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Who stops sterilisation of stray dogs ?? None

Dog bite frequency shoots up, operations never stemmed in past 22 years

Commissioner News Service
Zirakpur : Several residents at Bhabat have bemoaned saying for the past over 22 yrs, not a single sterilization camp has been organised by the MC officials, that is the reason, why the strength of dogs are multiplying. One resident, including a child's father has alleged that the administration has not thoughtfully taken any action despite multiple complains. As per Dhakoli government hospital records, 40-45 rabies injection were administered daily. On the contrary, there are many unreported cases as people prefer not to go to government hospitals since the treatment over there is not

of any use. Ravneet Singh, Executive Officer, MC Zirakpur, said the Animal Welfare Board of India has accorded its approval for the dog pond. With a company an agreement has been executed for this dog problematic attacks. In the ongoing calamities, we will have to become more and more serious about the menace of stray dog bites. In large concern, we will be necessitated to observe more stringence if we all have to aspire for becoming global power and a developed country, but not with having largest stray dog population in this world. We now will have to



encounter the canine terror, has our elderlies have to carry a stick on their morning walk or they politely have to quit walking altogether. Further plagued scooterists



stray population sans inhuman eradication or culling of one of the most affectionate animals on this planet ? The reduction process would necessitate vaccination, ster-

We would have to sensitize people who love stray about the harmful effect on the stray themselves. Dogs are prone to disease, injuries, road accidents infections blistering extreme weather. Yet these may do good food regardless to their diseased life. This is no animal welfare, but we are creating serious danger in our public spaces. It's a sign of half-measures. It might assuage your guilt to feed them, but then shouldn't you also care about what kind of a life they have? In Delhi, Nehru Park, located in prime Chanakyapuri is probably one of the most beautiful city parks in the

country. It has a specially rubberized 2.7-km walking track loop, which passes through lovely green stretches. A few years ago, there were probably five dogs in the park. Now, there are fifty. You cannot run. You must be careful while walking. Imagine spending tens of hundreds of crores to construct and maintain parks, only to render them unusable because stray dogs roam the area. The dog-people may say the strays won't do anything but ask the family of the 20,000 people who died of rabies just last year.

DeraBassi hails resplendent success of Tejveer in architectural accomplishments

Commissioner News Service
Having raised an exclusive Arc house studio, Mr Tejveer Saini has substantiated his hereditary gifted acumen and perfected to emerge as an accomplished stalwart in architectural professionalism. Undoubtedly his innovative designs reinterpret significance of space, horizon, blending functionality with utilitarianism yielding alltime aesthetic glamour. The joy, excitement and effervescence, razzmatazz are seen transcending in heritage town DeraBassi along the Chandigarh-Delhi road. Loved dearly, Tejveer has secular personality yet turning tables on breathless competitors at workshop of Arc house studio ever engaged in making spaces, horizons come vibrant. The group of dynamic



entrepreneurs from Chandigarh keeps contributing with the help of more paraphernalia nevertheless. Tejveer Saini has struck on others with his superb talent to make his presence felt alike in media circles, acclaim his associates. The alumnus of Guru Nanak Dev University has further honed his unparalleled clutch over recent projects in urban planning and architectural designing. The journey of Arc house studio had commenced in 2019 simply leaving business touch behind by over-seeing commitment

far ahead with objective priority of community welfare. The workaholic also demonstrates his active involvement in the execution of social obligations undertaken by Rotary International. The consistent collaboration with honourable clientele AM Hotel, Le Ayat Cafe and Burgher Hub boasts marvel of Tejveer's architectural liaison and execution. In the regional dynamic world, Tejveer acumen would be conspicuous and his replacement would be hard, but leave redundant null and void space. In short while Tejveer has created a niche in the much sought after professionalism. It would be uphill to trace such a towering practitioner of architectural wonders, comment many a connoisseur in the tricity.

Illegally constituted team violates stipulated norms of Press Club

Commissioner News Service
Zirakpur : The Press Club team led by incumbent President Sukhwinder Singh Saini had been working in accordance with the laid down criteria for smooth functioning of the club. During the present team of Mr Saini, for the past over 2, 1/2 years, there has never been any turmoil in the premises of the club. In pursuit of the traditions, there have been many house meetings, none spoke against the democratic functioning of the unanimously elected body of the club. Of late, certain unscrupulous persons, gathered and arbitrarily formed own choicest body, with utter disregard to the laid down constitution, without even

intimating the Sub-Registrar, District Firms and Societies SAS Nagar, Mohali. It is pertinent to mention here that all constitutional norms have been thrown to winds by the handful law offenders and no house was called to discuss the so called matter of dissolving the governing body. No resolution was passed and necessary consent with signature was obtained which smacked dictatorial functioning, even the selected President was never a constituent member in the history of the club.

The arbitrarily chosen team may not be permitted by the district official authorities any more, have already been urged.

Centralised online EWS admission to start on Jan 10

Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh: There are 1,090 entry-level EWS seats up for grabs in city's private schools. In non minority schools, there are 815 seats in the EWS category, and in minority schools, there are 275 seats. The processor centralized online admissions to the entry level classes for children belonging to economically weaker sections (EWS) and disadvantaged groups will start from January 10. Recognised private non-minority schools of UT will onboard the EWS/DG admission process by January 9 at 5pm. The decision regarding minority schools will be conveyed separately. As per the provisions of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory



Education (RTE) Act, and other related instructions, the education department has demarcated the area of neighborhood (0 to 1km, 1km to 3km and beyond 3km) of each such. To facilitate the online EWS/DG category admission, forms can be filled for many non-minority or government school. Teachers will guide the 2 parents and check the documents before filling the online form. No fee will be charged for the process. Candidates will be given an option to choose 15 private schools in terms of the area of neighbourhood.

No more MPhil is recommended as degree : UGC

Commissioner News Service
New Delhi: UGC, through its Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree Regulations, 2022, in September 2022, introduced a number of reforms for enrolment in PhD programmes. The University Grants Commission (UGC) on Wednesday asked higher education institutions (HEI) not to invite fresh applications for MPhil (Master of Philosophy) reiterating that it is no long programme, a "recognized degree". Eligibility to take the test for PHD enrolment include 75%

marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in four year/ eight-semester bachelor's degree while scholars with one programme year/ two-semester master's degree programme after a four-year bachelor's programme are also eligible. MPhil programme was discontinued by UGC in 2022. Cautioning students against taking admission in such programmes, UGC, in a notice on Wednesday, said: "It has come to the notice of UGC that few universities are inviting applications for MPhil (Master of



Philosophy) programmes. In this regard, it is to bring to notice that MPhil is not a recognised degree." "Regulation number 14 of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022 clearly states that higher educational institutions shall not offer an MPhil programme," said UGC secretary Manish Joshi.

India records 4394 Covid-19 cases by Monday

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : India has recorded a spike of 636 coronavirus infections in 24-hour period, according to Union health ministry data released at 07.07 pm on Monday. India's active



Covid-19 touched 4394. India has witnessed a

surge in Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1 cases, prompting both central and state governments to stay vigilant and prepared as the country approaches New Year celebrations.

RWAS constitution CORWAS for their rights

Commissioner News Service
Mohali: Rajwinder Singh Sarao has been unanimously named as the president of the council. The Residents Welfare Associations (RWAs) and Residents Welfare Societies (RWSs) of private mega-townships of Mohali have joined hands to constitute a collective residents welfare body Council Of Residents Welfare Associations & Societies (Mega) Mohali (CORWAS). The body has been constituted on the lines of FOSWAC and CRAWFED of Chandigarh. Sarao said, "As of now, we are a



total of 21 associations from 17 different sectors and townships of Mohali. We have come together to fight the atrocities rendered by GMADA which has been harassing the private mega township residents by imposing arbitrary and unconstitutional orders. The authorities have failed to hear out our problems, because of which we all have joined hands to form an inde-

pendent council" Sarao said GMADA has been ignoring their demands on spending EDC collected from various builder son the housing societies. GMADA allegedly used that money on other projects, he added. The members also alleged that they have been pressing for their demands with GMADA, but the authority has provided any relief far. They said that the constitution of CORWAS is primarily to fight for their legitimate demands and force the authority to deliver justice.

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MRTS accorded fast run on rail track

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Chandigarh: Besides project cost, the RITES recommendation of elevated corridors takes into account factors like traffic, acquisition of land, project construction, right of way etc. Sources said that if the project is launched in the city, traffic management would be come a major challenge due to the long time taken for completion. RITES will present its report in detail at a meeting of the sub-group of the heritage committee, to be held in a few days. Committee members will assess all aspects of there port, specifically in view of the heritage seg-



ment. With much of the MRTS falling in the heritage zone, views or recommendations of the Heritage Committee are likely to play a crucial role in the exercise to take a decision on corridors. "The sub-group of the UT heritage committee has not seen the presentation of RITES even once so far. Therefore, it has been decided that members of the committee should see the presentation to get information on all aspects," sources said.

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EDITORIAL –

Exceptional concentration on space strategy with France

India was in 1976 under the Emergency imposed by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Almost all Western democracies were very critical of the move and maintained distance from her government. Obviously, France saw an opportunity to create an opening with India and pursued its interests instead of taking a ‘moral’ position. This time, France overlooked the fact that India’s first choice as chief guest for the Republic Day was US President Joe Biden. The Ministry of External Affairs announced last week that French President Emmanuel Macron would be the chief guest for the 75th Republic Day. His predecessor, Francois Hollande, was the chief guest in 2016. It was in 1976 that then Prime Minister Jacques Chirac had become the first French leader to be invited as the R-Day chief guest; he was also accorded the honour in 1998, when he was the President. It decided to promptly accept the invitation. France has again opted to prioritise its economic and strategic interests in India. And, going by media reports, France is in contention for major defence acquisitions planned by India. Naturally, India will be governed by its interests and will buy only that equipment which meets its needs and at appropriate prices, but Macron may well consider his response to the invitation as ‘facilitation’. French diplomacy has always had a strong practical streak. This was also visible in its milder negative response to India’s nuclear tests of 1998 than those of other Western powers. Besides, the acceptance of the invitation at short notice shows that there is a good equation between Macron and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. This is also borne out by the fact that departing

from the protocol, the invitation has been extended by PM Modi instead of President Droupadi Murmu. Modi and Macron have met on numerous occasions bilaterally as well as on the sidelines of multilateral events after the latter took charge as the President in 2017. In the context of their meetings. Macron’s state visit to India in March 2018 was significant. Both countries decided to give special attention to their cooperation in space. They also signed an agreement to cooperate in the Indian Ocean Region. Modi visited France in August 2019, when a ‘roadmap’ on cybersecurity and digital technologies exchange was finalised. Both leaders have also discussed the regional and international situations during their interactions. And, these have undergone great changes since Macron won his first term in 2017; he also won the 2022 presidential election. Under the French Constitution, a President can only have two five-year terms; hence, Macron will be in office till 2027. He came to India for the G20 meeting in New Delhi in September. It can be expected that the Israel-Hamas war will be a major subject during the Modi-Macron interaction next month. It is difficult to predict if Israel’s large-scale kinetic actions in Gaza would end or subside by the time Macron arrives in India. What seems certain is that Israel and the majority of the Jewish people are determined to do all it takes to ensure that Hamas is finished and that the events of October 7 are never repeated. They seem unmindful of the enormous suffering that has been caused to the civilian population of Gaza by the operations of the Israeli armed forces. France has taken the most forward position of all Western countries in

demanding that there should be a humanitarian truce leading to a permanent ceasefire. Its call for Israeli restraint has been far stronger than that of India. Both countries, though, feel that a permanent solution lies in the creation of two states, which will lead to peace within secure borders. It will be interesting to observe how Modi and Macron address the Israeli-Arab conflict during their meeting. There is no doubt that the Modi-Macron conversation in Delhi will also touch on the prolonged war in Ukraine. France, along with its European partners, has taken a very strong position against the Russian aggression. It is also continuing its assistance to Ukraine. The European Union will open negotiations with Ukraine on its membership of the organisation. India has been unhappy with the Russian invasion and Modi has indicated as much in his oft-quoted remark that this is “not an era of war.” However, India has major interests in Russia. Its position on Ukraine has, therefore, been far more nuanced and its relationship with Russia in the energy and defence sectors has continued. Indian and French differences on Ukraine have not impacted their bilateral cooperation, nor are they likely to do so in future. While France aspires to develop its ties with India, it will take care not to let their growth affect its relations with China or Pakistan. France is against terrorism in the context of Pakistan and is also a strong advocate for freedom of the seas, including in the South China Sea. However, that does not mean it will lean towards India on issues relating to its problems with Pakistan or China. Delhi has the maturity not to let these French approaches adversely impact the growth of its ties with Paris.

Nominee-update system launched by Labour Department

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : The Haryana Building and Construction Workers Welfare Board has initiated a comprehensive nominee-update system for the welfare of construction workers, said Labour Department Principal Secretary Rajeev Ranjan. The new process aims at facilitating the management and distribution of benefits to the enrolled individuals. The board offers various schemes for the benefit of nominated individuals and dependents of the construction workers after their demise.



Ranjan highlighted that all construction workers registered with the board must update the nominees’ information. This proactive measure ensures that the information is secured accurately. Additionally, beneficiaries will be promptly informed about their current nominated individuals after the verification of the work slips. The goal isto maintain

transparency and keep construction workers informed about their nominees who are eligible for scheme benefits. Ranjan said after depositing the fees, the beneficiaries will receive a confirmation SMS regarding the fees receipt. Besides, an SMS will be sent after a benefit application has been submitted, confirming that their application has been received.

Online portal for Estate related grievance launched from January 1

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : During the Estate Office grievance redressal camps held on December 16 and 17, it was realised that certain applicants who submitted requests both online and offline at the Estate Office faced challenges as their applications were neither disposed of nor monitored by the office. To accelerate redressal of grievances, the UT Estate Office will launch an online portal from January 1. In response, UT Finance Secretary Vijay Namdeo Rao Zade said an online portal tailored for those applicants whose requests had not been addressed by the Estate Office would be launched from January 1. This user-friendly portal would serve as a seamless platform for applicants to redress their concerns, whether submitted online or through traditional means, he added. With specific timelines set for grievance resolution, the application aimed at optimising the handling of property-related issues, ensuring transparent and efficient outcomes. Developed by the National Informatics Centre, Chandigarh, the portal



offered applicants a relief mechanism to promptly address concerns with just a click. With the forthcoming portal, the grievances would be monitored at the highest authority level in the Estate Department. The grievances received through this portal would be forwarded to the relevant branch for redressal, with notifications sent to the applicants, said Zade. “This process not only enhances transparency, but also enables the Estate Office to assess the efficacy of grievance redressal,” he said. Furthermore, based on the grievances received, the Estate Office would identify and address systemic problem areas causing delays in case disposal, ensuring remedial measures were implemented to prevent unnecessary hardships for the public.

Infrastructure in govt schools upgraded at Rs 384 Lakh expenditure

Commissioner News Service
MOHALI : Aashika Jain Deputy Commissioner (DC) asked the officials to expedite work and ensure the allocated funds are utilised in the current financial year. The DC while reviewing the progress sensitised the Mohali administration to upgrade government school infrastructure. A sum of Rs 80.12 lakh has been spent on minor repair works under the Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan. Similarly, 12 CWSN toilets have been constructed at a cost of Rs 18.54 lakh. To provide separate toilets for boys and girls in schools, a total of 125 units have been set up at a cost of Rs 87.5 lakh. Besides, a grant of Rs 774 lakh was received under NABARD for 198 units. Of this, Rs 699 lakh has been utilised on the completion of 173 units, whereas 25 units, costing Rs 37.9 lakh, are under construction. This year, 926,583 lakh books were distributed free



in primary and upper primary schools of the district. A sum of Rs 302.82 lakh was spent on providing uniforms to 50,470 students, including 37,910 girls, 11,499 SC students and 1,061 BPL students. Reviewing the infrastructure upgradation of SoE, the DC said Government Model Senior Secondary School in Kharar has achieved 90 per cent of the target, while at Government Senior Secondary School in Dera Bassi, 40 per cent work has been completed so far. Speaking about the mid-day meal scheme, she said 9,248 students of the pre-primary wing, 55,138 of the primary wing and 26,059 from the upper primary wing benefitted this year.

Pb to escalate grant if Centre too accord PU more funds: CM

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Considering the prolonged unstable financial health of the university, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar had on Saturday raked up Haryana’s stake in the PU at its global alumni meet. He promised to persuade the Punjab Chief Minister to work in this direction. The Punjab Government recently wrote to Panjab University (PU) that only if the Centre would enhance its share of funds to the university, the state would increase its own share. At present, Punjab was giving only 10% of the promised 40% share to the PU, said Vice Chancellor Prof Renu Vig. “It is for the first time that such a condition has been put forth by the state. Though it is an invalid demand, we sent in a letter to the Centre for the enhancement of funds as with the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission, the salary bill has increased,” added the VC. “Before Haryana claims any stake, it is important for Punjab to realise that it offers less than the promised share of funds, whereas the Centre contributes 90% funds against its share of 60%,” said the VC. In 1966, the university was



declared an ‘inter-state body corporate’ under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, a unique status in the country. After Haryana and Himachal Pradesh withdrew their share from the PU in 1973 and 1975, respectively, the university’s maintenance was to be shared in the ratio of 60:40 by the Centre and Punjab. But over the years, Punjab’s share has shrunk to 10%. “The university’s budget is Rs 750 crore, of which 80% is spent on salaries and pensions, i.e. more than Rs 600 crore. For research and development works, more funds are required and Punjab is yet to offer us ‘unconditional’ 40% share,” said Prof Vig. Meanwhile, Chief spokesperson of Punjab AAP Malvinder Singh Kang, in a press released issued here , said, “Punjab has emotional, historical and constitutional rights over the PU. The V-P must uphold the dignity of his position and refrain from acting as a partisan agent of the BJP.”

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

Commissioner News Service
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.”

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

Commissioner News Service
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, Mahendragarh, 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”.

Compounding regime of synthetic milk

We over 70% of populace digest daily the pulverised synthetic milk which comprises a definite quantity of detergent, urea, caustic soda, sodium hydroxide and fats, cautioned the otherday, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Science & Technology. In accordance with Food Safety & Standard Authority of India, the quality of milk in question doesn't conform to the parameters laid by the stipulated law. The excess water added to the milk may destroy the intake of nutritious specific values, which are immensely harmful. The unnatural milk also comprises certain quantity of insecticides and metal which are destructive to human



health. One day, skimmed milk sample of 548, only 577 were found to be carrying ample quantity of glucose. It has been noticed while storing, packaging, certain quantity of detergent particles enter the openly placed quantity of bare milk. The demand for the genuine quality milk is not being met hence the glut of synthetic milk would continue to rein in the prevailing market. Artificial imitation of natural milk remains harmful to human health. Its excessive use inflict very serious damage on

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

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New radar, missile launch
equipped with platform in
INS Vikrant

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : The INS Vikrant, is back sailing, after completing a mandatory ‘guarantee refit’ at the Cochin Shipyard, which originally made the 45,000 tonne warship. Indian Navy’s first indigenously designed and manufactured aircraft carrier with “sailing is part of the sea trials after the refit.”. The key addition is the launch platform for medium range surface-to-air missiles – the Barak 8. The carrier has also now been fitted with Israel-designed MF-STAR (multi-function surveillance, track and guidance radar) – both are crucial as the warship is heading for an operational deployment in January. The MF-STAR detects airborne threats like aircraft, anti-ship missiles and cruise missiles, the Barak-8 missile can shoot these at ranges of 80 km or more. In the first week of



December, Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi, who headed the Southern Naval Command, told reporters in Kochi that Vikrant would be “operationalised” by the end of January 2024. Vice Admiral Hampiholi retired and is succeeded by Vice Admiral V Srinivas. The INS Vikrant also has new Commanding Officer Captain Birendra S Bains, assumed command from Capt Vidhyadhar Harkre. The mandatory ‘guarantee refit’ entails repairing, re-equipping, and re-supplying the concerned platform to certify its overall functioning. The INS Vikrant was commissioned in September 2022, the refit was pre-

scheduled to be carried out once the carrier completed its flight trials and fleet integration activities. The carrier showcased its maritime prowess as part of two-carrier battle group operations – with the INS Vikramaditya — off Goa coast in the first week of June 2023. The Vikrant, once deployed, will lead the carrier battle group at sea. It will expand Indian Navy’s arch of ‘surveillance’, provide more attack options at sea while having the agility to match latest warships. A carrier battle group would comprise the Vikrant, a submarine or two, three- or four other warships and a fleet tanker carrying tonnes of food and fuel for mid-sea replenishment. Besides own radars, the Vikrant will get feed from satellite Rukmini, surveillance planes like the Boeing P8-I and Drones like the Predator.

Defence ecosystem for self-reliance
in progress : Rajnath Singh

Commissioner News Service
TEZPUR (Assam) : The government is developing a strong base of domestic defence industrial ecosystem to turn the country into a strategic economy, said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday. Defence ministry is making all efforts to achieve the target of becoming self-reliant in the defence sector, said the minister at 21st Convocation of Tezpur University. “Our government is developing a strong base of domestic defence industrial ecosystem to make India a strategic economy”, he said. Highlighting the various steps taken by the Ministry of Defence, Singh stressed that for the first time, the import of arms went down



while exports rose. “We issued five positive indigenisation lists, under which 509 defence equipment have been identified whose manufacturing will now be done indigenously. “In addition, we have also issued four positive indigenisation lists of Defence Public Sector Undertakings, in which 4,666 items have been identified and these will now

be manufactured in our country,” he added. Talking about the domestic defence manufacturing, Singh said that the production has crossed the record figure of Rs 1,00,000 crore for the first time. “The total value of India’s defence exports, which was Rs 1,521 crore in 2016-17, has increased almost 10 times to reach a record level of Rs 15,920 crore in 2022-23,” he stated.

Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1
in sight, Gurugram
hospitals gear up

Commissioner News Service
GURUGRAM : Since, a total of 12 such cases have been reported so far in Gurugram, while two people have recovered from the infection the hospitals have started combating essential challenges. In view of the rising Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1 active cases across the country, Gurugram administration has directed all hospitals to be on alert. Deputy Commissioner Gurugram Nishant Kumar Yadav has directed all hospitals in Gurugram to establish separate isolation wards exclusively for patients with COVID-19 symptoms. “Adequate ventilators, monitoring equipment, and



skilled medical staff should be allocated to dedicated ICU ward, according to the orders. A distinct area within the Out Patient Department of every hospital is to be designated for individuals presenting with symptoms indicative of COVID-19. “Hospitals are expressly prohibited from denying admission or treatment to any individual displaying symptoms of Covid-19 sub-variant JN.1,” the orders said.

Jyotisar project awaits
completion in Feb

Commissioner News Service
Kurukshetra : “A large number of tourists are reaching Kurukshetra every year and to ensure that the tourists keep coming throughout the year, the interpretation centres are being constructed at Jyotisar. It has five galleries, of which two are ready and the internal work in the remaining three is underway. I am hopeful that the work will be completed by February and all the five galleries will be opened for the public before the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect”,” said Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. The state government has set a target to inaugurate the ambitious project of Mahabharata-themed interpretation centres at Jyotisar before the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect next year. The government has planned to complete the project and inaugurate it in February. The project has already missed several deadlines. It started in 2018 and it was expected to complete in 2021. Last year, it got a one-year extension (till July end this year), and then was extended up to October, but it missed all the deadlines due to various issues. The firm, constructing the buildings, would also operate and maintain

the buildings for the next five years. As per the information, there was a plan to open the centres for the public in a phased manner and to also get the two galleries (out of five) inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the International Gita Mahotsav, but the plan didn’t materialise due to his schedule. Now all the five galleries will be inaugurated together next year. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar along with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the site and inquired about the project. Different themes including Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Vedic Civilisation, Kurukshetra, 48-kos Kurukshetra, and 18 days of the Mahabharata battle will be depicted in these buildings. Augmented reality, Artificial Intelligence, holographic images and other latest technologies will be used. Gautam Kumar, Executive Engineer, Haryana Tourism Corporation, said, “As Jyotisar is being developed as a world-class tourist destination. While two buildings are completely ready, the other three buildings will be ready by February. The content to be shown in these galleries is also ready.”

Former Niti Aayog VC
Arvind Panagariya to head
finance panel

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : The Finance Commission is a constitutional body set up every five years and is responsible for giving non-binding recommendations on the allocation of certain revenue resources between the Centre and the state governments. It also defines the financial relations between the Centre and the states. A notification issued on Sunday spelt out three main terms of reference for the Finance Commission. The first is the distribution between the Union and the states of the net proceeds of taxes and the allocation between the states of their respective shares of such proceeds. The government has constituted the 16th Finance Commission with former NITI Aayog vice-chairman



Arvind Panagariya as its chairman. Ritvik Ranjanam Pandey, a 1998-batch IAS officer from the Karnataka cadre, has been appointed as the secretary. Other members of the commission would be notified separately, said an official news release. Panagariya was the first vice-chairman of NITI Aayog after PM Narendra Modi came to power in 2014. Mentored by free-market votary Jagdish Bhagwati, Panagariya has done stints at the World Bank and its allied

institutions. He currently teaches at Columbia University whose economics teaching faculty once had Milton Friedman, Joseph Stiglitz and Bhagwati. The commission is expected to make its report available by October 31, 2025, covering a period of five years from April 1, 2026. Second, it should recommend the principles which should govern the grants-in-aid of the revenues of the states out of the Consolidated Fund of India and the sums to be paid to the states by grants-in-aid of their revenues. And, finally the measures needed to augment the Consolidated Fund of a state to supplement the resources of the panchayats and municipalities on the basis of the recommendations made by state Finance Commissions.

Congress Ex-MLA in mining
case sent to judicial custody
till January 12

Commissioner News Service
PATHANKOT : Joginder Pal, Former Congress MLA from Bhoja, was sent to judicial custody till January 12 by a local court. Joginder Pal was arrested following an FIR lodged against him at the Taragarh police station under Sections 353 and 186 of the IPC and the Mines and Minerals Act (Development and Regulation) on the complaint of the Mining Department. Joginder Pal was admitted to the Civil Hospital after he had complained of chest pain yesterday.



SSP Daljinder Singh Dhillon said cops had sought his remand, however, the court took into consideration his health condition and denied the police custody. An officer who was a part of the raiding team which had reached Kirrian village where the former legislator and his henchmen were allegedly involved in illegal mining said Joginder Pal had used “derogatory language”

against the policemen. “We were not only obstructed from doing our duty but also had to face his verbal assault. In the past, too, he had used foul language against officers performing their duties. He used to escape prosecution because he was the ruling party MLA,” he said. The SSP said they would not tolerate illegal mining in Pathankot district.



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Hindu Outfit's Warn Racket of Fraudsters Looting Devotees in Ram Temple name

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: As the grand consecration ceremony for Ram Temple in Ayodhya approaches, a shocking racket to loot the faithful in the temple's name has come to light. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has warned how cyber criminals have put out social media messages, seeking donations in the name of the temple. These messages also have a QR code. Scan-and-pay and the money goes to the swindlers.

The matter has been flagged to the Home Ministry and police chiefs in Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. He stressed that Shri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra, the trust overseeing the construction of the temple, has not authorised anyone to collect funds.said Vinod Bansal,the VHP spokesperson. Mr Bansal said they have recently been informed



about the "ugly" attempts to collect money in the temple's name. "Sri Ram Janmbhoomi Teerth Kshetra Nyas has not authorised anyone to collect funds. I have written to the Home Ministry, Uttar Pradesh DGP and Delhi's Commissioner of Police, seeking strict action so that people do not fall prey to such frauds. People need to be careful too," he said. "This is an occasion for joy, we are sending out invitations. We will not accept any donation," he said.

To convince the caller, the alleged fraudster says the names and contact details of donors were being noted down and that they would be invited to the Ram Temple once construction work was completed. At one point, the alleged fraudster says a "war has broken out between Hindu and Muslim societies" and that the "Muslims are not letting the temple construction proceed". "So we are collecting donation to build the temple," he is heard saying.

Anti rabies vaccine procured by govt hospitals

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: The UT health department has ensured full stocks of Anti rabies vaccines after making emergency purchase. For the past one week, no anti rabies vaccine and equine rabies immunoglobulin (serum) were available in the city's government hospitals. These vaccines are provided at the civil hospital in Manimajra, GMSH-16 and rabies clinic in Sector 19 civil hospital. On December 15, the UT health secretary had held a meeting to review shortage



of anti-rabies injection. It was decided to procure them immediately under the emergency provision and the same was supplied after a week at the rabies clinic in sector 19 hospital. However,

at GMSH 16 and Manimajra civil hospital, the antirabies injections were supplied only on Saturday after the patients' woes were heard loudly.

Drone attack culprits would be caught, sufferRajnath Singh

Mumbai: The central government has taken the recent drone attacks on commercial ships in the Arabian sea very seriously and it will find out the culprits even from the depth of the ocean warned the Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh .

He made the remark at the commissioning ceremony of INS Imphal. Nowadays turbulence in the sea has increased a lot. India's growing economic and strategic power has filled some forces with jealousy and hatred. The Government of India has taken the recent drone attack on 'MV Chem Pluto' in the Arabian Sea and the earlier



attack on 'MV Sai Baba' in the Red Sea very seriously. The Indian Navy has increased surveillance on the sea. Whoever has carried out this attack, we will find them even if it is from the depth of the ocean. Those behind these attacks would be brought to justice," he said.

Have To Go To Jail For Paaths We Have Chosen: Arvind Kejriwal To AAP Workers

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: Delhi Chief Minister and AAP convener Arvind Kejriwal Sunday said his party has gained popularity for its "work-centric politics" and asserted the party workers should be ready "to go to jail for the paths we have chosen for the public good". Chairing the National Executive and 12th National Council meetings of the party, held virtually on Sunday, he said, "The Aam Aadmi Party has risen to the third place among 1,350 political parties in these 10 years." "If we were not successful and did not do anything good, then none of our party leaders would have gone to jail and today everyone would have been happy with their families," he said. Mr Kejriwal's remarks assume significance since

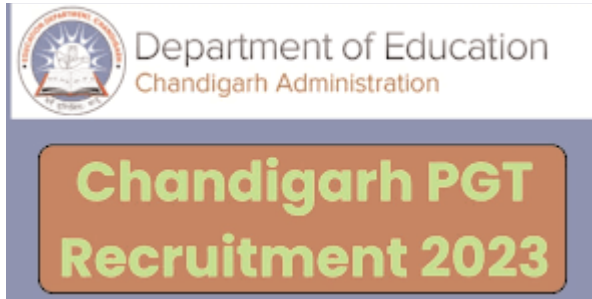


the Enforcement Directorate has asked him to appear before it on January 3 in connection with the Delhi excise policy-linked money laundering case. The Delhi CM said that two major parties have ruled this country for 75 years and said "these people will not relinquish power so easily". We have shown what work can be done that other parties couldn't accomplish in 75 years. In the last two years, the work done by the AAP government in Punjab shows that if our government is in full power in a state, we can work very swiftly and do wonders," he asserted.

Recruitment of PGI lecturers written test from Feb 10

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: As per the exam schedule, part-A for all subjects - lecturers (PGTs) Chemistry, English, Home Science, Music, Physical Education, Sanskrit, Biology, Economics, Physics, Hindi, Maths, Punjabi, Geography, Political Science, History, and Sociology - will be held on February 10 from 10.50 am. part- B, consisting for PGI chemistry, PGI English, PGT music (V), PGT Physical Education, PGT Sanskrit, will be held on the same day from 2.30- 4.10 pm. The education department has released the schedule for written tests for the post of lecturers from February 10. Exams of PGT-biology and PGT-economics will be held



on February 11 from 10-11.40am, and PGT-Hindi, PGT- Physics, PGT-Maths, PGT- Punjabi from 2.30-4.10pm. Exams for PGT-Geography and PGT-Political science will be held on February 12 from 10-11.40am, and PGT-history from 2.30-4.10pm. PGT-Sociology Exam is scheduled for February 13 from 2.30-4.10 pm. The e-admit card can be

downloaded from the website from February 6 (11 am) to February 9 (till 5 pm). For the 98 vacant positions-47 general, 26 OBC, 16 SC, and 9 EWS-for PGTs, as many as 6,439 applications have been received, with 6,288 applicants completing the fee payment process. The recruitment of PGTs is taking place almost after 20 years.

INDIA bloc ought not announce PM face: Pawar

Commissioner News Service

Pune/Patna: The opposition need not announce a prime ministerial candidate for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. This follows suggestions by Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal during the INDIA bloc's December 19 meeting in New Delhi that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge be considered as the PM candidate of the alliance. Speaking in Pune, the 83year-old Pawar drew historical parallels: "The front (INDIA) can go to the polls without a PM face. This happened



1977 when Morarji Desai was nowhere in the race before the elections and the opposition fought without a PM face. A new party was formed after the general elections band he became the PM." He said people would make their choices regardless of whether the opposition presents a PM candidateor not, especially if they have

decided on a change. Meanwhile, in Patna, Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar clarified on Monday that he was neither "naraaz" (angry) nor "maayus"(disappointed) regarding the suggestion of Kharge as the Prime Minister face, dismissing speculation that he was upset over not being considered for the position

Self help GP get 6 toilets from Civic body

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Action.MC commissioner Anindita Mitra said access to clean and hygienic sanitation facilities is a fundamental right of: every individual. By involving the SHGs, the MC will not only ensure that these facilities are well-maintained, but will also foster a sense of community ownership and empowerment. The Clean Toilet Campaign will play a crucial role in promoting good sanitation practices and enhancing the overall quality of life in the city. Municipal corporation handed over six public toilets to different self-help groups (SHGs) on Good Governance Day



under the Clean Toilet Campaign. One of the groups is run by people from the transgender community. By involving SHGs, the MC aims to foster a sense of ownership and responsibility among community members towards the cleanliness and maintenance of these facilities, officials

said. The SHGs will ensure the sustained cleanliness of public toilets. The toilet grading of 331CT/PT city-wide public conveniences has also been completed and submitted to the MC Chandigarh team for further necessary review and action.

Nowhere financial in visibility our IMFL traders



Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: Chandigarh: Claiming to have suffered heavy losses due to the open quota of Indian-Made Foreign Liquor (IMFL), the liquor traders in Punjab have sought changes in the excise policy for 2024-25 for financial viability of their trade. The AAP government, led by Bhagwant Mann, has initiated the process of framing its third excise policy and officials are holding meetings with take holders for feedback. During interactions held in different districts, traders expressed their opposition to

the government's decision to maintain an open quota for IMFL in the existing policy. They argued that this decision did not produce anticipated outcomes and instead contributed to over supply of IMFL in the market and this glut forced vendors to engage in a price war, ultimately causing significant financial losses to retail traders. To drive home their point, the traders drew a comparison with Punjab-Made Liquor (PML), for which the government had implemented a quota system.

BJP win in general election 'almost an inevitability-- Modi

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi -- Prime minister, Narendra Modi, has cut a confident figure in recent weeks. As his Bharatiya Janata party (BJP) swept three major state elections in December, Modi did not hold back from predicting that "this hat-trick has guaranteed the 2024 victory".

It was a sign that with less than six months to go before the general election, in which Modi will be seeking a third term in power, campaign season has begun with gusto. In India's current political landscape, the consensus among political analysts is that a win for Modi and the BJP is the most plausible outcome. The prime minister's popularity as a political strongman, alongside the BJP's Hindu nationalist agenda, continues to appeal to the large Hindu



majority of the country, particularly in the populous Hindi belt of the north, resulting in the widespread persecution of Muslims.

At state and national level, the apparatus of the country has been skewed heavily towards the BJP since Modi was elected in 2014. He has been accused of overseeing an unprecedented consolidation of power, muzzling critical media, eroding the independence of the judiciary and all forms of parliamentary scrutiny and accountability and using government agencies to pursue and jail political opponents.

Rs 5.5k Cr Bhiaar, Tripura NH project

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: Two highway projects in Bihar and Tripura with a total estimated cost of Rs 5,550 crore. While the bridge project cost of Rs 5 550 crore. While the bridge project across the Ganga will make passenger and goods move-the Ganga will make passenger and goods move faster between north and south Bihar, the road project in Tripura will cut travel time between Khowai and Harina by half. I&B minister Anurag Thakur said the Modi gov-

ernment has put a huge thrust on development of NHs across the country and has put development of Bihar on priority. On the decision to build a 6-lane cable-stayed bridge across the Ganga spanning over 4.5km, the minister said it was designed to ensure smooth passage of large boats below the bridge, there by support in land water transport, Said Anurag Thakur The bridge will be built on engineering procurement and construction (EPC) mode, in which the government provides full funds. It will be built in 42 months



from the date of award of the project with Rs 3,064 crore expenditure. The current rail-cum-road bridge is for movement of light vehicles only and cannot be used for transport of goods and commodities which is a major economic blockade.

Derise policy on deputation, regularisation VC

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: Would examine important cases and outline guidelines for regularisation of employees who join the varsity under deputation. The initiative stems from a recent senate meeting addressing the prolonged confusion over the regularisation date of Dr (prof) Sukhwinder Singh's service.

The dispute centers around whether his joining be considered from 2009 or 2011. A petition was filed in 2021 with Singh stating that he became a professor after a one-year probation following direct recruitment. Although PU officially acknowledged him as a professor in 2011,



stating his regularisation be considered from his joining date as 2009, he contended he should be considered senior and made the head, as he had joined PU before the current head, JK Goswami. Upon insisting, Singh was appointed on deputation in 2009. Hence, from 2009-2011, bond was non-transferable, so financial benefit must be entitled from 2009, and seniority should be considered from 2011 and not 2009. I accept, some lack of action from my side resulting in further delays." Said Arun Grover.

Vice-chancellor Renu Vig decided that considering the financial implications of PU borrowing and Longowal rendering, the joining date will be considered from when PU began processing his CPF in 2011. She highlighted the need for a consistent policy regarding deputation and regularisation. Referring to a similar case in 2022, she emphasized the lack of uniformity in decision-making.

Full time agriculture minister missing

Commissioner News Service

Pune : "How will this country run," he wondered in his speech at the concluding rally of the MVA's 'Jan Akrosh Rally' outside the Pune district collector's office. Other MVA politicians, including former cabinet minister from Congress Balasaheb Thorat, MPs Sanjay Raut [Shiv Sena (UBT)], Supriya Sule

and Amol Kolhe [both from NOP (Shalya Pawar)], also criticised the central government over farmers' issues. India was heavily dependent on farming but the country did not have a full-time agriculture minister, reports Anurag Bende. Pawar said when he became agriculture minister in the UPA govern-

ment, he and then PM Manmohan Singh had flown to Vidarbha to meet the families of farmers who had died by suicide at that time. "Within three years, the agriculture production of the country improved. Today, again, farmers are dying by suicide. But the present government is not bothered about it," he said.

'WHO IS WHO' AT SAS NAGAR (MOHALI)

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