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India to shortly capture slot of 3rd largest economy amid global uncertainty : President

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New Delhi : India is the world's fastest growing major economy during the tension afflicted world. In the backdrop of geopolitical differences slowing global growth, Droupadi Murmu, the President on Sunday voiced India's economic momentum remains strong, invigorated by reforms, infrastructure investment and a renewed focus on self-reliance.

"We are moving towards achieving our goal of becoming the world's third-largest economy in the very near future."

India's principles of 'swadeshi' and self-reliance would contin-



ue to be evolving channels of growth. "By investing in the creation of world-class infrastructure, we are unprecedentedly rebuilding our economic strength at a much larger scale. In this

journey of shaping our economic destiny, aatmanirbharata (self-reliance) and swadeshi are our guiding principles," said the President. India's nearly \$4 trillion economy, despite

challenges due to high US tariffs and other geopolitical headwinds, is expected to grow 7.4% in fiscal year 2026 (FY26) in real terms, according to the first advance estimates released by the

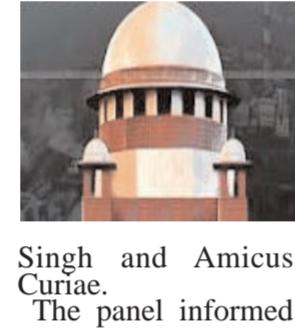
ministry of statistics and programme implementation on 7 January. The economy grew at 6.5% in FY25 and 9.2% in FY24 and would, continue to germinate undoubtedly in uniform order.

Hike in Environmental Compensation Cess must : CAQM

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New Delhi : Supreme Court is not inclined to accept any objection to the protracted measures evolved by various agencies, IITs, academia, research institutes, scientists, NGOs. The stakeholders would be required to

submit their plans to implement the directives issued by the bench of Apex Court, headed by Surya Kant, Chief Justice of India, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Justice Vipu M Pancholi. The debate was joined by Snr Advocate Aparajita



Singh and Amicus Curiae. The panel informed

the Apex bench that the industrial carbon smoke including thermal power were responsible for intensifying air pollution. Biomass burning disseminate toxic smoke, must be held accountable and environment compensation cess be charged

for keeping the environment clear of inimical gases. during winter loaded 17.25% pollutants in the air, reported the CAQM (Commission for Air Quality Management). Non revision of Environmental Compensation had

encouraged commercial vehicles to pass through Delhi instead of taking the eastern and western peripheral expressway which entail them to take a longer route and payment of higher tolls. The Commission for Air Quality Management submitted

bodies including IITs, academia, research institutes and NGOs. A wholesome govt approach by the state government, statutory authorities, all ministries concerned and other agencies function in a coordinated manner.

Trump warns Iran for getting wipedout, Iran hits back after Trump's warning

Commissioner News Service Washington : "Iran is unfazed by hostile rhetoric from Washington and is prepared for any outcome" the Indian representative of Iran's Supreme Leader said on Friday.

He was responding to remarks by US President Donald Trump that Iran could be "wiped off the face of the earth" if anything were to happen to him. "This statement is not new, we are also ready for every thing," said Abdul Majid Hakeem Ilahi, Representative in India of Iran's Hakeem Ilahi said the remarks came



amid rising tensions between Washington and Tehran, including US criticism of Iran's handling of nationwide protests and warnings of severe retaliation over alleged threats. Trump on Tuesday warned that continued assassination threats by Iranian leaders would result in Iran being

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

Commissioner News Service 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 emer-



gence conventional 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,

Chd Univ to organise country's first AI impact summit 2026

Commissioner News Service

CHANDIGARH : The country's first AI impact summit 2026 would be organised in New Delhi by Chandigarh University from 19 Feb to 21 Feb 2026 with an aim to arm the youth innovators which could augment the sense of creativity and influence the technology based ideology.

The inauguration of the Atos Solutions and System Pvt Ltd event would be pioneered by CEO Umar Ali Sekh and the

GLOBAL AI COLLABORATION

Rajya Sabha MP cum Chancellor Satnam Singh Sandhu who would accompany the Atos Solutions and Systems Pvt Limited. The company would specialise in digital transformation, cloud service and cyber security besides web site maintenance and multi media presentations.

Industry job oriented course to surface : Vice Chancellor

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Outbeating the traditional flagship with gratuitous demand of certain Bachelor degree courses, the welcome degree courses in Artificial Intelligence and machine learning, Data Science and Cyber Security would be called for to meet the ever rising demand for absorption of unemployees' striking strength.



A total 11 colleges affiliated to Punjab University have been enlightened for its timely infrastructural readiness. Dr Ajay Sharma, Principal opined saying the demand of industrial sector must be met as the courses are job oriented. No sooner we get directives and syllabus, we would finalise our resources, faculty and

infrastructure. Certain govt aided colleges too will start after familiarising the management with basics of these courses. The subject matter of these innovative courses would be forwarded to the Director of Higher Education relating to govt colleges. The convened admission committee would decide about the centralised or non. centralised modus operandi before the new academic session starts its paraphernalia, said Renu Vig, the Vice Chancellor of Punjab University.

Chemistry professor made incharge-head of English department ?

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Ahmedabad : Mr Kokilaben Parmar, the faculty member in chemistry department was appointed head of English department after the retirement of Adesh Pal from the post of incharge of the said department.



Another professor Hetal Patel as aggrieved filed a case with education tribunal that stayed the appointment on Oct 10, 2025.

Ms Parmar challenged the stay on grounds that she was

Justice Nirjar in the high court questioned the University as to how a chemistry professor could address academic concerns of English literature. The university however replied that Parmar role was restricted to administrative decisions. The university came with a draft order of new appointment of Tapal Chakrabarty to function as a Head of the English department citing rule of appointment and seniority.

Amid US tariff, EU, India settle for historic trade deal

Commissioner News Service New Delhi : Ram Lila Maidan was optimistic saying a deal between the European Union, the world's single largest market, and India, the world's fastest growing major economy, will revive his gems and jewelry business. He lost a quarter of his earnings last year, after US President Donald Trump imposed 50% tariffs on his country. "We have suffered massive losses since the tariffs, people in the US were our major clients," he told DW. "And we hope that a deal with the Europeans will help us, and everybody."

Mohit Bharadwaj Electronic dealer, in Luxmi



Nagar intends to expand his trade and find new markets. While the US has said the high tariffs are meant to dissuade India from buying Russian crude oil, it appears the EU has adopted a different approach to lure India away from Moscow's orbit — more trade and stronger defense ties.

At a high stakes summit in

New Delhi this week, the EU and India are expected to finalize a free trade agreement and sign a new security and defense partnership, the third such agreement between the EU and an Asian country after Japan and South Korea.

"Despite longstanding arguments in favor of a closer partnership, including shared competition with China and trade incentives for both parties, it was Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Trump's punitive tariffs that have brought momentum to the relationship," said Praveen Donthi, a senior analyst at the International Crisis Group based in Delhi.

Trespassers vandalise at Indian embassy in Croatia

Commissioner News Service

Zagreb : "We have initiated dialogues with Croatian authorities strongly against the onslaught carried out by certain members of terrorist members of terrorist group Sikh for Justice at Zagreb," said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson at Ministry of External Affairs.

Under the Vienna Convention, diplomatic premises are inviolable and must be protected against any perpetrated harm. These alleged perpetrators must be taken to task against their reprehensible and Illegitimate action" said spokesperson of Ministry of External Affairs.



At times, such vehement activities speak of their growing detestable character and poorly crafted motives and call for accountable strict actions they tried to replace tricolour with "Khalistan Flag". Hence law enforcement authorities are required to move and keep strict vigil over their landscape of free movement.

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EDITORIAL -

Need to address chronically ill system sans doctors

A spurt of deaths and injuries from contaminated drugs from Ayushman entity, from patients being subjected to gratuitous treatment, underlines how agencies tasked to regulate healthcare are in shambles. The private sector in particular is running lawless - while accounting for an estimated 80% of medical services.

Govt failure to fill vacancies and make timely appointments has resulted in National Medical Commission, the apex regulator for doctors, functioning with near-empty autonomous boards that are supposed to be dealing with UG and PG medical education, medical registration, and medical college assessment.

Commission's attempt to update Indian Medical Registry's a gigantic failure. Last year, several cases of fake or inadequately qualified doctors having caused deaths and injuries came to light yet nothing has moved on mending the gaps. Despite a govt-appointed committee having concluded doctors were guilty of being bribed by pharma companies, NMC is yet to act against them. Worse, NMC continues to reject all appeals filed by patients or their families, claiming that only doctors have the right to appeal before it.

CBI last year found that several medical colleges had arranged fake patients and

ghost faculty ahead of inspections, tipped off by insiders. Where inspectors were in doubt, approval was acquired with hefty bribes.

Medical students are an unseen spot for NMC. It hasn't addressed either the ragging or suicide crisis for years together. It has also failed to ensure MBBS interns and PG medical trainees are paid stipend by all colleges. It has ignored trainee doctors' demand to regulate duty hours. It has even failed to fix a doctor-patient ratio, which would ensure better care for patients and prevent exploitation of doctors.

Serious hospital fraud in the Ayushman scheme came to light in 2025. Fake bills against fake Ayushman cards, Ayushman patients forced to pay out-of-pocket. Some hospitals were removed from the panel, but patients were not adequately compensated. The

most horrific of these frauds was deaths caused by unnecessary angioplasty by doctors in a Gujarat hospital. With no mechanism to prevent such abuse, the scheme has become a Rs 5L bait on every Ayushman beneficiary's head.

The sector's worth is estimated at 21.5L cr, most of it spent from patients' pockets. The Clinical Establishments Act 2010 was adopted by just 19 states and all UTs barring Delhi.

but even registration is not strictly followed. SC had ordered all lab reports must be signed by pathologists. But, with more than 1L labs and just about 5,000 pathologists, most labs are run by unqualified manpower who use scanned signatures of pathologists. India also has no policy to regulate online health service aggregators, even as their services expand rapidly.

Recent cough syrup deaths didn't happen out of the blue. Hundreds of such deaths in India and overseas have been reported since 2019. But data on who's been inspected, by whom, and what the inspections showed remain hidden from public scrutiny. Lists on central drug regulator's website of substandard drug samples show that several companies are repeat offenders. Yet, there is no info on what action was taken against such companies.

This is the state of regulation even as hundreds of public health facilities are being handed over to private entities, to start medical colleges in the name of PPP. Accreditation by Hospitals and National Accreditation Board for Hos Healthcare Providers is voluntary and it covers barely 2% of hospitals with more than 50 beds. And Clinical Establishments Act 2010 was adopted by just 19 states and all UTs barring Delhi.

MOHALI : The carnival event at Sector 88 will feature daily star singer nights, vibrant cultural performances, exhibitions, food courts, amusement activities and various programmes showcasing Punjab's rich cultural heritage along with the strength, talent and creativity of women. The official poster of Mohali Carnival 2026 - Punjab Sakhi Shakti Mela, a grand event dedicated to women empowerment and the celebration of Punjabi culture, will be organised from January 30 to February 8, spanning 10 days, and will remain open from 11 am to 10 pm every day at the SARAS Mela Ground,

Sector 88, Mohali.

Deputy Commissioner Komal Mittal said, "Such events play a significant role in promoting women empowerment, preserving Punjabi culture, and providing a dynamic platform for artistes and women entrepreneurs." District Development and Panchayat Officer (DDPO) Parambeer Kaur was also present on the occasion.

Field survey of properties by NAKSHA team likely to conclude by January 31

CHANDIGARH :

At present, about 20 field teams are deployed daily for the survey work and the entire exercise is expected to be completed by January 31. The UT Administration is likely to complete the field survey of nearly 7,000 properties, including commercial and residential, under the NAKSHA (National geospatial knowledge-based land survey of urban habitations) pilot project by January 31. A review meeting of the project was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav where the progress of field survey and ground-truthing activities was assessed. During the meeting, it was informed that in Sectors 2 to 17, there are approximately 7,000 properties, including both residential and commercial

'Sade Bazurg Sada Maan' campaign continues, to cover remaining districts from February 2 to 18

CHANDIGARH :

The flagship campaign of "Sade Bazurg Sada Maan" reached Phase II, reaffirming the government's commitment to ensuring dignity, care and social security for senior citizens across the state. The campaign was launched from Kalkat Bhawan (Kisan Vikas Chamber) in Mohali, by Dr Baljit Kaur, Punjab Minister for Social Security, Women and Child Development.

"For Phase II of the "Sade Bazurg Sada Maan" campaign, an amount of Rs 786 lakh has been earmarked to hold district-level camps so that essential services can be provided on the doorstep of the elderly," said Dr Baljit Kaur while addressing gathering on the occasion.

"During Phase I, which was launched in 2023, as many as 20,210 senior citizens were registered. The remaining



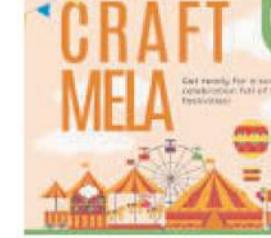
Patiala Heritage festival, crafts mela to vibrate from next month

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PATIALA : The mela, where the decades-old Patiala royalty, culture and hospitality will be on display, is being organised by the state Department of Cultural Affairs and Tourism, along with the district administration.

To commemorate the 263 years of existence of the Patiala City, a Patiala Heritage Festival and Crafts Mela will be held at different locations. While the heritage festival will be held from February 12 to 22, the craft mela will be organised from February 2 to March 2.

DC Preeti Yadav said



preparations were almost complete and the legacy and culture of the city would be brought to fore at the event. A dog show, a flower and food festival, dance performances and music renditions would mark the festival.

Prominent shows would include military literary fest, a pop show, aeromodelling events,

dog show, plays, poetry darbar, food and flower show, nature and environment walk events, classical music and cultural evening shows.

More than 125 artisans will put up their stalls displaying metalwork, traditional jewellery, textiles and pottery products during the crafts mela at Sheesh Mahal. During the festival, light will also be shed on Sheesh Mahal, which was built by Bhupinder Singh. Additional Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development) Damanjit Singh Mann will be the nodal officer for the event.

New villages under Mohali Municipal Corporation under focus

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MOHALI : Under the watch of GMADA, major issues related to water supply, sewerage, storm water drainage, ponds and STPs in various villages and colonies were reviewed. Time-bound decisions were taken to ensure completion of works before formal handover and onset of the monsoon season.

A review meeting by the Mohali administration, GMADA, the Municipal Corporation (MC) was held to assess the issues/problems of the civic infrastructure in the newly included areas in the extended limits of the civic body.

The meeting was attended by Municipal Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh, officials of the engineer wing of the MC,



discussed. During the meeting senior officials were informed that the STP at TDI were functioning satisfactorily. Directions were given to officials concerned for conducting a survey as well as clean and desilt ponds and sewer lines under the Amrit Yojana in villages including Balongi, Landran, Nanu Majra, Sambalki, Mauli Bairwan, Kambali, Lakhnau and Bilali. Stormwater management issues in Gateway City and TDI City were reviewed, and GMADA was directed to submit a comprehensive plan. Officials were asked to urgently address infrastructure concerns in Phase 11, including street lighting and road works.

Enrolment for health insurance begins with aadhar, voter card

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MOHALI : Every family will be provided with health insurance cover of up to Rs 10 lakh per year. Any member of the cardholding family admitted to a government or a listed private hospital can receive medical treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh for free. Aadhaar card of all family members and a voter card of adults are required to register.

The registration for health



Under the scheme, launched recently by the Punjab Government, a health card is to be made for every resident of the state.

The resident will receive the health insurance card within a few days of successful registration. Top multi-specialty hospital chains of the state such as Fortis and Max will not be part of the empanelled hospitals under the scheme.

General housing scheme in Sec 53 to steam off by March

Commissioner News Service

CANDIGARH : After nearly a decade, the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has planned to launch the general housing scheme in Sector 53 by March this year. Scrapped several times despite two demand surveys, the CHB will now auction the site for the group housing scheme.

During an interaction with mediapersons, UT Chief Secretary H Rajesh Prasad said the site would be auctioned in a fair and transparent manner and any private developer could participate in the auction.

Spread over nearly 21 acres



in Sector 53, nearly 11 acres have been earmarked for a general housing scheme for employees of the UT Administration.

A demand survey completed in March last year received 7,468 applications for only

372 flats — nearly 20

applicants per unit — indicating a strong demand for CHB housing. Applicants deposited Rs 10,000 for HIG and MIG categories and Rs 5,000 for EWS.

The housing scheme in Sector 53 has been derailed several times for nearly a decade. First proposed in 2018, the scheme received just 178 applications for 492 flats, primarily due to high prices — Rs 1.8 crore for a three-bedroom, Rs 1.5 crore for a two-bedroom and Rs 95 lakh for a one-bedroom unit — forcing the CHB to withdraw the scheme.

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

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

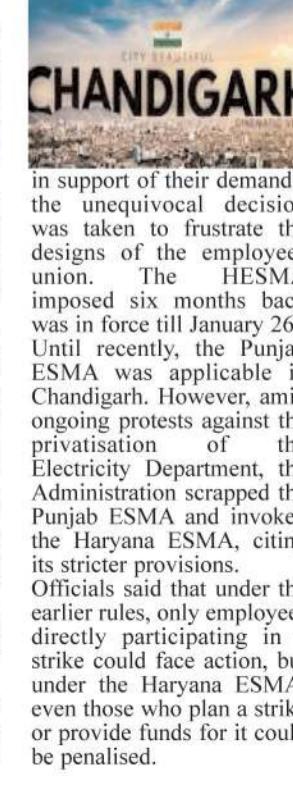


Bhardwaj said that the schedule was prepared with students' convenience in mind. "A sufficient gap has been provided between major subjects for both classes. The dates of entrance exams." The board has also made subject-specific changes from the earlier draft. For Class 10, the revised dates affect subjects such as Data Science, French, Urdu, Punjabi, Bengali, Tamil, Security, and Automotive. For Class 12, changes have been made to the exam schedule for Business Studies, Business Administration, Psychology, and Accountancy.

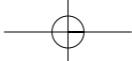
HESMA 1974 law extended in Chandigarh by six months

Commissioner News Service

CHANDIGARH : The application of the Haryana Essential Services (Maintenance) Act (HESMA), 1974, in the city has been extended by another six months. The ban on strikes by employees of Chandigarh Power Distribution Limited (CPDL) will continue, said an official of the UT Administration. Power supply is an essential service and any disruption would directly affect the city's residents. To ensure uninterrupted power supply, HESMA has been imposed, prohibiting CPDL employees from going on strike. Any employee who participates in a strike or similar protest during this period will face legal action, in accordance with a notification issued by the UT Administration. Since the employees were reportedly planning a large-scale protest on January 30



in support of their demands, the unequivocal decision was taken to frustrate the designs of the employees union. The HESMA imposed six months back was in force till January 26. Until recently, the Punjab ESMA was applicable in Chandigarh. However, amid ongoing protests against the privatisation of the Electricity Department, the Administration scrapped the Punjab ESMA and invoked the Haryana ESMA, citing its stricter provisions. Officials said that under the earlier rules, only employees directly participating in a strike could face action, but under the Haryana ESMA, even those who plan a strike or provide funds for it could be penalised.



Greenland leaders rebuke Trump, as no more trust held

Commissioner News Service
Nuuk / Copenhagen : The proposal to buy the Greenland island by the US President Donald Trump was met by scourge of heinous blitz. The controversial proposal by Trump directly resulted into the cancellation of his



scheduled visit to Denmark. This diplomatic fallout underlined the negative welcome to his framed strategic designs. The brutal attack by the Greenland leaders included designating him faithless "dog", in view of advancing steps of the US President.

Efficient airlines needed to fill in vacant slots of IndiGo

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : Already surrendered slots should not remain unutilised where capacity can be added. The preference would be given to airlines which can demonstrate capacity in the form of additional aircraft, pilots, cabin crew, ground support equipment and maintenance engineer's and not ordinarily a reshuffle of existing flights.



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Protocol messed up ? Congress fumes over Rahul Gandhi's 3rd Row R-Day seat

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NEW DELHI : Leaders of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi, attended the Republic Day parade function at Delhi's Kartavya Path. However, their seats in the third row have provided the Congress with fresh ammunition to attack the Centre. The party alleges the seating is a breach of protocol and has also dug out a photo from 2014 to bolster its case.

Congress general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala was scathing in his criticism of the government. "Does such treatment of the leader of the opposition in the country meet the standards of any decorum, tradition, and protocol? This only reveals the frustration of a government plagued by an inferiority complex," he said in a post on X.



Congress MP Manickam Tagore alleged that it was "intentionally done by the BJP" to "insult" Rahul Gandhi. Sharing a photo from 2014, he pointed to the seating of LK Advani, asking: "Look at where LK Advani ji was seated then. Why this protocol mess-up now? Is it because Modi and Shah want to insult Kharge ji and Rahul ji?"

LK Advani was neither the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha nor the Lok Sabha in 2014. However, Arun Jaitley, also seen in the front row in the archival photo, was the LoP in the Rajya Sabha. Sushma Swaraj served as the LoP in the Lok Sabha at that time.

Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority

We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Science & Technology.

In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful.

The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk. The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market.



Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney. The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities.

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Trump's only superfans join 'Board Of Peace' signing purpose

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Davos : A voice off-stage boomed, "Please welcome the chairman of the Board of Peace!" and Donald Trump entered the same hall in Davos where he addressed the world's elite just a day earlier. But it was a rather different collection of characters who showed up in the conclave of sycophants.



Among those summoned were the iconoclastic Javier Milei, the ever-smiling Trump superfan, and a clutch of leaders that in this might-is-right world order can be more comfortably called strongmen. There was Prabowo Subianto, a former military general, and Viktor Orban, who over decades has turned Hungary into an illiberal state and bête noire inside the European Union.

The clapping from the audience was tepid at best. The mood subdued.

Safe to say, Trump felt right at

ended. The list of invitations for this ceremony was long but the more notable list was the excuses made to avoid the event altogether. There were few Europeans present. And one was Orban, who made the pilgrimage to Davos especially and exclusively for the US leader. He despises the World Economic Forum and what it represents and was seen here only once before, in a distant 2000, before his drift to authoritarianism.

In reality, the most influential leaders from the biggest economies either left town or canceled plans to attend the World Economic Forum. Few want to come outright and say they disapprove, because doing so would incite Trump's wrath. His berating of France's Emmanuel Macron who publicly snubbed the event would justify those fears.

Disclose civil aviation rules for compensating flyers affected by cancellation of flights- High Court

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi : "A penalty of Rs 22 Cr was slapped on the IndiGo airline for its failure to adhere to the new flight roster norms", said the counsel representing civil aviation.



The compensation, however, was preferred in money not in the form of vouchers, said in a PIL by Advocate Akhil Rana, Advocate Utkarsh Sharma in Delhi High Court seeking direction to centre to provide support and refunds

to affected passengers by the cancellations of flights."

The time period for the validity of vouchers was 12 months, which was reasonable, asserted the court. The IndiGo was noted

to be offering voucher of Rs 10,000 to each passenger and a web site already had been set up to enable them to claim their compensation. The court directed why the flyers were required to claim their compensation which was already known to airline. The airline was instructed to file an affidavit to effect within 2 weeks.

The bench was headed by Chief Justice DK Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia.

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

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



of planned phases, first would run from Surat to Bilmora, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi Ahmedabad. Thane Ahmadabad. In the last run Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

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Trilateral talks of Russia, Ukraine, America find territorial capture of Donbas stumbling block

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Abu Dhabi: First day of trilateral talks on Russia-Ukraine war ended in UAE sans any positive culmination.

The first round of trilateral talks involving US, Russian, and Ukrainian negotiators in Abu Dhabi have concluded, the Ukrainian presidency has said, with a new round of discussions scheduled for Saturday.

The Russian Defence Ministry said on Telegram that its forces captured the village of Symynivka, situated about 47km (29 miles) northeast of Kharkiv, Ukraine's second-largest city.



President Putin's demand that Ukraine surrender the 20 percent it still holds of the Donetsk region of the Donbas – about 5,000sq km (1,900 sq miles) – has proven a major stumbling block to a breakthrough deal. Zelenskyy refuses to give up land that Russia has not been able to capture in four years of grinding, attritional warfare. Kremlin spokesperson

Dmitry Peskov said on Friday that Russia's insistence on Ukraine yielding all of Donbas was "a very important condition". Donetsk is one of four Ukrainian regions that Moscow said in 2022 it was annexing after referendums rejected by Kyiv and Western nations as bogus. Most countries recognise Donetsk as part of Ukraine

Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

Commissioner News Service

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

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

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

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

Boeing 787 carried multiple technical faults : US Aviation Safety Group

Commissioner News Service
Washington : Air India Boeing 787 plane crash in Ahmedabad occurred on June 12, 2025 due to multiple technical lapses throughout the service life that FAS submitted to US senate on that 12 Jan 2026.

A US-based aviation safety campaign group alleged that the Air India Boeing 787 aircraft that crashed in Ahmedabad on June 12, 2025, suffered from multiple technical problems throughout its service life, and that safety issues linked to the aircraft type are being downplayed globally. The Foundation for Aviation Safety (?) submitted a presentation dated January 12, 2026, to the US Senate, according to people aware of the matter.

According to the group, these records suggest the aircraft, registered VT-ANB, experienced system failures from its very first day in service with Air India. FAS alleged the problems stemmed from what it described as a "wide and confusing" mix of engineering, manufacturing, quality and maintenance shortcomings. The issues cited include electronic and software faults, repeated tripping of circuit breakers, wiring damage, short circuits, loss of electrical power and overheating of power system components.

When asked about the claims by FAS, a Boeing spokesperson said, "We will defer to India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), in adherence with the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organization protocol known as Annex 13." Commenting on the preliminary report released by AAIB, the foundation claimed the findings appeared to suggest pilot error, particularly with regard to fuel control switches.

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Trump cancels tariff threat over Greenland, says NATO agreed to 'framework' of future Arctic deal



territory that was "cold and poorly located." He said the U.S. had effectively saved Europe during World War II and even declared of NATO: "It's a very small ask compared to what we have given them for many, many decades."

"We probably won't get anything unless I decide to use excessive strength and force, where we would be frankly unstoppable. But I won't do that, OK?" Mr. Trump said, later adding, "I don't have to," and "I don't want to use force."

Mr. Trump often tries to increase pressure on the other side when he believes it can lead to a favourable deal, and he seemed happy to do so ahead of the forum in Davos.

The implications of his remarks were enormous, potentially rupturing an alliance that has held firm since the dawn of the Cold War and seemed among the globe's most unshakable pacts. NATO was founded by leading European nations, the U.S. and Canada to form a bloc to counter the Soviet Union. Its other members have been steadfast in saying Greenland is not for sale and cannot be wrested from Denmark, meaning Mr. Trump's comments could yet mark the beginning of a larger geopolitical stand-off.

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