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## Bhagwant Mann celebrates 1st startup conclave at Jalandhar

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Jalandhar : A wide range of industry leaders, investors incubators, academic experts, and policy makers converged on Monday under one roof at the well orchestrated site by Lovely Professional University with the auspices of the state industries and commerce department. The

Punjab chief minister Bhagwant Mann opened the first start up conclave and incorp orated the 'update & create mantra' for youth oriented meteoric growth. The conclave was projected as a flagship state-level platform showcasing celebration of innovation, entrepreneurship with fast spree of devel-

oping startup ecosystem. With no dearth of funds, over 100 startups participating entrepreneurs were disbursed high quality seed grants. Sharing vital valuable experience in Japan, Bhagwant Mann recalled every mode of transportation there was accessible from single window. The prosperity



and success of Japan was owing to its very explicit, transparent vision

over the future envisaged targets and enshrined objectives .

Citing companies like "Rising Star " and "Rising Sun" epitomised a brilliant and clear mindset which culminated with lifespan of 100 years to serve the humanity. The phenomenon witnessed more than 15 incubators and 5 support organisations in Punjab. Bhagwant Mann added that his govt was provid-

ing special incentive cheques to 8 startups with 7 startups receiving Rs 3 lakh each as a seed grants and one startup getting Rs 1.2 lakh as lease rental assistance. The chief minister exclusively reiterated the Punjab vision to transform youth from job seeker to job giver, and enable them to carve a

distinct identity for themselves. The Punjabis ,in fact, were the natural engineers and born entrepreneurs. The Chief Minister was accompanied by Sanjeev Arora, Industries Minister, MP Dr Raj Kumar Chabbewal and Ashok Mittal, Rajya Sabha member.

## CM urges for live telecast of his clarification on 15 Jan at Akal Takhat

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Chandigarh : "I am getting messages from all over the world that when I visit Akal Takhat on 15 Jan along with the accounts of the

Golak on behalf of the sangat, there must be live telecast of his appearance on all channels. In keeping with the sentiments of the



Jathedar Kuldeep Singh

world wide sangat. I request the Jathedar sahib to telecast my clarification live to enable the sangat remain connected

moment by moment and penny by penny. See you on Jan 15.... with evidence " wrote recently the CM on X, The summons were

issued by officiating Jathedar of SGPC Giani Kuldeep Singh Garga on Jan 05 , asking CM to explain his recent remarks on the

sikh code of conduct and his statement asking people not to put their money in donation box. The CM reiterated, get-

ting unequivocal support from many quarters he would appear before the Akal Takhat Secretariat in Amritsar on Jan 15.

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

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



conventional ayurvedic Bolana procedure is adopted by the dairy engineers. Cow pure milk is manufactured from white butter/curd. The quantum of cow milk is put on mild flame specific span of time until it got melted for ghee . It is widely claimed that cow milk is scared substance , oftenused

in regious rituals besides Aurvedic treatments . Cow ghee must be used before 9 months from date . Milk fat is inherently expensive . Its current exdairy price of Rs 460, --470 / is way above Rs 125 -130, wholesale range for refined palmolien , soyabeen or sunflower.

## SAD Punjab led by Giani Harpreet faction applies for EC registration

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Chandigarh : Another splinter group of Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) approached the election commission of India for registration of a new political party as "Shiromani Akali Dal Punjab".

Until now, the functionaries of the breakaway faction have been calling themselves the real Akali Dal. Due to legal entanglement the party has reconciled to its farsightedness.

The delegation comprising Prem Singh Chandumajra, lok sabha MP, Parminder Singh Dhindsa former Pb Finance Minister, Gaganjit Singh Barnala, all 3 are members of political affairs committee . The breakaway faction met election commissioner Sukhbir Singh Sandhu at yhe



EC Office at Nirvachan Sadan Ashoka Road, New Delhi. The faction urged in writing for the registration in accordance with the provision of the Representation of the people act 1951 and the election symbol ( reservation and the allotment) order 1966.. The faction said the party would function strictly within the frame work of the Constitution of India and shall remain committed to, peaceful, democratic and lawful political activities.

## After theft of Rs 15 Cr bill documents, now online indent system at PGI

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Chandigarh : After facing Rs 15 Cr billing scandal, finally the online indenting system has been introduced. From the present cashless healthcare schemes, funds were siphoned off very conveniently. The definitive shift to digital was confirmed in a RTI response to



activist Ashwani Kumar Munjal.The manual system was completely replaced across all major schemes, including Ayushman Bharat ,

Central Govt Scheme and HIM care. The online system now utilises the Hospital Information System with dedicated digital IDs. It would ensure a permanent electronic audit trail for every medicine and implant requested making it impossible to lose paper records or used forged stamps.

## Absence of 2.89 crore voters in draft electoral roll of Uttar Pradesh after SIR: ECI

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Lucknow : The Election Commission has released the draft voter list for Uttar Pradesh after the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). Giving the details to the media in a press conference in Lucknow , the state electoral officer of Uttar Pradesh, Navdeep Rinva, informed that there are names of 12 crore 55 lakh 56 thousand 25 voters in the draft voter list. He informed that 81.30 percent voters of the existing voter list filled their forms and registered their names



for the new draft voter list. There were a total of 15 crores 44 lakh 30 thousand 92 voters in the existing voter list. So a total of 2.89 crore voters' names were not found in the new draft voter list issued by the Election Commission,

which is 18.70 per cent of the existing voter list. Mr. Navdeep Rinva informed that the period for receiving claims and objections has been set from January 6 to February 6, 2026. From 06 January to 27 February 2026, during the notice phase, the decision on the claims and objections will be resolved. The final publication of the electoral roll of Uttar Pradesh will be done on March 6, 2026. After that, citizens will have one month to submit claims and objections.

## "Denmark Warns US Of 'Devastating' NATO War", troops are under standing order

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Copenhagen : Denmark would have to defend itself in the event of an American attack on Greenland, said Denmark Member of Parliament and Chairperson of the Defence Committee Rasmus Jarlov. He acknowledged that although the Danish army would not be able to stop the US, an attack is not acceptable. Tension soared over Greenland as US was co considering paying cash to Greenland to encourage independence from Denmark , a move that was being detested Mt Jarlov said, "We also want to make clear that it's not acceptable to attack us militarily, and it would lead to the absurd situation and disastrous situation of a war



between two NATO countries, which would be completely devastating and very, very stupid and unnecessary. Jarlov said that there is no threat, hostility or justification for Trump to attack Greenland since the US already has access to Greenland, and the two nations have a defence agreement that allows them access to do mining. "There's absolutely no need for this, and we hope we can get it back on track and that it doesn't

escalate," he explained. Trump previously made an offer to buy the island in 2019, during his first presidential term, only to be told it was not for sale. After returning to office following his victory in the 2024 US Presidential Election, Trump revived his offer from hissa first term to purchase Greenland, which was again turned down. Jarlov said that Greenland is not for sale and that it is not a matter of price for the nation. "We can't sell 57,000 Danish citizens to become Americans. Our Greenland is they have made that extremely clear." Shoot us first, if Greenland is attacked as Europe grows anxious over potential UD military action.

## BJP, Samiti eulogize National Medical Commission on move of Vaishno Devi Medical College

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Jammu : The National Medical Commission's decision to withdraw permission for the Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Institute of Medical Excellence for non-compliance with minimum standards has evoked mixed reactions here, with the BJP and Sangarsh Samiti welcoming the move . The NC and PDP have termed it a setback for people of the region.The

Sangharsh Samiti, a recently formed conglomerate of right-wing organisations backed by the BJP, has been spearheading an agitation in Jammu since November last year, demanding cancelling of admissions to the College and seeking reservation of seats exclusively for students professing faith in Mata Vaishno Devi.

The Samiti emerged soon after admissions for the inaugural MBBS batch of 50 students was completed through the NEET merit list. Of these, 42 students are Muslims—mostly from Kashmir—along with seven Hindu students from Jammu and one Sikh candidate, a composition that triggered demands for scrapping the admissions and reserving all seats for Hindu students. The National Medical Commission's Medical



Assessment and Rating Board (MARB) on Tuesday withdrew the letter of permission granted to Institute in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi for non-compliance with minimum standards.

An order issued by the MARB on Tuesday said all students admitted to the college during the counselling for the academic year 2025-26 shall be accommodated in other medical institutions in Jammu and Kashmir as supernumerary seats by the competent authority of the Union Territory administration. "We welcome the decision of the National Medical Commission's Medical Assessment and Rating Board, Union Health Minister J P Nadda and Lt Governor Manoj Sinha for withdrawing the permission but at the same time securing the future of the students," J-K BJP president Sat Sharma told reporters here.

## Verdict on Justice Varma's challenge reserved by Apex Court

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New Delhi : On a plea of Allahabad High Court Judge Yashwant Varma challenging the decision of Lok Sabha speaker to form an enquiry committee, as per Judges Enquiry Act 1968 , in the impeachment motion moved against him, Supreme court reserved its verdict. After hearing the senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi Siddharth



Luthra appeared for Varma, and solicitor Tushar Mehta who represented both the houses, a bench of Justice Dipankar Datta and SC

Sharma reserved its verdict. On procedural grounds , Mr Varma challenged the speaker's decision in Lok Sabha . He charged the notice for his impeachment were given in both the houses, the speaker Om Birla constituted a probe committee unilaterally without awaiting admission of the motion by the Rajya Sabha Chairman.

## Sports lovers to get 32 innovative sport stadiums

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Mohali : An ambitious road map would herald as many as new 32 state of the art sport stadiums to energise the youth and reconstruct sport enthusiasm in them and potential sport lover, said Kulwant Singh, MLA of Mohali constituency.

The Punjab government is envisaging to raise a fleet of another 32 sport assets which would boost promotion of sport and sport infrastructure, varied multipurpose stadiums. The old stadiums, however too would be upgraded with ample amenities,



opined Kulwant Singh, MLA. Mr Kulwant Singh visited the under construction stadium at Saidpura and assessed the progress of the work. The village panchayat provided 1.75 acres land fir the development of the stadium and additional 1 acre to meet the parking bottlenecks.

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US brazen foreign policy

The extraction of Maduro, President of Venezuela, right out of his fortress, by a Delta Force unit authorised by Trump, may be one of the most brazen foreign policy moves in recent humanitarian record. But in foreign policy, there is no moral right or wrong, just self-interest and their might is always right. It always is and always has been. This will be yet another Iraq or Afghanistan, say some. Others say, "Well, didn't Trump promise America will not be involved in foreign adventures any more? Was he not all about America first?" Still others are frothing and fuming at his blatant disregard for international world order (a world leader cannot just arrest another from his home), and for domestic precedent (in operations like this the opposition is taken into confidence and Trump didn't do that). Maduro is accused of being a drug lord and a brutal dictator who has terrorised his citizens, reduced them to penury, while appropriating oil revenues for himself and his henchmen. Previous administrations would have used this as the hook and framed the Saturday operation as America asserting its position as the world's moral force, bringing democracy and liberating countries. Lindsey Graham, Trump critic turned acolyte, tried to toe that line, only to be interrupted by Trump declaring no, this is about oil. Why is he saying the quiet part out loud? Oil is America's worst kept secret, the driving

force for most of its military adventures, but one no US administration acknowledges. So why do it now? Because this is exactly what his base wants to hear. Trump's shtick has always been that he does not want to spend US dollars on regime-change for vague strategic objectives, which make sense only to foreign policy wonks. He is not interested in doctrines and encirclement. He wants to see the money. In his world, it only makes sense to go to war if there is a return on investment. Many people agree. To the 60-plus demographic in conservative states that's his base, he has messaged directly, with the honesty and straightforwardness that his fans associate with him, something like: "Yes, it is the oil. I don't care for making the world a better place. I only care for you the Americans and our self-interest. And we are the strongest country in the world, and we won't apologise for it. We will get what we want, and who dares stand in our way?" US spends a lot on its military. But for decades, its citizens haven't seen much in terms of overwhelming military victories. There was Vietnam. During the Iranian revolution, their embassy was held hostage. That was the time Trump was a young man, and the humiliation Americans suffered led to the defeat of Jimmy Carter plus the rise of Reagan. In Afghanistan, under Biden, Americans ran away in chaos, leaving

their military equipment behind for Taliban. The Bay of Pigs invasion to overthrow Castro, a figure similar to Maduro, under JFK, was a total failure. Now, Tump, with his newly christened Department of War, has pulled it off, capturing the enemy king in one night of American military supremacy, unleashed with zero American casualties. Maduro mocked US, did a defiant dance, and now here he is, trussed up like a turkey, humiliated and displayed to the world. If this isn't the most powerful military ever in the history of the world, then what is? Kaun aankh uthaake dekhega be? Will it be easy to get the oil? Nope. Venezuela hationalised its oil industry in the 1970s, and even if US companies are willing to go back, it will be many years and cost them billions before they can actually get oil out of the country. But Trump's presidency would be over by then. For now he has gotten his ROI, because spectacle trumps spreadsheets. Trump stands self glorified realising a vision of unilateral US domination in the way that exists in the imagination of many Trump voters, waging a populist war on all fronts: illegals being flown out in chains, countries that have taken END advantage of US (it doesn't matter if this is true or not) being punished by tariffs (it doesn't matter that it is Americans paying those tariffs), and world leaders who mock Trump picked up from their houses and thrown into prison.

Hry govt extends farmers' loan waiver scheme till March 2026

**Commissioner News Service 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

'Development and Regulation Act' sought change by Chandigarh Admn

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** The UT Administration has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) seeking an amendment to the Capital of Punjab (Development and Regulation) Act. Owners of industrial plots and commercial properties may soon get long-awaited relief from steep penalties imposed for violations of building bylaws. The amendment would empower the UT Administration to rationalise penalties in building violation cases at its own level. Once approved by Parliament, the amendment would apply to both pending and future cases in the city. More than 5,000 notices related to building violations were pending in Chandigarh, primarily involving industrial sites and commercial properties. UT Chief Secretary H Rajesh Prasad said: "An amendment to the Act is necessary. Only after that penalties in these 5,000 cases, and future cases as well can be rationalised" said the officials. During a review of building violation cases, the Chief Secretary had noted that in

several instances, penalties had reached alarming levels. "In some cases, the penalty amount has become almost equal to the value of the property itself. A permanent solution is required so that such penalties can be rationalised," he said. The officials explained that the Estate Office issues notices for additional construction or construction beyond approved building plans, including for minor deviations. Such notices have been served extensively in industrial areas and commercial buildings across the city. Under the existing provisions, penalties start accumulating from the date a notice is issued and are calculated at Rs 10 or more per square foot per day. Within months, this often results in penalties running into several crores of rupees, making them virtually impossible for businesses to pay.

Sans licence case registered against owners of dhabas for serving liquor

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** The Excise Department raided two dhabas on Kharar Civil Hospital road and found liquor being served without licence said Ashok Kumar Excise inspector. The violations of standing norms came to the fore during the ongoing special drive. Meanwhile, excise inspector Gurinder Pal

Singh set up a checkpoint in Phase XI, where 23 cases of liquor marked "For Sale in Chandigarh" were seized. A resident of Fatehgarh Sahib was arrested under the excise act.

Strict MC drive launched against property tax defaulters

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** Sealing notices had been issued under Section 138-C of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, to repeat defaulting properties, and in appropriate cases a final period of three days has been granted for payment of the entire outstanding property tax said Commissioner Parminder Pal Singh. A strict enforcement drive against repeat property tax defaulters, particularly major commercial and industrial properties that have failed to deposit the property tax despite repeated notices and adequate opportunities. Parminder Pal further cautioned in the event of failure to clear the dues within this final period, the municipal corporation will proceed to seal the premises without any further intimation, and the owner/occupier shall be personally responsible for any loss or damage to goods, stock or machinery lying inside the sealed property. Joint Commissioner added that after sealing, the municipal corporation was empowered under law to dispose of such properties through public auction to recover outstanding

property tax, along with penalty up to 20 per cent of the tax amount and interest at the rate of 18 per cent with effect from April 1, 2014, till the date of recovery as admissible under the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976. The present action particularly covers prominent industrial and commercial units located in various phases and sectors of Mohali, details of which have been compiled in the defaulter list prepared by the MC. All property tax payers who are still defaulters have been warned to immediately deposit their arrears along with applicable penalty and interest at the office of the MC within the stipulated time. Any delay or failure to comply will invite coercive measures, including sealing of property, auction for recovery of dues and other legal proceedings as per the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976.

Canine bite victim to receive Rs 1-lakh relief, court directs owners

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** Dr Bhumika Gupta, a resident of Sector 49-B, Chandigarh, had filed a suit for recovery of Rs 30,000 with interest rate of 18% per annum on account of medical and incidental expenses for treating the injuries caused by a dog owned by Divya Setia and Manpal Setia, who lived in her society. She also sought damages and compensation of Rs 2,00,000 for the reputational, economical, mental and social loss caused to her. A local court has directed the owners of a dog to pay a compensation of Rs 1 lakh to a woman who was bitten by the canine. The court also directed the owners to pay Rs 30,000 on account of medical and incidental expenses. Gupta said on January 18, 2020, she went to the terrace of her building to collect clothes hung up for drying and found Divya and her five unchained pet dogs there. One of the dogs suddenly attacked her, making her fall down. Thereafter, the dog bit her on the forehead and scratched the flesh thereof. An extensive section of skin was completely torn off the underlying tissue. As she shouted for help, other residents of the society came out. She was taken to the hospital for medical aid. The police were informed about the incident. Both defendants admitted their mistake and requested not to take any legal action while assuring that they

would bear the expenditure on her treatment. She agreed and no FIR was registered. Later, the plaintiff underwent medical treatment, which cost her around Rs 30,000. The injuries permanently disfigured her face. She had to remain at home for around a week, which also caused loss to plaintiff's professional and social life. When asked to fulfil the commitments, including reimbursement of the medical expenses and compensation, the defendants did not give any satisfactory reply. The defendants, however, denied the allegations and claimed that they had kept only two pet dogs as per the permissible limit and the canines were duly licensed and registered with the MC. After hearing the arguments, the court ordered that the defendants to pay Rs 30,000 on account of medical and incidental expenses along with simple interest at the rate of 9% per annum. Further, the plaintiff was also entitled to damages and compensation of Rs 1 lakh to be paid by the defendants for causing reputational, economical, mental and social loss to her, the court ordered.

Action sought by PPCB against Chd MC, Contractor for illegal dumping of garbage

**Commissioner News Service CANDIGARH :** The UT civic body had awarded a contract to a consortium of M/S Aakanksha Enterprises, Dwarka in New Delhi and M/S Rekart Innovations Private Limited, Gurugram (trailing member); for a sum of Rs 67.96 crore for biomining of the legacy waste and reclaiming the land in Dadumajra in 2022. After five garbage-laden trucks on their way from Chandigarh to Palheri were impounded in a late night operation by the Punjab Pollution Control Board (PPCB) and the Punjab police, a controversy has erupted over the inept handling of legacy waste by the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation. If the legacy waste was to be disposed of in the vicinity in the dark of night, why so much taxpayers' money was being spent on the bioremediation project pinpoint environmentalist and residents. The Mullanpur police registered a case against unidentified persons. On Saturday, PPCB officials recommended an FIR against the waste



management contractor, truck owners, drivers, landowner, where the garbage was being dumped, and the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation, under the Environment Protection Act and Section 271 and 272 of the BNS. The case was registered on a statement of PPCB Junior Engineer Amanpreet Singh. The PPCB officials stated that it was not clear since when the clandestine activity of garbage dumping had been going on. The 5 trucks registered under Punjab number have been impounded which were used to transport the garbage from Chandigarh to Palheri village near Mullanpur. According to the FIR, the

truck drivers and conductors fled the spot, leaving behind their vehicles, after sensing trouble. Questions are being raised about the Chandigarh Municipal Corporation's inept handling of legacy waste after the issue came to the fore. The MC, which runs a late night drive to catch litterers, could not spot five garbage-laden trucks as these drove from UT to Mullanpur to dump the waste. Similarly, the UT police has also drawn the flak from environmentalists. The police force, which have installed hundreds of hi-tech cameras on roads to catch traffic violators and issue lakhs of challans every year, could not spot these trucks with tampered, displaced and soiled number plates. "We will not allow outside garbage to be dumped in our area. It is a potential health hazard," said Dr Sunny Ahluwalia the Chairman Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board, who reached the spot on Saturday night.

General housing scheme in Sec 53 to steam off by March

**Commissioner News Service CANDIGARH :** After nearly a decade, the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) has planned to launch the general housing scheme in Sector 53 by March this year. Scrapped several times despite two demand surveys, the CHB will now auction the site for the group housing scheme. During an interaction with mediapersons, UT Chief Secretary H Rajesh Prasad said the site would be auctioned in a fair and transparent manner and any private developer could participate in the auction. Spread over nearly 21 acres



in Sector 53, nearly 11 acres have been earmarked for a general housing scheme for employees of the UT Administration. A demand survey completed in March last year received 7,468 applications for only 372 flats —nearly 20

applicants per unit — indicating a strong demand for CHB housing. Applicants deposited Rs 10,000 for HIG and MIG categories and Rs 5,000 for EWS. The housing scheme in Sector 53 has been derailed several times for nearly a decade. First proposed in 2018, the scheme received just 178 applications for 492 flats, primarily due to high prices — Rs 1.8 crore for a three-bedroom, Rs 1.5 crore for a two-bedroom and Rs 95 lakh for a one-bedroom unit — forcing the CHB to withdraw the scheme.

Delisted eco-fragile areas comprise of 'illegal plotting', NGT moved

**Commissioner News Service CANDIGARH :** Kapil Dev, President of the Council of Engineers, said a builder under the banner of Defence and Services Personnel's Welfare Housing Society had inserted advertisement in newspapers regarding allotment of farm lots under eco-tourism scheme, without the mandatory approval from RERA and without any CLU from the Housing and Urban Development department. In a complaint to the RERA Chairman and Principal secretary, Housing and Urban Development the president highlighted the grievances of Engineers before the Chairman of RERA. Days after the Council of Engineers moved the National Green Tribunal (NGT) against the Punjab Government over the low housing policy for the delisted forest areas in the eco-fragile lower Shivalik Hill, foot Hills, the association has complained to Punjab Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) regarding alleged illegal colonisation in the delisted areas. Near 55,000 hectares of land across the state had been



taken out of the purview of the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA) and termed as delisted lands. He alleged that the complaint is filed solely in public interest to prevent environmental degradation, unauthorised real estate development and financial harm to unsuspecting members of the public, particularly ex-servicemen and government employees. "The tentative location of the project is located in the eco-fragile areas delisted from forests at short distance from PGIMER, Chandigarh. The unregulated development in delisted areas was causing irreversible environmental damage. At the site, banners of the society have been put up. The Supreme Court guidelines for delisted lands have been violated by allowing commercial

exploitation," he stated while blaming the enforcement agencies for overlooking the violation for long. The association said while the farm house policy of the state government has been stayed by the NGT, illegal colonisation was being done without impunity. Devinder Sandhu from the WWICS said the housing society coming out with farm lots had eco-tourism approval from the competent authority. "Regarding the notices issued by GMADA to property owners who have developed eco-tourism sites for their personal use, the affected persons have filed a contempt petition in the Punjab and Haryana High Court. The matter is being heard by the court," he added. The GMADA has written to the police for registration of FIR against the World Wide Immigration Consultancy Services, for carving an illegal colony Fair wood Farms and Imperial Golf Greens, Nada (Majri). The District Town Planner has sought registration of the FIR under Punjab Apartment and Property Regulation Act, 1995.

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## Budget on Feb 1 as scheduled, MP's not to avail holidays, says Speaker

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 10 years. "Our budget allocation for the Railways has consistently risen, reflecting the government's commitment to a modern, self-reliant network," he said.





# India's Reliance would consider buying Venezuelan oil if allowed to run

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NEW DELHI - State run refiners Indian Oil Corporation has opined to new tab and other Hindustan Petroleum has too opined on considering purchase of Venezuelan oil if sales are allowed to non US companies. "We await clarity on access for



Venezuelan oil by non-U.S. buyers and will consider buying the oil in a compliant manner," a spokesperson at Reliance Industries said .

State-run Petroleum Corp (HPCL,NS), opens new tab will also consider buying Venezuelan oil if sales are allowed to non US companies.

# NATO must defend Greenland by resisting US takeover attempts

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Stockholm : Greenland is a member of NATO and also is a part of Danish Commonwealth, hence the defence of Greenland must be through NATO , said an Official of the Incumbent Greenland Govt. The EU Commissioner for Defence and Space Mr Andrius Kubilius said on Monday that any take over of Greenland by the US would be the end of the NATO organisation. Member countries are discussing the next steps to collectively keep the arctic safe ,and latest sign of work among allies to satisfy Mr Trump ,said Mark Rutte the chief of the NATO. The Greenland govt will enhance its efforts to ensure the defence of the Arctic territory take place under the auspices of the NATO and rejected the US' s gameplan of taking over the reins of the Greenland.



The US must ensure complete taking over the Arctic territory, an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Denmark, which would prevent China or the Russia from occupying the strategically located minerals rich entity, said the US President Donald Trump .The Greenland governance further added that all NATO member constituent countries had common interest to safe guard their own sovereignty and liberty.

# Multiple strike by US on Syria, bombs Islamic State across Syria

Commissioner News Service

Damascus : The US military said on Saturday it carried out multiple strikes in Syria targeting the Islamic State militant group as part of an operation that Washington launched in December after an attack on American personnel.



A US-led coalition has been carrying out airstrikes and ground operations in Syria targeting Islamic State suspects in recent

months, often with the involvement of Syria's security forces. Syria has been cooperating with a US-led coalition against Islamic State, reaching an agreement late last year when President Ahmed al-Sharaa visited the White House.

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

Commissioner News Service

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



of planned phases, first would run from Surat to Bilimora, followed by other Vaapi - Surat, Vaapi Ahmedabad.

Thane Ahmadabad.In the last run Mumbai to Ahmadabad would be covered, commented the minister.

# Mayor post would be decided on Jan 29, by raising hands in election process

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Nishant Yadav, Deputy Commissioner, the prescribed authority for conducting the elections declared on Friday that the poll for new Mayor would be held on 29 Jan 2026. The name of Dr Ramneek Singh Bedi ,councillor, not a candidate for the post of Mayor, was designated as Presiding authority for the meeting scheduled to be held on 29 Jan 2026.



The election would be held by showing hands, in accordance with the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act 1976 and Chandigarh MC regulations 1996. Election for the post of Mayor, Senior

Deputy Mayor, and Deputy Mayor would be held as per the existing policy of the Chandigarh Administration. The prescribed authority for holding the polls on the administrative,procedural,logistical , security arrangement was briefed by senior officers of the Municipal Corporation to ensure smooth, lawful and orderly conduct of the election.

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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.

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## Marco Rubio, US Secretary of state to discuss Greenland issue this week

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Washington : Marco Rubio United States Secretary of State would meet with the Denmark government to discuss Greenland this week. The meeting comes amid escalating tensions following renewed demands from US President Donald Trump to take control of the island. "US military is always an option," Trump said on Tuesday, regarding taking control of Greenland. In order to resolve the issue, Danish Foreign Minister Lars Lokke Rasmussen said that the governments of Denmark and Greenland had requested a meeting with Rubio. Greenland's foreign minister, Vivian Motzfeldt, said in a Facebook post that the goal of the talks would be "to discuss the United States' strong statements regarding Greenland."



US SECRETARY MARCO RUBIO TO MEET DENMARK OFFICIALS TO  
"When we want this, it is of course because we have the impression that part of this discussion is based on a misreading of what is what," Rasmussen told reporters, adding, "We believe it makes sense to try to arrange a meeting with our American counterparts in order to clear up some of the misunderstandings that may exist." Earlier, european leaders warned Trump in a joint statement that the territo-

rial integrity of Greenland and Denmark should be respected. Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen on Monday had also warned the Republican leader and said that any US attack on Greenland would mean the end of the NATO alliance and "the security that has been established since the end of the Second World War." Trump has argued that the US needs to control the world's largest island to ensure its own security in the face of rising threats from China and Russia in the Arctic. Secretary of State Marco Rubio told a select group of lawmakers that it was the administration's intention to eventually purchase Greenland – a self-governing territory of Denmark and part of NATO – rather than use military force.

## Russia to prey upon France, UK forces in Ukraine

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Moscow:The militaristic announcements quoted coalition of pro Ukraine Western govts were becoming vehemently dangerous. The threatening "coalition of them willing" emerging in Paris. Both the countries signed a declaration of intent on the future deployment. "French troops in thousands could be routed to the battle ground," said Emmanuel Macron, the president of France. "The intent paved the way



for a legal framework where by British, French and partner forces could operate on Ukrainian soil, said Keir Starmer, Prime Minister, Britain. On other hand, Russia pronounced troops sent by Western govt be our legitimate combat targets.

## Restoration of rejected nomination forms sought in PIL for BMC Polls

Commissioner News Service  
Mumbai : Requisite directions to the State Election Commission were sought in a PIL filed with a Bombay High Court. The nomination forms of aspirants were sought who struggled to contest the ensuing Bombay Municipal Elections. The forms were rejected by the returning officers of the wards 1- 227 and Mumbai Municipal commissioner to oblige the ruling party, said the PIL. It also said 7 days for nomination filing was too



much short period. The rejection were attributed mostly on the affidavits and the question answer sheets not found in proper format. The PIL said the demand for NOC was arbitrary, unreasonable and violative of Article 14( right to equality).

## Iran blacks out internet claims “terrorist agents of US and Israel set fires”

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Teheran : Iranian State media has accused “terrorist agents” of the U.S. and Israel of setting fires and sparking violence during recent demonstrations. The brief report buried in State TV's 8 a.m. broadcast represented the first official word about the demonstrations. It claimed the protests saw violence that caused casualties, but did not elaborate. It also said the protests saw “people's private cars, motorcycles, public places such as the metro, fire trucks, and buses set on



fire.” A ‘nationwide internet blackout’ was reported in Iran on Thursday (January 8, 2026) night amid a fresh wave of escalation in Tehran following a call for mass demonstration by the country's exiled Crown Prince Reza Pahlavi. This comes after twelve days of protests in the country over its ailing economy.

## Soleimani statue pulled down, thousands on street, protests intensified

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Tehran : Thousands have hit the streets, dozens have died, buildings and statues have been set afire in Iran where tensions surrounding protests against the leadership and dwindling economy saw an overnight escalation to an all-time high on Thursday, prompting authorities to resort to a nationwide internet shutdown. The protests in Iran that



started on December 28 have expanded to multiple cities and even capital Tehran. Protesters on Thursday walked through the streets and chanted slogans against Iran's clerical leadership which has been facing a public outrage over the dwindling economy.

Demonstrators were seen repeating slogans against the clerical leadership, including "Pahlavi will return" and "Seyyed Ali will be toppled", in reference to Khamenei. Internet was reportedly shut down across Iran and at least 42 people have been killed since the protests began last month, according to reports. Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump threatened Iran on Thursday and said ,repeated US would take strong action if Iran kills protesters.

## Trump's Greenland Grab, Entire Missile Defence depends on it : VP Vance

Commissioner News Service  
Washington : Greenland is critical not just to our national security, but to the world's national security,” said VP Vance. “The entire missile defense infrastructure is partially dependent on Greenland.” US President Donald Trump has accelerated his efforts to seize Denmark's autonomous territory, Greenland, but ques-



tions about about why he has taken an aggressive stance when the US already has extensive access to the Arctic

island. Trump has insisted the US needs Greenland for national security reasons. What does Denmark's defence agreement with the US on Greenland say? What is Copenhagen doing to beef up its security? Do China and Russia pose a real threat? And what does Greenland's independence movement say?

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### Fluoride contaminants in groundwater, a threat to public health

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

The community water purification plants need to be augmented. The control over expansion of fluorsis need to be endemic, sources revealed. The accessibility to safe drinking water has been eloping with the discharge of untreated chemicals, effluents into the ground water; and depletion not halting for a cause. The multiplying cases of cancer are not being contained duo to the surge in bacterial growth. Pathogens like bacteria and viruses are being experienced as a very common hazard with the rural public life. Afflicted several health issues might be arthritis, infertility, hypertension, neurotoxicity and increased risk of skeletal cancer, reveals an official.

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

## 'WHO IS WHO' AT SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)

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PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11  
Punjab School Education Board : 3047444  
Industrial Area : 0172-2250910  
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Police Station Mataur : 9115516020  
Police Station Suhana : 9115516029  
Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040  
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Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

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Engineering Branch : 0172-5044909, 5044907 (O)

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