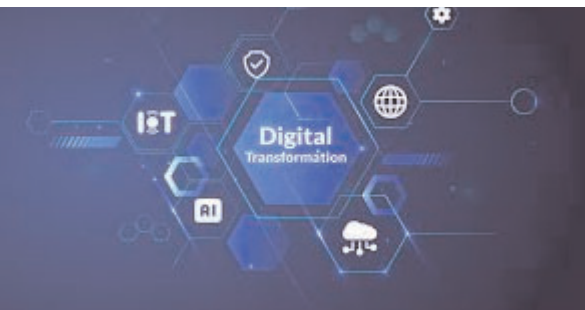
Shimla : On Ridge ground, "Drive against drugs" would be launched during International Summer Festival 2025 from 01 june to 05 june in Shimla. In order to raise awareness among the youth regarding the ever escalating drug addiction would be the theme in all activities. During the five day Shimla festival in addition to daily cultural performance by school children , renowned artists would present cultural shoes of varied nature disclosed the chairman of the



Summer Festival Committee and Deputy C o m m i s s i o n e r A n u p a m K a s h y a p . Shimla Markets would be restored to their former glory to acquaint tourists with the Shimla wth the heritage of

q u i n t e s s e n t i a l characteristics and attributes. A comedy poetry session , Qawwali and folk cultural activities would also be incorporated and displayed to the best of festival traditions.

Transition of IT Technology becomes a challenge



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Bengaluru: The IT sector is trudging in the slow lane, operating at a lacklustre pace. Industry analysts forecast a slower pace of recovery with moderate growth for a longer period, even as the IT sector faces potential challenges stemming from the macro-economic environment and technology transition, increasing risks to revenue growth. This presents a case for a weak multiplier effect, leading to subdued growth for Indian IT firms. Growth rates are

becoming polarised among various players, primarily influenced by company-specific developments. "Change in tech cycle is likely to create a transition phase for tech services companies (like 2016/17), causing growth to moderate in short term. We are lowering our dollar revenue growth forecasts by 100-200 bps and expect growth of 4.5% in FY26 and 6% in FY27 for large-cap IT companies," analysts at Morgan Stanley highlighted this outline

Manish Sisodia becomes Pb AAP incharge, while Satinder Jain gets post of Co IC

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Chandigarh: Manish Sisodia , former Deputy Chief Minister Delhi , has been made supremo of the Punjab Aam Aadmi Party , where as Satyender Jain stands appointed as co incharge of Punjab APP party. As the need of party restructuring arose , after the rout in Delhi assembly election was felt a serious draw back of the Delhi unit. The state unit of the AAP will benefit from said Sisodia' experience and move will brighten AAP' s chances of victory in assembly poll scheduled for 2027." said Harpal



Singh Cheema , Finance Minister , Pb. Frequent visits of Sisodia to several schools in Punjab had raised dust by the opposition parties saying that the Delhi leadership was interfering in the affairs of Punjab G o v e r n m e n t . "A lot of work was

done in Punjab in the past three years by the Bhagwant Maan govt." echoed Mr Sisodia'. The results are visible and we are witnessing a confident and Badlata Punjab . We are witnessing talks held for vanishing drugs, and un employment.

President Donald Trump terminates services of 2 democrat commissioners

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Washington : Alvaro Bedoya and Rebecca Kelly Slaughter, both Democratic commissioners at the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), The move has raised questions about its legality and adherence to historical precedent.Bedoya reacted dism



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echoed previous actions by Trump, who has faced lawsuits for similar dismissals at other independent agencies, including the National Labor Relations Board.The U.S. Supreme Court, in a 1935 ruling, established a law that FTC commissioners could only be removed for "good cause," such as neglect of duty.

Rs 3,400 Crore In kitty enjoyed by richest MLA comparing, poorest just has Rs 1,700

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi:Parag Shah of BJP, represents Mumbai's Ghatkopar East is being called 'India's richest MLA with assets worth nearly Rs 3,400 crore, according to a report released by the Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR). Following him is Congress leader DK Shivakumar, the MLA from Karnataka's Kanakapura,

with wealth exceeding Rs 1,413 crore.The ADR report is based on an analysis of self-sworn affidavits submitted by MLAs before contesting their latest elections. At the bottom of the wealth spectrum is BJP MLA Nirmal Kumar Dhara from Indus, West Bengal, whose declared assets amount to just Rs 1,700N. Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh Chief

Minister: Rs 931 crore, another comes with YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister: Rs 757 croreKH Puttaswamy Gowda, Independent MLA, Karnataka: Rs 1,267 croreNotably ,Andhra Pradesh alone has four MLAs in the top 10 wealthiest list.

Zirakpur "Ring Road " to kick off construction afresh in Sept

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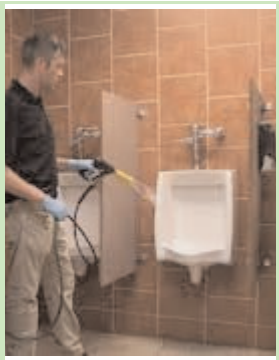
Zirakpur : The 6 lane bypass worth 200 ft wide running 16.5 km would be partially elevated ,and its obstacles has been removed with the afresh acquisition of the land as controverted price of the land did halt the then construction work.said the Panchkula Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal . The bypass project called "Ring Road "would be completed within a period of 2 years span,said MP Varun



Chaudhary.All vehicles bound for Himachal Pradesh will use this by pass and decongest the route of Patiala crossing.Due to the court case filed by the owner for higher price of the land work for over 11 years was halted ,said Varun Chaudhary.

Public & community toilets would be best hygienic

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Chandigarh:Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is working to keep public and community toilets clean and well-maintained for everyone. More than 300 public toilets in markets, parks, and green belts, as well as community toilets in colonies, are regularly cleaned to ensure hygiene and comfort for users. Cleaning staff are provided with gloves, aprons, and other safety gear to protect them while they work,"said the Mayor Harpreet Kaur Babla.Amit Kumar ,Municipal Commissioner about ensuring regular cleaning apprised that the management of these toilets is handled by market and resident welfare groups, self-help groups,



and contractors. A digital system is used to track cleaning staff, ensuring that toilets remain well-maintained. "Steps are also being taken to provide fair and equal salaries to all workers. With these efforts, Municipal Corporation Chandigarh is committed to providing clean and eco-friendly public toilets for all," said Mr Kumar.

Donald Trump signs an executive order to remove education deptt

Commissioner News Services

Washington :US President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Thursday aimed at eliminating the US Education Department, which he had termed as a "big con job" last month. Amid his sweeping actions, US President Donald Trump in February had called for the immediate closure of the federal Department of Education on, reiterating his desire to shut down the agency despite acknowledging the complexity of the process.Donald Trump reportedly proposed shuttering it in his first term as president, but Congress did not act.While Trump has derided the Education Department as wasteful and



polluted by liberal ideology, completing its dismantling is most likely impossible without an act of Congress, which created the department in 1979. Republicans said they will introduce legislation to achieve that, while Democrats have quickly lined up to oppose the idea, reported Associated Press.The order on Thursday said the educa-

tion, secretary will, "to the maximum extent appropriate and permitted by law, take all necessary steps to facilitate the closure of the Department of Education and return authority over education to the States and local communities."It offers no detail on how that work will be carried out or where it will be targeted, though the White House said the agency will retain certain critical functions.Donald Trump vowed to close the department beyond its "core necessities," preserving its responsibilities for Title I funding for low-income schools, Pell grants and money for children with disabilities, the AP report said.

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