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Failure of National Clean Air Programme in DeraBassi stems from dormant acts

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DeraBassi : The day to day swarming strength of chronic, diseased patients, in local Civil Hospital is consequential outcome of dormant acts, if subjected to scrutiny while protecting our sky. Adequately substantiated evidence are the swarming queues, having breathed unclean air, admits Snr Medical Officer Dr Dharminder Singh, Civil Hospital incharge. The doctor incharge tried to console this journalist by saying that he would write to locally posted sub divisional magistrate. It would have been better, had he quoted District Pollution Control Authorities to cure the ills being generated by Green House Gases on the neglect of Pollution Control authorities. National Air Clealiness programme is becoming calamitous failure. The



Snapshots of heavy rush taken in Civil Hospital DeraBassi on 16 Sept, 2025, where diseased persons complain of breathlessness due to unclean air

quantum of green house gases fabric over the horizon of DeraBassi transpired in Lok Sabha on 01 August 2025 in Lok Sabha, when a parliamentarian, union minister of state Kirti Vardhan Singh tabled the frightening figures of cataclysmic 98ug/m3 pooled during 2024-25, that exhibited 9th slot of DeraBassi in national chronological order. The startling syndrome of

DeraBassi civil hospital might be appalling and skipped under the carpet where beyond hundreds of frustrated, chronic patients are seen daily swarming in congested environs of the hospital. One will have to visit to believe ever surpassing figures of diseased masses carrying traits of asthma, cancer, diarrhoea, typhoid, skin diseases, pigmentary disorder, dengue, Bronchitis, conjunctivitis, tuberculosis and hepatitis etc.

The presence of abundant clean air could always diminish possibility of strike of heart diseases, lung cancer as well chronic and acute respiratory illnesses such as asthma and tuberculosis. The exclusive air cleanliness programme launched in 2019 by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest,

Climate Change has not been able to see the light of the envisaged clean air target. The data was orchestrated to evolve from 130 non attainment cities by 2024 in comparison to 2017. The National Clean Air Programme focuses on a multi sectoral approach, involving the respective state action plan and efforts to prove breathable air quality impact on human health.

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Carbon Pollution to kill 9 lakh prematurely

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New Delhi : By 2040, India could see 9 lakh premature deaths and a reduction in average life expectancy of 15 months because of surging air pollution. "India needs an aggressive shift to clean energy now. There should be no delay in implementing the thermal power plant emission standards and halting the expansion of coal-based power" said Sunil Dahiya campaigner, climate and energy Green peace India.

As per environmental NGO Greenpeace, which has had several run-ins with the NDA government, the report reaffirms its previously stated position - of India's thermal power plants contributing significantly to high levels of air pollution. As much as 85 per cent of particulate matter and

almost all of the sulphur oxides and nitrogen oxides result from fuel combustion. Around 60 per cent of global combustion-related sulphur dioxide emissions originate from coal. Since energy is the main contributor to air pollution, seven per cent increase in energy investment can cut death toll significantly, it suggests. Strategy based on existing energy technologies and policies can cut 50 per cent of pollutant emissions - the fourth largest threat to human health, by 2040, it adds.

"The New Policies Scenario sees India take important steps to tackle the issues of air pollution, but much more could be done. By 2040, the clean air scenario still sees two-thirds of India's population living with air pollution levels that exceed the WHO interim target," it cautions.

Sushila Karki interim PM to stay for only 6 months

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Kathmandu : Sushila Karki, Nepal's newly-appointed interim prime minister said she will be in the post for no longer than six months. "I did not wish for this job. It was after voices from the streets that I was compelled to accept," Sushila Karki said, Speaking for the first time since being sworn into office on Friday. She said she would hand over reins to the new government which will emerge after elections on 5 March next year. Her appointment comes after more than 70 people were killed during anti-corruption protests which ousted the Nepal's government. Karki took the oath of office after an agreement with



protest leaders from the so-called "Gen Z" movement. "We have to work according to the thinking of the Gen Z generation," she opined. "What this group is demanding is the end of corruption, good governance and economic equality." The mass protests, sparked by a ban on social media platforms, started on 8 September and over the course of two days descended into chaos

and violence during which politicians' homes were vandalised and parliament was set on fire. The death toll from the unrest has now reached 72, including three police personnel, officials say. "I feel ashamed. If they were Nepalis who destroyed these essential structures, how can they be called Nepalis," the interim prime minister said on Sunday. Karki, a former Supreme Court chief justice, is widely regarded as having a clean image. But she has not been free from controversy, having faced an impeachment incident during her nearly 11-month tenure as chief justice.

Biggest procession in London streets haunts illegal immigrants

London Cops 'assaulted with kicks, punches'

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London: Streets of the town turned into a stage for Britain's anxieties on Sunday, as far-right activist Tommy Robinson drew a crowd count in six figures for the anti immigrant "Unite the Kingdom" rally. Tens of thousands of people marched, leading to sporadic clashes with police. The marchers came to London by train and coach for what was called a "festival of free speech," but speeches during the event spread racist conspiracy theories and anti-Muslim comments across Whitehall. Some officers were punched, kicked, and hit by bottles thrown from the edges of the "Unite the Kingdom" rally. More than 1,000 officers were deployed, with reinforcements in helmets and riot shields sent



in when needed, as reported a news agency. According to police, the crowd count was estimated at 1,10,000 to 1,50,000 people, much larger than expected. However, it was still smaller than the pro-Palestinian march in November 2023 that drew a crowd count of about 300,000 people. A rival protest, the "March Against Fascism" organized by Stand Up To Racism, attracted a crowd count of around 5,000 participants.

Civic body devours entity of "Rao ki Nadi aswell Road"

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NAYAGAON : Broken road on Patiala ki Rao has many folded scams of corrupt handling as it has breathed lively strokes before 1 year prematurely very early, point out the road users with heavy heart. As no probe has taken place so far, yet the Executive Engineer Sukhvinder Singh of Mandi Board had reassured the masses that enquiry would be instituted to probe the cause of early fallen of the



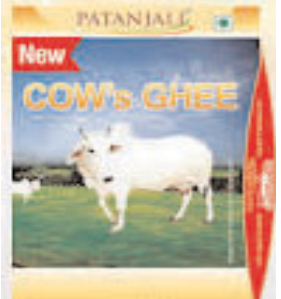
Patiala Rao ki road. He said after the rainy season is over, the road would be built, as early it was. One can see the jammed traffic due to the absence of smooth way to trudge, said a worker who is working in PGI Chandigarh.

Not only the road, the pristine river, a natural asset, is being eroded. The "Rao ki Nadi" has been a natural gift for the inhabitants of Naya Gaon., as the villagers claim. Due to persistent dumping of garbage into the "Nadi," it has shrunk in a Naala, and the Nadi is vanishing fast into oblivion. The existing width of the "Rao ki Nadi" has curtailed to mere 40 ft from original width of 195 ft.

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

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P'kula: Patanjali cow sudhdesi ghee has gained popularity on account of its fragrant quality, purity and economic rates in tricity markets claimed PK Rao Marketing Manager. He adds saying this pure cow ghee is preferred by those who prioritise natural and organic options. During 2024, the claim of high purity was made in August 2025, sample BKD 2458 was taken for purity test and won clientele applause and wide acceptance. For the quality emergence con-



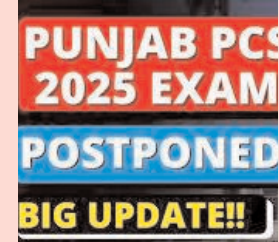
ventional ayurvedic Bolana procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is

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

Pb postpones preliminary exam to 7 Dec

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Patiala: The Punjab State Civil Services Combined 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 password 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.

'Sanctions only complicate ongoing conflicts - China

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Beiling : China managed to hit back the volley of US, and its push for NATO to punish Russian oil buyers. China has delivered a sharp message to Washington after US President Donald Trump pressed NATO allies to impose tariffs on countries buying Russian oil. On Saturday, Foreign Minister Wang Yi, during a state visit to Slovenia, said Beijing 'neither plots nor participates in wars' and warned that sanctions 'only complicate' conflicts instead of solving them, in accordance d. The timing was striking. Wang's remarks came just hours after Trump publicly urged Nato nations to halt purchases of Russian crude and even floated 100 percent sanctions on China, one of Moscow's largest oil customers. Trump's blunt letter to Nato Trump, in a letter addressed



to Nato members and 'the world,' lashed out at allies still buying Russian energy. "I am ready to do major sanctions on Russia when all Nato nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when all Nato Nations STOP BUYING OIL FROM RUSSIA," Trump wrote. Calling those purchases 'shocking,' Trump accused Nato countries of weakening their bargaining power with Moscow. He said he was prepared to "go" on sanctions "once you are" and pushed for collective action.

C. P. Radhakrishnan takes oath as 15th Vice-President of India

New Delhi : President Droupadi Murmu administered oath to the 67-year-old Mr. Radhakrishnan at a brief ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. Dressed in a red kurta, Mr. Radhakrishnan took oath in English in the name of God. Mr. Radhakrishnan won the vice-presidential election on Tuesday, defeating the joint opposition nominee B Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes. The election was necessitated due to the sudden resignation of the then incumbent, Jagdeep



Dhankhar, on July 21 over health issues. Mr. Dhankhar also attended the ceremony, his first public appearance since his resignation as V-P. Former Vice-Presidents Hamid Ansari and

Venkaiah Naidu were also present at the ceremony. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and BJP president J.P. Nadda were among those who attended the programme. After his swearing in, Mr. Radhakrishnan drove down to pay floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at his memorial at Rajghat. He also paid homage to former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Sadaiv Atal and offered tributes to former prime minister Charan Singh at the Kisan Ghat.

Medical stipend not yet paid, despite hike announced by Govt

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Mohali : Although the hike of stipend to intern has been announced but yet the amount is not being paid, bemoaned the intern community. The community of junior and senior residents of BR



Ambedakar institute of Medical Sciences had observed the strike against the non payment if their due

hike in stipend. The intern doctors have complained about the non payment of the hiked amount where in other neighbouring states the interns are already getting the revised amount of stipend.

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Need for politicians to work conscientiously

Glaring income inequality, political corruption, eroding unemployment and the conspicuous consumption of super elites have long plagued the entities of governments across the world. Social media makes opacity unsustainable. Information spreads fast and citizens organise with remarkable speed. Nepal has witnessed an eruption of frustration from the young and jobless, who increasingly see little stake in the promises of the political class. The anger is real and rooted. But the descent into violence is tragic as it usually gives the establishment an opportunity for brutal crackdowns. But the responsibility for the violence on the streets must be shared by the establishment. When the pressure valves of democracy are screwed tight, there is little to stop it from imploding. Experiences show that democracy is not sustained merely by the ritual of periodic elections or the existence of formal institutions. Its true lifeblood is dissent the spaces and opportunities to question, to disagree and to challenge authority. The essence of democracy lies in its openness, in its ability to absorb dissent, to spread its roots deep into the soil of society and to

branch out in directions that reflect the will of the people. To restrict it or to confine it to the shape desired by those in power is to turn it into a bonsai decorative, miniature and lifeless beyond its appearance. As ill luck would have it, in recent times, dissent is too often misunderstood as disruption. Yet, history tells us otherwise: dissent is what has expanded rights, corrected wrongs and deepened freedoms. Every democratic advance has been rooted in the refusal to accept silence as consent. It is the questioning voice that prevents complacency, the alternative vision that enriches debate and the restless spirit that ensures that freedom does not wither into conformity. Democracy grows in the soil of dissent. To erode that soil is to risk uprooting the very tree. Though India's roots in democracy are far more entrenched than those of many of its neighbours, even here, the soil of dissent is being steadily eroded. The ritual of elections continues, but democracy cannot be reduced to numbers alone. Governments may celebrate majorities, yet true democracy also requires respect for minority voices, for uncomfortable questions, for sharp criticism. To brand dissent as "anti-national" is to

confuse obedience with patriotism. It is a dangerous lie that weakens the republic. Our own freedom struggle was born out of dissent against the British empire, against exploitation, against injustice. If dissent was treason, then the makers of our freedom were all traitors. Instead, they became the architects of the world's largest democracy. Yet today, writers, journalists, students, activists and even ordinary citizens face intimidation for speaking truth to power. Many are jailed as a result of a judiciary loath to apply the law strictly and consistently. Parliament, once a sanctuary for robust debate, is too often reduced to a stage-managed performance where uncomfortable questions are drowned out. The media, which should be the mirror of democracy, has almost become its heavy curtain. And the citizen, whose right it is to question, is told to watch in silence. Looking at the range of institutions the young people in Nepal expressed their ire against, it is easy to understand how deep and pervasive their discontent against all parts of the establishment runs. Protestors stormed and torched party offices, parliament, the judiciary and media headquarters.

Aadhaar Enable Biometric Attendance System at private colleges ?

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CHANDIGARH : The Department of High Education (DHE) is planning to ask the private colleges to follow suit. Having implemented the Department of Personnel orders for mandatory Aadhaar Enable Biometric Attendance System at local government college the department is considering compliance of biometrics attendance at private colleges. The Department of Personnel had asked, in February, all departments, boards, corporations under the UT Administration to implement the biometric attendance, and in March the government college authorities began the process. As the new session in

the department will be involving the private college managements only after discussing the matter with the higher authorities. Since local colleges partially functions under the banner of DHE, the rule shall be ideally extended to all the educational institutions but we cannot just ignore the UGC guidelines as well. We have to wait till next week," said a highly placed official, requesting anonymity. Meanwhile, the plan has received a mixed response from the heads of the private colleges. Though many appreciated the introduction of the programme, they opted to remain tight-lipped when asked about its implementation in their respective colleges. local colleges begins this month, the DHE is now considering asking the private colleges to follow the same attendance system. Several private colleges affiliated with Panjab University are not directly under the DHE, but are relevant to higher education in Chandigarh considering receiving aid and technical guidelines besides following the lines of the University Grants Commission. "The discussions are most likely to start next month with the higher officials in the department (DHE). Our office may have already written to the private colleges, but

62 show-cause notices served against illegal structures by GMADA issues

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MOHALI : Against the violation of the Punjab Regional and Town Planning and Development Act, the Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act and Punjab New Capital Periphery Act, the Greater Mohali Area Development Authority (GMADA) has issued 62 show-cause notices. In several villages like Mirjapur, Jyanti Majri, Bharonjan, Karoran and Seonk against illegal constructions the action has been initiated. The issue of extensive construction activity on the periphery of Chandigarh was initially taken up by the National

Green Tribunal (NGT). In an affidavit filed with the NGT Additional Chief Administrator, GMADA, Rakesh Popli said action was launched against those indulging in illegal construction. GMADA had earlier carried out demolition drives in Karoran, Perch, Soenk, Mullanopur, Garibadss, Padol and Nada villages.



Railway passes Rs 65 Cr for construction of Dhakoli railway overbridge



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ZIRAKPUR : The design of the overbridge underpass is being drafted after which tenders would be floated, said local BJP leader Manpreet Singh Bunny Sandhu. The Northern Railway has approved the overbridge at the Dhakoli level crossing at an estimated cost of Rs 65 crore, said Mr Bunny Sandhu.

Dhakoli resident KK Verma said the additional facility would economise time and money. "The flyover would leverage the process of movements and will benefit local residents. Besides giving clear way to emergency vehicles, it will also help reduce the risk of mishaps considerably," he added.

Pet dog registration made mandatory by MC

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PANCHKULA : The Panchkula Municipal Corporation has made pet dog registration mandatory. Residents have hailed the directive as an important step towards ensuring responsibility pet ownership, improving public safety and promoting adherence to animal welfare norms. The directive, issued under Section 311 of the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, and the Haryana Municipal Corporation (Registration and Proper Control of Dogs) Bylaws, 2008, is aimed at bringing pet owners into a structured framework. The Chief Sanitary Inspector of the MC in a communication addressed to all Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs), has urged full cooperation in facilitating the registration process. While the online registration through the SARAL portal has been closed, pet owners can now apply via the offline process. However, while the intent is widely supported, residents have also voiced concerns over practical implementation of the directive. Many have pointed out that delays in processing applications, repeated follow-



ups without updates and technical glitches in the SARAL Haryana portal are making the process cumbersome. A resident shared that his application, submitted on April 9, was still unresolved, with the last communication he received was dated June 10. The corporation has directed the pet owners to submit documents manually due to portal failures, but uncertainty continues to linger. Guidelines from the Animal Welfare Board of India, such as keeping pets on leashes and observing muzzle rules, are in place but difficult to enforce without efficient registration. The pet owners and residents' groups have called on the authorities to streamline procedures and ensure prompt responses, emphasising that registration is crucial not only for compliance but also for public health and order.

On account of renewal delay, 2 immigration firms deprived of licences

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MOHALI : Under Section 6(1)(e) of the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act, 2012, the licences of two firms, Soft Tech Education Services, Kharar, and Stark Global Consultants, Kharar have been cancelled by Mohali administration. Due to non-compliance with statutory provisions, the action was taken due to non-renewal of licenses, non-



submission of reports, closure of offices, and Additional Deputy Commissioner Geetika Singh clarified that any future complaints will make them personally liable for consequences and compensation.

No dumping of garbage as IAF to exhibit air show on Sept 26

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CHD/MOHALI : The local Indian Air Force authorities have intimidated senior Punjab Government and district administration officials about the specific measures to be taken for the event at the administration level. The Air Force authority will hold an air show from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm on September 26. The show will mark iconic MIG-21 fighter jet's end of six-decade service in the IAF, which inducted its first Russian jet in 1963. The District Magistrate, Mohali, has



enforced prohibitory orders to ensure safe flying environment and keep a check on dumping of garbage as well as meat shops in the vicinity. Indian Air Force celebrated its 90th anniversary at Sukhna Lake, Chandigarh, on October 8, 2022. Hon'ble President Draupadi Murmu was

the chief guest and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also attended the event. On September 22, 2021, an air show was held at Sukhna Lake to commemorate Swarnim Vijay Varsh, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the victory in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

Sewerage board chairperson reviews progress of projects in Kharar

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MOHALI : Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board chairperson SS Ahluwalia Ahluwalia inspected the Rs 22.15 crore drinking water project underway at Jhangi Road, Kharar, and said that this project will provide canal-based drinking water supply to Kharar residents. SS Ahluwalia General Secretary Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) reviewed various ongoing projects of the Board

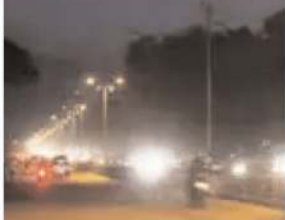


in Kharar. Subsequently, he reviewed the Rs 18.61 crore sewerage project on the Kharar-Ladhran Road aimed at resolving the sewerage issues of the town. He further assessed the progress

of the Rs 14.83 crore Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) project near Khuni Majra village. He said that after the STP becomes operational, treated water would be supplied to farmers' fields.

MC plans infra upgrade, to replace 45K LED streetlights in UT

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CHANDIGARH : Municipal Corporation is planning a major project to modernise the lighting infrastructure as wide criticism attributed over the non-functional streetlights across the city. A detailed project report (DPR) for the modernisation of the public lighting infrastructure in the city has been prepared by the Civic body. The project is aimed at enhancing energy efficiency, reducing operational costs and improving public safety. It involves operations, maintenance and phase-wise replacement of approximately 45,781 LED streetlights/floodlights and 681 CCMS (centrally controlled monitored systems) panels installed across the city. A proposal in this regard will be tabled in the next MC General House meeting. With the contract of the company managing the



streetlights ended long ago, most streetlights are non-functional. Though MC staff is managing streetlights, they face problems in their maintenance due to the financial crisis. As per the proposal, the project spans seven years, with an optional three-year extension, and focuses on replacing the present infrastructure with a smart lighting system, which integrates advanced lighting control and monitoring systems for real-time monitoring and management. he successful bidder will take over the existing

infrastructure on an "as is, where is" basis and also ensure uninterrupted service during the transition. Key objectives include achieving energy savings through replacement of old lights with more energy efficient LED ones and smart dimming technology, eliminating dark spots and strengthening the system with GIS mapping, QR/barcode tagging and proper earthing. The project aligns with the Government of India's commitment to sustainability by reducing its carbon footprint and promoting energy-efficient technologies. Payments will be made on a per-point-per-month basis, with annual rate escalation, ensuring accountability and incentivising performance. This initiative is a significant step toward creating a sustainable, cost-effective and smart public lighting ecosystem in Chandigarh.

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EAM Jaishankar wishes
Costa Rica prosperity on
their Independence Day

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NEW DELHI : "Independence day greetings to FM Arnaldo Andre, the Government and the people of Costa Rica. Look forward to further development of our ties, conveyed wishes, S Jaishankar External Affairs Minister on Monday extended Independence Day greetings to Costa Rica. Jaishankar looked forward to further development of India-Costa Rica ties. India and Costa Rica enjoy cordial and warm relations, which are being strengthened by the growing commercial engagement between the two countries. Following India's appointment of an Honorary Consul in San Jose in 1995, Costa Rica reciprocated by opening an Honorary Consulate in New Delhi in 1996. Costa Rica opened its Embassy in New Delhi in



April 2010. The Indian Embassy in Panama is concurrently accredited to Costa Rica. There is a great deal of interest in India's history and cultural heritage in Costa Rica and much of the credit for this goes to Prof Hilda Chen Apuy who visited India on a UNESCO scholarship in the 1950's and introduced studies on Indian History, Philosophy and Sanskrit at the University of Costa Rica in San Jose. Prof Hilda's articles on India were published by the Public Diplomacy Division of our

Ministry. Co-operation in the cultural sphere has included performances of Indian cultural troupes, which have been visiting Costa Rica from time to time. An ICCR sponsored Kuchipudi Classical Dance group led by Tirumalasetti Reddy Lakshmi, performed at the National Theatre, San Jose on 20th October, 2015 to an audience of over 600. The event was attended by several high dignitaries and received wide coverage in the local media. After successful celebration of IDY in 2015 and 2016, over 200 Costa Ricans performed Yoga at the IDY 2017 event, organized by the Embassy of India, Panama in cooperation with local Yoga Institutes and the Indian Community in San Jose.

Final hearing on pleas
against validity of Bihar
SIR on Oct 7, SC orders

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NEW DELHI : The Election Commission of India being a constitutional authority was following the law during the special intensive revision of electoral roll in poll-bound Bihar and cautioned in case of any illegality, the exercise would be set aside, said the Supreme Court on Monday. A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi fixed October 7 for hearing final arguments on validity of Bihar SIR while refusing to offer any "any piecemeal opinion" on the exercise. "Our judgement in Bihar SIR will be applicable for Pan-India SIR," the bench said, clarifying it can't stop the poll panel from conducting the similar exercise for revision of electoral roll across the country.



The bench, however, allowed petitioners against the Bihar SIR exercise to also argue on the pan-India SIR on October 7. The top court, in the meantime, issued notice on a plea seeking the recall of the September 8 top court order directing the poll panel to include Aadhaar card as the 12th prescribed document in the Bihar SIR. On September 8, the apex court clarified Aadhaar will not be proof of citizenship and the poll panel can ascertain its genuineness on being submitted by an elector for inclusion in the electoral roll.

Key provisions of Waqf act,
SC stay welcomed by
Muslim law boards

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Lucknow : The All India Shia Personal Law Board (AISPLB) said it has full faith in the courts, and is hopeful of getting justice. The All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) on Monday also welcomed the Supreme Court judgement putting on hold several key provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025. Reacting to the Supreme Court judgement, Khalid Rashid Farangi Mahali, an executive member of AIMPLB, told PTI, "Muslims and the AIMPLB wanted a stay on the entire Waqf (Amendment) Act, which the Supreme Court refused. The court said the stay cannot be imposed on the entire Waqf law, but it put on hold certain provisions, which is a welcome step. We have got significant



relief and hope to get complete relief when the final judgement comes." He added that the apex court has also directed that efforts should be made to appoint the CEO, who is also the ex-officio secretary of the Waqf board, from the Muslim community, which is a relief. "This has given significant relief. However, the issue of non-Muslim members (in the board) is still there. The Constitution gives freedom of religion to all Indians, and Waqf is an integral part of Islam,"

Mahali said. He added that the trusts and religious endowments of other religions and communities have a provision that only a person from the same faith and the same school of thought could become its member, but the Waqf (Amendment) Act ended this provision, and allowed a non-Muslim to become a member of the board. "The Supreme Court has not stayed this. This is a big issue for which we have to wait," Mahali said. The Supreme Court on Monday put on hold several key provisions of the Waqf law, including the clause that only those practising Islam for the last five years can dedicate a property as Waqf, but refused to stay the entire law.

Khojkipur found to be carrying severe
pollutants : HPPCB

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PANIPAT : The drain covers approximately 40-km stretch in Panipat district and 10 km in Karnal. In Panipat, drain-1 and drain-2, considered to be the major cause behind the Yamuna pollution, flow through the city and rural areas. To reduce the pollution load in Yamuna, the Irrigation Department would treat the water flow at three places -- Kachroli, Kurar and Khojkipur -- before it meets the river. The department has constructed a storage reservoir-cum-match box treatment structure at drain number 2 near Kurar village to treat the water. The process to construct two more structures is underway. The 8-km-long drain-1 flows from Kabri road to Chautala road and after that it meets drain-2, which meets the Yamuna at Khojkipur village. Scores of industrial units, bleaching and dyeing units along drain-2 discharge untreated effluent directly into it. As per the sources, the samples collected by the HSPCB from Khojkipur failed multiple laboratory tests and also revealed severe pollution levels. The biological oxygen demand (BOD), chemical oxygen demand (COD), the total dissolved solids (TDS), oil and grease were found more than permissible limits.



Now, to reduce the pollution load in Yamuna, the Irrigation Department has decided to treat the water of drain-2 in stretches before it meets with Yamuna. Suresh Salni, XEN, Irrigation Department said approximately 80 cusec water, which is badly polluted, flows on an average during the non-rainy season. During the rainy season, the heavy water flows from it due to which the pollution is diluted and the drain gets cleaned, he further said. Now, it has been decided to treat the drain water by making three MBT structures at Kachroli, Kurar and Khojkipur. The structure at Kurar has been constructed at Rs 10 crore, he said. As per the project, the water would be stored in the drain for around 15 days at Kachroli, Kurar and Khojkipur. A total 98 hectare metre water would be stored in the 12 km area at

Kachroli for around 5-6 days. Around 112 hectare metre water would be stored in around 13.5-km area at Kurar and after that around 125 hectare water would be stored at Khojkipur MBT structure in 14.50-km stretch, he said. During the storage at three steps, water would be treated and its BOD and COD level would be reduced with aerator and other equipment, he added. According to the project, approximately 335 hectare metre water would be stored at three places, which would not only increase the ground water level, but also make micro-irrigation in 10,000 acres possible, he said. Recently, Rajesh Khullar, Chief Principal Secretary to Chief Minister visited Kurar village to inquire about the MBT structure and also directed for sampling of the water after storage and after releasing of the water. DC Virender Kumar Dahiya said the tender process for the Kachroli project has begun while the department has prepared estimates for the Khojkipur project. These projects would help farmers in irrigation and fisheries, the groundwater would be recharged and the clean water would be discharged into Yamuna, which would also help in reducing the pollution load, the Deputy Commissioner maintained.

Gurugram holistically aims
zero emission by 2050

Commissioner News Service
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.

‘Free trade agreement’ with
Qatar, draft likely by next month

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : In a significant step towards strengthening the economic ties, India and Qatar may finalise the terms of reference for a free trade agreement by October, a government official said on Monday. Piyush Goyal Minister Commerce and Industry may also visit Qatar on October 6 to discuss the proposed trade deal, disclosed an official. India and Qatar announced plans for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) to double bilateral trade by 2030 during the India visit of Emir of Qatar Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani in February. Qatar



represents 1.22 per cent of India's total trade, with India exporting \$1.68 billion and importing \$12.47 billion in FY 2024-25. Qatar's primary exports to India include LNG, LPG, chemicals, petrochemicals and aluminium products. Both nations agreed to double bilateral trade to \$28 billion over the next five year. Amid US President Donald Trump's 50 per cent tariff on Indian

goods (with a 25 per cent penalty for Russian oil purchases), expanding Free Trade Agreement (FTA) partners has become critical for India to mitigate the impact. India is focused on market diversification to cushion the impact of US tariff. In FY 2024-25, India exported goods worth \$86.5 billion to the US and had a trade surplus of over \$40 billion. The FTA, aimed at boosting bilateral trade and investment, is expected to cover a wide range of sectors. Qatar, a key supplier of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to India, is a vital partner in the energy sector, and the trade deal could further enhance this relationship.

China, not India , emerges a new villain in Trump's latest tariff kitty

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : After months of railing against India for buying Russian oil and hammering New Delhi with punitive tariffs, the US president is now training his guns over China. In his latest Truth Social post, Trump thundered that Nato nations must "stop buying oil from Russia" and unite to impose "major sanctions" on Moscow – while also calling for devastating 50 per cent to 100 per cent tariffs on Beijing. In a fiery letter addressed to Nato members and "the world", Trump declared: "I am ready to do major sanctions on Russia when all Nato nations have agreed, and started, to do the same thing, and when all Nato Nations STOP BUYING OIL FROM



RUSSIA. As you know, Nato's commitment to win has been far less than 100 per cent, and the purchase of Russian Oil, by some, has been shocking! It greatly weakens your negotiating position, and bargaining power, over Russia." Trump urged the alliance to act collectively, insisting he was prepared to "go" once Nato members align on sanctions: "Anyway, I am ready to 'go' when you are. Just say when?" he wrote. In his most direct remarks yet, Trump said he is

"ready" to move on the sanctions, which could have a devastating impact on Russia's finances – but ultimately left the decision in the hands of Nato allies. The sharpest edge of his demand, though, was reserved for Beijing. "I believe that this, plus Nato , as a group, placing 50 per cent to 100 per cent TARIFFS ON CHINA, to be fully withdrawn after the WAR with Russia and Ukraine is ended, will also be of great help in ENDING this deadly, but RIDICULOUS, WAR," he added. Trump stressed that "China has a strong control, and even grip, over Russia, and these powerful Tariffs will break that grip".

Sushila Karki has strong ties with BHU

Commissioner News Service
Varanasi : The 1st woman Prime Minister of Nepal Sushila Karki , an alumni of Banaras Hindu University has deep bonds with " Bharat" a Hindu rashtrya. Her husband Durga Prasad Subedi was one of the 3 men who commandeered a Royal Nepal Airlines de Havilland DHC- 6 Twin Otter aircraft in 1973. We have had a cordial relationship with her since her days in BHU, said Professor Dipak Malik ,a retired BHU Professor and former director of Gandhian Institute of Studies.



Ms Kartik has strong reputation for integrity ,zero tolerance for corruption and political neutrality which has helped her earned wide spread honour and international recognition added Prof Malik.Having visited Nepal in Nov 2024 he met her and rejoiced her soft spoken life experiences.

UNGA Session in US, role may be spearheaded by Jaishankar on September 27

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not go to the US this month for the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session. Foreign minister S Jaishankar will represent India instead at UNGA's General Debate during the High-Level week, as per the provisional list of speakers issued on September 5. This is as per the convention in recent years as PM Modi had last attended UNGA in 2021, which was the



assembly's 76th session. Modi did go to the UN Headquarters last year but not for the General debate. He had then spoken at the "Summit of the Future" event of the UNGA, two days before the general debate started. Jaishankar has been representing India at the UNGA general debate since 2022. In all other years,

either then external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj or present foreign minister S Jaishankar represented India at the general debate. The General Debate, scheduled to run from September 23–29, will commence with Brazil speaking first, followed by the United States. Trump is set to address world leaders on September 23 in his first UNGA appearance since he returned to the White House for a second term.

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Trump realises he was wrong when under estimated Ex-diplomat on US KP Fabian

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Washington : India is a civilisational state... wants to be friends with everyone and wants to do business, but cannot take dictation," said KP Fabian on Trump's latest perspectives. It's been at least a couple of days that US President Donald Trump softened his stance towards India, on which he has put massive trade tariffs. That's because the tariffs did not have much effect, former Indian diplomat KP Fabian argued on Sunday. Fabian said Trump is beginning to realise that his aggressive trade tactics with India, particularly the additional 25 per cent tariff due to New Delhi's purchase of Russian oil — taking the total to 50 per cent – “did not produce the desired outcome”,. Trump has called US-



India ties a "very special relationship", and underlined his personal equation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has reciprocated saying the feeling is mutual. Fabian, however, remained circumspect. “Prime Minister Modi did what is appropriate to respond to a cordial tweet, but from this, we cannot conclude that we are going to see any early end to this, what I call 'Triple T' — Trumped-up Trump Tariff. Trumped-up means without basis,” ANI quoted Fabian as saying.

Appaling vehicular tortoise speed demands building of Ring Roads in congested cities

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : In order to tackle escalating urban congestion, the Union Govt has chalked out plans to d e v e l o p approximately 34 new access controlled " Ring Roads " in our country. On either side,15 metres of the stretches of choke p o i n t s , " Development Control Zones "would be notified and here upon no construction would



be allowed leaving apart public utilities and green zones. Nevertheless, r e g u l a t e d development would be permitted in 2 km beyond (DCZ) D e v e l o p m e n t Control Zones. Such type of

projects would be financed at the behest of states having upfront payment of 50% of costs for 50 % of toll revenue for 15 years, paying 50% of land acquisition or providing pooled land.

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Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat given additional charge of Maharashtra as C.P. Radhakrishnan demits

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New Delhi : President Droupadi Murmu appointed Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat to discharge functions of the Governor of Maharashtra, in addition to his own duties, as incumbent Maharashtra Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan demitted office on Thursday (September 11, 2025) due to his election as the country's next Vice President. Mr. Radhakrishnan, the 67-year-old NDA nominee, won



the vice presidential election on Tuesday, defeating the joint opposition nominee B Sudershan Reddy by a margin of 152 votes. The election was necessitated

by the sudden resignation of earlier Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar on July 21. "Consequent upon demitting the office of Governor of Maharashtra by C.P. Radhakrishnan due to his election as the Vice-President of India, the President of India has appointed Acharya Devvrat, Governor of Gujarat, to discharge the functions of the Governor of Maharashtra, in addition to his own duties," statement issued by the President's office said.

India, Mauritius to work towards facilitating bilateral trade in local currencies: PM Modi

Varanasi: India and Mauritius will work towards enabling bilateral trade in local currencies, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi after holding wide-ranging talks with his Mauritian counterpart Navinchandra Ramgoolam.

Mr Modi added India and Mauritius are two countries, but their dreams and destiny are one. The Prime Minister remarked that a free, open, secure, stable and prosperous Indian Ocean is a shared priority of both India and Mauritius. "In this context, India is fully committed to strengthening the security and maritime capacity of Mauritius' Exclusive Economic Zone," he said. "India has always stood as the first responder and a net security provider in the Indian



Ocean region," he added. Chagos agreement Mr. Modi also congratulated Ramgoolam and the people of Mauritius on the conclusion of the Chagos agreement, describing it as a "historic victory" for the island nation's sovereignty. "India has always supported decolonisation and the full recognition of Mauritius's sovereignty. In May, the United Kingdom decided to hand over the sovereignty of Chagos Islands, including tropical a toll of Diego Garcia, to Mauritius under a historic pact.

Trump to motivate G7 for levying tariffs on India, China over Russian oil purchases

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi: The United States is set to pressure G7 member nations to impose higher tariffs on India and China, the two largest buyers of Russian oil, in an attempt to compel Moscow to engage in peace talks with Ukrain



Finance ministers from the Group of Seven leading economies are set to discuss a US proposal for new measures as President Donald Trump intensifies efforts to broker a peace deal in Ukraine. After Trump urged the

two important trading partners would be difficult, owing to factors as US Treasury Department cues "Chinese and Indian purchases of Russian oil are funding Putin's war machine and prolonging the senseless killing of the Ukrainian people." "Earlier this week, we made it clear to our EU allies that if they are serious about ending the war in their own backyard, they need to join us and impose meaningful tariffs . Washington had floated figures between 50 and 100 per cent.

China Hits Back At Trump's 100% Tariffs Threat

Commissioner News Service
(Ljubljana, China): The 100% tariff on China remarks came shortly after US President Donald Trump on Saturday proposed that NATO to impose tariffs of 50 per cent to 100 per cent on China. China has hit back at the US over President Donald Trump's proposal that NATO impose 50-100% tariffs on Beijing over its purchase of Russian oil. Mind it, Beijing is committed to promoting peace talks for resolving hot-spot issues, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi has said wars cannot solve problems and highlighted that sanctions would only complicate them. He made the remarks at a press conference in Ljubljana , after meeting



Slovenia's Deputy PM and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Tanja Fajon, sources revealed "China does not participate in or plan wars, and what China does is to encourage peace talks and promote political settlement of hotspot issues through dialogue," Wang Yi said. He also gave a call to promote multilateralism, strengthen multilateral mechanisms, and jointly safeguard

the purposes and principles of the UN Charter. He highlighted that in the present times, the international situation is characterised by intertwined chaos and continuous conflicts. "China and Europe should be friends rather than rivals, and should cooperate rather than confront each other. Making the right choices amid the greatest changes in a century demonstrates the responsibilities that both sides should fulfill towards history and the people," Wang Yi said, as reported by Global Times His veiled reference comes shortly after US President Donald Trump on Saturday proposed that NATO impose tariffs of 50 per cent to 100 per cent on China.

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New Dehi : Supreme Court is hearing the Presidential reference case on timelines and procedures for the President and State Governors when considering Bills passed by State legislatures. A Constitution Bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) BR Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Vikram Nath, Justice PS Narasimha and Justice Atul S Chandurkar is hearing the matter. The reference made by President Droupadi Murmu challenges the top court's April 8 ruling, which prescribed timelines for the President and the Governor to decide on Bills and also held that the Governor's inaction under Article 200 (Governor's powers regarding assent to bills passed by the State Legislature) was subject



to judicial review. Following the ruling, President Murmu referred fourteen questions to the Supreme Court, raising constitutional concerns about the Court's interpretation of Articles 200 and 201. The reference argued that the Court is not empowered to prescribe deadlines, and that the notion of "deemed assent" in the event of delay is not contemplated by the Constitution.

The Kerala and Tamil Nadu governments have opposed the reference as not maintainable. On the other hand, the Central government has supported the reference, arguing that the power of Governors and the President to act on Bills is a "high prerogative" function which cannot be bound by judicial timelines. During the hearing of the matter on August 28, the State of Tamil Nadu argued that accepting that Governors can withhold assent even to money bills passed by a State legislature would effectively make them a "super Chief Minister" of a State. This argument was made in response to a submission made by the Maharashtra government on August 26 that the Governor can deny assent even to money bills.

Compounding regime of synthetic milk

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.



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