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Paradigm shift for speedy justice system : Amit Shah

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New Delhi : Written in simple language , envisaging stricter punishment for crimes against women and children seeks to decongest jails by releasing convicts who have already served their half sentences. Laying definition of terrorism and mob lynching as new offences and fix accountability of cops for arrests has become the need of time. The time bound

trials, introduction of summary trials for petty crimes as well as community service, provision for recording the statement of a victim of sexual violence at her house by a woman magistrate are some features of the new bills. Change in criminal justice law would mark a paradigm shift in ensuring speedy justice. integrity of evidence for higher conviction and lower pendency ,said the



Home Minister. Colonial - era codes and statutes would get a contemporary makeover by increasing use of technology and streamline justice delivery. Civil servant prosecution

would go ahead if competent authority fails to take a decision on it within 120 days. Proclaimed offenders would be tried in absentia under new provision Much misused section 124 A of the existing Indian Penal code, which deals with the loosely defined offence " of Sedition , the proposed law still provides for stiff punishment for secessionist, armed rebellion and subversive activities aimed

against the country's sovereignty as well as its unity and integrity. An official said the new law would be known as " deshdroh ", (treason) and not " rajdroh "which was referred to the British crown. Notwithstanding the bill was introduced on the plank that offences against women would be given precedence, but it still continues the indifference toward the marital rape. Bills principally pro -

- ojected as a means to shed the colonial legacy ,the bill actually does little in this direction. The new bill reinforce this Idea by continuing to reply on long term imprisonments and death penalty by adding and increasing mandatory minimum sentences for certain offences and by retaining vague definitions for offences against the state as well as for defamation .

4 time more expenses on border infra since 2014: Jaishankar

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New Delhi: India's focus since 2014 on improving infrastructure in the border areas with China had meant more contestations and counter-patrolling with the Indian military now able to deploy troops and tackle any Chinese movement more efficiently, foreign minister S Jaishankar said on Monday. He added there had been a fourfold increase in India's spending on border infrastructure since 2014. Significantly, ahead of a possible bilateral meeting between PM Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xin Ping later this month, Jaishankar also underlined the fact that the two sides were still talking to resolve

the military standoff in the remaining areas in eastern Ladakh and had managed to find "some solution" to 5-6 tense friction points including Galwan, Gogra Hot Springs and Pangong. Modi had last week confirmed in person participation in the August 22-24 BRICS summit in Johannesburg in a phone conversation with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa. Xi is also likely to travel to Johannesburg for the summit. Except for a brief exchange on the margins of the G20 summit last year in Bali, where they agreed on the need to improve relations, Modi and Xi have not had any bilateral meeting since the standoff in eastern



Ladakh erupted in May 2020. The PM will also host Xi and other leaders for the G20 summit next month. "It was said that we will not be able to do anything and that disengagement cannot take place. But some solution was found in some of the friction points. It's a complex Issue. Diplomacy takes time," said the minister in an interaction with journo, specifically on the issue of border infrastructure. Blaming the previous governments for not doing enough to build infrastructure in the border areas, Jaishankar said a government which is serious will deliver on border infrastructure and that the Modi government's commitment to securing borders was reflected in the focus on infrastructure development.

"In the past, before 2014, there was neglect of border infrastructure that had a negative impact on our ability to deploy troops. Since 2014, the Modi government has taken major steps that include an increase in the BRO (Border Roads Organisation) budget from Rs 3,782 crore in 2013-14 to Rs14,387 crore in 2023-24. This is almost an increase of four times," said the minister. Jaishankar said the government was able to move troops quickly during the standoff in 2020 because of better infrastructure and that India would have been at a huge disadvantage if the same thing had happened before 2014.

OPD to start by Aug-end at Ayurvedic hospital - Gian Chand Gupta

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Panchkula: The decision to start the OPD by the end of August month was taken during the meeting of SMMDSB chaired by Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta. During the meeting, Gupta directed the officers to complete all the works required for smooth commencement of OPD operations within the institute. Underlining the importance of obtaining necessary approvals, he said that all works in this direction should be completed by adhering to the prescribed timelines. The Out Patient Department (OPD) facility at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy, being set



up in the premises of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board (SMMDSB), will be operational by the end of August. The institute, having an hospital and a college at present, is under construction on the land of SMMDSB and appointment of two doctors have also been done. Dr Dinesh Sharma, Nodal Officer, Department of Ayush, provided an update on the progress of the construction of the institute. He informed that this project is progressing rapidly under the supervision of the Union ministry of Ayush. The officials informed that that around 52 percent construction work of the institute has been completed. The buildings of both the hospital and the college are nearing completion and are planned to be inaugurated by the end of December this year, he added.

provided for seeking sanction of prosecution of civil servant and non adherence by the "competent authority", will be presumed to be consent. Proclaimed offenders can be tried in absentia and provision has been made for confiscation and disposal of their properties with the approval of the court. Sexual exploitation of women on the pretext of marriage , jobs , promotions, or by hiding identity will be considered a crime.

New Omicron subvariant rises, Global COVID cases surpasses 80 %. : WHO

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Paris : World wide, number of new COVID 19 , escalated by 80 % in the very last month. Yet , WHO had in May declared that COVID was no longer a global health emergency but now has earned that the virus would continue to



circulate and mutate

causing occasional spikes in infections, hospitalisations and deaths. WHO designated the Omicron subvariant EG 5 as a "variant of interest," following a steady rise in its prevalence . Over 17% of reported cases were EG 5 inif Jul up from 7.6 only a month before.

Administrator bans Delhi air travel, 5 star hotels for UT officers

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Chandigarh: As responsible officers, it is our moral Bhawan duty that public money shouldn't be squandered and wasteful expenditure shouldn't be accepted at any cost." "A news item relating to expenses incurred by officers of Chandigarh administration was brought to my notice. In the news item it was reported that officers stayed in five-star hotels in Delhi and travelled by business class in commercial flights," Purohit added. Punjab governor and UT administrator Banwarilal Purohit has



prohibited air travel and stay in five-star hotels for UT officers on tour to New Delhi. "It is directed that no air travel is allowed to Delhi. All officials travelling to Delhi would travel by Shatabdi and Vande Bharat trains. Further, officials will stay at UT Guest House, Punjab Bhawan or Haryana Bhawan but not in any star-hotels,"

Charge Sheet, Verdicts would be now enforceable within timelines : Centre

New Delhi : Under the proposed laws chargesheets will have to be filed within 90 days ,any extension beyond this, subject to a maximum of number 90 days, can be granted only by the court. After the conclusion of arguments, the judge will have 30 days to give his verdict. The time line could be extended for another 30 days for specific reason which will have to be recorded. A maximum of two adjournments would be given and that too not without hearing



the other side and recording the specific reasons. First time offenders except those sentenced to death or serving life imprisonment who have served one third of their imprisonment will be entitled to seek bail. A 120 days dead line has been

Pay property tax or face snapping thy water connection



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Chandigarh : Property tax payers were given adequate time during the rebate period and now they are being urged to pay the tax liability. The residential property tax defaulters will have to lose their water connections ,if they fail to deposit their dues in tax accumulation ,said Anindita Mitra, the Chandigarh Municipal Commissioner. As per the sources,

defaulters of residential properties in the city are set to lose their water connections. Across different areas , Municipal authorities have identified and sent around 250 notices of water connections to the defaulters. The public health wing of the engineering department has been approached for snapping of water connection and mostly northern sectors have been served notices.

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Glacial lakes multiplying in strength

Climate change is responsible for the increase in cases of diarrhoea and mosquito-borne diseases, such as malaria and dengue, as well as heat stroke and cardiovascular diseases. By undermining access to essential needs such as water, sanitation and food, climate change threatens health and nutrition, education and the survival of children. India, in particular, remains vulnerable to the effects of climate change. Heavy rains, cloudbursts, floods and drought conditions in various parts of the country have led to crop failure, economic losses and human suffering. With the warming of the planet, the glaciers in the Himalayas are melting rapidly, leading to the formation of glacial lakes which when breached can sweep away villages after villages downstream. A recent study indicates that the number of glacial lakes is increasing rapidly in India, China and Nepal. They pose a huge threat to Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Sikkim, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The heatwaves simultaneous prevailing in many countries across North America and Europe have broken records. Earlier in the year, the World Meteorological Organisation had confirmed that the past eight years had been the warmest ever; from mountain peaks to ocean depths climate change had continued its advance. The trends indicate that the global temperatures are likely to continue to surge, leading to a growing concern of an unprecedented increase in extreme weather events attributed to climate change. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report of 2023, humankind has been responsible for virtually all instances of global heating over the past 200 years. As a global phenomenon, the impact of climate change is all too visible in the form of extreme weather events and natural disasters such as heatwaves, floods, landslides and droughts, which are occurring with greater frequency and intensity. We are witnessing, in particular in the hill state of Himachal Pradesh, unprecedented rainfall, resulting in utter devastation and loss of lives. In Kullu district alone, numerous bridges, roads and parts of the Mandi Manali highway have been swept away by flashfloods and landslides, with the Beas in spate. In Kullu, hundreds of homes and cars have been washed away, rendering thousands of people homeless. The economic losses suffered by the state are estimated to be over Rs 8,000 crore. It is one stark example of climate change and its grave consequences. This trend is also associated with a rise in the sea level, which poses a grave existential danger to small island nations, such as the Maldives, and the coastal regions of India and Bangladesh. So, how should climate change be addressed? First, all countries must recognise that climate change is a real and present danger and it is the result of greenhouse gas emissions leading to a rise in the atmospheric temperature. Having included it as a priority agenda item of G20, India as its president has a historic opportunity to play a pivotal role in shaping the global agenda on climate change. It can do so by advancing innovative strategies and fast-tracking measures for the reduction of carbon emissions and by calling for an enhancement in national preparedness for climate change. India's focus at the policy level is to reduce greenhouse emissions by transitioning from fossil fuels to renewable energy, such as solar, wind and hydropower, and by ushering in green technology. India has made remarkable progress in this direction and the target for getting 50 per cent of energy from non-fossil sources by 2030 is likely to be achieved by 2027. India is the only G20 country which has delivered on the promise made at COP21 in Paris. This is being achieved by giving a fillip to solar energy through the India-co founded International Solar Alliance, and by taking steps towards making green hydrogen a renewable energy source, building charging infrastructure for electric cars, and manufacturing ethanol from agricultural waste as a biofuel. Citizens and groups can and must contribute by adopting healthy lifestyle practices, planting more trees - thereby enhancing the green cover which functions as a 'carbon sink' and protecting the environment by saving energy and saying no to plastic. Priority must also be accorded to strengthening national capacities and community resilience to cope with the impact of climate change. The government must not only strengthen national health programmes but also take urgent steps to conduct environmental impact assessment, build check dams and explore ways to channelise water flow, protect riverbeds from encroachment and fortify them through barriers and by growing soil-holding plants and trees on riverbanks. India, as the G20 president, has the responsibility and opportunity to demonstrate its leadership by pursuing issues such as protecting poor countries from the adverse impact of climate change by ensuring technology transfer and adequate financing for climate action and strengthening primary healthcare in various countries.

Mohali logs as district 41 fresh dengue cases

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MOHALI : In the urban pockets, Mohali logged 11 cases this month. Zirakpur, Kharar 17 cases has reported three cases, while two cases have been reported from Dera Bassi so far. In the rural belt, Gharuan has registered six cases, and Boothgarh and Gholumajra have logged one case each. The district has logged 41 fresh dengue cases, out of which 33 were reported from urban areas while eight were detected in rural areas, prompting the Mohali administration to step up efforts to contain



the spread of the disease. Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain held a meeting to review the current situation in the district. Jain stressed the need to continue to err on the side of caution. She said it is high time that fumigation and fogging activities be intensified. She stressed

the need to educate residents about draining stagnant water out of their flower pots, trays, refrigerators, etc. She directed additional deputy commissioners (ADCs), sub-divisional magistrates (SDMs), executive officers (Eos), block development and panchayat officers (BDPOs) and senior medical officers (SMOs) to perform dry day activities every Friday to sensitise residents about the disease. She expressed concern about the recent surge in cases.

9 check post to intensify monitoring I-Day celebrations



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PANCHKULA : Police personnels on checkpoints will carry out thorough checks of individuals and vehicles. Sumer Pratap Singh, Deputy Commissioner of Police, has imposed Section 144, CrPC (Criminal Procedure Code) in a 1-kilometer radius around the parade ground, Sector 5, Panchkula, which prohibits the gathering of five or more individuals, along with weapons such as sticks, swords, axes, etc, from 7 pm on August 14 to 1 pm on August 15. This step has been taken to maintain law and order and to prevent any potential disturbances. To ensure security during the Independence Day celebrations, a total of 450 police personnel have been assigned various duties. A special anti-sabotage team

will inspect the area around the celebration venue. In view of the security for the Independence Day celebrations, temporary police checkpoints have been set up around the parade ground. Additionally, nine permanent border checkpoints in the district will intensify monitoring. A joint operation by the tricity police is underway, under which all hotels, cafes, restaurants and similar places are being checked. Hotel owners are being instructed to report suspicious individuals. The traffic police have issued a traffic advisory. Owing to the VIP movement during the Independence Day parade on August 15, certain routes will be affected. People are advised to take alternative roads.

Haryana Housing Board to e-auction properties on August 29



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CHANDIGARH : The Haryana Housing Board is set to conduct an e-auction of residential, commercial and institutional properties across Haryana on August 29 through the hbh.gov.in portal. The e-auction would include a variety of residential, commercial and institutional

properties situated in different districts of the state. The deadline for the earnest money deposit was August 25. The board has stipulated a registration fee of Rs 1,000 along with an 18 per cent GST charge as well as a processing fee of Rs 500 along with an 18 per cent GST charge, said a spokesperson of the board.

370 posts to be filled by September : PGI



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CHANDIGARH : The Secretary Health, Government of India, the PGIMER committed to filling 370 posts by September 30 in a recent review meeting. Experiencing the staff crunch, the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) here will fill 370 vacant posts of nursing, technician, clerk and sanitary attendant. Kumar Gaurav Dhawan, Deputy Director, PGIMER, said, "The institute will be able to fill 370 posts by September-end. It will relieve the burden on the existing staff, who are already stretched to their limits due to the staff crunch. With more staff, the institute can provide better quality patient care and reduce wait time. With the number of patients increasing daily, the institute needs more staff to ensure that

patients receive timely and adequate medical attention." The institute has around 7,300 sanctioned posts, including those of teaching and non-teaching doctor, nurse, paramedic, lab technician and security. However, the institute is unable to fill the vacancies due to various reasons, including court cases, which have resulted in a backlog of over 1,700 vacancies. The hospital provides treatment to an average of 9,000 patients daily, including 8,000 in the Out-Patient Department (OPD) and 300 in the Emergency wing. As many as 155 out of 2,572 nursing positions remain unfilled at the PGI. The situation is no better for teaching staff with 36 posts of professor and 91 of assistant professor remaining vacant against the sanctioned strength of 70 and 652, respectively.

Youth Cong aims at women empowerment

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CHANDIGARH : The Youth Congress aims at enhancing the participation of women in the Independence Day celebrations. The party launched the poster of "Shakti Super She" in the presence of its city unit chief Manoj Lubana and in-charge Satyawar Gehlot. On August 15, women would hoist the national flag while the Youth Congress would be



the facilitator. HS Lucky, president, UT Congress, said the party was looking for the young and dynamic leaders who were ready to work hard at the grassroots level. Gehlot appealed to the activists to

connect with the people. National in-charge Krishna Allavaru said the youth wing would work under the leadership of Rahul Gandhi in the LS poll, said Manoj Lubana.

CTU eyes more revenue by boosting online bookings



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CHANDIGARH : In order to enhance potential reach to the maximum online platforms to enable people easily book bus tickets from anywhere, said UT Transport Director Pradhuman Singh. The Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU) is going to increase its reach for ticket booking by associating with various online platforms. By doing this, the revenue of the department will also increase as the buses will get more passengers due to increased online access. "This will provide more convenience to passengers

and also increase the CTU ridership," he said. The official said they had already signed an agreement with Red Bus India Pvt Ltd and now they wanted to associate with other websites for online reservation of tickets. He said they had sought applications from such agencies, asking them to apply within 30 days. At present, around 580 buses of CTU are running from

different depots. These include 178 buses from depot number 1, 170 from depot number 2, 138 from depot number 3 and around 100 from depot number 4. With 80 electric buses, all buses from depot number 3 are running on local and suburban routes. Similarly, long route buses are running from depot number 1. The CTU buses ply to Khatu Shyam, Salasar, Haldwani, Amritsar, Shimla, Manali, Delhi, Rewari, Narnaul, Rohtak, Hisar, Dehradun, Mansa, Katra, Agra, Jaipur and other cities. The department has around 119 HVAC buses, including 20 those procured recently.

Minister launches whatsapp number against mushrooming of illegal colonies in Punjab

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CHANDIGARH : A WhatsApp number 78891-49943 has been launched by Local bodies Minister Balkar Singh for lodging complaints about the unauthorised



constructions and colonies. All complaints will be promptly reviewed and acted upon by relevant authorities, the minister said.

Environment committee to ensure ban on single use plastic in mandis

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CHANDIGARH : The meeting of the UT Standing Committee on Environment was presided over by



Chairman Satnam Singh Sandhu, who is also the founder of Chandigarh Welfare Trust, deliberated on several urgent environmental issues and made recommendations to address these effectively. Adapting to a citizen-centric approach, the meeting was held at Paryavaran Bhawan to discuss and address the urgent environmental issues faced by the city. Strategies for eco-friendly Chandigarh and better adherence to environmentally friendly practices by government bodies, policymakers, and

the general public were discussed. Extensive discussions were held during the meeting on both short-term and long-



term strategies to safeguard the environment, as well as preserve the city's diverse flora and fauna. The strategies that were discussed during the meeting included registration for vendors and taking undertaking from them to comply with single-use plastic ban, improving the cleanliness and sanitation in areas which are not under Municipal Corporation and increasing the green cover of the city. It was also discussed that public awareness drives and campaigns be conducted for single-use plastic, with a

focus on alternative materials and enforcement. Sandhu highlighted the primary challenges including the concerns about the rampant use of single-use plastic in the local mandis, which, he said, should be stopped. The committee observed that despite the ban on single-use plastic, they are being used in vegetable markets rampantly which is a cause of concern. They proposed that the market committee should start registering the vendors in the mandis. They should be asked to submit an undertaking that they will comply with the single-use plastic ban and if found violating the ban, their registration will be cancelled. For this, he said the concerted efforts of the Municipal Corporation, the Environment Committee and the Market Board could address this issue effectively.

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NIA executes raids in five states in PFI conspiracy case

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NEW DELHI : Fourteen locations were searched by National Investigation Agency in Kerala, Karnataka, Maharashtra, West Bengal and Bihar, leading to the seizure of several digital devices as well as incriminating documents, a spokesperson of the federal agency said. The NIA on Sunday conducted a series of raids in five states as part of its continued efforts to foil the Popular Front of India's conspiracy to disturb peace by driving a communal wedge among the people and destabilise the country, an official said.

The official said the raids were conducted in Kannur and Malappuram districts of Kerala, Dakshin Kannada in Karnataka, Nashik and Kolhapur in Maharashtra, Murshidabad in West Bengal and Katihar in Bihar. "The NIA has been working to unravel and thwart the attempts by PFI



and its top leadership to create an armed cadre and raise a PFI Army for establishing an Islamic caliphate in India by 2047 through acts of terror, violence and sabotage. "PFI has been conspiring to radicalise gullible youth and provide them weapons training in a bid to further its violent anti-India agenda by fighting against certain sections of the society," the spokesperson said. The official said the agency suspects that several mid-rung PFI agents are operating as master trainers, conducting arms training camps in various states for its highly radicalised cadres. "Based on intelligence and investigative analysis and

insights, it (NIA) has been raiding multiple locations in various states over the past several months to identify and arrest these cadres and operatives," the spokesperson said. NIA registered a case against PFI in April last year and arrested several of its top leaders, including over a dozen National Executive Council members, following country-wide operations in September 2022. The probe agency has filed a charge sheet against PFI as an organization and 19 of its members in March followed by a supplementary charge sheet against the PFI national coordinator of weapons training in April. "Investigations are continuing to unearth and expose the complete PFI conspiracy to indoctrinate and train susceptible youth to create mayhem in the country," the spokesperson said.

Violating generic drugs to lead to licence suspension

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NEW DELHI : In order to promote

are easily available in market. They should also advocate for



generic medicines over expensive branded ones, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has mandated doctors to prescribe generic medicines or face action, which could include suspension of their practice licence for a given period. "Generic medicines are 30 to 80 % cheaper than branded drugs. Prescribing generic medicines may overtly bring down healthcare costs and improve access to quality care," the NMC said.

hospitals and local pharmacies to stock generic drugs," regulations say. They add that doctors should encourage patients to purchase drugs from government's Jan Aushadhi Kendras and other generic pharmacy outlets, and educate medical students and people about the

equivalence of generic medicine with their branded counterparts. The National Medical Commission (NMC) has mandated doctors to prescribe generic medicines or face action, which could include suspension of their practice licence for a given period. "Generic medicines are 30 to 80 % cheaper than branded drugs. Prescribing generic medicines may overtly bring down healthcare costs and improve access to quality care," the NMC said.

Place 3 for Indian hockey team FIH rankings



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NEW DELHI : The Indian hockey team's next assignment will be the Asian Games in Hangzhou from September 23. The ACT runners-up Malaysia remained on ninth in the FIH rankings. Giving them a big boost ahead of the Asian Games, India on Sunday rose to third place in FIH rankings following their Asian Champions Trophy triumph. India (2771.35 points) jumped one place to third and went past England (2763.50 points) behind top-ranked Netherlands (3095.90 points) and Belgium (2917.87 points).

This was the second time India rose to No 3 in FIH rankings. India had achieved a similar ranking in 2021 after securing a bronze in the Tokyo Olympics, which was their first medal at the Games in 41 years. On Saturday, the Harmanpreet Singh-led side defeated Malaysia 4-3 to lift the ACT title. They made an incredible comeback from 1-3 down. In the last edition of the event in 2021, India had finished third. Apart from India and Malaysia, South Korea too find themselves at 11th while Pakistan is placed 16th.

Ex-servicemen slam government over pending demands



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FATEHGARH SAHIB : "Soldiers perform their duty round the clock to guard the borders of the country. Many of them lose their lives in the line of duty. So it is unfortunate that the government is not heeding some of their demands, particularly the implementation of the 'One Rank, One

Pension' scheme" said Captain RS Grewal (Retd). Several members of the Ex-Servicemen Welfare Association expressed concern over reports of atrocities perpetrated on women in Manipur during the ethnic strife in the state. The ex-servicemen stressed the need to bring the culprits to book.

Resumption of VHP yatra on August 28, announces 'Mahapanchayat'

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Gurugram/Palwal : At the 'Sarva Jatiye Mahapanchayat', participants from Palwal, Gurugram and other nearby places took part, and it was decided that the yatra will resume from Nalhar in Nuh and then pass through Firozpur Jhirka's Jhir and Singar temples in the district. A 'mahapanchayat' by Hindu outfits at Pondri village in Haryana's Palwal on Sunday announced that they will "resume" on August 28 the VHP's Braj Mandal Yatra in Nuh that was disrupted after communal violence in July. In Nuh, four battalions of central forces should be deployed permanently, VHP leader from Gurugram Devender Singh said, giving details of the decisions taken



at the mahapanchayat. The mahapanchayat was originally planned to be held in Nuh district's Kira village but permission was denied for it in view of the prevailing law and order situation. Permission for the event was given in Palwal, Deputy Superintendent of Police (headquarters), Palwal, Sandeep Mor said on Sunday. Palwal and Nuh are adjoining districts. The mahapanchayat was held under the banner of 'Sarv Hindu Samaj', in which Hindu outfits

including the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) took part. Police said permission for a limited gathering has been allowed and strict action will be taken if anyone makes any kind of hate speech. Six people, including two home guards and a cleric, died in the communal clashes that erupted in Nuh when the VHP procession was attacked by a mob on July 31. VHP leader Devender Singh had earlier claimed that the yatra will resume on August 28 in Nuh after the earlier one came under attack.

Haryana ups Ayushman income limit from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh

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YAMUNANAGAR : The Ayushman Bharat Yojana provides a health cover of Rs 5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalisation. In a major gift to the people of the state, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to increase the income limit under Ayushman Bharat Yojana from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh per annum. With this announcement, eight lakh new families are expected to be included in the scheme. "We are going to give a big gift to the people of the state on the occasion of Independence Day. Now, families with an annual income ranging from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh will also be entitled to get the benefit of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana," said Khattar. The Chief Minister made this announcement during the Jan Samvad programme at Bakana village in Yamunanagar district. Jan Samvad programmes were also held at Damla and



Alahar villages in the district. Kurukshetra MP Nayab Saini and former minister Karan Dev Kamboj were also present on the occasion. Speaking at Bakana village, the Chief Minister said for making Ayushman cards, the portal would be opened for a month. He said families whose annual income was less than Rs 1.80 lakh would not have to pay any premium, but families whose annual income was more than Rs 1.80 lakh and less than Rs 3 lakh would have to pay an annual premium of Rs 1,500 only. "At present, 30 lakh families in the state are getting benefits under the scheme. After this announcement, an additional eight lakh new families shall be included;

thus, a total of 38 lakh families shall be able to take advantage of this scheme," said Khattar. He said from now on, block development and panchayats officers (BDPOs) would have to keep the record of panchayats in the state. Earlier, the record of panchayats used to be maintained by the gram sachiv only. On this occasion, names of several persons were included in the Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme. The Chief Minister also distributed tricycles and hearing aids among Divyangians. He also announced that roads would be constructed in the Radaur Assembly constituency at a cost of Rs 25 crore. He said complaints received in the Jan Samvad programme were uploaded on the Jan Samvad portal. He said 16,000 complaints had so far been received on the portal, of which 3,000 had been resolved while the remaining would also be redressed soon.



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Child centre at Govt Hospital may open by month -end

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh: We are trying to get it completed by the month end," said UT health secretary Yashpal Garg. With advanced paediatric centre at Government Multi-specialty Hospital, Sector 16, all set to be functional by this month's end, the city will have two such dedicated centres at government facilities. In October last year, the health department had proposed to set up a dedicated 32-bed paediatric unit with CU centre, two ventilators and 20 other beds at the hospital. The unit was to be built at Rs 2.25 crore, as approved by the Centre. The project is partly



funded by Emergency Covid Response Package-II. "There are so many admissions of newborn and children that often a bed is being shared with many at a given point of time. This centre will give sufficient space to the surplus admissions," said a

doctor. The PGI has a 300-bed advanced pediatric centre which caters to referral cases from adjoining states of Punjab, Himachal Pradesh and Haryana. With an additional pediatric centre the inflow of patients at PG in can be managed.

Panchayats in Punjab stand dissolved, elections by Dec 31



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Chandigarh : In view of the ensuing fresh elections ,Punjab government dissolved 13,241 all panchayats, leaving space for the announcement of elections dates. In the state of Punjab besides 13241 panchayats there are 153 panchayat samities and 23 zila parishads. Three rural and panchayat department has issued a notification mentioning that the governor has authorised the director rural development and panchayat cum special

secretary to appoint administrators from junior engineers, social education and panchayat officers, village development officer and panchayat officers subject to their availability to perform all functions and exercise powers. of the local bodies until the new bodies take their charge. In other notification,the department announced the general elections of panchayat samities and zila parishad members would be held by Nov 25 and of the gram panchayats by Dec 31.

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"Ghee adulteration, 5 get life term in UP

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Bareilly: In a 14 year old food adulteration case ,in a " landmark " judgement , Arvind Kumar Yadav ,additional district judge awarded life imprisonment to 5 persons, the judge also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000 each on all convicts. From a make shift factory ,in a basement of a house in Subhas Nagar ,the accused were apprehended in a raid by local police and food department with 26 quintals of adulterated ghee on Oct 15, 2009. All the accused were booked under IPC sect 272 (adulteration of food and drink intended for for sale , section 273 (sale of



noxious food and drink, section 420 (cheating). Sec 467 (forgery for cheating ,sect 468 (forgery for the purpose of cheating. Additional district counsel Tezpal Singh said," Accused were found converting vegetable oil into ghee using harmful chemicals which could cause cancer and the lab report c o n f i r m e d adulteration in consumable food item.

PU Campus Council elections in September

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: Other student parties are also actively engaging on campust With around 9-12 student parties at Panjab University, eight contended for the presidential position last year. Although the campus has come alive with poll related activities, authorities are yet to annocne dates for the student polls. Party members have started campaigning in departments wearing party stickers on their shirts. The University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET) has emerged as one of the hubs of political activity. While student bodies' posters are placed around the campus, political stickers dot cars and jeeps. Student parties are preparing for Panjab University Campus Students Council (PUCSC) election, which is likely in September 2 Party



meetings in canteens, 2 coffee house and student center have made a comeback. PSU Lalkaar has set the stage by becoming the first party to announce its presidential candidate, that too a woman. Hailing from Hanumangarh, Manika of the department of sociology will contest the 2023 elections. In recent times student leaders have been actively laying the groundwork for the molls, be it assisting students appearing for entrance exams or issuing

helpline numbers for queries related to admissions. In a recent development, Panjab University Students Union (PUSU) chose Bhupin der Singh Virdifrom the phar macy department and Gur preet Ghuman from the art de partment as their new party president and working presi dent, respectively. PUSU, one of the oldest parties on campus, continues to maintain its presence with research school- ars and master's students.



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In place of illegal Gandhi Colony, 20 housing societies to come up in MDC



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Panchkula: The Haryana Urban Development Authority (Huda) is planning to develop 20 group housing societies on 21.75 acre of land in place of illegal Gandhi Colony in Mansa Devi Complex (MDC), Sector 5. Around 1,000 shanties have encroached upon the land. The municipal corporation and the Huda have claimed to have removed 100 shanties so far. Officials said notices have been sent to illegal occupants to remove their hutments within a specified time, or action will be taken. Huda chief administrator

Ajit Balaji Joshi has visited the site and approved the project. The Huda has sent its plan to the state government for approval. At the site, the Huda is also planning to develop a park on 4.31 acre of land, primary school on 0.30 acre of land, nursery school on 0.22 acre of land and reserve 2 acre of land treatment for the construction of a hospital. A sewage plant is proposed on 137 acre of land. The officials said society residents will also have the benefit of Ayush AIIMS hospital a college and research centre that are under construction near the site.

For 24x7 water supply project, deadline marked Dec 17

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: In order to complete the ambitious water project in Manimajra, the Chandigarh Smart City Limited has envisioned December 17 last.

The engaged company would work accordingly as the urgency had been stressed. Besides the installation of new water meters and related infrastructure.

Two underground water reservoir (UGRs) will also be laid. The project worth Rs 160 Cr would



have two components -- capital work and installation of water meter works. Approximate Rs 70 Cr would be spent on the capital works, remaining Rs 70 Cr would be spent on the maintenance works for the next 15 years. The UGRs would have a capac-

ity of store 3 MGD (million gallon per day). First water would be used from sector 26 based water works, later it would be supplied for Manimajra. The Chandigarh administration has already earmarked land for the reservoir.

PU bags A++ grade in NAAC rankings

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: With the higher ever score obtained by Punjab University in the assessment NAAC, has emerged to be historic with CGP of 368 out of 4 points and an A++ grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council. Now, Punjab University



stands among the distinguished universities in India. NAAC gives its score based on seven indicators and PU has been able to garner more than 95% in almost all the metrics. The varsity excelled. In the research, and had made fine break through in

teaching and learning and evaluation indicators. The best positive outcome was attributed to the tireless deeds of the vice chancellor professor Renu Vig. The vice chancellor thanked all the Faculty staff and other stakeholders of the university.

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