

EDITORIAL —

Significant role in COP28 climate conference

Many countries, especially the rich ones, habitually deliver pious homilies at every COP only to be forgotten until the next such conference is round the corner. They too are experiencing the effects of global warming and other weather challenges, but unlike the UAE, some of them don't care and others prefer to deal with the symptoms instead of curing the disease.

Donald Trump, who may well return in January 2025 as the US President, does not even believe that climate change is real. He pulled the US out of international climate treaties which previous administrations had signed. Heavy rain and thunderstorms disrupted routine life throughout the United Arab Emirates on Friday. Schools switched to online classes, offices and businesses asked employees to work from home, cars were submerged and civic services were mobilised to ensure the residents' safety. It was not very long ago that Saudis, Kuwaitis, Emiratis and Bahrainis, richer by the oil boom in the 1970s, travelled to Mumbai to watch the monsoon. They would rent expensive sea-facing rooms at five-star hotels in Nariman Point and Gateway of India and sit on the balconies for hours, simply enjoying the experience of Mumbai's torrential downpour. Rain was something they did not have back home in the Gulf. That was then. Now, the same people often yearn to escape heavy showers where they live, downpours which cause colossal damage and even loss of lives at times. Residents in the Gulf are living the menacing reality of climate change.

The UK made tall promises about tackling the root causes of climate change when it hosted COP26 in Glasgow two years ago. In retrospect, the UK did this

because it did not want the prestigious event it was hosting to end in failure. Those promises, made together with the UK's fellow members of the rich man's club, the Group of Seven (G7), only paid lip service to environmental causes. The UK has gone back not only on those promises, but even on earlier ones, which it made at the historic COP21 in 2015, leading to the first legally binding international treaty on climate change, commonly known as the Paris Agreement.

A total of 196 parties signed this agreement. Now, UK's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak says those commitments, especially on 'mitigation'—reducing the flow of heat-trapping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere—are unacceptable in terms of costs they impose on the British people. The UAE, on the other hand, is not only prepared to accept these costs for itself, but also ready, during climate talks, to help others in alleviating the crisis through renewable energy investments, for example.

Until Prime Minister Narendra Modi changed course at COP21 in Paris, India was considered a problem on environmental issues. Now, it is part of the solutions. The UAE, which is hosting the upcoming COP28, is an exemplar of environmental solutions. In fact, India and the UAE are two models for the rest of the world in dealing with what is undeniably an existential challenge before humankind—protection of our planet. That is not the only reason why India is set to play a major role in pushing for collective global action during the COP in Dubai.

India's special relationship with the host country will prompt the Modi government to go the extra mile to make this month-end's climate change meeting advance the causes

for which it is being convened.

In January this year, Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber, the UAE's Minister for Industry and Advanced Technology, was named President-designate of this month-end's climate talks. Almost immediately, Al Jaber made his first overseas trip—to India. In Bengaluru, he unveiled his vision for COP28 before an international assembly. It is a gesture that India will not forget. During the past decade, Al Jaber has been a frequent visitor to India. His chemistry with India's leadership is well-known. In addition to being a Cabinet minister, Al Jaber is Group CEO of the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC).

When Modi was pulling up India's relations with the UAE by the bootstraps, Al Jaber played a crucial role in transforming the bilateral energy relationship from a mere buyer-seller arrangement into one where ADNOC guaranteed India's energy security. This augurs well for India and the UAE jointly advancing their shared, critical interests during COP28.

With Al Jaber's support as COP President, India is hoping that a paradigm shift in the international climate regime, complementing a country-centric approach with a people-centric approach, can be universalised. Central to that approach is the Modi government's Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE) movement. This people-oriented movement aims to promote a sustainable, low-consumption and healthy lifestyle. If LiFE gets global endorsement at COP28, it will be in direct contrast—in a Gandhian manner of thought and action—to the unsustainable, wasteful and consumerist lifestyle in rich countries that is guaranteed to further deplete resources on our planet.

Rs 30K recovered by CBI from Verka official



Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The CBI laid a trap and caught Ashim Kumar Sen, Deputy Manager, while demanding and accepting Rs 30,000 in bribe. Searches were conducted at his premises in Mohali and Patiala, which led to the recovery of incriminating documents. Ashim Kumar Sen was produced before the Court of Special Judge, CBI, who remanded him in judicial custody. The Deputy Manager (Production) of the Verka plant, Mohali, was running a firm in Chandigarh in the name of his wife and the company was awarded a

contract for providing manpower and security at the Verka plant. It was alleged that Ashim Kumar had been harassing the complainant and threatening him with cancellation of the contract. The complainant met the accused during which the latter allegedly demanded bribe of Rs 15,000 per month for next four or five months. It was also alleged that the accused told the complainant that if the amount was not paid, then the contract would be cancelled. After negotiation, the official agreed to accept Rs 30,000 in bribe.

PU Syndicate to meet on Nov 25



Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The PU authorities recently issued a circular instructing students benefitting from the Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) scheme directly through the Punjab Government to prepay the course and examination fees starting from the next session (2024–25). The recommendations of the panel to formulate guidelines for PhD students with regard to the creation of separate faculty for interdisciplinary studies will be taken into consideration. Besides, the creation of an additional seat for a transgender student in every course will be discussed in the Syndicate meet. The move drew widespread condemnation from the students. The committee

has decided to frame a policy during the meet for the payment of the exam fees by PMS candidates, which will later be reimbursed after the government clears its pending dues. A meeting of the Punjab University (PU) Syndicate is scheduled for November 25. Templates and application forms for the direct recruitment of professors and principals of constituent colleges will be presented for approval during the meet. A committee was formed to look into the grievances of the teachers of Guru Nanak National College in Doraha, Ludhiana, regarding irregularities in the payment of salaries in the last more than two years. The report of the panel will be looked into during the meet.

Free 2-wheeler parking to begin from Dec 1

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : “This is a Diwali gift to the residents of the city as well as visitors to market places. We had intended to provide a relief to two-wheeler riders for a long time. Though the tendering process for the same will take time, today being Diwali's eve, I have decided to announce free parking facility from December 1” said Gupta. Mayor Anup Gupta announced free parking for two-wheelers in all paid-parking sites that fall within the jurisdiction of the civic body from December 1. The General House of the MC had approved the agenda regarding free parking of two-wheelers in all parking sites in July. According to the agenda, all two-wheelers will be exempt from the parking fee. The Mayor said there were 89 parking sites in Chandigarh that were managed by the Municipal Corporation



and all had an equal parking space for two-wheelers as well as four-wheelers. At present, the corporation charges Rs 7 for two-wheeler parking. Parking for electric vehicles is already free. Car parking charges is Rs 14. However, in the last House meeting, it was approved that car parking charges would be Rs 15 for four hours. For parking up to 8 hours, Rs 20 will be charged. After that, Rs 10 will be charged per hour. However, there will be double the charges for cars registered outside the tricity. All rates will be applicable once FASTag-based smart parking system is introduced following tendering process.

User charges to streamline garbage waste collection



Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA : The monthly user fee for residential areas would be Rs 50 for units up to 50 sq m area, Rs 100 for sites above 50 sq m and up to 200 sq m, Rs 200 for units of sizes from above 200 sq m and up to 500 sq m, Rs 250 for units of sizes above 500 sq m and up to 1,000 sq m and Rs 350 for units of sizes above 1,000 sq m. The local Municipal Corporation has started collecting user solid waste management (SWM) charges from all residential, commercial and institutional units under its ambit. The charges were discussed and passed by the MC General House in September, and have been implemented from April 2023 after getting approval from the Local Government department. While MC officials claimed that collection of the charges will help streamline garbage waste collection, segregation and management, the fee has not gone down well with residents. The MC will collect charges from street vendors, commercial establishment shops and eateries, guest

houses and dharamshalas, hostels, restaurants, hotels, commercial offices and other units as well. Officials said there are over 1 lakh residential, commercial and other units under the MC ambit. “We have implemented the user charges for all types of units and are providing collection, segregation and management services throughout the city,” said chief sanitary inspector Avinash Singla. He added, “With this, we aim to streamline the city's solid waste collection and stop the formation of small dump sites in and around residential areas. We are already collecting the waste from doorstep and transporting it to a single collection unit in the city. From there, it is being transported to Ambala for processing.”

Officials said the step would help do away with small garbage dumps created by irregular waste collectors outside residential areas. MC Commissioner Sachin Gupta said the corporation had issued a schedule of all sanitation workers. “The identity of workers has also been mentioned on the MC website. Residents can complain to the MC on 9696120120 in case garbage vehicle does not turn up in their area for door-to-door collection.” Officials said the SWM fee would be collected along with property tax charges. “The charges have been implemented from the ongoing fiscal year. Some people have received bills for the previous fiscal year as well. All charges pertaining to the previous year will be revoked”, the Commissioner said. SK Nayar, president, Citizen Welfare Association, Panchkula, said two years ago, the corporation had stated that it would not charge garbage collection fee. “Residents are quite surprised to note that the MC is now sending the charges at random. We are against such random collection of

Poll preparation for local bodies underway for Jan contest

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : “All the groundwork is complete for the local bodies poll. The model code of conduct will come into force by December 15” revealed highly-placed sources. Elections to at least five Municipal Corporations and 41 municipal councils will be held in the first fortnight of January 2024. The Secretary, Local Government, had issued a notification that elections to five Municipal Corporations, including Amritsar, Patiala, Phagwara, Jalandhar and Ludhiana will be held in the “first fortnight of November”. The term of Amritsar and Patiala MCs had ended on January 22, Jalandhar on January 24 and Ludhiana on March 26. The tenure of Phagwara MC had ended in



March 2020. The notification came after the Punjab and Haryana High Court in March had asked the State Election Commission to conduct the poll. The Election Commission had committed that the final publication of electoral rolls would be completed by November 10. Sources said the work related to delimitation of wards in the local bodies was complete. They said preparations were underway to conduct the

panchayat poll in the third week of January. Even block samiti and zila parishad elections are also expected to be conducted on the same day. The CM is learnt to have expressed his intention that all elections should be held within a limited time frame. Earlier, the government had decided that panchayat elections would be conducted in two phases. Even delimitation exercise in panchayats was underway. Moreover, January being less hectic for farmers, it's the most ideal month to conduct the poll. The state has around 13,240 panchayats, 150 block samitis and 22 zila parishads. These elections would be a litmus test for the Aam Aadmi Party government's which came to power with a massive mandate in March 2022.

Dog bite victim to get Rs 10,000 per tooth mark compensation, rules Punjab and Haryana High Court

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The state government shall be primarily responsible for paying compensation to victims of dog bites, adding that the minimum financial assistance would be Rs 10,000 per tooth mark, ruled the Punjab and Haryana High Court on Tuesday. “When the flesh is removed from the skin, the compensation will be at least Rs 20,000 per 0.2 cm wound,” the court ruled. The ruling came during a hearing on a batch of petitions pertaining to dog bite incidents. Disposing of a batch of 193 petitions, the high court also mandated the governments of Punjab and Haryana and



the Union Territory of Chandigarh to set up committees headed by the deputy commissioners of the respective districts to determine such compensation. “The award should be issued by the Committees within four months of the filing of the claims along with the necessary documents. The State shall be primarily

responsible for paying the compensation, to the defaulting agencies of the state, from the resources of the state, with the right to recover, or a private person,” a single bench of Justice Vinod S Bharadwaj ruled. The ruling assumes significance at a time when dog bite cases have been on the rise across the country.

Voters of Kalka, Panchkula to file objections till December 9 : ECI

Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA : Voters can get the entries recorded in the voters' list corrected and name transferred from one polling station to another under the Assembly constituency during this time, for which eligible persons must enter the new name in the voter list, said Deputy Commissioner and District Election Officer Sushil Sarwan. As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India (ECI), claims and objections regarding the voters' list will be taken up by December 9. Persons who will be aged 18 or more on January 1, 2024, can get their names registered in the electoral rolls ahead the upcoming elections. Form number 7 will have to be filled to remove the name of an ineligible voter while form number 8 will have to be submitted for corrections, changing location (outside the Assembly constituency) and remove duplicate cards. Sarwan said, photocopies



of necessary documents such as proof of age, residence, ration card, etc would have to be attached with each claim. All these forms would be available free of cost at polling stations and respective offices. He said as per the instructions of the ECI, the booth-level officers would be present at all polling stations to address claims and objections in regards the revision of the electoral rolls during the special campaign on November 25 and 26. He urged all the voters of both Assembly constituencies in the district—Kalka and Panchkula—to check their names in the voters' list on the official website of the Chief Electoral

Officer : www.ceoharyana.nic.in. Voters can also check their details at the district election office, Panchkula, during any working day. “If the name of a voter has been removed from the list for any reason and the voter is present at his place, he/she can get his name included in the electoral rolls by filling form number 6 by December 9,” said the district election officer. He added that voters can also fill these forms online through the National Voters' Service Portal (NVSP) app or the Voter Helpline App (VHA) issued by the Election Commission of India.

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Expert panel to revise syllabus
for National Eligibility Test

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NEW DELHI : The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducts the UGC-National Eligibility Test (UGC-NET) for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and as an eligibility test for the appointment of assistant professors in the subjects of Humanities and Social Sciences, including Indian and some foreign languages, as well as in certain science subjects. The University Grants Commission (UGC) is set to revise the syllabus for the National Eligibility Test (NET) and will form an expert panel for the exercise, its chairman Jagadesh Kumar said on Tuesday. The UGC-NET is held twice every year, usually

UGC NET
Syllabus

in June and December, in 83 subjects. The UGC last initiated the process to update the syllabi of UGC-NET subjects in 2017. “However, after launching the National Education Policy (NEP) in 2020, there have been considerable developments in higher education to impart multidisciplinary curricula and holistic education,” Kumar said. “Therefore, in its meeting

earlier this month, the commission decided that an exercise to update the syllabi of the subjects of UGC-NET may be undertaken. UGC will form an expert committee and undertake this exercise,” he said. Kumar said that candidates will be given sufficient time before this new syllabus is introduced in UGC-NET so that the changeover happens smoothly.

5th session of Vidhan
Sabha to begin from
November 28

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CHANDIGARH : After the Cabinet meeting, Finance Minister Harpal Cheema during press meet said the Cabinet gave its nod to create and fill 9 posts of technical cadre through direct recruitment in Maharaja Bhupinder Singh Sports University, Patiala. The Cabinet, led by the Chief Minister, Bhagwant Mann, approved the fifth session of the Vidhan Sabha to be held on November 28 and 29. This session has been approved after Governor Banwarilal Purohit had prorogued the Budget session last week. The winter session will start with obituary references on November 28 and the business for the two-day Assembly session will be decided by the business advisory committee shortly, said an official press release. The university was set up with an aim to upscaling the standard of sports through the focus on



education, training and courses in the field of sports, adding that these posts would help in streamlining the work of the university and facilitate students in getting their routine work done. Among other decisions, the Council of Ministers has also given its go-ahead to close the Punjab State Social Welfare Board (PSSWB) and merge its staff, including PSSWB Headquarters employees, pensioners and five ICDS blocks, into the Department of Social Security, Women and Child Development. The Cabinet also gave its consent to send a case of a life convict for the premature release, while rejecting four other cases. After the nod of the Cabinet under Article 163 of the Constitution, the special remission/premature release case will be submitted to the Governor for consideration.

Patanjali cautioned against making
‘false’ claims about its medicines :
Supreme Court



Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : Patanjali Ayurved, a company co-founded by yoga guru Ramdev and dealing in herbal products, was cautioned against making “false” and “misleading” claims in advertisements about its medicines as cure of several diseases. “All such false and misleading advertisements of Patanjali Ayurved have to stop immediately. The court will take any such infraction very seriously...,” a bench comprising justices Ahsanuddin Amanullah and Prashant Kumar Mishra orally observed while hearing a plea of the Indian Medical Association (IMA). The top court, on August 23, 2022, had issued notices to the Union health ministry and Ministry of Ayush and

Patanjali Ayurved Ltd, on the plea of the IMA alleging a smear campaign by Ramdev against the vaccination drive and modern medicines. During the brief hearing, the bench asked Patanjali Ayurved not to publish misleading claims and advertisements against modern systems of medicine. It said the bench may also consider imposing a fine of

Rs 1 crore on every product if a false claim is made that it can cure a particular ailment. The top court asked the counsel appearing for the Centre to find a remedy to the issue of misleading medical advertisements where claims are being made about medicines that offer perfect cure of certain diseases. The bench will now take up the plea of IMA for hearing on February 5, next year. The top court, while issuing notices on the plea, had come down heavily on Ramdev for criticising allopathy and allopathic practitioners, saying he needed to be restrained from abusing the doctors and other systems of treatment.

Voter enrolment period
extended to next year
Feb 29

Commissioner News Service
AMRITSAR : A fresh notification was issued by the Gurdwara Election Commission with a revised schedule in this regard. The last date for receipt of claims and objections will be April 11, 2024. The final publication of the voters’ list will be May 3, 2024. The voters’ enrolment process for the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) general poll has been pushed to February 29, 2024. Earlier, the voters’ registration was between October 21 and November 15. Many Sikh organisations, including the SGPC, had approached Justice SS Saron (retd), Commissioner, Gurdwara Election Commission,



apprising him about the problems being faced by members in registering their votes. In the 2011 elections, a total of 52.69 lakh voters were registered in Punjab, followed by 3.37 lakh in Haryana, 23,011 in Himachal and 11,932 in Chandigarh. As Haryana may be out of the picture this time as it has already constituted a separate ad-hoc Haryana Sikh Gurdwara

Management Committee, the voters from Himachal and Chandigarh would participate in the SGPC poll. While Chandigarh has started the enrolment procedure from today, Himachal has yet to start this exercise. Thus, taking cognisance of flaws in the registration process, the Gurdwara Election Commission has extended the window.

Development fee of property
worth Rs 5.19 crore to be
refunded



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CHANDIGARH : The local body department had identified around 1,588 properties, where owners had paid development charges in HSVP, HSIIDC, licensed colonies, CLU-acquired properties, lal dora residential properties, and agricultural properties. The department has provided details of such properties to the municipalities concerned, said a spokesperson of the Urban Local Bodies Department. The Haryana Government

has decided to refund Rs 5.19 crore development fee to property owners who erroneously paid it on properties where it was not applicable. A total of 1,588 property owners will receive a refund. The property owners have been notified via SMS about the reimbursement process, encouraging them to apply for a refund. Property owners can visit <https://ulbhryndc.org>, provide relevant details, and facilitate further processing by the department.

Environmentalists raise concern over
amended Forest Act from Dec 1

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Environmentalists have expressed concern over potential forest exploitation by private companies as the amendments more power in the hands of the Central government. From December 1, amendments to the Forest (Conservation and Augmentation) Act, 1980, encompass permission for infrastructure development within 100 km of the International Border (IB). With this, construction along the roads, railway tracks and eco-tourism projects like



safaris and zoos in the forest areas can be developed. Punjab shares 550-km IB with Pakistan, spread across Pathankot, Gurdaspur, Amritsar, Tarn Taran, Ferozepur and Fazilka districts. Senior Forest Department functionary said the amendments might escalate the pace of forest degradation and ecology.

The official said, “The exemptions are not only for defence projects, but for public utility services as specified by the Centre.” “Safaris and eco-parks in the forest areas will put a huge pressure on the ecosystem,” said environmentalists, adding that eco-tourism projects require massive infrastructure development.

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- ड्राई स्कैल्प को मॉइस्चराइज़ करे
- दो मुँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये

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- बेजान बालों को डीप कंडिशन करके नरिश करे
- हाइड्रेट करके टूटने से बचाये

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Provide equal treatment to all citizens of state

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Chandigarh: The law providing 75 percent reservation in private sector jobs to the residents of the Haryana was quashed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court which declared it "unconstitutional".

The law provided that 75% jobs in new factories/industries or already establish industries/institutions would be given to domiciles of Haryana. It was tweaked to be



applicable only for jobs having salary of less than Rs 30,000 per month in various privately managed companies, societies, trusts, limited liability partnership firm, etc.

situated in Haryana, which employ 10 or more person.

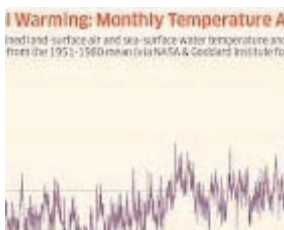
A division bench, comprising Justice G S Sandhawalia and Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, pronounced the order in open court while allowing a bunch of petitions filed by several industrial bodies of the state questioning the constitutional validity of the law enacted by the Haryana government.

World may see 2.5 - 2.9 C hike of temperature

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi:-" It all amounts to a failure of leadership, a betrayal of the vulnerable, and a massive missed opportunity," UN secretary general Antonio Guterres said while reacting to the findings of the report which also flagged that even in the most optimistic scenario, the likelihood of limiting warming to 1.5 C is only 14%.

Highlighting a glaring gap between rhetoric and reality, the report noted that the net-zero (emission) pledges are not even currently considered credible. "None of the G20 countries are reducing emissions at a pace consistent with their net-zero targets," it said. The report shows that the top seven global emitters remain in the same as in 2021.



Global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions increased 12% last year over 2021 to reach a new record, said the latest emission gap report released by the UN Environment Programme on Monday, while warning that the world is on track to witness a 2.5 - 2.9 Celsius temperature rise above pre-industrial (1850-1900) levels this century even if all the current pledge under the Paris Agreement are implemented by 2030.

Rs 2.5-crore lottery bagged by Mohali theatre artiste



Commissioner News Service

Mohali : Vinod Sharma, a Mohali resident an theatre artiste, who has worked in Punjabi and Hindi films, has won a lottery of Rs 2.5 crore. He bought a ticket of "Diwali Bumper" and won the first prize on November 18.

Sharma had been persistently buying lottery tickets for the past 40 years "for a hobby". He bought the "Diwali Bumper" ticket at Phase 2, Mohali. Sharma has worked

in many serials and films, including Ajay Devgan-starrer "Diljale", along with Jaspal Bhatti.

"I consider it as a blessing of my father who is more than 100 years of age. My wife was so happy. I went to the lottery office with my friend. I have not yet thought how I would spend the money," he said. Sharma said he had missed lottery prize several times either by a digit or an alphabet.

100 new scholarships announced for Indian students by University College London

Commissioner News Service

LONDON : University College London, one of the leading universities in UK, said on Tuesday that its new India Excellence Scholarships will support Indian students with an outstanding academic record to pursue full-time Master's degree studies at the institution.

The college has announced a new scholarship scheme to enable 100 of India's brightest students to study in the UK as well as its first-ever Summer School for pre-university students in the country.

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an outstanding academic record to pursue full-time Master's degree studies at the institution.

"Indian students are vital members of UCL's global community and we are dedicated to providing more resources and support to help the best of them share their knowledge and expertise with us in the UK," he said.

As part of the UCL India Excellence Scholarships, which the university describes as its most extensive Indian scheme to date, prospective Master's students in any discipline can receive 5,000 pounds towards their studies.

"I'm delighted that many of India's brightest young people recognise the value of studying at a world-class

institution such as UCL. The relationships they'll build will deepen the links between India and the UK to everyone's benefit," said Christina Scott, Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India.

UCL has also revealed plans for a new Summer School programme to be based at the state-of-the-art campus of The British School in New Delhi, to give pre-university Indian students a taste of what it's like to study at a world-leading UK university.

The inaugural UCL India Summer School will take place from June 10-14, 2023 and will feature leading UCL professors delivering modules to 50 students in grades 10 and 11, working in small groups.

Haryana appoints retired officers as CVOs

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: A circular issued with regard to the appointments by chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal started that a CVO would head vigilance division of an organisation and act as a special assistant/ adviser to the administrative secretary / head of department on all vigilance matters. The multifaceted role involves preventive vigilance functions, aiming to thwart corrupt practices by identifying potential corruption spots and sources. Mandated with ensuring integrity of ongoing projects, the CVOs have been directed to conduct thorough scrutiny inspections and surprise checks within the department / board/ corporation concerned. Special attention is to given towards areas prone to discretion or favoritism, such as the awarding of tenders, the progression of civil works, and Instances of potential abuse of discretionary powers

in decision- making processes. Following these assessments CVOs are required to submit detailed findings, accompanied by recommendations for rectifying irregularities, to the administrative secretary/head of the department. Further more , copies of these recommendations are to be endorsed and forwarded to chief secretary and special secretary vigilance department.

The Haryana government has appointed serving and retired officers to the post of chief vigilance department on deputation and contract basic, respectively. Serving officers appointed to the position of CVO include Deepak Bura, district attorney (DA), HRD, Haryana civil secretariat ; Dinesh Rathee, SE, irrigation & water resources department, and Krishan Kumar, joint director, technical education. The retired officers appointed

on contract basic include



Jarnail Singh Boparal, Group Captain (Retd), Indian Air Force, Mahavir Singh, GM-cum CVO (retd), HSIIDC Rajinder Kumar Malik, in spector general (retd), HAG, Shashi Kant Sharma additional director (retd) , prosecution, Rameshwar Mehra, additional excise & taxation commissioner (retd), Sanjiv Kumar Jain, DA (retd), prosecution department, Satish Kumar jain, HCS (retd), and Ashok Kumar Sharma, IAS (retd), MD, HSWC.

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NCERT panel to finalise SST curriculum for class 6-12

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New Delhi: The Curriculum Area Group (CAG) will develop syllabus for Classes 6-12 under the new National Curriculum Framework Oversight Committee (NOC) and National Syllabus and Teaching - Learning Material Committee (NSTC) on July 21. Under NSTC, Curricular Area Groups will develop subject wise syllabus and teaching learning material (TLM), including textbooks that incorporate cross curricular themes. The CAG on social science will also coordinate with the preparatory stage curriculum group as well as with other CAG as required to ensure continuity with Classes III-V, inter-disciplinarily among subjects and integration of cross cutting themes in



social sciences. The notification stated that "given the need for vertical and horizontal linkages and integration across disciplines in social sciences, both the CAGs--- social science and economics ----will ensure this integration by sharing and discussing drafts of material prepared." The TOI had earlier reported how NCERT had

got experts from a wide array of fields on board its two committees - NOC and NSTC. Members of NSTC include Sudha Murthy, chairperson, Infosys Foundation, Bibek Debroy, chairman of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime minister, Sanjeev Sanyal, member of the EAC, music maestro Shankar Mahadevan and former badminton player U Vimal Kumar. Experts for CAG on social sciences have been pulled in from different institutions across the country -Banabina Brahma from Kokrajhar Government College (Assam); economist Sanjeev Sanyal; historian Meenakshi Jain, former associate professor with Gargi college.

CPCC releases Rs 2 Cr to MC for enhancing shrubs, grasses



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Chandigarh: "The funds provided to the civic body will be used to purchase forgers to be used along the busy roads, and for increasing vegetation on road berms. These would include planting of shrubs and grasses on road dividers," said an official. The aim is to control dust particles generated on the city roads, and to minimise their impact on the city air quality. The foggers spray atomized water to settle the dust. "The road dust is one of the major pollutants that cause air pollution and harm the respiratory system.

Vehicle tyres pulverize the dust, further leading to air pollution," said the official. To achieve their air pollution reduction targets, the ministry of environment, forest & climate change is providing financial and technical guidance to all no attainment cities. For Chandigarh, the CPPCC is the nodal agency for the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP). Earlier, the MC had got Rs 2.1 crore, mainly allocated for buying foggers and industrial indoor sweeping machines for the Sector 17 multilevel parking.

Purnesh Modi elevated to BJP incharge ship of Dadra Nagar Haveli

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : A stalwart MLA of BJP saffron party from Surat West had filed the criminal defamation case in Surat court against Gandhi after he made the remarks during a rally in Karnataka 's Kollar in April 2019.



Mr JP Nadda ,BJP chief has appointed Purnesh Modi as Dadra Nagra Haveli and Daman Diu incharge and

Dushyant Patel co incharge with immediate effect, said an BJP official. Over his Modi Surname

remarks, Purnesh Modi had once filed a defamation plaint against Rahul Gandhi , congress leader in Gujrat.

Over 3000 applicants emerge for post of priests at Ayodhya Ram temple

Commissioner News Service

Ayodhya: About 3,000 candidates have applied for the post of priests for the upcoming Ram temple in ayodhya.

In finals, only 20 selected candidates will be appointed as priests by the Trust at different posts in the Ram Janmabhoomi complex after six monts of residential training.



Candidates are being subjected to variety of tough questions about the procedure of different pujas during the interview . Certain questions included "Sandhya Vandan ," against procedure,

and mantras, expressive mantras and karma kand ' etc, pronounced Giri. The trustees of the temple complex would finalise the selected priest for the pious job.

PM Modi selfless man works in national interest : Ex-JNU student

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : PM Modi isn't bothered by criticism and credited him for taking "radical decisions at the cost of his popularity", said Shehla Rashid a former student leader at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Shehla Rashid, who was once a bitter critic of the BJP-led central government, has praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi and called him a "selfless man" working in the national interest. Shehla Rashid said, "Right now, we see a really well-intentioned administration. The Prime Minister - he doesn't care about criticism. He has taken so many radical decisions, even at the cost of his popularity. He doesn't care about criticism. He is a selfless



man who works for the national interest. You look at the Home Minister - he has ensured peace in Kashmir, regardless of what anyone criticised at that time." Notably, Shehla Rashid was a vocal critic of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and was against the government's decision to revoke Jammu and Kashmir's autonomous status on August 5, 2019, as well as its subsequent division into two Union territories.

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