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## Girish Verma times return, pervasive corruption dominates environs



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Zirakpur : All illegitimately constructed structures are being ignored by the municipal authority, means giving fillip to the unscrupulous builders to keep sustaining their pace of raising fast constructions metamorphosing the town into the slum city. No one can plead the case of unapproved constructions as these are being raised under the cognisance of the Executive Officer since the time construction is raised, his bete noire are already in the field to raise disturbing report for urgent demolition. Nevertheless, no demolition has ever taken place in the metropolitan Zirakpur town in the past a couple of years. due to bureaucratic, political shelters, being advanced over the wrong doers, says a congress activist.. The illegitimate massive demolition of unapproved constructions like 'Central Town' and other would, one day, become monstrous task, if the

timely action is not initiated against the on going illegitimate constructions.

It is pertinent to highlight here that no structure can be raised/built on the shamlat land of the government / panchayat on the Nagla road, 'Sanat Realtors' owned by Sunny Garg has purportedly engaged in constructing the colony with invalid architectural plan. The clandestine dealing itself speaks volumes on the legality of the proposed construction. The Punjab Apartment Ownership Act, no. 13 in 1995 enshrined to provide ownership of an individual apartment in all respect of a building with full architectural amenities.

No one, at this juncture, should forget the professional blunder of the former Executive Officer Girish Verma who amassed several crores of rupees by passing wrong architectural lay outs and never checked the practically built up houses or the commercial buildings. The issues were transcending

its barriers and he was caught red handed, had to face the jail imprisonment during 2022. The alleged fake architectural plan on Shamlat land is bamboozling the homeseekers and the RERA has silently been watching phenomenon on the earth, where as it is required to supervise the constructions in accordance with the RERA directives well in consonance with the existing rules and regulation sans approved designs. No case of violations are being registered under the parliamentary laws to save the interest of the innocent home/plot seekers who fall into the trap of the property sharks. In absence of the satellite town it is being thrust into slum town, of property builders sewer lines are seen overflowing, grudging several scrupulous builders and property dealers. Despite many efforts for liaising with EO Ashok Pathria communication could not held as he did not attend to the CNS calls.

## India abstains from UN general assembly draft resolution

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The resolution, passed with 93 votes in favour, 18 against, and 65 abstentions, stands as a win for Ukraine. In a significant victory for Ukraine on the third anniversary of its war with Russia, the United Nations General Assembly on Monday voted to approve a European-backed resolution demanding the immediate removal of Russian forces from Ukraine. The resolution, which passed with 93 votes in favour, 18 against, and 65 abstentions, stands as a win for Ukraine but



also showcases diminished support for Kyiv. The United States faced a notable setback after it failed to get the UN General Assembly to approve its resolution that avoided directly bismirching Russia for the conflict. It marks a fallout for the

newly elected Donald Trump administration in the 193-member world body, whose resolutions are not legally binding but are seen as a barometer of world opinion. In accordance with an US official and a European diplomat who spoke anonymously because of the sensitivity of talks as private, abstained from a UN General Assembly draft resolution that called for a de-escalation, an early cessation of hostilities and a peaceful resolution of the war against Ukraine.

## Mr Tharoor Congress leader eulogises PM Modi

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New Delhi : Substantiated by 4 times electoral victories, tall figure of Tharoor from his home state sweeps the electoralates along, has been embarrassing his own bonafide party. Shashi Tharoor the parliamentarian comes from Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala. He has been dedicated serving his party since 2009 and is now current



chairman of the committee on the external affairs. Mr. Tharoor has been formerly an Under Secretary General of United Nations but could not attain the post of Secretary General in 2006

Mr Tharoor has additionally upset his party by praising the CPM's policies in Kerala and the state's growth. If the Congress does not want Shashi Tharoor's services, he has other options to execute. Mr Tharoor, the other day flagged the absence of a Congress leader in the state of Kerala.

## Mauritius invites Modi on National day

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New Delhi : "The visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on National day of Mauritius would be a testimony of the close relations between the two proud nations" said Prime Minister Navinchandra Ramgoolam. On the 57



anniversary of Mauritius, would be independence day on Mar 12. On the illustrious day, such a distinguished personality is being remembered called singu-

## Traffic chaos to vanish with the arrival of Metro Chandigarh

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Chandigarh : E. Sreedharan, the architect of the Delhi metro, supported the underground routes to maintain Chandigarh's heritage. "The main sectors should not be spoiled by overhead structures," said the architect of the Delhi Metro. The tri-city metro project, approved in July 2023, is poised to transform urban transportation with underground routes through heritage sectors.



The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has endorsed running of the metro lines underground in sectors 1 to 30, following recommendations from the Chandigarh Heritage Conservation Committee. This decision underscored the preservation of the city's planned heritage, contrasting with the initials. The long wait for the tricity Metro project in Chandigarh is set to extend even further, as UT administrator Gulab Chand Kataria has officially formed an eight-member committee to evaluate the financial and economic feasibility of the system. Mr. Minish Tewari, the incumbent MP, defended it as a crucial step towards tackling the city's burgeoning traffic chaos. Now, the administrator has appointed the committee to conduct an assessment in collaboration with Rail India Technical and Economic Services (RITES). The committee is expected to deliver its report within

two months, setting the already delayed project further back. The RITES had recommended that the two-coach Metro Rail system is the most viable option for the Chandigarh tricity area in its Alternatives Analysis Report (AAR). In addition, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) had approved an underground Metro system in heritage sectors (1 to 30). Estimated to cost around 724,000 crore overall, the Metro project's Phase 1 is expected to be completed by 2032, as per the AAR. Under this phase, a stretch of 85.65 km has been planned, comprising both overhead and underground routes, with 16.5 km at a stretch. The first phase includes three routes: Sultampur, New Chandigarh, to Sector 28, Panchkula (34 km); Sukhna Lake to Zirakpur ISBT via Mohali ISBT and Chandigarh airport (41.20 km); and from Grain Market Chowk, Sector 39, to Transport Chowk, Sector 26 (13.30 km), along with a 2.5 km depot entry line.

## School violates govt policy, humbugs wards' parents

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Zirakpur : In the town several Book Depots including one 40 years old well-established unit is being plundered of their sacrosanct rights. The present policy of the government envisages to prevent the seizure of the liberal market by a single bookseller, and the govt policy always endorsed the popular liberal and acceptable doctrine for the fair deal. In the past, a book seller from Patiala had single handedly monopolized the market who was brutally driven out from the vulnerable town.



The incumbent principal, Sister Tina, who has recently joined from Deepnagar, Jalandhar, has in her commercial interests arbitrarily consented to give the contract to one Disha Enterprises, a book seller from Jalandhar, who comes for just one week to sell books and leave the plagued parents to suffer and curse the school management indefinitely.

The principal has stated that the management has awarded the contract to this seller and has been clandestinely withholding the select list of the prescribed books in the "Holy Family" school. This vicious practice has robbed the booksellers of their rights to buy the books from the publishers. The district magistrate has sympathetically listened to the problem faced by the local booksellers of the town and assured that the problem of discrimination would be sorted out before the academic session begins.

## Avoid throwing stone over beehive, Centre warned : Stalin

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New Delhi : 'Beehive' warning to Centre after Dharmendra Pradhan shot letter over NEP language row in Tamil Nadu. Dharmendra Pradhan had accused the Tamil Nadu CM of "spinning progressive reforms into threats to sustain political narratives". Tamil Nadu chief minister MK Stalin on Friday escalated the ongoing language row, responding to Union education minister Dharmendra



Pradhan's call to "rise above politics". MK Stalin reaffirmed the state's commitment to its two-language policy and cautioned the Centre against "throwing stones at a beehive". Dharmendra Pradhan advised MK Stalin after the latter wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi opposing the

linking of two centrally sponsored programmes with the National Education Policy (NEP). The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), the ruling party in Tamil Nadu, has been refusing to implement the NEP and three-language policy, involving the necessity of Hindi, asking the Centre to not "impose" the language. The Tamil language, the state, and its people on the soil as long as he and his DMK exist.

## Sajjan Kumar gets lifelong jail term

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New Delhi : A Delhi court on Tuesday awarded life imprisonment to former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar in a murder case related to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots. Kaveri Baweja Special judge pronounced the judgement for the alleged killing of Jaswant Singh and his son Tarundeep Singh on November 1, 1984. The offence of murder carried a maximum punishment of death penalty, while the minimum sen-



tence was life imprisonment. The court on February 12 convicted Kumar for the offence and sought a report from Tihar Central Jail on his psychiatric and psychological evaluation in view of a Supreme Court order asking for such a report in cases attracting capital punishment.

## Chandigarh Beopar Mandal to elect its President on March 2

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Chandigarh : Across the city, functioning for prosperous Beopar Mandalits representatives from over 125 market and trade associations would caste their franchise on the scheduled occasion. The election panel headed by Chairman Sat Pal Gupta will oversee the election process. The panel includes 3



members - Charanjiv Singh, acting President Diwakar Sahoonja, patron and Parshotam Mahajan, Vice Chairman along with. Sunil Gupta from grain market and Rajat Sharma from sector 45.

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Illegal immigrants, crumbling economies

Mobility is not a crime. It is a natural human urge. Crossing an international border shouldn't mean losing one's basic rights and dignity. Migrants, whether skilled or unskilled, are not criminals. A hateful narrative dehumanising immigrants has become all too common in many western countries. In a debate with Democrat candidate Kamala Harris, Trump went as far as to refer to Haitian refugees in Ohio as "eating the pets of the people that live there." One needs to understand why 'unskilled' men and women from the Global South keep migrating to the Global North despite the increasingly expensive and dangerous journeys they are compelled to take due to the stringent immigration policies enforced by the destination countries. There are multiple reasons for the life-changing decision that emigration entails. They encompass a combination of push factors (socio-economic or political conditions in the country of origin) and pull factors (what attracts people in the country of destination). Many people and advocacy groups oppose this rhetoric in the West. They argue that border enforcement policies are devastating for migrants, costly for the country of destination and ultimately ineffective because regardless of the risks, people will continue to move as they have done throughout human history. In the case of Punjabis, mass migration was triggered and organised by the British rule to its own advantage. This colonial engineering created a deeply embedded culture of migration that no deportation, no border

regime and no walls will be able to uproot. Many heart-wrenching stories have been published about the infamous dunki route taken by the deportees, the sacrifice of their families, including selling land, to send them abroad. Their socio-economic profiles and reasons for migration have also been highlighted. It has been projected as a criminal activity recently in the countries of destination of migrants. In the US, it has been done mainly since 9/11. But in Europe, the process had started earlier in the context of the dismantling of EU's internal borders and the fortification of its external ones. Indeed, because of the seemingly unstoppable wave of populist anti-immigrant discourse and the resultant increasingly restrictive border regimes, illegality, criminality and a sense of threat have become the dominant lens through which the state in the destination countries sees migrants from the Global South. Let me argue here that we should apply a different lens and try to change the narrative around international migration and humanise it. To start with, we must change our terminology. Many scholars and activists promote the use of 'undocumented' migrants, which is a more neutral term, instead of 'illegal' migrants, which stigmatises and criminalises mobile people. The lack of humanity and dignity during the horrendous 40-hour journey of the deportees, turbans removed, handcuffed and even leg-chained like criminals is for all to see, except for

the Indian government, which seems to find not much wrong with the criminalisation and dehumanisation of its own citizens. Among the reasons for the lack of a strong response by Delhi seems to be a bid to placate the US government and protect H-1B visas for skilled Indian migrants. This narrative of skilled (read 'good', 'wanted') vs unskilled (read 'bad', 'disposable') migrants is used in many destination countries to exploit the latter and deprive them of basic human rights. While right-wing politicians in destination countries reap the electoral benefits of demonising 'illegal' immigrants, their economies — particularly the construction, services and care sectors — are in dire need of a vulnerable foreign workforce. 'Illegal migration' is not a natural category. It is a political construct, an instrument that serves a purpose: of disciplining and coercing a docile and cheap immigrant labour force into accepting what sociologists call 3 Ds (dirty, dangerous, demeaning) jobs, shunned by the national population. The hypocrisy of anti-immigrant rhetoric is probably best exemplified by none other than Trump himself. As reported by The Washington Post in 2019, his holding company, the Trump Organisation, has employed for nearly two decades dozens of undocumented Latin-American construction workers at several properties owned by the company. And, guess why? Because they are cheap, hardworking and too afraid of deportations to complain about a back-breaking, harassing work.

Chandigarh Beopar Mandal to elect new chief on March 2

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**CHANDIGARH :** The four-year consecutive term of incumbent president Charanjiv Singh has terminated. The election for the post of president of the Chandigarh Beopar Mandal (CBM) are due to be held on March 2. The elections were announced during a general body meeting of the CBM held. More than 200 members attended the meeting. Charanjiv Singh, who is one of the founding members of the CBM, has served it as president for multiple terms since 2007.



During the meeting, a committee consisting of Charanjiv Singh, Diwakar Sahoonja, Parshotam Mahajan, Sunil Gupta and Rajat Malhotra under the chairmanship of Sat Pal Gupta was formed to oversee the election process.

Register for Chandigarh e-auction of fancy numbers by February 28

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**CHANDIGARH :** The last date for registration of E-auction has been extended from February 21 to February 28 (5 pm). E-bidding will be held from March 1 (10 am) to March 3 (5 pm) as the officials revealed. The extension period by the Registering and Licensing Authority (RLA) has been extended for e-auction of new series CH01-CY and leftover registration numbers of old series due to some technical seasons. For leftover registration the e-auction will be held for numbers of old series of CH01-CX, CH01-CW, CH01-CV, CH01-CU,



CH01-CT, CH01-CR, CH01-CP, CH01-CM, CH01-CK, CH01-CG, CH01-CD, CH01-CB, CH01-BZ, CH01-BW, CH01-BV, CH01-BR, CH01-BN, CH01-BL and CH01-BJ.

Event of Motor rally to kick on Feb 27



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**CHANDIGARH :** The 38th edition of motor rally has been extended to two nights and three days. The rally will conclude at St John's High School, Sector 26. The St John's Old Boys Association (SJOBA) Rally will take place from February 27 to March 2. The event will kick off with the ceremonial flag-off on February 27 at the Sector 34 Exhibition Ground. After the scrutiny of vehicles, a 'Super Special Stage' will be held at the exhibition ground. The rally will witness participation of 30 four-wheelers and 60 two-wheelers in four competitive sections each day. The total prize money for the 2025 edition of the rally will be about Rs 6 lakh.

In the women's category, a total of three riders will be participating in the two-wheeler category. The rally will also pass through Ropar, Garhshankar, Mansowal and Hoshiarpur. There will be 'axe-breaking' riverbeds, both dry and wet; fast tarmacs with winding hairpins, un-metalled surfaces and exhilarating hilly terrain in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh on the route. The first SJOBA Motorcycle Rally was held in March 1981 and it evolved into the SJOBA Open Rally in 1982. It attracts professionals and budding rallyists from the Chandigarh capital region, Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi NCR, Rajasthan and other parts of India.

Unpaid dues: Allotment of 42 more small flats cancelled

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**CHANDIGARH :** Continuing action against allottees of the small flats scheme, who have not paid their dues, the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has cancelled the allotment of 42 houses. An official said notices had been sent to the allottees. As the allotment has been cancelled, they have been directed to hand over possession of their flats to the Chandigarh Housing Board within one month. "If the allottees failed to hand over the possession, the CHB will start the process of getting the houses vacated," stated the official. In the past two months, the allotment of 155 houses has been cancelled. The small flats scheme was implemented in Chandigarh to provide permanent shelter to poor families. Under this, houses were built in different sectors and other areas and allotted on a licence basis.



According to the terms of the scheme, an allottee is required to deposit the fixed licence fee to the CHB by the 10th of every month. Most of the allottees of this scheme have not deposited the licence Rs 800 fee for the past several years. The dues of these allottees have added up to Rs 2 lakh or more each. The official said the allottees were served notices five-six times to deposit the outstanding amount and were also called for a personal hearing. However, none turned up or paid the dues. The allotment of defaulters' houses has been cancelled under clause number 2, 12 and 16(A) of the Deed of Licence of Chandigarh Small Flats Scheme-2006.

AAP govt not willing to hold longer assembly sessions : Congress

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**CHANDIGARH :** About 32 AAP MLAs are in touch with Congress, seeking switch over to the old guard party said Partap Singh Bajwa, the leader of the opposition. The state government was not willing to hold longer sessions. He said that Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann would be changed shortly by the AAP. Congress MLA Pargat Singh lamented. He accused the state government of delaying the promised honorarium of Rs



1,000 per month, which was pledged before the elections. Following the loss in the Delhi Assembly elections, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal has called for a meeting with Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and MLAs at Kapurthala House in Delhi.

The AAP had suffered a setback, having lost its dominance in the Delhi Assembly after being in power for 10 years. While the BJP bagged 48 seats, AAP won 22 seats. The call for the meeting had raised eyebrows on the backdrop of the party's defeat in the Assembly elections. The BJP alleged that the meeting was aimed at ousting Mann from the post of Chief Minister. Meanwhile, AAP, said that the agenda of the meeting was to analyse the party's shortcomings.

Electricity complaint cell for consumers : Power Wing

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



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

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

Panel to redesign traffic police assistance booths

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**CHANDIGARH :** To provide adequate facilities to traffic police personnel, the UT Administration has decided to redesign the traffic assistance booths in the city. It has constituted a three-member committee for the purpose. During the recent meeting of the District Road Safety Committee, the issue of construction of traffic assistance booths at major intersections in the city was raised. The representative of the Chief Engineer Office said the work had been completed at two places — the Matka Chowk and Sectors 3/4/9/10 chowk. However, the traffic police informed the committee that the exiting booths at the



Matka Chowk did not have sufficient space and a washroom. They said staff, especially female employees, faced a lot of hardship at the booth. The committee Chairman-cum-Dputy Commissioner, Nishant Kumar Yadav, asked the Chief Architect to redesign the traffic police booths. He constituted a committee comprising a senior architect, the Executive Engineer, Division No. 6, and the DSP

Traffic (R&D). The DC directed the committee to conduct a survey for the redesigning of these booths and submit an action taken report at the next meeting of the committee. A total of eight traffic police assistance booths are to be built in the city. The Chairman asked the representative of the Chief Engineer Office to look into the matter and provide some solution to eradicate this problem. The representative informed the meeting that a high-level bridge was proposed at the specific location and hiring a consultant was necessary for this proposal. The DC deferred the matter for three months.

Compounding regime of synthetic milk



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



USAID funds flowed for food, agriculture, environment, energy, rural development : Sitharaman

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**NEW DELHI :** "At present, seven projects worth a total budget of \$750 million (approx.) are being implemented by USAID in partnership with Government of India," according to the Finance Ministry's annual report for 2023-24. While US President Donald Trump has launched a scathing attack on USAID's funding in India, the annual report of the Nirmala Sitharaman-headed Finance Ministry shows that the assistance of \$750 million provided by the US agency flowed into government projects. The USAID had linked to food, agriculture, rural development, energy and the environment during 2023-24. None of these projects are related to political funding in India. For the financial year 2023-24, an obligation of a total of \$97 million (about Rs 825 crore) has been made



by the US Agency for International Development (USAID) under the seven projects, the Finance Ministry report stated. The projects are related to agriculture & food security programmes, water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH), renewable energy, disaster management, and health. Besides, funds were committed to the Sustainable Forests and Climate Adaptation Programme and the Energy Efficiency Technology Commercialisation and Innovation Project, the annual report states. President Trump has triggered a controversy by accusing the Biden

administration of using USAID to allocate \$21 million for voter turnout in India to influence the elections. Responding to the statement, External Affairs Minister S. Jasishankar said: "Some information has been put out there by the Trump administration people, and obviously, that is concerning. I think, as a government, we're looking into it. My sense is that the facts will come out. USAID was allowed here in good faith, to do good faith activities; now, suggestions are being laid out from America that there are activities which are in bad faith. It's worrisome, and if there's something to it, then the country should know who the people are involved in it." The Congress has demanded a white paper on the funds received in India from developmental agencies and aid mechanisms.

Election-bound Bihar witnesses Modi releasing Rs 22K cr PM Kisan funds

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**NEW DELHI :** The 19th tranche of PM-Kisan scheme instalment worth Rs 22,000 crore was announced in Bihar by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday. Mr Modi launched multi-crore projects and disbursed amount directly to the bank accounts of 9.8 crore farmers nationally, including 75 lakh Bihar farmers, who received the amount on Monday. The PM announced that National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship would soon be set up in Bihar. Three new Centres of Excellence in agriculture to be located in the state at Bhagalpur, Munger and Buxar. Reiterating the BJP-led NDA government's commitment to farmers and the direct cash transfer through the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi, the PM said it was now time for Bihar's makhana (fox nut) to enter the global market. Flanked by NDA ally and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar of the JD(U) and his colleagues, Modi said Bihar was on course to become a major centre for the food processing industry in eastern India. Among the major pre-poll announcements made by the PM were the establishment of the National Institute of Food Technology and Entrepreneurship in Bihar and



three new centres of excellence in agriculture — one in Bhagalpur for the Jardaalu variety of mangoes, and the other two in Munger and Buxar for tomato, onion and potato farmers. "Our government is leaving no stone unturned in drafting pro-farmer decisions. We are working on multiple levels to increase farmers' income. Every kitchen in the world should have at least one product grown by Indian farmers," said Modi, flagging efforts to boost self-reliance in oilseeds and pulses with a promise of enhanced MSP for pulses. Modi also spoke of the newly budgeted PM Dhan Dhanya Yojana under which 100 lowest agricultural production districts of India will be assisted to do better. The declaration of projects apart, Modi's choice of Bhagalpur as the location for his first election year rally in the state is significant. The silk city which, the PM said, would boost India's role as a major textiles exporter, has been electorally a weak link for the saffron party.

UAE President Sheikh Mohamed's rendezvous with Italian President during state visit to Italy

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**Rome [Italy] :** The UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan arrived on Monday at the Quirinal Palace earlier and was received by President Sergio Mattarella, after which both leaders greeted delegation members and official photos were taken. UAE President and Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italian Republic, discussed relations between the UAE and Italy as part of the two countries' strategic partnership and shared commitment to achieving its objectives. During the meeting, held at the Quirinal Palace in Rome, President Mattarella welcomed the UAE President and expressed confidence that his visit would provide strong momentum for relations between the two countries across various fields.



He expressed his pleasure at visiting a country renowned for its rich history and civilisational legacy, highlighting the strong strategic partnership between the UAE and Italy. He noted that his visit underscores the UAE's commitment to advancing these ties in support of shared development aims. He reaffirmed the UAE's interest in building on the achievements of recent years to further enhance bilateral relations and leverage all opportunities to advance joint objectives, particularly in cultural cooperation and the promotion of shared

human values--an area of special significance to both nations. He also thanked the Italian President for his warm welcome and extended his best wishes for his continued health while wishing Italy further progress and prosperity. The meeting was attended by members of the delegation accompanying the UAE President including H.H. Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs; H.H. Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Deputy Chairman of the Presidential Court for Special Affairs; Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad bin Tahnoon Al Nahyan, Advisor to the UAE President; and a number of ministers and senior officials.

US immigration detention houses 55 per cent guys without criminal record

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**JALANDHAR :** The highest number of ICE detainees by Texas has been identified during fiscal year 2025. ICE and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) collectively arrested 21,959 individuals in January 2025 alone. The Adams County Detention Centre in Natchez, Mississippi, has emerged as the largest detention facility for ICE detainees in fiscal year 2025. The North American Punjabi Association (NAPA) has expressed concerns over the latest immigration detention data provided by Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC). As of February 9, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) held 41,169 individuals in detention



facilities across the United States. Satnam Singh Chahal, executive director of NAPA, said a key finding from the data reveals that 22,538 detainees, comprising 54.7 per cent of those in ICE custody, have no criminal record. Many others have been detained for minor offenses, including traffic violations, raising concerns about the broad use of detention for non-violent and low-level infractions. ICE's Alternatives to Detention (ATD) programmes are currently monitoring 188,304

families and single individuals. The San Francisco area office oversees the highest number of individuals enrolled in ATD monitoring programmes. Chahal emphasised the importance of transparency and fair treatment in immigration enforcement. He urged policymakers to re-evaluate the effectiveness and necessity of mass detention, particularly for individuals with no criminal history or only minor infractions. He noted that the number of Indian detainees among the overall detainees is not yet available. However, he highlighted the need for detention centres to play a constructive role in alleviating the predicament of detainees in an immigration crisis.

Badrinath Temple portals to open on May 4

Commissioner News Service  
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**SHIMLA :** With the aim of enhancing revenue of the state the department has devised scheme to attract more tourists as well as meet the day-to-day requirement, the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited (HPTDC) has decided to offer a winter discount on booking rooms in around 50 of its hotels from January 3 till April 15. According to HPTDC officials, the decision has been taken to ensure that more tourists visit Himachal Pradesh during this period. The online reservation for the said period has been monitored at the corporate office level. It has been found that the advance reservation for this period is low. Moreover as per past record the period during January to April is lean tourist season disclosed the officials.



Therefore, keeping this in mind, the corporation has decided to offer 40 per cent discount at Chail Palace, Log Huts Manali, Hotel Manimahesh in Dalhousie, Hotel Apple Blossom in Fagu, The Golf Glade in Naldehra, Hotel Gaurikund in Bharmaur, Hotel Devdar in Khajjiar, Hotel Shrikhand in Sarahan and in Hotel Giriganga in Khadapathar. Additionally, the corporation is also offering 30 per cent discount in Hotel Holiday Home in Shimla, Hotel Peterhoff, Hotel Chanshal in Rohru, Hotel Nurpur in Nurpur, Hotel Iravati in Chamba, Hotel Baghal in Darlaghat, Chintpurni

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## Trump designates Zelenskyy ‘comedian, dictator’ who entered into a war that couldn’t be won

Commissioner News Services  
New Delhi: US President Donald J. Trump Wednesday hit out at Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, calling him a “comedian” and “dictator” who “shattered” the Eastern European nation. He also said Zelenskyy talked the US into spending billions of dollars to go to a war that “couldn’t be won, that never had to start”. Leaders of US and Ukraine have been exchanging stinging rebukes of one another after Trump blamed Ukraine for starting war with Russia. Zelenskyy hit out at him for living in ‘disinformation bubble’. Zelenskyy accused Trump of living in a “disinformation bubble” earlier in the day, and hit out at the American President for promoting Russian disinformation talking points. “Think of it, a modestly successful comedian, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, talked the United States of America into spending \$350 Billion Dollars, to go into a War that couldn’t be won, that never had to start, but a War that he,



without the U.S. and ‘TRUMP,’ will never be able to settle.” Trump said in a post on his social media platform Truth Social. The American President added: “He Zelenskyy refuses to have Elections, is very low in Ukrainian Polls, and the only thing he was good at was playing Biden ‘like a fiddle’. A Dictator without Elections, Zelenskyy better move fast or he

is not going to have a Country left.. The call was followed up with a meeting between US Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in the Saudi Arabian city of Riyadh Tuesday. There was no Ukrainian participation in the preliminary negotiations for a potential peace deal.

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## \$21 million never reached India for ‘voter turnout’, purportedly was for Bangladesh

Commissioner News Services

Washington “Why do we need to spend \$21m for voter turnout in India? Wow, \$21m! I guess they were trying to get somebody else elected.” SINCE the Trump administration’s Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) announced February 16 that it had “cancelled,” among a string of projects, USAID funding of “\$21 million for voter turnout in India,” the ruling BJP has accused the opposition Congress of using alleged external influence in India’s election process. Wednesday, said: “Why do we need to spend \$21m for voter turnout in India? Wow, \$21m! I guess they were trying to get somebody else elected. That \$21 million, was sanctioned in 2022 for Bangladesh, not India. At the centre of the dispute are two USAID grants on DOGE’s list that were channelled via the Consortium for Elections



and Political Process Strengthening (CEPPS), a group based in Washington, DC, which specialises in “complex democracy, rights and governance programming.” CEPPS was meant to receive a total of \$486 million from USAID. This corpus included, as per DOGE: \$22 million for “inclusive and participatory political process” in Moldova; and \$21 million

for “voter turnout in India.” The first was awarded to CEPPS in September 2016 to “promote” an “inclusive and participatory political process” in Moldova. With Federal Award Identification Number AID117LA1600001 (an ID specific to the grant), this was to run until July 2026 and \$13.2 million has been disbursed so far.

## Cloth bag vending machines for consumers to be installed by MC

Commissioner News Services

Pkula : Against Rs 10 cloth bag vending machines like ATM machine would generate cloth bags to be installed in Pkula for the consumers benefits, said Kulbhusan Goyal, the Mayor of Panchkula, Municipal Corporation. With the introduction of vending machine, the usage of plastic bags would fall abundantly and consumers would be encouraged to acclimatize to the usage of cloth bags. At Morni, Primary Health Centre will get its Power generation unit and Bag Vending Machine, against the incurring cost to be borne by Mr Varun



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## Privatisation of power department opposed in Tribunal



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## Revised procedures to verify quantity of drugs in Ayushman claims

Commissioner News Services Chandigarh : In the ongoing Ayushman Bharat scheme , the Pharmacy Bill verification process would now generate direct response to the exposed fault lines within the indents maintenance and verification system.For patients utilising cashless services under govt sponsored health schemes--Ayushman Bharat , HIM CARE, CGHS and JSSK schemes.all bills submitted by the



Amrit pharmacy stamp which show "verified" as per indent on the bills.Here after designated pharmacist would sign and to be followed by the countersignature of the store keeper.

## Despite availability of challaning machines, traffic violation continues



Commissioner News Services

Panchkula:The traffic police has introduced a system where QR code would be placed at every police station, tehsil and mini secretariat . Such system would facilitate the public to easily pay their traffic challans. The

challaned persons would "also be able to use "Parivahan "Official website for online payment . A C P Sukarpal Singh appealed to the public to report any traffic violation in the city on 7087084433.

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

Commissioner News Services

Pkula : The 6 lane bypass worth 200 ft wide running 16.5 km would be partially elevated ,and its obstacles has been removed with the afresh acquisition of the land as controverted price of the land did halt the then construction work.said the Panchkula Mayor Kulbhusan Goyal.The



bypass project called "Ring Road "would be completed within a peri-

od of 2 years span,said MP Varun Chaudhary.All vehicles bound for Himachal Pradesh will use this by pass and decongest the route of Patiala crossing.Due to the court case filed by the owner for higher price of the land work for over 11 years was halted ,said Varun Chaudhary.

## For nurturing terror activities , 3 govt employees get dismissal from service

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi : Under article 311 2 (c) of the constitution of India , Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday terminated three more govt servants from their services.included police constable Firdous Ahmad Bhat, teacher Ashraf Bhat and forest department orderly Nisar Ahmad Khan.The govt employees were found arranging weapons, providing targets for attacks and fuelling violent protests in the valley,all at the



behest of handlers based in Pakistan and POK (Pakistan occupied Kashmir)Firdous and Ashraf were lodged in separate jails of Jammu region whole

Nisar was detained for 8 months under the PSA.As a special police officer ,Firdous was engaged in 2005 ,became constable in 2011 and was posted in J&K police electronic surveillance unit, but was embroiled in the service of LLaskar e Taiba. The quantity of arms and narcotics were recovered from Firdous's house in Srinagar and Anantnag. Other two were equally found in nurturing terror links.

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## NGOs must not exploit foreign aid to convert religion



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Raipur : Several NGOs in Chhattisgarh and elsewhere are procuringforeign aid for the work associated with education and health .It was disclosed that the aid was being misused for the conversion of respective religions of aid beneficiaries, said Vishnu Deo Sai, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh.Stern action would be initiated against the violators of the law. Mr Sai cautioned about the involvement of international agencies which were engaged in misleading and alluring the innocent people for conversion of their religion .The functioning of the NGOs would be scrutinised and the task entrusted to the NGOs would be checked if it was in consonance with the standing rules,apprised the CM.It was against the spirit of the constitution to claim

before innocent people the healing and spiritual benefits of switching one's religion. Privatisation of power department opposed in Tribunal A petition in the Central Administrative Tribunal was filed by the staffers reaching beyond 40 clamouring against the injustice by the UT power department. The staffers demanded that their job was in lurch as the company was private could hang over its boots any times in future .The employees now could be transferred to different departments of the Chhattisgarh Administration.The employees can be temporarily transferred as long the final list of their posting is not ready, said the Tribunal while listening to the version of the staffers

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