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Duo Russia, China herald knock at world powers

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Moscow/Beijing : "Iran's decision to designate Mojtaba Khamenei as its new Supreme Leader was an internal domestic matter. The issue was attributed on its solemn constitution", said Mr Guo Jiakun on Monday. China opposes interference in other countries internal affairs and Iran's sovereignty must be honoured. Mr Wang Yi, China foreign minister said the conflict before Iran

should not have taken place. Assailing the diplomacy, strategy, manoeuvring of US in bringing the changes in Iranian administration was a distinct scourge. Unwavering support for Mojtaba Khamenei by Russian President Vladimir Putin was pledged. "I would like to affirm our solidarity with our Iranian friends", said Putin. He further added that Russia had been, will remain a



reliable partner to Iran. At a time, when Iran is confronting aggression, your tenure will necessitate great courage and dedication, said Vladimir Putin. Iran has lately designed Mojtaba



Khamenei, a son of the recently assassinated Prime Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as his father's successor, since the top clerics has published on state media on Monday, manifesting the continuity of



hard line theocratic rule as Israeli and US air strikes keep pounding the country. Mojtaba Khamenei himself is turning to evolve something of a mystery even within Iran. At his father's

office, Mojtaba is known to have very close ties to the powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. was considered their favoured candidate Mojtaba carries credential fully religious credential as an Ayatollah at the moment of his ascension. Nevertheless, his personality or politics of his father's, tight inner circle are yet not known. He very seldom speaks or appears in public. He will surely take

the helm not just as Iran's new religious or political authority but also as the commander in chief of its armed forces. Mojtaba grew up as his father agitated against Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. Mr Mojtaba attended the Alavi high school in Tehran, which educates the children of many officials in the Islamic Republic. Mojtaba went on to study with the country's most esteemed

clerics in Qom and to teach in a religious seminary there himself, forging connections with the religious leadership and gaining esteem in their eyes, in part thanks must go his father's deeds. Mojtaba married Zahra Haddad Adel, the daughter of a conservative Iranian politician, Gholam-Ali Haddad Adel. And the wife Zahra Haddad was killed in the strikes on Feb 28.

Mahila congress on roads to demand Puri's resignation

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh : Ms Nandita Hooda, President, Chandigarh Mahila Congress labelled the involvement of Hardeep Puri as "Scandalous & Serious", since its name was traced in "Epstein Files". Ms Hooda demanded her resignation on moral grounds. She said the matter con-

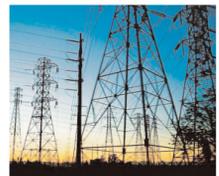


cerned the political morality and accountability of the profession. The Congress workers burnt an effigy of the minister and accused

the centre of not acting on the morality issue "In other democracies, ministers facing serious allegations often step aside to facilitate impartial probe, adding that the Union Govt,'s silence has been raising questions about the functioning of cabinet transparency", said Sakshi Chaudhary, Secretary All India Mahilla Congress.

AAP to slash @ 1.50 per unit power rate from 1st April

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh : A reduction in power tariff from April 01 across all consumer categories for the 2026-27 has been announced by the Aam Aadmi Party. The downward revision is expected to provide a fiscal relief of Rs 7,851.91 crore. Already up to 300 units per month, the AAP govt from its assumption of new regime has been providing relief for domestic consumers. Both BJP and Akalis parties titled it temporary relief ahead of polls, as why the past was ignored where this relief could have been introduced. Tariff reduction from April 1 would strengthen MSMEs and boost industrial competitiveness



besides house to house domestic consumers, said Sanjiv Arora, Power Minister. State govt will continue offering 300 units free of power per month to appx 90% households. For commercial consumers with a load up to 7 kw, tariffs have been reduced by Rs 0.79 per unit for consumption upto 500 units and by Rs 0.65 per unit for consumption above 500 units.

President Murmu embarrassed against denial of protocol in shifting of venue by Bengal Government

Commissioner News Service
Darjeeling : A major political controversy erupted in West Bengal on Saturday (March 7, 2026) after President Droupadi Murmu expressed disappointment with the State government for changing the venue of the International Santal Conference in



Darjeeling district and not adhering to the desired protocol to receive her at the event. The State govern-

ment had changed the venue of the conference, where the President was participating from Bidhannagar under Phansidewa block in Darjeeling district to Gossainpur in Bagdogra area located on the outskirts of Siliguri in the same district.



Trump demands unconditional surrender of Iran, sans mutual deal

Commissioner News Service
Washington : An unprecedented dramatic escalation of Donald Trump demand reaching along Israel over a week of duo's air strikes. No specific deal would be dealt with Iran except "UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER" proclaimed Mr Trump. After that and the selection of a great and acceptable leaders, we, and many of our wonderful and brave allies would work tirelessly to bring Iran back from the brink of destruction, making it economically bigger, better and stronger than ever before in the history.



Trump manifested confidence in the ease of picking a new leadership that will treat US-Israel well, even in presence of religious leader and the Iran at present is not a democratic state. It is gonna work very easily. Further it is going to work as did in Venezuela. Ours is a wonderful leader there in the liberated country. Ms Delcy

Rodriguez, the acting President of Venezuela performing wonderful job. Trump shared his personal views of having a religious leader in Iran. Masoud Pezeshkian, the president of Iran posted on X saying "Some countries have started mediation efforts.", He said they were committed to lasting peace in the region yet we will not have the slightest hesitation in defending our sovereignty and honour of our country. Mediation would address those who underestimated the Iranian people and ignited this conflict, said Masoud.

Gulf countries accuse US against no information on declaring war over Iran

Commissioner News Service
Cairo : Declaring war by Trump is Netanyahu's war being fought by United States as they have been able to convince Trump for procuring his support. The gulf nations Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and UAE were not protected by the US against the strikes. The operation was focused on defending Israel and American troops. The govt of these Gulf countries were left disappointed, the way US has handled the war from the initial attack on Iran. The US had ignored Gulf's warnings of massive devastating consequences for the region. The Trump's administration has been confronting discontent from Gulf allies in the Persian region. The Iranian drones and



missiles executed bombardment in retaliation of US-Israel strikes. Since the beginning of war, Iran has fired at least 380 missiles and over 1480 drones targeting the 5 Arab nations. "US appeared to have underestimated the risk to its Gulf Arab allies assuming that American troops and Israel would be the primary targets of Iranian retaliation," remarked an Kuwait based analyst.

Russia facilitates Iran with information only to help Iran strike U.S. military

Commissioner News Service
Moscow : Russia has provided Iran with information that could help Tehran strike American warships, aircraft and other assets in the region, according to two officials familiar with U.S. intelligence on the matter. The people, who were not authorized to comment publicly on the sensitive matter and spoke on the condition of anonymity, cautioned that the U.S. intelligence has not uncovered that Russia is directing Iran on what to do with the information. Still, it's the first indication that Moscow has sought to get involved in the war that the U.S. and Israel launched on Iran a week ago. Russia is in the rare club of countries that maintains friendly relations with Tehran, which has faced years of isolation over its nuclear program and its support



of proxy groups that have wreaked havoc in the West Asia, including Hezbollah, Hamas and the Houthis. The White House downplayed reports that Russia was sharing intelligence with Iran about U.S. targets in the region. Ms. Leavitt declined to say if Mr. Trump had spoken to Russian President Vladimir Putin about the reported intelligence sharing or whether he believed Russia should face repercussions, saying she would let the President speak to that himself. Asked whether Russia would go beyond political support and offer military assistance to Iran.

Lalru gets an innovative building for veterinary hospital after 6 decades

Commissioner News Service
Lalru : The innovative building on completion would herald vigorously the veterinary services and support economically the rural families for whom the livestock remain a principal source of their livelihood, survey has revealed. The 60 years old structure went fragile and was declared unsafe,



might crumble any time, said the people of the Lalru area. The state govt was concentrating on ameliorating

the live stock services and different infra-structural requirements" said the Dera Bassi MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa. Dr Bhupinder Singh, Sh Veterinary Officer, Dr Kusum Lata Veterinary Officer and other officials from the veterinary department were present to grace the occasion.

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6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
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EDITORIAL —

Unlike nuclear, AI is good for democracy

Brazil's court system started using AI to frigate cases, only to face an increasing volume of cases fled with AI help. Open source software developers are being overwhelmed with code contributions from bots. Newspapers, music, social media, education, investigative Journalism, hiring, and procurement are all being disrupted by a massive expansion of AI use. For technological supremacy between US and China. They debate geopolitical implications of chip exports, latest model releases from each country, and military applications of AI. Someday, they believe, we might see advancements in AI tip the scales in a superpower conflict. Academic journals are flooded with AI-generated papers, and are turning to AI to help review submissions. But the most important arms race of the 21st century is already happening elsewhere and, while AI is definitely the weapon of choice, combatants are distributed across dozens of domains. Beneficiaries of these arms races are US mega-corporations capturing wealth from the rest of us at an unprecedented rate. A substantial fraction of global economy has reoriented around AI in just the past few years, and that trend is accelerating. In parallel, this industry's lobbying interests are quickly becoming the object, rather than the subject, of US gov't power. To understand these arms races, let's look at an example of particular interest to democracies worldwide: how AI is changing the relationship between

democratic gov't and citizens. Interactions that used to happen between people and elected representatives are expanding to a massive scale, with AIs taking the roles that humans once did. In a notorious example from 2017, US Federal Communications Commission opened a comment platform on the web to get public input on internet regulation. It was quickly flooded with millions of comments fraudulently orchestrated by broadband providers to oppose FCC regulation of their industry. From the other side, a 19-year-old college student responded by submitting millions of comments of his own supporting the regulation. Both sides were using software primitive by the standards of today's AI. Nearly a decade later, it is getting harder for citizens to tell when they're talking to a gov't bot, or when an online conversation about public policy is just bots talking to bots. When constituents leverage AI to communicate better, faster, and more, it pressures gov't officials to do the same. This may sound futuristic, but it's become a familiar reality in US. Staff in US Congress are using AI to make their constituent email correspondence for office are adopting AI tools to automate fundraising and voter outreach. By one 2025 estimate, a fifth of public submissions to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau were already being generated with AI assistance. People and organisations are adopting AI here because it solves a real problem that has made mass advocacy

campaigns ineffective in the past: quantity has been inversely proportional to both quality and relevance. It's easy for gov't agencies to dismiss general comments in favour of more specific and actionable ones. That makes it hard for regular people to make their voices heard. Most of us don't have the time to learn the specifics or to express ourselves in this kind of detail. AI makes that contextualisation and personalisation easy. And as the volume and length of constituent comments grow, agencies turn to AI to facilitate review and response. That's the arms race. People are using AI to submit comments, which requires those on the receiving end to use AI to wade through the comments received. To the extent that one side does attain an advantage, it will likely be temporary. And yet, there is real harm created when one side exploits another in these adversarial systems. Constituents of democracies lose out if their public servants use AI-generated responses to ignore and dismiss their voices rather than to listen to and include them. Scientific enterprise is weakened if fraudulent papers sloppily generated by AI overwhelm legitimate research. Rewiring Democracy, the arms race dynamic is inevitable. Every actor in an adversarial system is incentivised and, in the absence of new regulation in this fast moving space, free to use new technologies to advance its own interests. Yet some of these examples are heartening. They signal that, even if you face an AI being used against you, there's an opportunity to use the tech for your own

Mahila Congress protests against rising LPG prices

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CHANDIGARH : Mamta Dogra, state secretary of the Mahila Congress, staged a protest in Ward No. 26, Dadu Majra, against the continuous rise in domestic LPG prices. The demonstration was led along with several party workers who raised strong slogans against the Centre and Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, demanding an immediate rollback of



the increased gas prices. Ms Dogra addressing the gathering, said the policies of the Bharatiya Janata Party-led government are directly affecting the economic status of women across the country.

Liquor price to go dearer in Chandigarh from next month

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CHANDIGARH : In the Excise Policy 2026-27 approved, the UT Administration has marginally increased the ex-distillery price (EDP) by up to 2% for the country liquor, Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL), Indian beer and Indian wine, considering inflation and increased cost of raw material. However, the increase will not apply to imported wines, beer and imported foreign liquor (IFL) consequently, liquor rates will jump to further costlier in Chandigarh from next month. The excise policy aims at strengthening regulatory oversight, improving ease of doing business, ensuring better enforcement and safeguarding government revenue



according to officials. Under the new policy, a total of 97 retail liquor vends will operate in the city. The total reserve price for licensing units for the Excise Policy 2026-27 has been fixed at Rs 454.35 crore. The reserve prices of the liquor vends last years was experienced Rs 444 crore. In the new Excise Policy, the Administration is expected to generate revenue of nearly Rs 950 crore. The Excise and Taxation Department had set a target to collect Rs 900 crore in the 2025-26 fiscal.

Direct recruitment for 377 posts by Chd Admn

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CHANDIGARH : Since recruitment has not been done in different departments of the Chandigarh Administration for a long time, Administration is soon going to carry out direct recruitment for many departments. On the instructions of the Chief Secretary, almost all departments have finalised recruitment rules for new appointments, which have also been notified as per rules. The recruitment process from April has been started for about 377 posts. The Administration will first recruit drivers, clerks, stenographers as well as for other posts of group C and in the future, they will be recruited in the same way as for the posts of other departments. Instructions have been given to the officers that no regular post



should get abolished in the absence of regular appointment. The Administration will also implement a 20 per cent quota for ex-Agniveers during direct recruitments. For this, UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria had given the approval, after which the Home Department had issued a notification. At the same time, the Administrator has instructed to implement this quota for the posts of jail warden to be announced soon. Apart from the Prison Department, 20 per cent posts in the Fire and Rescue Services and Forest and Wildlife Department will be reserved for ex-firemen.

Upload information on books, uniforms to prevent commercialisation : DEO

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CHANDIGARH : The local unaided and private schools have been directed to upload the complete, class-wise list of prescribed textbooks (including Title, Author, and Publisher) and uniforms on the homepage of the school's official website within three days of the issuance of the circular issued by Chandigarh District Education Officer. The relevant details have been asked to be displayed on the notice board, featuring the same lists prominently and accessible to all parents. The circular mandating all private and unaided schools to put online publication of textbooks and uniform lists for session 2026-27 to prevent alleged



commercialisation. "The schools shall not, verbally or in writing, direct parents to purchase books or uniforms from any specific shop or vendor," the circular stated, adding, adding that schools must ensure that the prescribed items are available at multiple vendors across the city to prevent artificial shortages, queues or monopolistic practices. Schools were also prohibited from coercing or compelling parents to purchase textbooks, stationery, or uniforms from within the school premises.

Fake Fixed Deposit receipts worth Rs 116.84 crore land Chd Smart City Ltd during fund transfer into trouble

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CHANDIGARH : The Municipal Corporation had received a complaint stating that while transferring funds from Chandigarh Smart City Limited to the civic body, a dedicated bank account was opened at IDFC FIRST Bank for the purpose. In connection with this account, several fixed deposit receipts were reportedly issued by a bank manager. The detection of allegedly fake fixed deposit receipts (FDRs) amounting to Rs 116.84 crore during the transfer of funds from



Chandigarh Smart City Limited to the MC Chandigarh, a case has been registered under Sections 318(4), 338, 336(3), 340(2), 61(2) and 316(5) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. During subsequent verification, the FDRs were found to be fake.

The total value of the fraudulent deposits is stated to be Rs 116.84 crore. The role of bank personnel as well as employees of the MC is currently under investigation. Authorities are examining the circumstances under which the account was opened and the FDRs were issued said the officials. Further investigation is underway to determine how the alleged fraud occurred and whether additional individuals were involved in the case.

Action sought against private schools' monopoly on books and uniforms : Chandigarh MC

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CHANDIGARH : The Secretary Education, Chandigarh, has been urged strict action against unfair practices adopted by certain private schools, taking note of the difficulties parents have been facing with the purchase of school books and uniforms, voiced Mayor Saurabh Joshi in his anguish. "In recent times, a large number of parents have been approaching him, saying that certain private schools are indirectly compelling parents to purchase books and uniforms from specific stores. Such practices are not only causing inconvenience but also placing an additional financial burden on pupils' families", said Mayor Saurabh Joshi. The Mayor further pointed out



that it was a widely known concern among parents that the prescribed books of several private schools were made available only at a few designated shops, creating a monopoly and leaving parents with little to no choice. He emphasized that commercialisation and arbitrary practices cannot be allowed in education, and any attempt to exploit parents under the guise of school policies must be addressed. Mayor Joshi has requested the Education Department to issue a

dedicated toll-free helpline number for parents so that complaints regarding forced purchase of books or uniforms can be easily registered. He has also suggested that all private schools be directed to submit a list of multiple vendors or book stores where their prescribed books and uniforms are available to ensure that parents are not restricted to a single vendor. The Mayor further urged the Education Department to publish this consolidated list of vendors on its website to ensure transparency. In addition, he has requested that the Municipal Corporation Chandigarh join the department in enforcing these directions, so any private school found violating the rules can be levied appropriate penalties.

Need-based changes prioritised in Chandigarh Housing Board policy through Governor approval

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CHANDIGARH : In light of the Supreme Court's judgment dated January 10, 2023, an exercise was carried out directing freezing of the floor area ratio (FAR), along with representations received from stakeholders and the prevailing ground realities. A high-level committee, constituted by the UT Administration under the chairmanship of Secretary, Estate, UT, had undertaken a comprehensive review of the consolidated 2023 order. Providing relief to thousands of occupants of Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) houses, Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria approved the recommendations of committee constituted to review the need-based changes order dated January 3, 2023.



The committee reviewed the need-based changes policy of January 2023 of the CHB. Over 10 days ago, it recommended that the policy be implemented with certain exclusions. The Administrator today approved the recommendations of the committee. Further, the CHB has been directed to start the implementation of Clauses 2-21, 24, 26-28 of the 2023 order with immediate effect. Out of the 28 clauses, the committee dropped

four clauses of the policy. The committee has rejected the construction of balconies projecting up to three feet across the full width of front and rear courtyards where none existed originally, citing structural safety concerns. The committee also cited practical constraints in installing rooftop solar panels across all CHB dwelling units. Although the 2023 policy permitted solar installations subject to consent from residents and structural safety certification, the panel noted that structural limitations make such installations unfeasible in several buildings. The committee also turned down replacement of the front courtyard brick boundary walls, wherever provided in the CHB houses, with flexible/sliding gates at the same location.

Free ration kits to 40 lakh families to begin from April

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CHANDIGARH : To all 40 lakh blue card holders in the state from April. Ahead of the coming Vidhan Sabha election, Punjab's government will start distributing ration kits. After a meeting of the Punjab Council of Ministers in Chandigarh on Monday the announcement by Bhagwant Mann Chief Minister Punjab. 'Meri Raso', the scheme will ensure that all blue card holders get 2 kg of dal, 2 kg of sugar, 1 kg of iodised salt, 200 grams of haldi and 1 litre of mustard oil along with the free wheat they get each month. "These families will get the ration kit for three months, beginning April," said the CM. It is learnt that the state government has set aside Rs



1,000 crore for the scheme. While the kits will be made by MARKFED, the Food and Supplies Department will distribute them. Mann said it was ironic that Punjab had been feeding millions of people in the country, but many families in the state get just one meal a day. "Our children are undernourished and suffer from

iron deficiency. The meals they get are not rich in protein. As a welfare government, it is our duty to ensure that every citizen in the state gets wholesome meals," he said. The CM said frequent quality control checks would be made to ensure that all beneficiaries get good quality ration. Mann said the Budget session would be held between March 6 and 16, and the budget proposals presented on March 8 coinciding with International Women's Day. He said the state government would give full cooperation to the Election Commission for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. "But we will oppose any move to delete the voters," he said.

Hry govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026

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PANCHKULA : During a meeting of the all district-level Chief Executive Officers and Managers held at the Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Land Development Bank (Land Mortgage Bank) headquarters information was shared by the bank's Chairman, Amar Pal Rana. The Haryana Government has extended the One-Time Loan Waiver Scheme (OTS Scheme 2022) for overdue borrower-members of the Bank until March 31, 2026. Mr Rana informed that under this scheme, overdue interest on the loan accounts of deceased borrowers of the District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks would be waived in full. If legal heir/heirs of a deceased borrower deposit the entire principal outstanding amount, they would receive 100 per cent



waiver of overdue interest, along with waiver of penal interest and other charges, he said. The bank currently has 17,229 deceased and widow borrower accounts, with dues amounting to Rs 190.70 crore in principal, Rs 246.77 crore in interest and Rs 41.68 crore in penal interest, totalling Rs 479.14 crore. "In addition, under the OTS Scheme 2022, all other overdue borrowers will be eligible for 50 per cent waiver of interest, while penal interest and additional charges will also be waived. The scheme will apply to all categories of loans issued by the bank," Rana said. "As per the scheme, any borrower who, for whatever reason, could

not repay his/her loan and was declared a defaulter by the bank on March 31, 2022, may avail benefits of this settlement," he said. It is noteworthy that the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks together have 61,767 borrowers, with total outstanding dues of Rs 1,857.92 crore (Rs 723.55 crore principal, Rs 1,002.91 crore interest and Rs 131.47 crore penal interest). The government extended the OTS Scheme once again to facilitate repayment by these borrowers. Rana said, "The scheme has been extended for a limited period. The beneficiaries should avail its benefits on a 'first come, first served' basis. For availing the scheme and obtaining further information, borrowers may contact any of the 19 District Primary Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Banks or the 70 branches established at the tehsil

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High prospects for pharma, healthcare and medtech opened through Free Trade Agreements : Piyush Goyal

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NEW DELHI : India has signed a total of nine FTAs in the last three to three-and-a-half years, of which five have been concluded in the past 12 months. As a result, nearly two-thirds of global trade is now open to India, said Mr Goyal while addressing the post-Budget webinar. Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry on Monday said the country's Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are opening new opportunities for the pharmaceutical, healthcare and medical technology sectors, while enabling the country to strengthen its position in global trade. He noted that these agreements provide India with preferential access compared to many other countries, with lower duties and expanded market opportunities, thereby opening new avenues to enhance trade. According to him, the scale of India's trade with the world in the pharmaceutical and



healthcare sectors is now greater than ever before. Goyal said FTAs are linked not only to large industries but also to farmers, fishermen, MSMEs, small industries and traders. He added that these agreements benefit sectors such as pharmaceuticals and the medtech sector that manufactures medical equipment, and also open new global opportunities for those working in innovation and emerging technologies. Highlighting India's strong presence in the pharmaceutical sector, he said the country is widely recognised as the "Pharmacy

of the World". He said growing global interest in strengthening trade relations with India reflects the recognition of country's economic potential. Furthermore, he noted that the Indian economy, currently valued at around four trillion dollars, could grow to nearly thirty trillion dollars in the next two to two-and-a-half decades, presenting a historic opportunity for global economic engagement. Goyal emphasised the need to connect the healthcare sector more strongly with exports. He said that India should focus on training skilled professionals such as caregivers and nurses, for whom there is significant demand both in India and internationally. "By strengthening skill development, India can build a workforce that supports exports, increases remittances and facilitates the global presence of Indian products and services," he added.

EPFO continues 8.25% interest rate on EPF deposits for 2025-26, in a row

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NEW DELHI : The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) in 2024 increased the interest rate marginally to 8.25 per cent for 2023-24, from 8.15 per cent in 2022-23. Retirement fund body EPFO, for the third year in a row, fixed the interest rate on employees' provident fund deposits at 8.25 per cent for 2025-26, a labour ministry statement said on Monday. In February last year, the EPFO had retained the rate of interest at 8.25 per cent for 2024-25. The Central Board of Trustees, in its meeting chaired by Union Minister for Labour & Employment Mansukh Mandaviya on Monday, recommended an 8.25 per cent annual rate of interest to be credited on EPF accumulations in members' accounts for the financial year 2025-26, the ministry said. The Central Board of Trustees (CBT) is the apex decision-making body of the EPFO. The interest rate would be officially notified by the Government of India, following which the EPFO would credit the rate of interest into the subscribers' accounts. The ministry stated that despite global uncertainties, the EPFO



has maintained strong financial discipline, ensuring stable and competitive returns without straining the interest account. The CBT also approved a one-time Amnesty Scheme to address compliance issues arising from income tax recognised trusts that are yet to be covered or granted exemption under the EPF & MP Act, 1952, duly taking into account the provisions of the Finance Act, 2026. The proposed scheme seeks to bring establishments and trusts into compliance within a defined six-month period, primarily to protect workers' interests while waiving damages, interest and penalties for those that have already provided benefits equal to or better than the statutory scheme. It allows retrospective relaxation or exemption subject to specified conditions and ensures that all eligible employees receive statutory

benefits. The measure is expected to resolve over 100 active litigation cases, along with several others, thereby benefiting thousands of trust members. The scheme shall apply to those exempted establishments which have complied with the provisions of EPF & MP Act, 1952. The Board approved the new simplified SOP on EPF Exemption, consolidating the existing four SOPs and the Exemption Manual into a single comprehensive framework, which aims to reduce compliance burden. The SOP also provides an end-to-end digital process for surrender and transfer of past accumulations. The CBT has approved the notification of new social security schemes under the Code on Social Security, 2020 to ensure seamless transition from the existing framework. The newly approved EPF Scheme, 2026, EPS, 2026 and EDLI Scheme, 2026 will replace the current schemes and provide a legally robust foundation for administering provident fund, pension and insurance benefits.

Wife charges Kerala Minister Ganesh Kumar with infidelity, intimidation scandal

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Thiruvananthapuram : Ms Bindu Menon wife of Kerala Transport Minister KB Ganesh Kumar has charged him with infidelity, intimidation scandal. In what is clearly a case of the intensely personal becoming explosively political. His future hangs by a thread following explosive allegations.



Ganesh Kumar, a figure long shadowed by personal controversies, had faced similar charges from his first wife, Bindu, who spoke to TV channels about the incident, said that after she re-entered the house to take more photographs, the Minister instructed his assistants to seize her phone. She claims they locked the room and attempted to overpower her. Amidst the commotion, she managed to escape the house and left the premises in a taxi. Former DGP Sreelekha has since confirmed these details to the media. State Police Chief Ravada Chandrasekhar stated that an investigation into the police response is currently underway. The Transport Minister has dismissed the allegations as a politically motivated conspiracy orchestrated by the Congress party ahead of the elections. Speaking to the media, a defiant Ganesh Kumar compared his personal life to a work of literature. "Asking if Ganesh Kumar is in love is like asking if [celebrated author] Madhavikutty was in love. I have not one, but a thousand loves. My enemies have always been within my own home," the Minister remarked.

Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050

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



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

India imports 8.3% of global arms, gains slot of 2nd-largest arms importer : Report

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NEW DELHI : Ukraine, that is involved in war with Russia, occupies the top spot and accounts for 9.7 per cent of global imports between 2021 and 2025.



Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) reported that India has emerged as the world's second-largest importer of weapons accounting for 8.3 per cent of global arms imports for a five-year block, from 2021-2025. The SIPRI report, titled 'Trends in International Arms Transfers, 2025' released on Monday morning, had a positive indication that India's dependence on imported arms had reduced. It compared a previous five-year block of the years 2016-2020 and read, "Indian arms imports fell by 4.0 per cent between 2016-20 and 2021-25." The decrease can be partly attributed to India's growing ability to design and produce its own weapons—although there are often substantial delays in domestic production, the report said. It also highlighted that India's recent orders or planned orders—including up to 140 combat aircraft from France and

6 submarines from Germany—indicate its continued and probably increasing reliance on foreign suppliers. India's principal suppliers for the period 2021-2025 have been Russia, France and Israel, said the SIPRI report even as it cited how India has shifted its arms relations away from Russia towards Western suppliers, especially France, Israel and the USA, over the past decade. "Russia's share of Indian arms imports dropped from 70 per cent in 2011-15 to 51 per cent in 2016-20 and then to 40 per cent in 2021-25," the SIPRI said. During the period between 2021-25, France and Israel supplied 29 per cent and 15 per cent of India's imports. The SIPRI report further argued that India's imports are driven by its tensions with both China and Pakistan. These tensions have regularly led to armed conflict, as they did briefly between India and Pakistan in

May 2025, with both sides using imported major arms. Pakistan is the fifth largest importer of weapons accounting for 4.2 per cent of all global imports. It had a 66 per cent hike from the previous five-year block of 2016-2020. China supplied 80 per cent of all weapons with Turkey and Netherlands being the second and third largest suppliers to Islamabad. At the global level, arm transfers were the highest since 2011-15, according to the report. The United States remained the largest supplier of weapons, accounting for 42 percent of all international arms transfers in 2021-25, up from 36 percent in 2016-20. USA exported arms to 99 states in 2021-25, including 35 states in Europe, 18 in the Americas, 17 in Africa, 17 in Asia and Oceania and 12 in the Middle East. France was the second largest supplier of major arms in 2021-25, accounting for 9.8 per cent of global exports. Russia was at the third spot while Germany overtook China to become the fourth largest arms exporter in 2021-25. China to become the fourth largest arms exporter in 2021-25.

7,000 km high-speed rail corridors would be built by 2047: Vaishnav

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NEW DELHI : High-speed routes, designed for maximum speeds of up to 350 km per hour and an operating speed of 320 km per hour, will mark a transformative leap in India's rail infrastructure, said the Union railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav while inaugurating the 16th International Railway Equipment Exhibition (IREE), 2025, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Unveiling an ambitious roadmap for the Railways, on Wednesday announced that the government plans to build 7,000 km of dedicated passenger corridors by 2047 under the Viksit Bharat vision.



Vaishnav said the proposed corridors would be powered by indigenously developed signaling systems and modern operations control centres, ensuring both speed and safety. He also outlined the

government's futuristic vision for Vande Bharat 4.0, Amrit Bharat 4.0, and next-generation railway manufacturing standards. Highlighting the success of the Vande Bharat series, he said the third-generation train already meets global parameters, with acceleration from 0 to 100 kmph in just 52 seconds, faster than many trains in Japan and Europe, while maintaining low noise and vibration levels. "Vande Bharat 4.0 will be a new benchmark in performance and passenger experience," said Vaishnav, adding that the upcoming

model will focus on superior seats, enhanced toilets, and refined workmanship. Discussing the Amrit Bharat series, the minister said the 2.0 version is already operational and the 3.0 model, based on push-pull technology, is being developed for long-distance routes. The 4.0 version, he added, will bring in new-generation trainsets and locomotives, expected to be ready for testing within 36 months. Vaishnav credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership for what he termed "a decade of modernisation," noting that more than 35,000 km of new rail lines have been laid and 46,000 km of electrification completed in the past 11 years. "Our budget allocation for the Railways has consistently risen, reflecting the government's commitment to a modern, self-reliant network," he said.

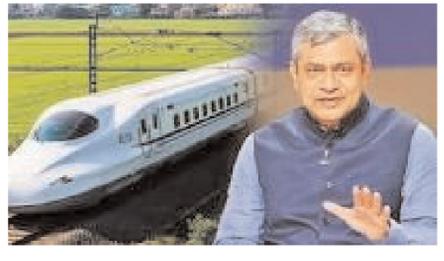
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Bullet train to run on tracks from 15 August 2027 - Railway Minister

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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, Ahmadabad. In the first run from Surat to Mumbai, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi - Ahmedabad. The last run from Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

Iran President expresses regret with conditions over attack to neighbours

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New Delhi : Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian has apologised to the neighbouring countries for attacks launched during its war with Israel and the United States - but asserted that Tehran will not strike "unless they attack first". "I must apologise on my own behalf and on behalf of Iran to the neighbouring countries that were attacked by Iran. The interim leadership council agreed yesterday that no more attacks will be made on neighbouring countries and no missiles will be fired unless an attack on Iran originates from those countries," Pezeshkian said during an address broadcast by Iranian state TV. However, Pezeshkian asserted that Tehran would "not surrender" at any cost. "The enemies must take their wish for the surrender of the Iranian people to their graves," he said. After Iran Ship Sunk By US, S Jaishankar Explains "Reality Of Indian Ocean" The US and Israel carried out coordinated airstrikes across Iran on February 28 after stalled nuclear talks and claims that Iran had resumed its nuclear activities. The strikes, named 'Operation Epic Fury', targeted many



Iranian cities, including the capital Tehran, and killed Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, his wife, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter. Iran has since responded with missile and drone strikes on Israel and US interests in regional countries - mainly in the Gulf regions, including Dubai, Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Kuwait, and Bahrain - with videos showing massive destruction. Strikes near the Dubai International Airport - the world's busiest airport - had injured four people last week. Iranian attacks have also hit the upmarket Palm Jumeirah development and the Burj Al Arab luxury hotel, while drone debris caused a fire at the US consulate in Dubai on Tuesday. In Bahrain, an Iranian missile hit a state-run oil refinery on Thursday.

Pope Leo calls for end to bombing in the Middle East; 334 killed in Leban

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Tehran : The widening conflict in the Middle East saw fresh warnings from US President Donald Trump, who warned that Iran will be "hit very hard today". Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that Israel would continue its war with Iran "with all our force" as part of a "systemic plan to eradicate the Iranian regime". Israel further renewed its warning to Iran, saying it would continue pursuing every successor of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in joint US-Israeli strikes. Explosions were heard in Iran's central Yazd province Sunday, AFP news agency reported citing state media. Israel also struck an airport in



Iran's Isfahan, destroying F14 fighter jets. US and Israel struck five oil facilities in overnight strikes in and near Iranian capital Tehran, state TV reported citing an official. Meanwhile, Ali Mohammad Naini, spokesman for Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, has warned that it they are capable of an "intense war" for another six months. As Tehran continues retaliatory strikes on its neighbours including UAE, Kuwait and Saudi

Arabia, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Sunday said that his earlier remarks apologising to Gulf nations had been "misinterpreted by the enemy that seeks to sow division with neighbours." This came after US President Donald Trump claimed in a post on Truth Social that Iran had "lost" and "surrendered to Middle East neighbours." Kuwait on Sunday said it intercepted three ballistic missiles, while Saudi Arabia downed three more drones near Riyadh. On the other hand, an Israeli strike on a hotel in central Beirut killed at least four people and injured ten others on Sunday, as Israel said that it targeted Iranian commanders operating in the Lebanese capital.

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Synthetic milk dominates market unchecked by health authority

We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, former Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk. The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market.



Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on human body causing swelling in the eyes and many other complication in the liver and kidney. The journey of synthetic milk, now a days, has been heading from urban area to rural populace to acclimatise to their propensities. Our nation has been notoriously becoming famous, leaving concentration away from genuine natural milk. Now fait accompli, we are tolerating assortment by of chemicals, urea, by compulsion as the occupation of genuine dairy farming has been going in very lackadaisical race even government controlled units are losing curiosity in natural milk. What a catastrophic approach, but against whom? remains puzzling.

From April 01, cash transactions at NH may end

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New Delhi : Cash payments would be likely disallowed from April 1, and the issue of penalties for over loading would be rationalised. and facilitated over the loading penalty payments," said the official. The proposed measure is aimed at consolidating the gains



achieved in passing a toll plaza, sans a valid, functional FASTag are charged the twice the applicable toll if the payment is in cash. As per current norms, vehicles

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In middle East, attacks continue uninterrupted between US, Israel vs Iran

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Iran continues its missile and drone attacks across the Gulf as Washington and Tel Aviv claim their campaign – c o d e n a m e d Operation Epic Fury – is crippling Iran's military. Estimates released by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) on Thursday put the cost of the first 100 hours of Operation Epic Fury at \$3.7bn, or about \$891m per day. Most of this cost – \$3.5bn – has not been budgeted for, CSIS reported. More than 1,330 people have been killed in Iran since the attacks started on Saturday. The Israeli military claims to have achieved "near-complete air superiority", stating it has



carried out 2,500 strikes and destroyed 80 percent of Iran's air defence systems. Leadership succession and US interference: Following the killing of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in a US-Israeli strike on Tehran on Saturday, the question over his succession remains, with reports circling that his son, Mojtaba Khamenei, could take over. However, on Thursday, US President Donald Trump said he intends to play a direct role in selecting Iran's next leader, explicitly

calling Mojtaba an "unacceptable" choice. Invasion warnings: Ali Larijani, Secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, warned that Iranian forces are "waiting" for a potential US ground invasion and threatened to kill and capture thousands of US troops. Negotiations rejected: Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi stated there is "no reason why we should negotiate with the US", asserting that Washington cannot be trusted. The US says Iran's ballistic missile attacks have fallen by 90 percent since the first day of the conflict, while drone attacks have dropped by 83 percent over the same period.

Consensus reached over Khamenei's successor : Iran's Assembly of Experts

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Teheran : The clerical body that was entrusted to choose Iran's next supreme leader, following the assassination of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has reached a majority consensus, including the son of the deceased Khamenei according to Assembly of Experts member Ayatollah Mohammad Mahdi Mirbagheri. Iran's Mehr news agency on Sunday quoted him as saying "some obstacles" still needed to be resolved regarding the process. Under the Iranian constitution, it is the 88-member Assembly of Experts that is authorised to choose the country's supreme leader. Khamenei, who ruled Iran for 37 years, was killed in a United States-Israeli strike on Tehran on February 28, at the outset of the war which has now embroiled much of the Middle East.



The Israeli military, meanwhile, warned it would pursue every person in the Assembly of Experts who seeks to appoint a successor for Khamenei. "We warn all those who intend to participate in the successor selection meeting that we will not hesitate to target you either. This is a warning!" the Israeli military said in Persian in a post on X on Sunday. "The delay in electing the third leader is bitter and unwanted for everyone, and there is no alternative, so we should not have bad thoughts about our representatives at this difficult time," he said.

MC Election for Pkula Mayor post falls due in April

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Panchkula : Across 20 wards in the satellite town, about 250 applicants have sought tickets for the seat of respective councillors and approximate strength of 12 congress leaders have applied for the nomination of mayor post. For the post of Mayoral ticket, several aspirants like Sudha Bharadwaj of Haryana Congress Mahila Chief, Ravinder Rawal, former MC President Manveer Kaur Gill, Suneta Sharma, Congress



Sewa Dal leader and Advocate Raj Singh Chauhan. Certain outgoing councillors Salim Dabkouri and Akshay Choudhary also filed their application for the post of Mayor.

India says it will continue buying Russian oil, rejects need for US permission

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New Delhi : "India would continue importing Russian oil after the United States temporarily granted a sanctions waiver that allows for oil shipments currently stranded at sea to be sold to Indian buyers" insisted India Press Information Bureau on Saturday. The waiver, issued Thursday by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, came as the U.S.-Israeli military campaign against Iran and Tehran's retaliatory strikes across the Gulf disrupted global energy markets and pushed oil prices sharply higher. The India's Press Information Bureau insisted that New Delhi was not dependent on "a short-term waiver" to buy Russian oil. "India has never depended on permission from any country to buy Russian oil," the government said in a statement. "India is still importing Russian oil even in February 2026, and Russia is still India's largest crude oil supplier." The Trump administration rolled back a 25% tariff on Indian exports in February as



part of an interim trade deal after citing what it described as New Delhi's "commitment" to stop purchasing Russian oil. However, that pledge was not mentioned in the joint statement on the agreement, and the Indian government has neither confirmed nor denied it, saying its oil purchases are guided by national interest. India said it remains "well stocked," with more than 250 million barrels of crude and petroleum products to handle short-term disruptions. Global crude prices jumped 8.5% on Friday and were up nearly 30% for the week after U.S. President Donald Trump said only the "unconditional surrender" of Iran would end the Middle East war. U.S. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent has said his officials in Washington are considering lifting sanctions on more Russian oil.

Pb govt warns defiant practitioners against not joining healthcare services

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Chandigarh : More than a month passed, when appointment letters on 29 Jan were issued to the newly selected practitioners. The department had initiated a phased recruitment of 1000 medical practitioners. The selected doctors are required to join and report for serving the healthcare department. The several doctors are yet to join their stations.



Taking seriously the disobedience, the directorate of health and family welfare has now issued a public notice asking all to join the latest by 10 March, the failing offer of the job would stand cancelled automatically. Among young doc-

tors, limited interest in govt health department has been shown the cause with regard to their lower salaries and the nature of their round the clock jobs. Apart from regular clinical responsibilities, govt doctors are frequently required to handle additional tasks, including emergency duties, post-mortem medico legal work

US defence manufacturers agree to 'quadruple production' of weapons : Trump

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Teheran : As tensions escalated between the United States, Israel and Iran, the conflict entered further with Israel launching a new wave of strikes and explosions reported at one of Tehran's main commercial airports. The confrontation, which began on February 28 with a strike in Tehran, has expanded beyond aerial attacks to include naval activity in the Indian Ocean and drone strikes across the Gulf. US President Donald Trump said there would be "no deal" with Iran except



"unconditional surrender", adding that after any capitulation the country should choose a new leader acceptable to his administration. 'MIGA' ultimatum In a definitive hardening of the US stance, President Donald Trump declared via Truth Social that diplomatic negotiations are off the table until the Iranian regime agrees to an "UNCONDITIONAL

SURRENDER." "There will be no deal with Iran except UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER! After that... we will work tirelessly to bring Iran back from the brink... making it economically bigger, better, and stronger than ever before. MAKE IRAN GREAT AGAIN (MIGA!)," Trump posted. The President further intensified the rhetoric by urging Iranian Kurdish forces to open a domestic front against the central government, signalling a strategy aimed at total regime collapse.

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