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## Municipal norms in Dashmesh Nagar are being brazenly breached

### Deposit of Govt fee ignored by incumbent Executive Offr

**Commissioner News Service**  
DeraBassi : Under the very nose of the local Civic Body, in Dashmesh Nagar, located beside Barwala road, development is being surreptitiously carried out by the Executive Officer perhaps on give and take basis.

The deposit of government fee by the coloniser is being ignored which is mandatory, before the issuance of NOC by the government to the



builder. Regardless, to the submission of Govt fee, the construction work of only one way drainage system not uniform, in the illegitimate colony is being brazenly executed by the

civic body on official expenses. Sources have revealed that no CLU has been obtained by the coloniser, which is pre requisite in developing any colony. On the eve of land use



changes, its purpose from agricultural land to residential is very significant for the upkeep of the revenue record, and necessary fee has to be deposited, and urgent certificate be procured from

the Competent authorities, other than the local bodies. It may be noted here in the colony only 10, 12 houses till the day have been constructed still municipal council is con-



tinuing the its illegal project sans warranted justification, pointed out several residents of nearby neighbouring colonies. On entrance to the Dashmesh Nagar, on left

side a row of planned show rooms may be seen where distance from outer edge of showrooms to the road limit has only been left about 36 feet which is a grave violation of the civic norms.

The smouldering question remains doing rounds as to how development work is being undertaken sans requisite NOC (No Objection Certificate) from the government.

Where is the certificate from the local government ? Who is obliging whom ? Where is the CLU, is the revenue record of the department alive and robust ? How much beneficiary is earning at the cost of tax payers ?

## Civic body resolves to auction commercial properties to recover tax dues

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh : The sealed and attached properties will now be put on auction since the tax dues have not been recovered by the local civic body. In order to recover the pending dues, the corporation has intensified all its vigorous efforts to penalise

the tax defaulters. The defaulters are yet to pay their tax dues, even after their properties were officially attached with the concerned banks, said an senior official of a bank..

The civic body has been able to identify only 50 properties for auction

Different type of properties as SCOs (shop cum office), in next phase and physical verification of the properties would be done in order to confirm the ground status. In case sealed properties are found to be occupied illegally by others then the legal proceeding would



be initiated as per the existing rules. At first go, information

reports( F I R ) would be registered against the violators. Reserve price of



the properties would be fixed and auction notice would be served howev-

er the defaulters would be free to make payments of the tax dues before the

auction starts., said an official of the MC office. Recently, MC tax Branch has issued notices amounting of Rs 12.33:Cr to 444 commercial properties. Of these, 25 properties worth 0.77 Cr were already cleared by the MC tax Branch.

## Blood being sold, charge only processing fee: Drug Controller

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi: In order to standardise charges and put a cap on it, Centre released a guideline in 2022 stating that private blood banks cannot charge more than Rs 1,550 for processing whole blood. Processing charges for packed red cells, fresh frozen plasma, and platelet concentrate all of which are required for transfusion in patients - have been capped at Rs 1,550, Rs 400, Rs 400 respectively for private labs. In government-run blood centres, the cost of processing whole blood and packed red cells have been capped at Rs 1,100.

The Drugs Controller General of India has also



asked the drug controller cum licensing authorities to direct all blood centres to adhere to the revised guidelines for recovery of processing charges. When a person donates blood, it is not transfused into a patient directly. The donated blood, referred to as whole blood, is processed in centrifuges to separate it into transferable components. This includes red cells, platelets and plasma. The

exercise is referred to as blood processing and a cost is incurred on this. The DCGI has banned all charges on blood units, except supply and processing costs. DCGI has sent out a letter stating this to drug controller cum licensing authorities in all states and Union territories. Referring to the meeting of Drugs Consultative Committee held in September last year, wrote, "It was recommended with respect of agenda No. 18 of ATR point 3, for overcharging of blood, it was opined that blood is not for sale, it is only for supply and only processing cost may be charged by a blood centre."

## ED raids sites of mining contractors in Pki

**Commissioner News Service**  
PANCHKULA : The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday raided residences of mining contractors in Sector 9 in a money laundering case. The team raided their office in Sector 4 and mining site at Rattewali village in Panchkula district.



Mr Pardeep Goyal, the owner of Tirupati Mining

Company and his partner Gurpreet Singh houses were raided by ED. The CRPF personnels had accompanied the raiding team. Former INLD MLA Dilbagh Singh 52 yrs was arrested in Yamuna Nagar day before yesterday by this Enforcement team.

## Build proposed MRTS entirely underground



**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: "In view of heritage considerations, there cannot be an elevated MRTS network within the sect oral grid of the city. The panel decision is in line with what the UT administration had decided after the previous RITES comprehensive mobility plan more than a decade ago. This is also in agreement with recommendations of the Chandigarh Master Plan(CMP-2031). Also, as per the Supreme Court judgement on apartmentalisation, sectors 1 to 30 are heritage sectors and have to be protected and preserved, said a Snr official. The proposed mass rapid transit system(MRTS) in Chandigarh should be entirely underground, the Chandigarh Heritage

Conservation Committee (CHCC) sub panel recommended in its meeting held on Friday. It also said that no stretch of the MRTS in the city should be elevated. With a major section of the MRTS in Chandigarh passing through heritage sectors, the Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority(UMTA) decided to submit proposals for both elevated and underground corridors to the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MOHUA), along with their advantages, disadvantages and financial implications. "Now, the decision of the CHCC panel will be attached along with plans to be sent to Mohua," the official said. According to the SC judgement on apartmentalisation, approval of the CHCC is mandatory to make changes in heritage sectors.

## 'Common secretariat' formation, a necessity of both to fight Lok Sabha polls - Congress

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : Although seat-sharing was not discussed in detail, a clear decision to work together to make the alliance work was reiterated opined AAP leaders. After the AAP and the Congress held their first discussion on forging an alliance for the Lok Sabha elections on Monday, leaders said the discussions were "positive and fruitful" and revolved around "cooperation". AAP sources said the party had sought to make a strong case to stake a claim to Northeast Delhi and were in favour of



contesting four of the seven Parliamentary seats in the capital and leaving the rest to the Congress. Mukul Wasnik Congress general Secretary said that a detailed discussion had taken place for the integrated unity of the two parties "Over the past 2-2.5 hours, discussions

took place on different issues. This included plans to contest different seats. Discussions will continue and we will hold another meeting soon, after which the final shape of seat-sharing will be decided," Wasnik apprised the scribes after the meeting.

## AMRIT starts sales of emergency affordable medicines in PGI

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: The requisite inspection has been done and necessary permissions have been granted to AMRIT to start functioning in the emergency area within this week. The emergency chemist shop in PGI's Nehru hospital has been taken over by the Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (AMRIT) officially. On December 31, the tender of the private chemist had ended and subsequently the process to give possession to AMRIT started on Monday. "It will take some three days for the chemist shop to become fully functional. Until then, the patients have the option to procure drugs for emergency trauma centre's AMRIT shop," an official said. The PGI will take a rental



charge of not more than Rs 5 lakh per month from AMRIT, while previous tenants had rented out the shop for Rs 1.8 crore a month. "To make up for this high rental, the shop owner used to keep medicines which were of poor quality and could generate a huge profit margin," said a faculty in the PGI. The PGI has made strict conditions for AMRIT in order to avoid any profit

making from medicines at the cost of patients' inconvenience. "We will monitor the quality and rates of these drugs being sold from time to time. The institute does not want to earn from medicines," said an official in the administration. In October last year, PGI director Prof Vivek Lal had constituted a monitoring committee to end malpractices of the chemists in the hospital.

## AAP's flagship scheme of Mohalla Clinics being smeared

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi A fresh "scam" has rocked the AAP party that is already under the scanner of probe agencies. Allegations have now been attributed against the AAP's flagship healthcare project in Delhi. The neighborhood clinics set up to provide free primary healthcare facilities to the people of Delhi have allegedly run hundreds of "fake" lab tests. This comes days after reports of substandard medicines being supplied to Delhi's state-run hospitals surfaced and the Enforcement Directorate sent its third summons to Arvind Kejriwal in the Delhi



excise policy "scam". The Mohalla Clinics, central to the AAP's welfare model, allegedly ordered and sustained lakhs of "fake" pathology and radiology tests on non-existent patients, adds the report. Scourged' practices were prevalent in the lab tests being done in the name of patients visiting Delhi government hospitals and Clinics with payments being made to private labs. Mohalla.

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EDITORIAL –

Suez Canal controls trade of Europe, Asia

The ongoing strife in the Red Sea could lead to a wider conflagration that may play havoc with the global economy. In turn, this could impact economic recovery in India, which has seemingly defied external headwinds over the past two years to emerge as the fastest-growing major economy in the world. In case tensions grow and the movement of international cargo through the Suez Canal continues to face disruptions, it would lead to higher costs for trade flows between Europe and Asia. Most shipping lines have already shifted to the longer and more expensive route via the Cape of Good Hope. This adds as much as 6,000 nautical miles to the distance between the two continents. Around 42 per cent of all Europe-Asia trade passes through this canal. The Red Sea is the inlet that ships must traverse before reaching the canal, if they are coming from the Asian side. At the entrance to the Red Sea, however, they must pass through Bab el-Mandeb, a strait between Yemen and Eritrea. It is from here that the Houthis who control most of Yemen have been launching attacks, either by boats or drones. With the intent of supporting Hamas, the Houthis are ostensibly targeting all vessels linked in some way to Israel. Significantly, those linked to Russia or China are being spared. But Indian-flagged ships or those

carrying goods to or from the country remain vulnerable, as evident from the recent drone strikes. If the situation spirals out of control, there could be a series of ripple effects on the global economy. The first and most immediate impact will be on oil prices. Currently, these are \$75-80 per barrel for the benchmark Brent crude, far lower than the rate of over \$90 in September last year. The cuts in production quotas announced by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries Plus (OPEC+) have had little impact owing to the slowing global demand. Economic recovery has not been as fast as expected in China, cutting consumption by the world's biggest oil importer. Crude inventories are also reported to be high in the US, while recessionary trends are continuing in the Eurozone. The US has cobbled together a coalition of countries called the Operation Prosperity Guardian, which is meant to protect merchant shipping lines moving through the Suez Canal route. Thanks to this initiative, a leading logistics firm, Denmark-based Maersk, resumed cargo movement via the Red Sea. But the latest attack has forced it to defer shipments through the route yet again as the Houthis are clearly undeterred by the multinational defence force.

In this backdrop, the decision by OPEC+ to cut production by an additional one million barrels per day (bpd) in 2024 has not made much of an impact on the market. This is despite the fact that it brings the total output cuts to 2.2 million bpd. A protracted Red Sea crisis could reverse the situation and lead to a spike in oil prices. This would raise red flags even in developed countries, which have borne the brunt of high energy prices since the onset of the Russia-Ukraine war. The second negative outcome of a prolonged conflict in the region could be a fresh impetus to inflationary pressures around the world. This would be the result not just of higher oil prices but also the disruption to global supply chains due to avoidance of the Suez Canal route between Asia and Europe. Though last year's runaway inflation has begun to moderate in the US and Europe, it could well spike and force central banks to push up interest rates yet again. So, the situation in the Red Sea could become a drag on growth in critical economic sectors. It could lead to widening of the current account deficit, while supply chain disruptions might affect industrial output as well. For the time being, however, India can only wait and watch, even as the presence of the Navy in vulnerable areas is being enhanced to protect domestic shipping lines.

Verka's contract on terms, plant employee demanded bribery

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI** : The manpower firm was awarded the contract for providing security to the plant. Following the complaint, a CBI team laid a trap in November last year and caught the Verka employee red-handed as he was accepting a bribe of Rs 30,000. The CBI has filed a chargesheet against the deputy manager of the Verka Dairy plant in

Mohali, Ashim Kumar Sen, in a CBI court in connection with a bribery case. Sen was earlier arrested for allegedly accepting a bribe from a contractor. The CBI had registered a case following a complaint by the contractor. According to the

complainant, the Verka employee used to harass him and threaten to cancel his firm's contract if he did not pay up. The CBI has filed the chargesheet for the offence punishable under Section 7 of the Prevention of Corruption Act.



Fire safety NOCs not procured by CITCO hotels



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Objectives of the Fire Department is not only to issue fire safety certificates but also, more importantly, to enhance the safety and security of the guests, visitors, staff, public property and infrastructure at large. Various hotels and establishments under Chandigarh Industrial and Tourism Development Corporation Limited (CITCO) are operating without valid fire safety certificate. This has prompted Municipal Commissioner Anindita Mitra to shoot off a "demi-official letter" to Purva Garg, Managing Director, CITCO, to look into the matter and issue strict instructions with regard to installation of the requisite firefighting equipment in all buildings/establishments of the corporation and obtain fire safety certificate(s) immediately. "The fire safety certificate has been applied with respect to various hotels and other establishments of CITCO. However, the issuance of the certificate (s) is still pending due to formalities to be completed by the authorities concerned ... It is a matter of great concern. "I would like to submit that the safety and well-being of the guests, visitors, staff, public property and infrastructure is of paramount importance, and

can hardly be overemphasised, and fire safety is an essential component of the same. The recent fire incidents during the past two-three months in the city have underscored the need for a proactive approach to fire prevention and safety pointedout Ms Mitra in her letter. It was also brought to the notice of the CITCO MD that a major fire incident had happened on October 9 at PGI's Nehru Hospital and lives of more than 400 patients were in danger. Fortunately, due to timely intervention by several departments, there was no loss of life. However, the aftermath of the fire was visible from the first to fifth floor and it took fire brigade more than five hours to fully douse the fire. "It goes without saying that there was a huge loss of property. It would be pertinent to mention here that this building had no requisite fire equipment as per the National Building Code of India as also the mandatory Fire Safety Certificate from the Fire and Rescue Department of the MC," says the Commissioner. The CITCO runs Hotel Mountview, Hotel Shivalikview, Hotel Parkview, Chef Lakeview restaurant, banquets, Baithak restaurant and Transit lodge. Despite many efforts, Purva Garg Managing Director could not be contacted for comments.

Govt shuts schools in Chandigarh till January 14

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Due to increasing winter onslaught, the Education Department has ordered the closure of all government, government-aided and private schools for Classes up to VIII till January 14, with a reopening scheduled for January 15. Online classes are encouraged for these classes during this period. However, for Classes IX to XII, the school timings remain unchanged, according to the initial order. Schools have the flexibility to regulate



timings for the staff and are required to inform all persons concerned. This adjustment is aimed at addressing the cold spell and anticipated dense fog in the region. Schools are advised to adapt to the modified schedule and communicate any changes to the staff and students accordingly.

18 districts contaminated with arsenic, 21 districts with fluoride in Haryana

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**MOHALI** : **CHANDIGARH** : The National Green Tribunal while hearing a case related to arsenic and fluoride contamination of groundwater in several states found Haryana where maximum districts (18) are affected by arsenic contamination — Ambala, Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Hisar, Jhajjar, Jind, Karnal, Panipat, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonapat, Yamunanagar, Mahendergarh, Palwal, Panchkula, Rewari and Kaithal. After the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) informed the National Green Tribunal (NGT) that groundwater in 18 districts of Haryana is contaminated with arsenic; and with fluoride in 21 districts, the tribunal has issued notice to the state through the Chief Secretary. Punjab has 17 districts where groundwater is contaminated while Kangra in Himachal Pradesh is affected. According to CGWB, arsenic is a naturally occurring trace element found in rocks, soils and the water in contact with them. Arsenic has been recognised as a toxic element and is considered a human health hazard. The maximum permissible limit of arsenic for drinking purposes is 0.01 mg/l or 10 ppb.



The CGWB says that water with a concentration of fluoride more than 1.5 mg/l is not suitable for drinking. There are 21 districts in Haryana, except Charkhi Dadri, where fluoride concentration is more than the permissible value. In Punjab, 19 districts are affected and two (Sirmaur and Una) are in HP. The CGWA submitted before the tribunal that water is a state subject and therefore it was not capable of taking any serious action in the matter. However, NGT, in its order dated December 20, said, "We are surprised that after such a long time, even today, CGWA has the audacity to shirk away from its own statutory responsibility and obligations and taking such flimsy grounds which have already been rejected by the apex court itself." While issuing notice to affected states including Haryana and Punjab, CGWA, and the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for their responses, the tribunal termed the issue "serious" and added that it "required urgent preventive and protective steps by all authorities concerned".

Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra working to alleviate woes of common man : Khattar

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**CHANDIGARH** : The Central government is continuously working to alleviate the troubles of the common people. The ongoing Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra across the country is serving as a significant medium to reach those who, for some reason, have not yet connected with government schemes," Khattar said while interacting with the participants of Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra through video conferencing here, said Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. Gone are the days when the actual beneficiaries had to run from pillar to post to get benefits of welfare schemes. With the radical system changes brought by both central and state governments, eligible citizens in the country and the state are benefiting from government schemes and facilities at their doorstep. The objective of this yatra was to bring India into the category of developed nations. Currently, there are



approximately 37 countries out of nearly 200 in the world that fall into the developed nation category. The Prime Minister envisions that by the time the country completes 100 years of independence in 2047, India would also be in the category of developed nations where the needs of every citizen are met, he said. He mentioned the growth of the food-processing industry in Haryana with around 28,000 food-processing units being established in the past eight years. Khattar stated that the state is progressing towards 'seven-star development', focusing on 'shiksha', 'suraksha', 'swasthya', 'swabhiman', 'swavalamban', SEWA and

'sushasan'. However, due to narrow thinking of previous governments, three Cs— corruption, crime and caste-based politics flourished, which now have been eradicated to a great extent, he asserted. He said on November 30, 2023, the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra in Haryana was formally launched from Fatehpur Billoch village in Faridabad district. Since then around 5,099 programmes have been conducted, with over 37 lakh people participating in it. The remaining 3,300 programmes would be completed by January 25, he added. "Approximately 6,42,000 persons underwent health check-ups in health camps. Checks for tuberculosis were conducted for over 4.39 lakh people. Under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, 29,000 people have registered. Additionally, 7.35 lakh Ayushman cards have been issued," the CM said.

Under welfare scheme 1,949 Group D staffers shifted to preferred districts

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**CHANDIGARH** : In Haryana under Group D Employees Act, 2018, the government has begun a transfer drive. Transfer orders have been issued to 1,949 employees, who secured their preferred district in the initial stage. Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal has directed the heads of department to facilitate their relieving and joining at new postings.



To ensure wider participation and address remaining vacancies, the CM had approved the fresh application process on the designated portal.

The opportunity was open to eligible categories, including employees, who initially opted for second, third, or fourth district preference.

Waste-treatment project at Dadu Majra costs Rs 11-crore in 1st Phase

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**CHANDIGARH** : Under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP), Bioremediation project underway at the Dadu Majra dump has got Rs 11 crore. In response to a proposal of the Municipal Corporation, the Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee (CPCC) has approved the NCAP funds worth Rs 11 crore to be utilised for the bioremediation of the legacy waste at the Dadu Majra dump "considering the objective of the NCAP and the possibility of improvement of air quality in the vicinity of the existing dumpsite area". The committee wrote to the MC, "Further, you are requested to kindly expedite the process of proposed works and submit the utilisation certificate as early as possible so that a report can be compiled and submitted to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) with a request



to release more funds." This is for the first time that funds have been sanctioned under the NCAP for the bioremediation of legacy waste. Of the total Rs 70-crore project, the Central Government earlier approved Rs 28 crore. The MC has to spend Rs 42 crore. With the allocation of the NCAP funds, the MC's burden gets reduced to Rs 31 crore. The MC has requested the Centre to bear the remaining cost of Rs 31 crore, which is supposed to be spent by the civic body. "This is a shot in the arm for the civic body as it is a big amount. It will further fast-track the project of clearing

the mountain of waste in Dadu Majra," said an official. The MC had earlier written to the CPCC, "The corporation is executing the work of bioremediation of 7.67 lakh metric tonne of legacy waste at the dumping site. During the process of bioremediation, a lot of dust is generated, causing air pollution in the vicinity. It will be pertinent to mention here that the project is situated very close to residential area. The Municipal Corporation is, therefore, deploying all possible resources in the shape of increased manpower and machinery to complete the work by May-2024."

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## Congress starts Jan Sandesh Yatra from Jan 17

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**HISAR** : The objective of the Jan Sandesh Yatra was to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. "The yatra will commence from Hisar on January 17 and traverse through the Bhiwani-Mahendragarh Lok Sabha constituency on January 20, 21 and 22," said Kumari Selja, the Congress national general secretary and former Union



minister. AICC general secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala and Tosham MLA Kiran Choudhary would participate in the yatra. "There is an open invitation to all leaders to participate," Ms

Selja said. She however hit out at Haryana Congress incharge Deepak Babaria for his statement that the yatra had no official approval. "I cannot understand the meaning of his statement. I guess, he had not talked to the Congress president about it. The yatra is being undertaken with the full knowledge of the Congress president," she stated.

## Speaker to announce verdict on disqualification pleas on January 10

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**GURUGRAM** : The operative part of the verdict is likely to be announced on that day, while the detailed order will be given to both groups later. The verdict is expected to be out after 4 pm on January 10. The Speaker's office is finalising the verdict, Vidhan Bhavan officials said. Maharashtra Speaker Rahul Narwekar would on January 10 deliver his verdict on the disqualification petitions against Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and several MLAs whose rebellion had split the Shiv Sena in June 2022. Vidhan Bhavan officials said on Monday. The deadline set by the Supreme Court for delivering the verdict was December 31, 2023, but some days before that, on December 15, the apex court gave a 10-day extension and set January 10 as the new date for the decision. In June 2022, Shinde and several MLAs had rebelled against then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray, leading to a split in the Sena and fall of the Maha Vikas Aghadi, which



also comprised the Nationalist Congress Party and the Congress. Cross petitions were filed by the Shinde and Thackeray factions seeking action against the other under anti-defection laws. Functionaries from both factions said they would approach the Supreme Court in case of an unfavourable verdict from the Speaker. After the rebellion in June 2022, Shinde went on to become chief minister with the support of the Bharatiya Janata Party. In July last year, the Ajit Pawar faction of the Nationalist Congress Party joined his government. The Election Commission gave the 'Shiv Sena' name and 'bow and arrow' symbol to the Shinde-led faction, while the one headed by Thackeray was to be called 'Shiv Sena (UBT)' with 'a flaming torch' as its symbol.

## Hotels, state houses should rush to provide online payments : CM Sukhvinder Sukhu

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**SHIMLA** : All tourism hotels, Himachal Bhawan, Himachal Sadan and the rest houses of various departments of the state government to offer facilities of QR codes for payments, directed Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on Monday. Presiding over a meeting of the administrative secretaries here, the chief minister said concerted efforts are being made to strengthen the tourism infrastructure in the state and this would be another step in this direction. The CM also directed the tourism department to improve the customers' services being offered to



till now in three Lok Adalats held in October and December 2023, and January 2024. The fourth Revenue Lok Adalat would be held on January 30 and 31, said Sukhu. The chief minister, who reviewed the status of e-charging stations being set up to facilitate the e-vehicle owners, said that it would go a long way in preserving the clean environment of the state and making Himachal Pradesh a green energy state by March 31, 2026. He also reviewed the ambitious projects of various departments and directed them to complete these projects in a time bound manner.

the tourists as well, a statement issued here said. Sukhu said that there was overwhelming response to the Revenue Lok Adalats, adding the state government has accorded priority to settle the pending revenue cases in a time bound manner. The chief minister informed that more than 65,000 mutation cases have been disposed off

## April 10 deadline goes in soup as work yet to fasten pace

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**CHANDIGARH** : Braj Mohan Member Railway Board (Infrastructure) said the officials concerned should expedite the work. Other personnels in team were Ambala Division DRM Mandeep Singh Bhatia, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) Vice-Chairman Ved Parkash Dudeja and RLDA member of planning and projects Tarun Kumar Goyal were part of the inspection team. The project to upgrade the Chandigarh Railway Station would miss the April 10 deadline and witness a delay of over two months. This was observed during an inspection carried out by a team of over 20 Railways officials, led by Braj Mohan Agrawal, Railway Board Member (Infrastructure) and Director General (Safety). "By the end of March, station buildings on the



Chandigarh and the Panchkula side, circulating area and parking spaces would be ready, but the finishing touches will take two more months. The authorities will not be in a position to inaugurate the station before June," the DRM said. The inauguration of the upgraded railway station seems to have become a political issue. An official of the Railways said, "The station might be inaugurated in April as per the Ministry's orders, with a condition that the pending works will be completed in the next three-

four months." He said the delay in launching air concourse and then through roof would become a hindrance in the station's scheduled inauguration. Dudeja said, "Agrawal has told us to focus on the timelines of the project by speeding up work on the site. We are trying to ensure that the deadline is met." He said the largest capacity crane in the country (11.8 tonne) of 80 m length had been imported from China for launching air concourse and foot-overbridges.

## Advisory against severe winter issued for elderly, kids

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**AMRITSAR** : "The health of both the elderly and children gets affected as they can fall ill after exposure to cold," said Dr Vijay Kumar Civil Surgeon. The district Health Department has issued an advisory to take special care of children and elderly during the intense winter season. "In such weather conditions, all elderly, especially those suffering from diabetes, asthma or heart diseases should be protected from cold. They should not go out of home without any work," he said. "Small children should be kept warm. Their head and feet should be covered with woollens. If children have cough, cold, diarrhoea, vomiting or fever, their parents should immediately consult specialist doctors,"



the Civil Surgeon said. "Do not light a bonfire in a closed room because it produces carbon monoxide gas which can prove fatal. People should take special care of diet during winter. They should take warm liquids from time to time. Apart from this, special attention should be paid to the warnings of the Meteorological Department," Dr Vijay said. The Meteorological Department has advised residents to stay indoors in case the district witnesses dense fog, rain or hailstorm in the coming days.

## Avian migratory birds from different countries arrived this season late at Harike wetland

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**HARIKE** : The Harike wetland, which is north India's largest wetland, spreads over 86 square kilometres in the Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Kapurthala districts of Punjab. Around 40,000 to 50,000 migratory birds are estimated to have arrived at Punjab's Harike wetland so far. The arrival of avian guests was late this season because of the delay in onset of the winter season. It serves as a habitat to rare species of migratory water birds during the winter season. The wetland is located on the confluence of the Sutlej and Beas rivers. Migratory birds of around 90 species from different countries, including Siberia, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Russia and other parts of the world arrive at the Harike



wetland every year after water bodies get frozen at their native places in winter. Winged birds which arrive at the Harike wetland stay till March and April. "Around 40,000 to 50,000 migratory birds are estimated to have arrived at Harike," said Gitanjali Kanwar, coordinator, World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) India. The exact number of the arrival of migratory birds will be known after the census exercise of water birds is conducted this month, she further said. Migratory birds usually start coming in September but

this season, they started arriving in November, said Kanwar, attributing the delay to the late commencement of the winter season. The number of migratory birds is expected to rise further in the coming days, she said. At the Harike wetland, species like greylag geese, coots, gadwall, northern pintail, common teal, common pochard, northern shoveler, godwits, redshank spoonbills and painted storks have arrived. We expect pochard and ducks to come in more numbers, she added.



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बालों की समस्याओं का साइंटिफिक व इफैक्टिव सॉल्यूशन



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- हेयर फॉल रोक कर बालों को घना बनाये
- बेजान बालों में चमक लाये
- ब्राई स्कैल्प को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- दो मुँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये



#### केश कान्ति एलोवेरा शैम्पू

- बालों को घना बनाये
- रुखे बालों को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- बेजान बालों को डीप कंडिशन करके नरिश करे
- हाइड्रेट करके टूटने से बचाये



#### केश कान्ति एंटी डैंड्रफ़ शैम्पू

- रुसी हटाकर बालों को झड़ने से रोके
- स्कैल्प को नरिश करके बालों को हेल्दी बनाये
- झड़नेस हटाकर बालों को चमक दे



#### केश कान्ति हेयर एक्सपर्ट ऑयल

- डैमेज्ड बालों को एक हफ्ते में रिपेयर करे तथा 1-2 महीने में नये बाल उगाये
- बालों को झड़ने से रोके व असमय सफेद होने से बचाये
- स्कैल्प को डैंड्रफ़ फ्री बनाये
- 30 बेशकीमती जड़ी-बूटियाँ बालों की ग्रोथ व हेल्थ को अच्छा करती हैं



#### केश कान्ति मिल्क प्रोटीन शैम्पू

- रुखे, बेजान बालों को पोषण दे व असमय सफेद होने से रोके
- उन्हें रिपेयर करके हेल्दी ग्रोथ दे
- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत बनाकर उन्हें झड़ने से रोके



#### केश कान्ति हेयर ऑयल

- बालों का रूखापन दूर करे
- दो मूँहे बाल व बालों को असमय सफेद होने से रोके
- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत करके उनकी ग्रोथ में मदद करे
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## Meet of Standing Finance Committee again postponed

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Chandigarh: The standing finance committee (SFC) meeting which had to be conducted on January 12 at PGI has been deferred by the union ministry of health and family welfare for the fourth time.

The post of the union health secretary had fallen vacant recently and it had been handed over to Apurva Chandra as an additional charge. The health secretary chairs the SFC meeting.

The main agendas of the SFC meeting are filling faculty posts in the tele medicine department and procuring hardware for hospital information system 2-HIS (digitalisation of patients' records etc).

Last year, the then union health secretary had directed



the PGI to conduct more than one SFC meet in a year to take up agendas for the final approval before the governing and the institute body meetings. The last three dates for the meeting were given in August, October and November. "After the union health secretary's Rajesh Bhushan's superannuation, the SFC meet has been delayed time

and again. He had proposed to have more than one SFC in a year for the institutes such as AIIMS and the PGI. In fact, AIIMS Rishikesh had held many SFC meets in a year."

Sources revealed that there was less likelihood of another date before January 26, said an official of the PGI.

## Parking contractor to ensure installation of equipments at lots

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Chndigarh: Chandigarh: As per the new parking plan prepared by the Chandigarh municipal corporation, it will be the sole responsibility of the newly selected contractors to install equipment at the lots. Since technology will play a crucial role in managing all parking lots of the city, the bidder has to install the equipment as per the laid down terms and conditions in a phased manner.

According to the official saware of the details, the installation of equipment could cost the bidder Rs 15 to Rs 20 crore. As the request for proposal, which has to be floated to get the successful contractor or bidder, is in final stages, officials said the equipment requirement has been properly mentioned in the documents along with allied terms and conditions and related norms.

Some of the equipments are boom barriers, ticket dispensers, CCTV cameras, LED displays, cable networking,



internet connections, ANPR system, parking mobile application, wireless hand held devices, and portable cabins.

The record of daily data and entry and exit details of the vehicles will also be directly shared with integrated command and control centre.

"As there are multiple paid parking lots and the cost is going to be huge, the equipment will be installed in a phased manner. In the first phase, those paid parking lots will be chosen, where the density of vehicles is higher as compared to others. After that, work will bed one in second and third phases. The lots will be equipped with all technological features in four to six months," officials said.

## PU to launch new AI prog on Jan 15

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Chandigarh: PU would launch a short-term artificial intelligence (AI) programme initiated by the institution's Innovative Council (an initiative of the ministry of education). This collaborative effort involves the Northern Region S&T Cluster (PI-RAHI) and Design Innovation Centre of the varsity.

Scheduled from January 15 to January 17, the programme will comprise of eight sessions categorised into four segments-awareness and foundation level, covering introductions and AI project cycles; programming fundamentals, encompassing Python fundamentals, functions, and AI packages; and the implementation phase,



allowing participants to apply AI models to solve industry-specific problems. Sessions will beheld from 11am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm, with a fee of Rs 1,000. Certificates will be awarded upon completion.

The PU-IIT Ropar Regional Accelerator for Holistic Innovation (PI-RAHI) Foundation, Science & Technology Cluster for the Northern Region, has previously organised various AI sessions. On

January 3, a seminar titled, "AI for forensics: Generalizable and safe deep models for fingerprint preprocessing" was held. In the lecture, Dr Joshi discussed the common problems associated with latent fingerprinting. The most common issue with latent fingerprinting is the data uncertainty that originates due to noise present in a given input.

## Speaker inaugurates Old Age Home at sec 27

Commissioner News Service

Panchkula: Gain Chand Gupta on Friday inaugurated the Old Age Home built by the municipal corporation in Secfor-27 here.

Constructed at a cost of around Rs 12 crore, this elderly care facility has 92 rooms for an accommodation for 184 people.

Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal and municipal corporation commissioner Sachin Gupta were present during the inauguration ceremony.

This eight-storey building is equipped with lift, kitchen and all the facilities required for an ideal building. Also, parking for 100 vehicles has been arranged in the building.

Gupta said the present state government had taken many steps to enhance the comfort of



senior citizens. Under the Old Age Respect Allowance Scheme, there had been an unprecedented increase in the pension given to senior citizens to Rs 3,000 per month, he said, adding that apart from this, Haryana Chief Minister Teerth Darshan Scheme had been started to enable senior citizens to visit religious places.

Gupta said: "It is a matter of concern that today our elders need senior citizen homes to live in. Parents devote their lives to make their children ideal citizens by giving them every comfort and

facility, but some of them grow up only to force their parents to leave the house. This old age home has been constructed to provide such elderly people with a suitable place to live.

The years ago, when the people of Panchkula had elected him, Panchkula was divided into two parts-city side and trans Ghaggar and it was called that there was no development in the sectors on the other side of the Ghaggar, but he had ensured uniform development in the entire Panchkula.

## "Sack President Muizzu Summon Minister": Maldives Opposition Defends PM Modi

Commissioner News Service

Male : Former Maldives Deputy Speaker Eva Abdulla, said comments were "racist" and Indians were "rightfully angry", and ex-Defence Minister Mariya Didi praised defence ties with India.

Maldives MP Ali Azim has called for Mohamed Muizzu to be sacked as President as the row over comments were critical of Prime Minister Narendra Modi grows. A second MP, Meekail Naseem, has asked Parliament to question Foreign Minister Moosa Zameer.

Mr Azim, a member of The Democrats, which broke from the last year, demanded "all



necessary steps to remove President Muizzu from power", and asked the MDP - the largest opposition party - to "initiate a vote of no-confidence". His colleague, Mr Naseem, has "requested Parliament summon the Foreign Minister following inaction regarding derogatory comments against PM Modi". Opposition lawmakers are scaling up attacks on President Muizzu ahead of general elections this year.

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: In a decision aimed at ensuring work-life balance for PG medical students, National Medical Commission

has decided that all PG students will be eligible for a weekly off and at least 20 days of casual leave per year. The

gazette notification issued on January 1, however, did not define "work hours" for

resident doctors, which has been a demand of associations across the country.

In a major overhaul aimed at ensuring work- life balance of postgraduate (PG) medical students, National Medical Commission (NMC) has decided that all PG students will be eligible

for a weekly off and at least 20 days of casual

time for rest" in a day. "We have been raising



leave per year.

The gazette notification issued on January 1, however, did not define "work hours" for resident doctors, which has been a demand of associations across the country. It mentions that doctors have to work for "reasonable working hours" and that they will be provided "reasonable

the issue of defining mini mum and maximum working hours for a long time. It is sad that this crucial issue hasn't been addressed properly in the new notification," said Aviral Mathur, president of the Federation of Resident Doctors Association (Forde).

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## Ind Area - Rly station connectivity to be alive on track

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The Chandigarh Municipal Corporation has decided to open the road only for light vehicles (two-wheelers and four-wheelers), barring semi heavy and heavy vehicles from using the stretch.

Closed since July following extensive damage caused due to heavy rains, the causeway or bridge located on a stretch leading to Chandigarh railway station from Industrial Area, Phase-I is finally functional.

The causeway is not yet ready to take load of heavy vehicles, and thus these vehicles will not be allowed on the road

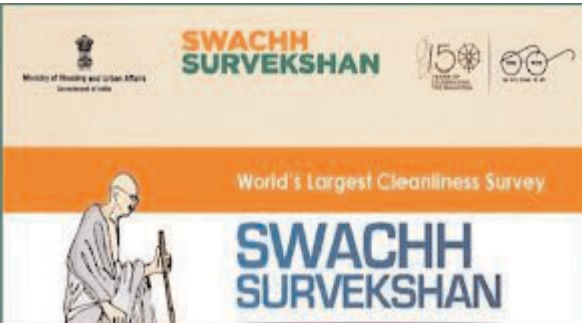


for the time being. To restrict movement of heavy vehicles, the engineering department of the MC has installed iron structure said the MC sources.

"At present, the main motive to open the causeway or small bridge is to ease vehicular traffic on other roads, including Madhya Marg. These roads witness major traffic jams due to

heavy flow of vehicles. Chandigarh mayor Anup Gupta along with municipal chief engineer, superintending engineers and executive engineers had visited the site of the causeway on December 29 and took stock of the progress of work. The engineers had apprised the mayor that the construction of wing wall and back filling work were in progress.

## National award for CHD swachh Survekshan 2023 at New Delhi on Jan 11



Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Anindita Municipal commissioner said intimation had been received that Chandigarh would be presented the National Award from the President of India.

To felicitate cities, an award ceremony for Swachh Survekshan 2023 will be organised by the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs at Bharat Mandapam, ITPO, New Delhi on

January 11.

The mayor and senior officers of the Chandigarh administration and municipal corporation will attend the ceremony at New Delhi. She added that it was a matter of great pride for the city that it was being felicitated with a National Award. She also expressed happiness that Chandigarh retained its Water Plus status, for the third year in row, said the MC Commissioner.

## Electromagnetic meters to monitor quality leakage of water

Commissioner News Service

Panchkula: "HUDA will get to know about the quality of water and information about leakages in boosting stations. As soon an alert is received, we can take corrective measures," said an official of HUDA.

Urban Development Authority (HUDA) is reliably planning to install frequency devices electromagnetic meters in boosting stations to check the quality of water, as well as leakage in pipes supplying fresh water to residential area.

At first, Sector-25 boosting stations will get the facility with a budget of Rs 85.52lakh. While sharing information, HUDA officials informed that to provide good quality water to the public, frequency devices and electromagnetic meters will be soon installed.

As per plan, boosting station of Sector-25 will be the first to get the system, and abudget of Rs 85.52 lakh hasbeen passed. Under the project, an LED screen will be setup, which



will provide thecurrent PH and TDS rating of the water being supplied and also the amount of chlorine being added in the water. HUDA said that after getting a response from the public, all boosting stations will be updated with the facility.

Executive Engineer NK Payal informed that with this system, officers will be able to keep a check on the quality of water being supplied to the public.

"With this technology, issues like illegal connections of water by puncturing pipes will come to the fore, and diseases like diarrhea can be controlled. Soon after a notification regarding any leakage is received, a team will be dispatched and the pipe will be repaired," said senior officials of the department.

## Devendra Yadav warns Cong leaders against indiscipline in party

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: Defying party, a strict disciplinary action would be taken against emerging violations, Punjab Congress in-charge Devender Yadav said.

Any public discourse that goes against the party demoralises workers at the grassroot level. The leaders should desist from making any such statements to the media, TV channels or on social media/public platforms, said Mr Yadav.

Punjab Congress president Amrinder Singh Raja Warring and leader of opposition in Punjab Vidhan Sabha, Partap Singh Bajwa, also held a meeting



with Yadav in Delhi on Thursday evening. Among the complaints that had recently reached the Congress high command, some sought expulsion of former state president Navjot Singh Sidhu from the party for toeing his own line, insulting senior party leaders and organising his own events and rallies. Congress's state in-charge Yadav added that the party

provides due platform to each and every leader and worker without any discrimination, prejudice or preference. "Therefore, there is no reason for any leader or worker to circumvent the set traditions, procedures and practices, which have evolved over a long period of time and have been followed by one and all in letter and spirit," he said.

## Impart of coking ' Coal to continue --mines minister

New Delhi: Do mestic coal production will cross 1 billion tonne (bt) for the first time this financial Year (2023-24 ending March 31). However, import of a veTy small quantity of coking coal (used by the steel and cement industries) will continue because we don't have that quality of coal," minister for coal and mines Pralhad Joshi told.

India will become self sufficient in ther-e self-sufficient in thermal coal in the next financial in year as domestic production is set to top abilli on tonnea nd will rise further to meet future demand,coal and mines minister Pralhad Joshi said on Friday"Substitutable coal



imports will stop by 2024-25.This is the Narendra Modi government's guarantee.

On the power ministry's order asking generationunits to import coal for blending with domestic fuel,, Joshi said he was aware of the circular. "I feel it wasd one as. a precautionary measure. Though it is there,we are fulfilling our annual contracts, sometimes delivering more," he said.

Asked about future demand in view of the power ministry's aim to build about 30 GW (gigawatts) of additional coal-fired generation capacity on top of 50 GW under various stages of construction, Joshi said, "Whatever will be the new generation capacity, when it comes,that demand will be met with domestic coal and there will be no need for imports".

## Now, registration is mandatory with UGC for all affiliated colleges

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Under the registration clause to 'F', all colleges would be required to get compulsorily its registration done with UGC ( University Grants Commission ).

The UGC. has executed changes in its guidelines and policies, The UGC team would carry out inspection casually to ensure the views are weighed. The UGC has been a regulatory body to issue directives on developing infrastruc-



ture, recruitment of teachers, admission process, library and selection criterion. The recognition of colleges, now, under college and sec-

tion II of UGC Act ,regulation 2023 has been published on its website by the UGC authorities.

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

## HELPLINE DISTT SAS NAGAR

Municipal Corporation : 1800137007

SDM : 0172-2219580

Fire Brigade : 101, 0172-2225902

Electricity Complaint : 9646115973 (Online)

Police Control Room : 100, 0172-2210357, 58

DSP Office : 0172-2272003, 0172-2272045

SSP Office : 0172-2219211, 212, 2219356, 2219357 (M) 9115516066

PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11

Punjab School Education Board : 3047444

Industrial Area : 0172-2250910

Police Station Ph-1, 0172-2272850, Ph-II, 9115516027, 9115516015

Police Station Mataur : 9115516020

Police Station Suhana : 9115516029

Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040

Police Station Zirakpur: (M) 95929 16063

## COMPLAINT CENTERS

Water Supply : 18001802468

Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

## COMPLAINTS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Street Light : 0172-5044907, Sanitation Branch : 0172-5044907

Birth and Death : 0172-5044902,

Engineering Branch : 0172-5044909, 5044907 (O)

## OTHER HELPLINE

WOMEN - 1091 & CHILDREN - 1098

VIGILANCE HELPLINE - 1800-1800-1000

0172-2231669, 0172-2216142

## HEALTH SUVIDHA CENTER

Civil Hospital Phase-6, Mohali

Multi Specialists Government Hospital Phone 0172-2225464

Cheema Medical Complex Phase 4, Multi Speciality, Child

Specialist 3101030 Ambulance, Mobile 9815400070

PUDA OFFICE - 0172-2215308

## PASSENGERS SERVICE

Punjab Roadways : 0172-2704023

CTU : 0172-2704005

PRTC : 0172-2704128

Haryana Roadways : 0172-2704014,

Himachal Roadways : 0172-2704015

Railway : 0172-2641656

Airport : 0172-2654832

FUNERAL PHONE : 9914855855

GRAVEYARD : 9888970033, 0172-2236403