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## Miniscule fraction of carbon smoke not permissible yet PCCPL emanates freely

**Commissioner News Service**  
**DERABASSI** : The Punjab Chemicals and Crop Protection Ltd seems to be hellbent to destroy quintessential fabric of the environment where we daily breathe oxygen. Under the Air Pollution Act. The National Green Tribunal, other day cautioned on rising air carbon pollution as the environment was successively being sullied subjecting it to rendering unworthy air for inhaling with toxic elements. Against the intense carbon emission, disseminated by PCCPL on Mubarikpur road, no action for withdrawing consent to operate has been initiated so far in pursuant of Air (Pollution) Sec 21, 22



Act 1981, and Environment Pollution Act 1986. Recently, under the constant watch of National Green Tribunal, the Central Pollution Control Board for the violation of air and water pollution norms, heavy penalty on five Haryana Thermal Plants has been

imposed due to emanation of fly ash and germinating health hazards in their respective regions. Notwithstanding the facts, the substantial amount of penalty amounting to Rs 18 lakh levied by Central pollution Control Board since March 2021 corroborates the evidence of serious



view taken by the environmental authorities . It has to be underlined here that the Central Pollution Control Board has to unequivocally regulate the sanctity of environment for cleanliness of air for disease free life. Why the unstoppable poisonous smoke is



being given loose rope to run its shameless, destructive emission and no regulatory monitoring mechanism is yet constituted to carryout random checks, point out vulnerable inhabitants in the vicinity of Bhakharpur village. Unscientific management of flyash does



adversely impact health of all living beings, otherwise enforcement of norms are deliberately being put aside for the reason best known to the authorities. The frequent emission plauge the skin, eyes and health of lungs leaving nothing to applaud and breathe on this earth planet, says



Monika Bansal a retired biological teacher. The propagation of carbon smoke was noticed by the scribes of CNS on 17th March and video clips were sent to the Mohali Pollution Control office after apprising of the toxic smoke being emanated without taking care of the environment

hazard. It is pertinent to mention vulnerability of the location of Punjab Chemicals and Crop Protection Ltd, which can be noticed very easily on the Delhi-Chandigarh highway and yet the industrial pharmaceutical unit keeps managing its hazardous discharge of carbon smoke infringing the Air (Pollution) under section 21, 22 Act 1981 and Environmental Pollution Act 1986. While talking to XEN Gursharan Dass Garg about the continual discharge of carbon smoke and its hazards, he said necessary action would be taken inaccordance with the air pollution law.

## Putin, Xi embrace dearly in Kremlin

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOSCOW** : Xi's first visit of abroad since obtaining a third term in February, comes just days after the International Criminal Court (ICC) called for Putin's arrest for war crimes in Ukraine. The Chinese President Xi Jinping has visited the Kremlin on March 20 to dine with his "dear friend" Vladimir Putin. The timing of the visit led the US to accuse China of providing Russia with "diplomatic cover" for additional crimes. Putin and Xi held informal talks for almost 4.5 hours, with official talks scheduled for March 21. Putin told Xi he had respect for China's proposals to resolve the Ukraine conflict, stating that he was "slightly envious" of China's "very effective system for developing the economy and strength-



ening the state". For his part, Xi praised Putin, predicting that Russians would re-elect him in 2024. The Europe considers the ICC's arrest warrant to be reason enough to make Putin a pariah. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken stated that Xi's visit to Russia suggested that China was not holding

the Kremlin accountable for its actions in Ukraine. The US is concerned that China may arm Russia, a claim Beijing denies. Moscow signed a "no limits" partnership with Beijing in 2022, shortly before Putin ordered the invasion of Ukraine. Putin claims that Russia was threatened by Ukraine's moves towards the

West, but the West sees it as an unprovoked attack on an independent state. The war is believed to have killed tens of thousands of civilians and soldiers, with Moscow destroying Ukrainian cities, causing millions to flee, and annexing nearly a fifth of Ukraine. Kyiv, which cautiously welcomed Beijing's peace proposal, is circumspect towards China. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy stated that China arming Russia could lead to World War Three, but he believed it was unlikely. Putin and Xi's talks on Tuesday will provide Xi with detailed "clarifications" of Russia's position. The United States and several EU countries have provided military aid to Ukraine. The US announced

a military aid package worth \$350 million, which includes ammunition, rocket launchers, howitzers, infantry fighting vehicles, anti-tank weapons, and river boats. Several EU countries agreed to jointly buy one million rounds of 155 mm artillery shells for Ukraine. Fighting continues in Bakhmut, with Ukrainian forces holding out since last summer in the longest and bloodiest battle of the war. Moscow launched a winter offensive involving hundreds of thousands of reservists and convicts recruited from jails. The front line has barely moved for more than four months. Ukraine has mainly defended itself since November, aiming to deplete Russia's attacking forces before launching its own counteroffensive.

## Sukhdev Choudhry sensitizes on 2.25% relaxation of registration fee

### Flat buyers plagued by Bollywood builders

**Commissioner News Service**  
**ZIRAKPUR** : A significant cut of 2.25% in the registration fee for the properties upto 31st March has been announced by the Punjab Government. Nevertheless, the builders of Bollywood Peer Muchhala now are purportedly engaged in depriving of the privilege offered by the AAP regime, said Sukhdev Choudhary, the President Welfare Association and Joint Action Committee. Mr Choudhry has urged Aashika Jain,



Deputy Commissioner to enforce the relaxation in full spirits as certain society builders are not willfully getting the registration done for the flat/home buyers. The benefits of this remission has not been reaching the desirous innocent plot holders, home buyers,

they would continue paying transfer fee to the builder which is unethical. The Director of Bollywood Heights has submitted his resignation only to show and befool the flat buyers. The builder earlier used to get the registration done through Mohit Jain, a representative of the Bollywood Heights, now that also is being denied. The anguished buyers have also purchased stamp paper to avail the benefits facilitated by the Punjab government.

## Now, Metro or Metrolite for tricity

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : In order to remove the frequent snarls on tricity roads, the comprehensive mobility plan, including a mass rapid transport system (MRTS), prepared by the RITES for the Tricity, was finally orchestrated by the authorities of Tricity. During the discussion between the authorities in a meeting, most officials referred to the MRTS as Metro, although no final decision on the type has been taken. Mr Dharam Pal UT adviser said, "It can either be regular Metro or Metrolite, though, most likely it will be Metrolite. Most of it will be overground rather than underground. The final decision will be taken as per the detailed project report which will be prepared after a comprehensive ground survey." Metrolite caters to lower passenger capacity at a reduced cost than a Metro line. Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar suggested there was a need to connect Panchkula via Madhya Marg by MRTS to serve areas of PGI, Punjab and Haryana secretariat and Panjab University.



Khattar also suggested connecting the Haryana secretariat, assembly, high court, PGI and Panjab University in the first phase of the MRTS. He also stressed that measures also need to be taken to improve connectivity to Pinjore-Kalka and Zirakpur to Pinjore-Kalka segments. The chief principal secretary to the Haryana CM suggested that the road connectivity from Panchkula to Mohali airport may also be examined at the earliest for convenience of all commuters. Anmol Gagan Mann, Punjab tourism minister said the overall transport improvement proposals with respect to Mohali were in order and further suggestions would be communicated to the Chandigarh administration within a week for incorporation in the

final report. The principal secretary, housing and urban development, Punjab, advised to connect the MRTS from airport chowk, Mohali, to airport in first phase itself. Central funding will be mainly used for the MRTS project, generally in the 60:40 ratio. Other proposals will be carried out by the states and UT through localised funds. Banwarilal Purohit, Punjab governor and UT administrator presided over the meeting which was attended by Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar, Punjab tourism minister Anmol Gagan Mann, Chandigarh mayor Anup Gupta, Haryana chief secretary and senior officers from Punjab, Haryana, civil aviation, IAF and railway authorities and other stakeholders. The Haryana CM and Punjab minister appreciated the administration for preparation of comprehensive mobility plan for the Tricity through RITES and accepted the proposals to ease out the traffic and transportation problems of the Tricity.

## Stalled dog sterilization work resurrects at Mohali

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI** : Tenders were allotted for Rs 1,125 per dog. The contractor has set up a clinic at Phase 3, Industrial Area stray dog pound said, Navjot Kaur MC Commissioner. The contractor has set up an operation theatre and post sterilization care unit at the old dog pound in Phase 3. The stray dog was last done in September 2021. The contractor will apprehend and sterilize eight to dogs every day and leave them at the same place from where they were picked up after sterilization. The sterilized stray dog will be placed under observation for two days before being released in the area from where it was picked up. The contractor has also bought new stray dog catching wagons and appointed a specialized stray dog catching team. The operation started with the team catching



three stray dogs. The stray dog sterilization contract has been allotted and the process has already started. MC employee will check the extracted organs of the stray dog every day say be 4pm and the organs removed will be carefully disposed in line with biomedical waste norms. Strict instructions have been given to the contractor to get the organ disposal agencies only. Payment to the contractor will be made as per the organs removed," the MC commissioner said. The operation theatre will be managed and operated by the contractor.

## Vigilance questions Brahm Mahindra Ex Minister in disproportionate asset

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Former Punjab minister Brahm Mohindra on Friday appeared before the vigilance bureau and was grilled for over four hours related to a complaint of disproportionate assets. Former minister Brahm Mohindra on Friday appeared before the vigilance bureau (VB) and was grilled for over four hours related to a complaint of disproportionate assets. This is the first appearance by the six-time legislature who was the local government minister in previous Congress government in Punjab. He had skipped first summoning by the bureau citing poor health. While coming out of the VB headquarters here, Mohindra said he appeared before the VB in connection with an alleged DA complaint against him. "The VB's questions revolved



around that complaint and I tried by level best to satisfy the probe team on the issue. If I am called again, as a law-abiding citizen, I will appear once again. The VB is duty-bound to do whatever task is given to them by the government," Mohindra said. The former minister claimed that he had been a six-time MLA and cannot break a law. "I have an unblemished record. I will fully co-operate with the authorities," he said. The minister said he has given the details of all his properties and the income tax returns as sought by the VB.

## Research & innovation at G20 summit discussed by delegates

**Commissioner News Service**  
**AMRITSAR** : Delegates of G20 nations focused their discussion on strengthening research and promoting innovation during the second day of three day G20 event held here. The meeting was chaired by India chair K. Sanjay Murthy, secretary, higher education; with Sanjay Kumar Tiwari, secretary, ministry of skill development and entrepreneurship alternate chairs. The meeting also included presentations from Research Innovation Initiative Gathering (RIIG), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and UNICEF. The event brought together all G20 member countries, invited countries and international organisations to discuss the importance of knowledge sharing and collaboration to generate solutions to common global challenges. The G20 countries emphasized on



identifying and addressing problems that inhibit effective academic research collaboration. It was also acknowledged that in order to create a multiplier effect for a larger and more inclusive global advantage of our accumulated knowledge and innovative skills, there is now a need for stronger collaboration among countries in research and innovation. Some of the topics covered including developing a framework for joint collaboration for the exchange of researchers and students, international research, data privacy and other ethical concerns.

During the meeting , the delegates also emphasized gender equality and gender inclusion in research arena as well as improved grassroots participation, in order to bridge the gap between academia, the private sector, and society. Additionally , in the second and third sessions the discussion centered around the use of blended learning to achieve Foundational Literacy and Numeracy, the importance of Teacher Training to induce creativity in classroom teaching bt designing learning materials, and the development of skill development frameworks. Collaboration was again a key point of the session with discussions revolving around building partnership with wider stakeholders including industry to create opportunities for vocational learning for students to bridge the skill gaps and imbalances across G20 nations.

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2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408 Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715 Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473 (Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444 Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
**PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS, FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC**  
1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (*For Shoes, Bags*), SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur  
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3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044 Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
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1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218 Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
**INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK**  
1. Insurance 8872135535 Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim  
2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571 SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur  
3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985 Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur  
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2. Ekam General Store, 9941934567 \*\*Wide range of Cosmetics, Jewellers, Embroideries, Purse etc.\*\* Shop no. 112, Old MC Office road, ZRK  
3. Saini General Store, 9814798003, 9814003377 \*\*Varities of Under Garments and School Uniforms etc\*\* Chd-Amb road, Main Bazar, Zirkapur  
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EDITORIAL -

Charm offensive in Europe for Sino end?

The challenges were 'beyond our expectation and makes the point that priority was given to people-centric policies that ensured stable growth, employment and prices in spite of these challenges. On the employment front touching are not going well 5% since 2019, but it is touching 20% for new and recent entrants in the job market, and this is the segment from which political agitation might start. The party appears concerned at this possibility and the report is intended to send these segments a clear message of continuing policy support. The NPC (National People's Congress) was deeply shaken by the public mood at the end of last year when zero-Covid became unbearable, and it is almost as if the report wants to drive home that the party is listening and addressing their concerns. The first session of the 14th National People's Congress (NPC) of China opened in Beijing on March 5. With nearly 3,000 members it is, in nominal terms, the largest parliament in the world but, in reality, the full membership meets only once annually for two weeks. For the rest of the year, it 'outsources' legislative authority to a standing committee of around 175 carefully selected legislators who 'sanctify' the decisions taken by the communist party of China. This NPC has reelected Xi Jinping as president for an unprecedented third term after a constitutional amendment abolished the two term limit in 2018, putting to rest the fiction of 'collective leadership'. Han Zheng, the outgoing executive vice premier, will be vice president, a constitutional position that, until Xi became president in 2012, was held only by the heir-presumptive. That is not nominated an heir -but the position is still important. Han would be an acceptable face for the party secretary of Shanghai he had good relations with Western business. The state council will also be formally reshuffled. Li Qiang, who already holds the second highest position in the communist party, will be the new Chinese premier. Ding Xuexiang, Xi's trusted confidante, will be executive vice premier. A point of interest will be whether the new foreign minister, Qin Gang, is elevated to the position of state councilor, which might signal the high importance that Xi attaches to foreign policy during a time when, in his own words, "Western countries led by the US have imposed all round containment, blockade and suppression of China." The process of party-state integration, which

Rs 10, Rs 12 per km charges for plain and hilly area fixed by UT

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The uniform charges Rs 10 per km for plain areas and Rs 12 per km for hilly areas will be made. The charge will be Rs 300 per trip within the tricity and for outside trips. The Chandigarh Administration has fixed charges for ambulance service within and outside the UT. The Administration decided that the National Ambulance Service-112 will continue to provide free service within the UT. However, in case all six ambulances are occupied, the ambulance of UT Red Cross Society may be provided, for which the Health Department, UT, will make a payment of Rs 300 per trip. For ambulance service outside the city, the UT Red Cross Society, NGOs and private ambulance operators have been brought on board on an experimental basis. Their contact details will be made available to 112 operators in the Police Control Room to facilitate paid ambulance service. Any complaint of overcharging or misbehaviour against ambulance operators could be lodged by on '112', which will be passed on to the Director of Health & Family Welfare at the GMSH-16 for necessary action. The move is expected to bring in transparency and uniformity in ambulance service charges and prevent fleecing by ambulance operators. Chandigarh has six basic life



support ambulances that are operated through the National Ambulance Service. These ambulances shift patients from their location to any government health care facility in the city. When a call is received on '112', a computer operator from the Health Department refers it to the ambulance stationed closest to the location of the caller or the site of the incident. All ambulances are GPS-enabled for real-time tracking. The average response time is 15 minutes.

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G20 event 3rd phase at Chandigarh's Rock Garden on March 29



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The Chandigarh Administration has directed the Municipal Corporation (MC) to organise an event at the third phase of the Rock Garden on March 29. The next G20 meet is scheduled to be held at different locations in the city from March 29 to 31. As per the MC, various arrangements, including setting up of different stalls with proper branding, a stage with colourful umbrella tentage and hanging decorative lights, panels with a village theme, sound system, DJ and power backup, would be done for the programme. The aim is to create a village-themed ambience. Arrangements such as food stalls, tentage services and expo event services will be made through the Government e Marketplace (GeM) at the Rock Garden Phase 3. In addition to this, dance performances by Punjabi and Haryanvi folk artistes will be presented at the event. The programme will be documented. The Art and Culture Head of the MC will present an agenda before the Finance and Contract Committee for the approval of Rs 13 lakh expenditure to organise the programme for the G20 delegates.

UTCA to organise 'Gully Cricket' tournament from April 6



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The Gully Cricket would be organised from April 6 by the Union Territory Cricket Association (UTCA) and Chandigarh Police. The UTCA has confirmed that the 'Gully Cricket' Tournament will start from April 6. The tournament will be organised for youth aged

between 14 years and 18 years. The matches will be played under a 10-over format (each) with a tennis ball to avoid any injury. Exhibition matches of Administration XI, Councillor XI, Press Club XI, CA XI and other teams will also be organised on weekends.

10-yr imprisonment in POCSO case

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The police registered a case against the accused on a complaint of the victim's mother on July 18, 2019 for the offences punishable under Section 376 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012. Swati Sehgal, Special Judge, Fast Track Court, Chandigarh, has sentenced a person to undergo 10 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) in a POCSO case after rejecting his plea for leniency to marry a victim. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 10,000 on the convict. The woman told the police said she, along with her husband and children, was residing in a colony in Chandigarh. Her minor daughter told her that the accused called her at his house and developed physical relations with her forcibly. He also asked her not to disclose the incident to anyone. On the pretext of disclosing the incident, the accused blackmailed her daughter and raped her repeatedly. One day, her daughter complained of abdominal pain. The girl was taken to a doctor where she was found two-month pregnant. After the completion of investigation, a challan was presented in the court. Finding prima facie case, the court framed charges against



the accused for the offences punishable under Section 376 of the IPC and Section 6 of the POCSO Act, 2012. The counsel for the accused argued that the accused was falsely implicated in the case. He argued that the prosecutrix was in love with the accused before the incident. As they were neighbours, they used to meet each other. It was even in the knowledge of the families of the accused and the prosecutrix. Both families were ready for their marriage after the prosecutrix attained the age of 18 years. The counsel prayed for leniency in view of the fact that he was married to the victim several months ago and they were living happy married life. The public prosecutor said the prosecution proved the case beyond a shadow of doubt. After hearing the arguments, the court sentenced the accused to undergo rigorous imprisonment for 10 years after convicting him under the charges framed against him and pay a fine of Rs 10,000.

List of books, articles to be displayed on board by private school : UT

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The schools have been advised not to force parents to purchase books, stationery items from a particular bookshop. The Department of Education in Chandigarh has issued guidelines to all Unaided Recognised Schools in the area, directing them to display a list of books, uniforms, and other articles required for each class on their notice boards and websites. The department has been in regular contact with private schools to ensure that parents do not face any hardship while purchasing books and other items. To facilitate a smooth transition to the new academic session, the department has been holding



regular meetings with school principals and bookshop owners to resolve any outstanding issues and avoid a last-minute rush for purchases. Bookshop owners have also been advised to ensure transparency and fairness while catering to the demands of parents. The Department of Education has acknowledged its role in the admission process and has pledged to work with all stakeholders to ensure a smooth start to the 2023-24 academic session, without any inconvenience to parents or schools. To avoid a rush at bookstores during the last few days of the session, parents have been advised to purchase school books and other required items as soon as possible. These steps are aimed at ensuring that the process of purchasing school books and other items is carried out smoothly and fairly, without causing any hassle to parents or students.

Rs 5-crore projects cleared by Mohali F&CC

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Among the approved works are of the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation worth about Rs 60 lakh, which mainly involve repair and reconstruction of sewer lines and cleaning of roads. The Finance and Contracts Committee (F&CC) of the MC issued development work orders worth Rs 4 crore and approved new projects worth Rs 5 crore.



Mayor Amarjit Singh Sidhu said work orders had been issued regarding the contract for manual sweeping in all zones to improve cleanliness in the city. Apart from this, work orders were also issued for the repair work of public toilets. During the meeting, the task of developing four sites handed over by GMADA to the MC for creating street vending zones was passed. The resolutions for the development of various wards of the city were also approved, Sidhu added.

T20 event commemorating Capt Vikram Batra begins on March 26

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : The T-20 tournament will be organised by Livewire Coaching Centre at Divya Public School, Sector 44. The Captain Vikram Batra Memorial T20 Cricket Tournament will start from March 26. The teams belonging to registered bodies such as



companies, educational institutions or clubs from the tricity can participate in the event.

5G services launched by Jio at Chandigarh University

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Reliance Jio is the first operator to roll out 5G services on the CU campus, covering all its blocks, departments, halls, hostels, eating joints, classrooms, fun zones, sports facilities, training centers, R&D centres, medical setups, markets, etc. Reliance Jio launched Jio True 5G services at Chandigarh University (CU). Under the Jio Welcome Offer, users at CU will be able to experience unlimited data at up to 1 Gbps+ speed with no additional cost. Over 50,000 students and staff



members will be benefitted from the services. Chandigarh University Chancellor Satnam Singh Sandhu said, "With the rollout of 5G services on the campus, students studying from all across the country and abroad will be benefitted as they will now have access

to revolutionary 5G technology. It will equip them with innumerable opportunities in terms of learning and research in emerging areas like artificial intelligence (AI), virtual reality, gaming, automation, e-governance, healthcare, IT and ITes and others.

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# Snowfall in some parts of Shimla

**Commissioner News Service**  
**SHIMLA :** A 'yellow' alert for thunderstorms, lightning and hailstorm at isolated places in low and mid hills has been issued by the weather office for March 24. The MeT office has forecast a wet spell in the region till March 26. Snowfall was witnessed in some parts of Shimla, including Kufri and Narkanda, while hailstorm also lashed some parts of Shimla and Sirmour districts on Monday. Moderate to heavy rains were witnessed in several other areas of the state, the MeT office here said on Monday. Videos of fresh snowfall in Baghi area of Kotkhai subdivision in upper Shimla area are surfacing



the internet. Rajgarh in Sirmour district recorded the highest rainfall at 80 mm followed by Solan at 46 mm, Chauri 31 mm, Arki 34 mm, Shimla 25 mm, Manali, Sundernagar and Narkanda received 22 mm each, Kufri 21 mm and Dalhousie 20mm. Meanwhile, Shilaroo, Kangra and Dhaulakaun received 15 mm rainfall each, Chamba, Kotkhai and Kothi 12 mm each, Bhoraanj, Theog and Seobagh 10 mm each, Baijnath and Tinder 9 mm

## Dual fuel diesel, gas genset permissible in NCR from May 15

**Commissioner News Service**  
**FARIDABAD :** Only generator sets converted to dual fuel (70 per cent gas and 30 per cent diesel) shall be permitted in the region where gas infrastructure is available, reads the CAQM order dated February 9. The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has banned the use of diesel generator sets for the industrial and commercial sector in the National Capital Region (NCR) from May 15. The deadline for generator sets fitted with Retrofit Emission Control Device (RECD) is September 30. There is no restriction on the use of 100 per cent gas-based generator sets. Official sources said the uncontrolled use of diesel generator sets had been found to be a major contributor to the deteriorating air quality in the region. "Under Section 12 (1) of an Act, the CAQM is vested with powers to take all measures, issue directions,



as it deems necessary or expedient for the purpose of protecting and improving the quality of air in the National Capital Region and adjoining areas," says the order. The CAQM observed that a large number of diesel generator sets had been operating in the region, even when a ban was imposed under the GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan), causing air pollution. "Now, with a view to comprehensively prevent and control air pollution, the CAQM directed that use of the diesel generator sets (capacity up to 800KW) shall be permitted in the NCR only subject to their

each, Rohru 7 mm, Mashobra, Saloni and Jubbal 6 mm each and Kumarsain 5 mm. Himachal Pradesh's rain deficit till March 20 has reduced to 70 per cent as the state received 22.5 mm of rain against normal rainfall of 75.2 mm. An appreciable fall has been registered in the maximum temperatures in the past 24 hours and Nahan with 23.1 degrees was the hottest during the day.

## Panchkula hospital awaits testing kits for H2N3



**Commissioner News Service**  
**PANCHKULA :** Due to non-availability of H2N3 testing kits at General Hospital here, samples are being sent to the PGI in Chandigarh for testing. Till date, a case each of H1N1 and H2N3 has surfaced in the district. Even as the Health Department has issued directions to take samples of suspected patients of cold and send these for examination, but there are no testing kits available at the health centres. Even at the district level, the process of taking samples for testing has not started properly. Doctors at all health centres have been instructed to closely monitor patients suffering from cold, cough and fever. At the same time, doctors said there was no need to panic due to this virus as it was a seasonal flu only. People should take medicines on doctor's advice in case of cough, fever and cold. If the health of children worsens, medicine should be given on a

paediatrician's advice. At present, investigation of influenza is being done in the Civil Hospital and the authorities have urged the higher-ups to provide kits for testing. Right now, samples of only symptomatic patients are being taken. Dr Umesh Modi, Principal Medical Officer, General Hospital, said tests for influenza virus were being done at the General Hospital and if found positive, tests were being conducted to identify the strain. He said at present, no H2N3 patient was admitted to the hospital. Dr Mukta Kumar, Chief Medical Officer, Health Department, Panchkula, said, "We have issued an advisory to all hospitals and health centres. Sampling has not yet started at the health centre level. Health centres have been directed to upload the data of patients having difficulty in breathing and critically ill on the portal.

## MC warns XEN against lapses in electrical work bank guarantee

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** After the lapse came to light, Executive Engineer (Horticulture) Kuldeep Singh has been warned to be careful in future while performing his duties. He has been further told to obtain the bank guarantee from the agency as per terms and condition of the allotment. Close on the heels of a parking contractor submitting fake bank guarantees, the Municipal Corporation (MC) has now found that a contractor of electrical works has submitted a bank guarantee only for one year instead of mandated five years. According to information, the electrical work of Animal Birth Control Centre for stray dogs at Raipur Kalan was allotted to the city-based PK Enterprises on September 8 in 2020 for Rs 9.99 lakh with a bank guarantee of Rs 50,000 valid up to September 20, 2021. Hence, the official order stated that he violated clause 11 of the terms and condition of the allotment. It was viewed as lapse



on the part of the officer. In November last year, the Chief Engineer asked Kuldeep Singh to explain his position. The Executive Engineer replied that the agency had submitted a performance bank guarantee amounting to Rs 50,000 in the shape of fixed deposit receipt (FDR) valid till September 26, 2023. The agency has also submitted that the FDR shall further be extended for a period of two years. The final bill of the said agency will not be passed until the renewed bank guarantee is submitted by the agency. No financial loss is occurred to the Municipal Corporation on account of performance guarantee, he claimed.

## Clear OROP arrears by Feb next year: SC to govt

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** As the government failed to pay One Rank, One Pension (OROP) arrears to retired armed forces personnel within the time limit fixed by it under a 2022 judgment, the Supreme Court on Monday set fresh deadlines for clearing the dues in a staggered manner after the Centre highlighted financial difficulties faced by it. A Bench led by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud asked the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to pay the Rs 28,000 crore OROP arrears for 2019-2022 to various categories of pensioners between April 30, 2023, and February 28, 2024. "The Union Government is duty-bound



to comply with the judgment of this court in the terms of the OROP scheme," said the Bench which also included Justice PS Narasimha and Justice JB Pardiwala. The top court directed that the six lakh family pensioners and gallantry award winners "will be paid their OROP dues by April 30, 2023," while around four to five lakh retired servicemen aged 70 years and above shall be paid their OROP dues in one or more instalments by June 30 this year.

The OROP dues for 10-11 lakh remaining pensioners shall be paid in three equal instalments by February 28, 2024, it said. On behalf of ex-servicemen, senior counsel H Ahmad demanded that interest should be paid on the delayed arrears, but the Bench turned it down. Out of 25 lakh pensioners, four lakh did not qualify for the OROP scheme as they were getting enhanced pension, the Bench noted.

## 3 STPs to be upgraded by Apr 30, Chandigarh Adviser assures Smart City

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** Speaking about the upgradation projects, Dharam Pal, the advisor to administrator said "Once the STPs are upgraded, these will be compliant with NGT norms of less than 10 biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). One plant at Maloya is already compliant and two other plants at Dhanas and 3 BRD have been upgraded and are under stabilisation," he said. Taking up the matter of liquid waste management seriously, UT Adviser Dharam Pal visited 5 Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) of the Municipal Corporation at Raipur Kalan, Raipur Khurd, Diggian, 3 BRD and Dhanas. Taking a serious view of the delay in the completion of three plants, the Adviser issued



directions to Smart City Chandigarh to ensure that the upgrade work was completed by April 30, failing which the contractor would be heavily penalised. For the upgraded STPs, he directed that flow meters were set up at the inflow and outflow points. He also directed that a detailed plan be prepared for proper utilisation of tertiary treated water being produced. All STPs are being upgraded through Smart City Mission funds and would be handed over to the MC for operation and maintenance.

With the completion of these projects, about 50 MGD of tertiary treated water would be produced. It would be used to water all 1,800 parks and gardens of Chandigarh as well as for industrial purposes. This would not only enhance the sewerage treatment capacity of the city, but also reduce the reliance on groundwater. Nitin Yadav, Secretary, Local Government; Anindita Mitra, MC Commissioner; Aarul Rajan, member secretary, CPCC; and NP Sharma, Chief Engineer, MC; were also present.

# केश कान्ति

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- ब्राई स्कैल्प को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- दो मूँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये

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- बेजान बालों को डीप कंडिशन करके नरिश करे
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- झड़नेस हटाकर बालों को चमक दे

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- उन्हें रिपेयर करके हेल्दी ग्रोथ दे
- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत बनाकर उन्हें झड़ने से रोके

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## Rs 20 k bribe lands two officials of Food Supplies in net

**Commissioner News Service**  
**YAMUNANAGAR** : Inspector Satpal Singh, in-charge of the ACB, Yamunanagar, said the accused had been identified as Vikas Chand, an accountant, and Azad Singh, a clerk, posted at the Yamunanagar office of the department. A team of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested two officials of the District Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Yamunanagar, while they were taking a bribe of Rs 20,000. He said complainant Gulab Singh of Batheri village informed them that they had a ration depot (a fair price



shop for the public distribution system) in the name of his wife at his village. He said Gulab Singh alleged that the officials of the District Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Yamunanagar, were demanding part of their earnings from the commission as bribe. He said that Vikas Chand and Azad Singh were

arrested this afternoon while taking the bribe of Rs 20,000 from Gulab Singh. He said the accused would be produced in court on Saturday. Earlier, a team of the ACB had arrested Inspector Dharampal Singh while taking a bribe of Rs 50,000 at the police station on March 10. Dharampal Singh was posted as the SHO at the Sadhaura police station and he allegedly demanded Rs 50,000 from the complainant for allowing 20 overloaded trucks/vehicles involved in the transportation of mining material to pass through his area.

## Ex Judges “Anti-India gang” remark tarnishes judiciary and threaten judges : Sanjay Raut

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MUMBAI** : Speaking at the ‘India Today Conclave’ in the national capital on Saturday, Rijiju had claimed that a few retired judges and some activists who are "part of the anti-India gang" are trying to make the Indian judiciary play the role of the opposition party. Reacting to the remarks while talking to reporters here, Raut said, "What kind of democracy is this? Does it suit a law minister to threaten the judiciary? It is a threat to judges who refuse to bow down to the government and it's an attempt to pressure the judiciary." Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut on Sunday alleged that Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju's remark that a few retired judges are part of an "anti-India gang" are an



attempt to pressure the judiciary and threaten judges. Criticising the government doesn't mean being against the nation, Raut said. The Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) MP also said that after Rahul Gandhi spoke about the threats to democracy in the country, there is now a move to get the Congress leader suspended from the Lok Sabha. To a question on the demand that Gandhi should apologise for his comments, Raut said, "Rahul Gandhi will not apologise and why should

he be?" "Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders have in fact spoken against the country and its political leaders on foreign soil," he charged. The BJP has been demanding an apology from Rahul Gandhi over his recent remarks he made in London, in which he alleged that the structures of Indian democracy are under attack and there is a "full-scale assault" on the country's institutions. The remarks triggered a political slugfest, with the BJP accusing him of maligning India on foreign soil and seeking foreign interventions, and the Congress hitting back at the ruling party by citing previous instances of Prime Minister Narendra Modi raising internal politics abroad.

## CM’s flying squad seizes e-cigarettes, puff packets in Gurugram

**Commissioner News Service**  
**GURUGRAM** : The CM’s flying squad seized 6,000 packets of puffs used in e-cigarettes. The seized stuff is worth Rs 20 lakh. The squad raided a shop in Sushant Lok, Phase I, Gurugram, and seized 172 boxes of foreign cigarettes and 77 packets of e-cigarettes. Youngsters are targeted for e-cigarettes and it costs around Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000. It is made available online too. The Gurugram’s Drug Control Department and the intelligence wing also participated in the raid. The CM’s flying squad



recently registered 13 cases of the sale of foreign cigarettes and e-cigarettes. Youngsters are targeted for e-cigarettes and it costs around Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000. It is made available online too. The Gurugram’s Drug Control Department and the intelligence wing also participated in the raid.

## Mahie Gill praises “Ek Bharat-Shreshta Bharat” meets BJP leader Tarun Chugh



**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : Mahie Gill assured BJP general secretary Tarun Chugh of her contribution to spread Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s message of “Ek Bharat-Shreshta Bharat” in Punjab. Film star Mahie Gill met BJP national general secretary Tarun Chugh in New Delhi, sparking speculation about her joining

politics. In a press release, Chugh hailed Mahie for her interest in the Prime Minister’s messages of national interest. “The thinking of the youth of any country determines the future of the country. Due to the tireless efforts and efforts of PM Modi, India is the fifth fastest growing economy in the world, soon we will reach the third position,” he said.

## Environmental norms violated by 2 plastic waste recycling units

**Commissioner News Service**  
**JHAJJAR** : Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) raided two factories in Parnala village and found them guilty of discharging chemical waste directly into the sewer lines. No effluent treatment plant was set up in any of the reprocessing of plastic waste units, said sources. Untreated chemical-mixed liquid is being discharged into sewer lines by some factories in the Bahadurgarh region of the district in violation of the environmental norms. They said the action was taken by the HSPCB while acting on a complaint alleging that both the units were being run without fulfilling the mandatory parameters set to protect the environment. “These factories were being operated for the past few



months. Plastic waste was brought here from Delhi for reprocessing. It was first shredded and then washed in the units to make it usable again,” the sources added. Amit Dahiya, Assistant Environmental Engineer, HSPCB, Bahadurgarh, said untreated liquid waste couldn’t be discharged directly into the sewer lines or any water body, hence every industrial unit was mandatorily required to install effluent treatment plant on its premises to treat the dirty water as per the Provisions of Water

(Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act 1974. “The samples of the liquid waste of both the units Shri Shyam Plastic and Shri Guru Plastic — have been taken and sent for laboratory test. Since the HSPCB chairman has the power to seal such factories so he has been apprised of the situation. Further action will be taken as per the report of the samples,” Dahiya said, adding that many such units had been sealed in the past after being found polluting the water by discharging effluents.

## Joblessness slowly vanishing in Himachal Pradesh, registers minor decrease



8,300 unemployed youths. Out of 4,75,156 employed persons, 2,79,365 persons were employed in the government sector in 4,417 establishments, while 1,95,791 people were employed in the private sector in 1,824 establishments as on March 31, 2021, as per the Economic Survey. As the job avenues in the public sector are shrinking and the private sector keen only on hiring skilled and highly skilled workers, the government has started several skill development programmes, introducing emerging trades in technical institutions and updating vocational courses to

enhance the employability of workers. The Himachal Pradesh Kaushal Vikas Nigam (HPKVN) has launched several programmes in this direction, enrolling 57,781 people so far under its various skilled development programmes. Out of them, 31,770 have been certified. The HP Skill Development Programme was started in 2018 with an outlay of Rs 827 crore, out of which, Rs 661 crore contributed by Asian Development Bank. The government is also giving an allowance of Rs 1,000 per month for skill development courses to each aspirant, and Rs 1,500 to people with more than 50 per cent permanent disability. Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu who presented the budget for 2023-24 told media that the government had set a target to generate 90,000 jobs in the public and private sector this year.



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Stir igniting Khalistanis discussed with Australian PM

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**NEW DELHI :** PM Narendra Modi has taken up issue related to the activities of pro Khalistan elements with his counterpart Anthony Albanese in their meeting last week. Albanese had assured him that the safety of Indian community is a special priority for his government.  
There an honorary consulate and not a Consul General of India. I understand small number of protesters were reported. For a little while there were some disruptions. But it is not closed," said MEA spokesperson Arindam Bagchi.  
"The honorary consulate continues to function normally providing



necessary services. I would not like to comment on footage which have not been confirmed," he added.  
The official said India has taken up the issue with the Australian authorities. "We have taken it up with the government. You heard the Prime Minister taking it up with the Australian Prime Minister and we have been taking up on a regular basis whenever such inci-

dents occur. Unfortunately these have occurred a number of times," Bagchi said.  
"Our teams are in touch and that's how we have taken this up quickly. I am not going to get into the composition or the level of the teams but they are in touch", he further said.  
India has raised with Australian the issue of Khalistan supporters disrupting the functioning of its honorary consulate in Brisbane, the government said.  
The MEA said though that the honorary consulate of India continued to function normally and that the disruptions lasted only for Little while.

Administrator to transfer more than 600 acre land to MC

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** The Revenue dept of Chandigarh Admin would shortly transfer the shaamlat land lying in different villages to the Municipal corporation.  
The detailed report of the shaamlat land has already been prepared and sent to Secretary finance and the estate for onward submission to local department after procuring the approval of the Administrator Chandigarh.



The Civic body would get Zoning plan prepared from the planning department. After finalization of zoning plan the details for raising, shopping, Centre small industrial

sheds, residential building, banquet Hall, Community Centre or Sport Complex would be chalked out for execution of the visionary development. Under the small scale industry various enterprises like dairy, welding, manufacturing oil industry. All these villages would be developed afresh as a series of model villages. The work in Maloya and Dhanas villages has already begun.

Pulling down of Indian flag protested by Sikhs at London mission



**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI :** Carrying the tricolour and placards, Sikh protesters raised the slogan "Bharat humara swabhiman hai (India is our pride)" and said that they will not tolerate any insult to the national flag.  
Several people belonging to the Sikh community gathered outside the British High Commission in Chanakyapuri here on Monday to protest pro-Khalistan separatists pulling down the Indian flag at the Indian High Commission in London a day earlier.  
The tricolour flying atop the Indian High Commission in London was grabbed at by a group of protesters waving separatist Khalistani flags and chanting pro-Khalistani slogans on Sunday, leading to an arrest related to the violent disorder. Officials from the mission said the "attempted but failed" attack had been foiled and that the tricolour was now flying "grander". The Metropolitan Police said two members of

security staff sustained minor injuries which did not require hospital treatment. An investigation has been launched.  
India on Sunday night summoned the British deputy high commissioner and demanded an explanation over the complete "absence of security". In a strongly-worded statement, the Ministry of External Affairs said India finds "unacceptable" the indifference of the UK government to the security of Indian diplomatic premises and personnel in the UK.  
The UK government will take the security of the Indian High Commission here "seriously", top British officials have said as they condemned as "disgraceful" and "completely unacceptable" the vandalism at the mission.  
The banned terrorist organisation, Sikhs For Justice, is conducting a so-called "Referendum 2020" amid a crackdown on pro-Khalistan leader Amritpal Singh in Punjab.

"Dayalu Yojana" launched to provide finance against expiry

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** "Dayalu Yojana" will include an amount of Rs 2 lakh under Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojna and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana.  
Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar while launching the scheme said that scheme aims to provide financial assistance in case of death natural or accidental, permanent disability in respect of a member of a family have an annual income under Rs 1.8 lakh as verified in the Family Information Data Repository database.  
Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas will be the implementing agency for the Dayalu scheme. "With an aim to bring various insurance



scheme under one umbrella, Haryana Parivar Suraksha Nyas has been established. The state government, through this system, is ensuring standardization and simplification of the process of claims apart from providing direct benefits to the people," said Khattar.  
The Haryana government launched its Dayalu Yojana with an aim to provide financial assistance in case of death of a person. The scheme will provide financial

assistance which would vary depending on the age of the beneficiary.  
Divulging the details about the claim procedure, Khattar said that the claim shall be filed by the beneficiary or claimant through the online portal of the scheme within three months of accidental death or natural death or permanent disability.  
In case of death, the assistance amount shall be paid to the head of the family in their bank account registered in the PPP database.  
As the finance minister, in the budget speech of the year 2023-24, I have announced the benefit of this scheme, he added. The assistance would vary depending on the age of the beneficiary.

Commercial areas too join in offering waste collection

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH :** The charges fixed after deliberation with traders' organizations and approved by the general house of the MC will vary between Rs 150 per month to Rs 5,000 per month, depending upon the size of the establishment.  
Unlike residential properties, the fee will be charged only through property tax bills on annual basis. With the sanitation department sharing the data with tax department a provision for the garbage charges will be made in property tax bill to be



sent to occupiers of the commercial property.  
With this going curiosity, municipal corporation (MC) is ready to begin door-to-door garbage collection from commercial and industrial areas of

the city from the new financial year in a phased manner. As the number of commercial establishments is huge, sources in the MC said the system will initially start from a few areas and gradually the entire city will be covered.  
This is because many commercial properties don't have water connections. It will also be convenient for both the property owner and the authority. The decision had been discussed and approved by members of the house," a senior official said.

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Kirron Kher MP tests positive for Covid-19

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**MUMBAI :** Taking to Twitter, the Chandigarh MP shared the news and wrote, "I have tested positive for Covid. So anyone who has come in contact with me please get yourself tested." wrote Kirron Kher MP.  
In 2021, Kirron was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a type of blood cancer. She bounced back after her cancer recovery and was one of the judges on the reality show, India's Got Talent.  
Loved by many, Kirron has delivered memorable performances in several Bollywood films.  
Kirron has played a lot of motherly roles throughout her career which is why she is now known as the quintessential mother in Bollywood films. She has earned a lot of praise for her roles in 'Devdas', 'Rang De Basanti', 'Hum Tum', 'Dostana', 'Main Hoon Na' and others.



She is the wife of actor Anupam Kher. Meanwhile, on the work front, Anupam will be seen in 'The Vaccine War' and 'Emergency'. 'The Vaccine War' revolves around India's contributions in the race to produce a Covid-19 vaccine during the pandemic. It is helmed by Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri. 'Emergency' is Kangana Ranaut's directorial and revolves around the life of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. On the other hand, Kirron is mainly busy with her political work as a BJP MP from Chandigarh.

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Electricity Complaint : 9646115973 (Online)  
Police Control Room : 100, 0172-2210357, 58  
DSP Office : 0172-2272003, 0172-2272045  
SSP Office : 0172-2270575, 76, 77  
PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11  
Punjab School Education Board : 3047444  
Industrial Area : 0172-2250910  
Police Station Ph-1, 0172-2272850, Ph-II, 9115516027, 9115516015  
Police Station Mataur : 9115516020  
Police Station Suhana : 9115516029  
Police Station Balaugi : 9115516040  
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Mohali Division Electricity Complaint Number : 9646115973

**COMPLAINTS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL**  
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PRTC : 0172-2704128  
Haryana Roadways : 0172-2704014,  
Himachal Roadways : 0172-2704014  
Railway : 0172-2641656  
Airport : 0172-2654832  
FUNERAL PHONE : 9914855855  
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