

EDITORIAL –

Stupendous Bhakra dam
a symbol of development & prosperity

The construction of the Bhakra and Nangal dams, along with the associated canal system, began in 1948. A concrete gravity dam, Bhakra was 740 feet from the deepest foundation and was the second highest in the world, next only to the Hoover Dam on the Colorado river. The Nangal Dam, downstream of Bhakra, is separate entity. Together, they are referred to as Bhakra-Nangal. The Nangal canal was opened in July 1954, while the Bhakra Dam was completed in October 1963. Among the projects identified for development in the First Five-Year Plan were Bhakra-Nangal, Hirakud and Nagarjuna Sagar. The challenge was to overcome the lack of technical personnel, trained labour and equipment needed for the construction of large structures. During his first visit to the US as the Prime Minister in 1949, Nehru went to the TVA and sought technical and engineering help for developing river valley projects. The TVA provided technical personnel, including Andrew Komora, who was made the chief engineer of Damodar Valley Corporation. The planning for development projects began much before 1947, under the aegis of the National Planning Committee (NPC) formed by then Indian Congress President Subhas Chandra Bose in 1938. Meghnad Saha, who mooted the idea of NPC, argued, “We must rebuild our economic system by utilising the resources of our land and harnessing the energy of our rivers.” American dam expert

Harvey Slocum was appointed the chief engineer of the project. About 40 Americans assisted him in the construction and planning during the early years. Slocum described Bhakra as “probably the most difficult dam ever undertaken”. This, according to him, was due to several technical and logistical challenges such as the remoteness of the site, the geologic formations in the gorge, and the lack of sufficient trained personnel to supervise the workforce of over 70,000. The preparation of the site took years. The gorge was scraped and diversion dams and tunnels were built to route the Sutlej around the dam site. For transporting the concrete from the mixing plants, rail tracks were laid and conveyor belts had to be installed. For procuring construction machinery and equipment, a new procurement system was devised to cut down delays. When Slocum began working on the project in 1952, American manufacturers had a large sales backlog because dams were under construction in several newly decolonised countries. The Bhakra Control Board approved at once the list of the equipment Slocum submitted, and authorised him to place the orders for machinery along with parts and spares. To speed up shipments, an Indian technical attaché was stationed in Washington exclusively for the Bhakra project, and he operated independently of the Indian Embassy. All this helped cut down delivery time from 18 months to six months. Simultaneously, Indian personnel were trained in handling and

maintaining the equipment. A concrete laboratory was established at Bhakra to handle quality testing. As subsequent developments proved, Bhakra was probably over-designed and its height could have been lower. It was meant to harvest water from Sutlej but later on, water from Beas had to be diverted through the Beas-Sutlej link project because Sutlej’s water was not sufficient to fill it up. In addition, the dam led to the problems of waterlogging and soil alkalinity in the command area. Nehru delivered his iconic speech at the inauguration of the Bhakra Dam on October 22, 1963, in which he spoke about the temples of modern India. He said: “Bhakra Nangal Project is something tremendous, something stupendous, something which shakes you up when you see it. Bhakra, the new temple of resurgent India, is the symbol of India’s progress.” Nehru himself was worried about what he called the ‘disease of gigantism’ or the obsession with large projects. He wanted to see smaller irrigation projects and smaller plants for electricity generation. Speaking of specific adverse impacts of large dams, he said: “On the one side we carry our irrigation works and put more and more water for fresh areas, while on the other side, the land goes out of cultivation due to waterlogging. This is a curious state of affairs and it is far better to stop every irrigation work than allow waterlogging.” As India faces the twin challenges of climate change and low-carbon growth today, it is time to draw lessons from the experience of Bhakra.

Post of city BJP
president goes to
Jatinder Pal Malhotra



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CHANDIGARH : Local senior BJP leaders were available at the ceremony, which was held at the party office in Sector 33 here. Jatinder Pal Malhotra took charge in the presence of outgoing president Arun Sood, former president Sanjay Tandon, former MP Satya Pal Jain, Mayor Anup Gupta and former Kalka MLA Latika Sharma among others. Amid talks of factionalism in the city BJP, party leaders put up a united show as Malhotra assumed the charge as city party chief. Jain said the BJP was

going strong in the city. Tandon assured Malhotra of support and help in running the party affairs. Sood said the entire party was united under the leadership of the new chief and would win the city Lok Sabha seat for the third consecutive time. Malhotra thanked PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah and party president JP Nadda for reposing faith in “an ordinary worker” and making him the city head. “We are proud to be workers of a party where a tea seller can become the PM and a common worker can become the state president,” he said.

1.8 K apply for 96
licences in Chandigarh,
tough contest ahead



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CHANDIGARH : Only green crackers certified by the CSIR-NEERI would be allowed for sale, said an official. The UT Administration has received more than 1,800 applications for the issuance of 96 licences to sell green crackers this festival season. The draw of lots will be held at Bal Bhawan, Sector 23, on October 25. The Administration had invited only online applications for a licence

to set up temporary stalls at 11 designated sites for the sale of firecrackers. After the draw, a list of successful applicants will be released on the website. The Administration claims the new system will bring transparency in the allocation of stalls and applicants will no longer have to visit the office. The Administration has decided to allow the use of green crackers only for two hours on festive occasions. The fireworks will be allowed from 8 pm to 10 pm on Diwali.

For construction of MBBS
center, PGI finance panel to
take place on October 27



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CHANDIGARH : The PGIMER had proposed setting up of a state-of-the-art medical college with intake of 100 students for MBBS course at its Sarangpur centre. The proposal envisioned a college campus along with an attached hospital fully equipped for quality education, research and patient care. A meeting of the standing finance committee of the PGIMER will take place on October 27. Items on the agenda include construction of a centre at Sarangpur for MBBS course and implementation of Hospital Information System-2 (HIS-2). Among the important items on the agenda is the proposal for hiring 50 phlebotomists to be deployed across various departments at the PGIMER on outsourcing basis. The panel will deliberate on the proposal

to increase the stipend paid to BSc (Nursing) students during their six-month internship period. In accordance with the Government of India guidelines, the stipend for these students may see a substantial increase from Rs 500 per month to Rs 13,150 per month. Another significant agenda item is the proposal for the additional requirement of 17 laboratory attendants on outsourcing basis, along with the ex post facto sanction for 18 laboratory attendants who have already been hired. A significant workforce-related issue to be addressed is the regularisation of 124 relief-cum-housekeeping workers and 25 supervisors on a post facto basis. These workers are part of the 969-strong outsourced workforce deployed through a service provider at the institute.

Installation of solar plants still
awaits despite 9 months lapse

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CHANDIGARH : The Chandigarh Renewable Energy Science and Technology Promotion Society (CREST) is yet to fix the build, operate and transfer (BOT) period for the installation of rooftop solar power plants free of cost which remains in soup said an official of the Chandigarh Administration. The delay for free rooftop solar plants is likely to get longer as the UT Administration is yet to finalise the build, operate and transfer (BOT) period for the operation of these plants. After the finalisation of the BOT period, residents will be able to get rooftop solar power plants installed free of cost, while the cost of installation will be recovered by the selected firm over that period through the sale of electricity generated by these plants. In June, CREST had identified a company for the project, but there was no consensus on the BOT period. The firm had



proposed a BOT period of 23 years, while CREST maintained it should be 20 years. The impasse in negotiations has delayed the project by nine months. The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC) in January had granted approval to the installation of grid-connected rooftop solar plants in the city for domestic consumers by a third party under the BOT model. CREST, which has been designated as an executing agency for renewable energy projects of the Department of Science and Technology, UT, had filed a petition before the JERC, seeking an approval for the installation of grid-

connected rooftop (GCRT) power projects for domestic consumers by a third party under the BOT model of Renewable Energy Services Company (RESCO). The society has already received more than 1,200 applications from residents for free-of-cost installation of rooftop solar plants. The move is aimed at generating 8.5 MWp of solar power even as this falls short of the intended target of 20 MWp. Under the RESCO model, the house owners will get electricity at a consistent rate of Rs 3.23 per unit during the BOT period. They will have to provide space on the rooftop to the firm. At present, domestic consumers have to pay Rs 2.75 per unit for 0-151 units, Rs 4.25 per unit for 151-400 units and Rs 4.65 per unit for consuming over 400 units. Once the BOT period concludes, the ownership of the solar plant will get transferred to the consumer at no additional cost.

Emaar India Ltd ordered to pay Rs 1L to Mohali
resident against delay in possession of plot

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CHANDIGARH : The State Consumer Disputes Redressal has directed the company to cough up Rs 1 Lac besides an additional Rs 35,000 to cover the complainant’s legal expenses. The Commission, Chandigarh, has directed Emaar India Ltd, Mohali, to pay Rs 1 lakh to a Mohali resident, Yadvinder Singh Bhatia, as compensation for not handing over a plot within the stipulated time frame. The victim in a complaint filed before the commission through his counsel, Savinder Singh Gill, stated that he had applied for a plot of 300 square yards under a project being developed by the company (opposite parties) in Sector 109, SAS Nagar, Mohali. He had shelled out a booking amount of Rs 10,35,000 on September 6, 2006, to that end. A plot was subsequently allotted to him. He alleged that there was a change of plot without his consent. He



contended that he had never requested the change, but since he had no option, he had to accept the offer of relocation. As per the agreement signed in 2007, the opposite parties were to hand over the plot to Bhatia within two years of the date of the agreement. He complained that the plot was not allotted to him within the stipulated time frame. He rued that even though he had already deposited an amount of Rs 52,73,832 for the plot against the total sale price of Rs 53,71,332, he was not handed complete possession of the plot within the given time frame. The builder, however, denied the charges and claimed that the complainant was not a consumer as he

had purchased the plot solely for the purpose of speculation. The builder said that the complainant himself was not willing to execute the conveyance deed and pay the final dues. Pleading no deficiency in rendering services, the opposite parties prayed for the dismissal of the complaint. After hearing the arguments, the commission — comprising Justice Raj Shekhar Attri and Rajesh K Arya — directed the builder to pay the complainant an interest of 9% per annum on the deposited amount of Rs 52,73,832, starting from July 4, 2010, till June 2, 2023 (the date on which the possession was delivered) within a period of 30 days. The commission also directed the opposite parties to pay an additional sum of Rs 1 lakh to the complainant as compensation for causing him mental agony. The firm was also told to cough up Rs 35,000 more to cover the legal expenses of the complainant.

Compounding regime of
synthetic milk

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



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

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

Ban on liquor sale in municipal
wards on Nov 4, 5

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CHANDIGARH : In view of the ensuing municipal by-election, the Haryana State Election Commission has directed the Additional Chief Secretary of the Excise and Taxation Department, to impose a ban on the sale of liquor within specific wards on November 4 and 5. This prohibition will be enforced within the jurisdiction of Ward 15 of Municipal Council, Sohna, Gurugram district, Ward 1 of Municipal



Council, Kaithal, Ward 16 of Municipal Council, Narnaul, Mahendragarh district, Ward 5 of Municipal Committee, Rajound, Kaithal district, and Ward 11, Municipal Committee, Bawal, Rewari district.

The Election Commission has instructed the Excise Department to ensure that no liquor shops, hotels, restaurants, clubs or similar establishments are allowed to sell or serve liquor to any individual on the said dates. The storage of liquor by individuals shall be curtailed during this period and the restrictions provided in the excise laws on the storage of liquor in unlicensed premises shall be vigorously enforced.

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India-US 2+2 leaders to meet in next month

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NEW DELHI : India and the US are scheduled to hold the 2+2 meeting in New Delhi around November 9-10. US Secretary of Defence Lloyd J Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken are scheduled to meet External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh here, government sources said.

During the meeting, the leaders are expected to discuss global and regional security issues, including the developing situation in the West Asia due to the Israel-Hamas war, they said. This will be the fifth edition of the parleys. The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war is likely to come up during discussions. The ongoing military standoff between India and China has entered its fourth year and has been part of the discussions between the two sides. The US is expected to push for military hardware cooperation and India is likely to ask for sharing of high-end technology for indigenous weapon systems.



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Amit Shah scheduled to visit Haryana on November 2

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KARNAL : Union Home Minister Amit Shah will visit Haryana on the completion of nine years of the BJP government in the state. Mr Shah will address an “Antyodaya Sammelan” in Karnal on November 2. On the sidelines of a programme organised to felicitate sportspersons, it was disclosed by CM Manohar Lal Khattar. In response to a question, Khattar said corruption would not be tolerated. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) was working to combat it, he added.



On the Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) canal issue, the CM said the matter was in the Supreme Court and that its judgment was in favour of Haryana. The court had clarified that they were not giving any judgment on water distribution. Therefore, it was necessary to construct the canal first. He also emphasised on the need to rise above politics on the issue.

BJP's list of 52 candidates includes 3 Lok Sabha MPs for Telangana polls



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NEW DELHI : The BJP has also given ticket to its firebrand Hindutva leader T Raja Singh from his Goshamahal seat after revoking his suspension, effected last year for alleged insulting remarks towards Prophet Mohammad. Three Lok Sabha MPs, including its former Telangana president Bandi Sanjay Kumar, figured on Sunday in the BJP's first list of 52 candidates for the November 30 state assembly polls. Its election committee head Etela Rajender has been

fielded from Huzurabad, a seat the former BRS leader represents in the outgoing assembly. Kumar has been fielded from Karimnagar and two other MPs, Soyam Babu Rao and Dharmapuri Arvind, from Boath and Koratla. The BJP has four Lok Sabha MPs from the state. Union minister and its state president G Kishan Reddy is another MP whose name is not in the first list. The BJP is trying hard to emerge as the main challenger to the ruling BRS with the Congress also putting up a strong fight.

39 illegal bus permits cancelled by Transport Minister

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CHANDIGARH : As per the guidelines of the department, bus permits could only be extended once, but private bus operators had extended these multiple times in a wrong manner, said Transport Minister Laljit Singh Bhullar. The Transport Department has cancelled 39 illegally clubbed bus permits of private bus operators, including 25 of companies earlier owned by the Badal family. The permits to and from different cities of the state which have been cancelled include 13 of Dabwali Transport Company Private Ltd, Bathinda; 12 of Orbit Aviation Private Ltd, Bathinda; seven of Juhar Passenger Bus Service Private Ltd, Ludhiana; two of New Deep Motors, Channu, Gidderbaha; and one each of New Deep Bus Service, Gidderbaha; Victory Transport Company, Moga; Harvindra Highways Bus Service, Moga; Ex-Servicemen Coop Transport Company Ltd, Moga; and Bathinda Bus Company, Bathinda. These private operators have been asked to immediately submit these permits to the offices concerned. Besides, the secretaries of the



regional transport authorities have been asked not to consider the cancelled clubbed permits in any time table being prepared in their offices. These invalid permits should be removed from the time tables in which such permits are included. The general managers of the PRTC Faridkot, Bathinda, Bamala and Budhlada units have also been directed to stop the buses operating on cancelled permits immediately. The minister said in line with decisions made in civil writ petition number 15786 of 1999 by the Punjab and Haryana High Court, club permit holders whose route extensions were extended more than once, were ordered to be cancelled. These orders had been executed by cancelling the permits after hearing the permit holders' representations, the minister said. Dabwali Transport Company Private Ltd, Bathinda, and Orbit Aviation Private Ltd, Bathinda, were till recently co-owned by the Badal family.

Indian-origin diplomat nominated as US ambassador to Indonesia

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Washington : Kamala Shirin Lakhdir, who has served the State Department for almost 30 years, has been appointed as US Ambassador to Indonesia. She is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service, class of Minister-Counselor, and was most recently Executive Secretary of the Department of State, the White House said. Her father, Indian origin Noor, immigrated to the US from Mumbai to attend the University of California, Berkeley in the 1940s. A Harvard graduate and an M.S. from the National War College, Lakhdir had formerly served as an ambassador to Malaysia from 2017 to 2021. Prior to that, Lakhdir served as US Consul General in Belfast, Northern Ireland from 2009 to 2011. She joined the Foreign Service in 1991 and has



served as Director of the Office of Maritime Southeast Asian Affairs, which includes responsibility for US relations with Indonesia. Early in her career, she was Deputy Coordinator of the Taiwan Coordination Staff in the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Her other overseas assignments included China, Indonesia, and Saudi Arabia, the statement added. Lakhdir grew up in Westport, Connecticut, and

was inspired to pursue an international career because of her parents, she said in an interview published in the National Museum of American Diplomacy. She said her “international career began as a child” due to her parents' rich international background and family trips abroad. These experiences encouraged Lakhdir to begin her career overseas as a teacher in China for two years after graduating from Harvard College in 1986.

Rs 48 Lakh Biogas plant to come up at Ram Tirath gaushala

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AMRITSAR : The biogas plant will be installed under the Gobardhan project of Swachh Bharat Mission Phase-2. The government will install biogas plant under the Gobardhan project at the gaushala on the Ram Tirath road here. The gaushala is being run by the Baba Bhodhi Wala Gaushala Sewa Samiti. The project will cost about Rs 48 lakh. Deputy Commissioner Ghansham Thori disclosed this during a meeting of members of the District Water and Sanitation Mission regarding liquid waste management, solid waste management, and making the district open defecation free (ODF) Plus here. The Deputy Commissioner asked the Water Supply and Sanitation Department and the Rural Development and Panchayat Department to work together to complete the works of liquid waste



management, solid waste management and combined toilets in the villages and make the district ODF Plus. The targets were set for officials present on the occasion to make the villages ODF Plus. Ghansham Thori directed the Block Development and Panchayat Officers (BDPOs) to speed up their work and fulfil their targets within the stipulated time. He instructed that if the officials failed to fulfil their goals within the specified time, an appropriate action would be taken against them. While reviewing the work of Block Development Panchayat Officers, the Deputy Commissioner

pointed out that the work of some blocks was lagging behind. He asked the officials concerned to speed up the work. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner (Rural Development), Amritsar, Paramjit Kaur Additional; Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation, Amritsar, Rajesh Dubey; Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Amritsar, Gurdarshan Kundal; District Sanitation Officer-cum-Executive Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Amritsar, Charandeep Singh were also present.

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- ड्राइनेस हटाकर बालों को चमक दे

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- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत करके उनकी ग्रोथ में मदद करे
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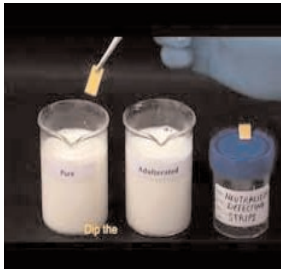
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Health kit to reveal adulteration of Urea in milk-- Dr Vandna

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Chandigarh :In industry focussed research conference, the researchers from Punjab University technology enabling centre CII and Punjab State Council for science and technology, presented their research work and product. At many points ,



no researcher could convince the touring industrialists. Seed money or funding would disclose the success of this conference. Dr Vandana Bhanot

said the manufacturing, a kit could reveal the quantity of Urea adulteration in the specific volume of milk. The milk sample would not be required to be routed to Forensic laboratory. The examination would signify about the spot test of milk.

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www.chdeducation.gov.in Certain vacancies against abolished posts like PGT Lecturers--24, PGT vocational lecturers-- 7, TGT in Education department --268, JBT - 127,NTT -- 74 were again revived for the fulfilment.

Adulterated "khoya" sweet selling like hot cake in godown area



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Zirakpur :- Health dept has no time to check the adulterated sweet products in godown area of Pabhat village where from bulk quantites are dispatched to (Tricity) Chandigarh metropolitan, Mohali & Panchulla Last month a (cheese) paneer

manufacturing unit was raided by Health department and samples were taken for testing the fitness for consumption Several traders have pointed out that the health department don't check the adulteration of food items are selling like hot cake in Zirakpur and neighbouring towns

Army on grant to next of kin of Agniveer killed in action

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New Delhi : The Army paid tribute to the fallen Agniveer, an operator who lost his life in the terrains of the Siachen glacier.Expressing support for the bereaved family of Agniveer Gawate Akshay Laxman, the Indian Army on Sunday sought to clear the air on compensation to the next of kin, saying that the same is " governed by the relevant terms & conditions of service of the soldier". Agniveer Laxman laid down his life in the line of duty in Siachen, the Army posted from its X handle on SundayThe Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADG PI), IHQ of MoD (Army) stated that "in view of conflicting messages on social media regarding financial assistance to the Next of Kin of the deceased, it was important to clarify

that emoluments due to the Next of Kin were governed by the relevant terms and

and interest thereon. Ex-gratia of Rs 44 lakh. Pay of balance tenure from date of



conditions of service of the soldier".

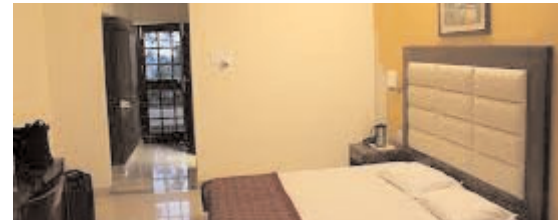
"As per the terms of engagement of Agniveers, emoluments authorised to a deceased battle casualty will comprise : Non-contributory insurance sum, amounting to Rs 48 lakh. Seva Nidhi contributed by the Agniveer (30%), with equal matching contribution by the Govt,

death till completion of four years (more than Rs 13 lakh in the instant case). Contribution of Rs 8 lakh from the Armed Forces Battle Casualty Fund. Immediate financial assistance of Rs 30 thousand from Army Wives Welfare Association (AWWA)," the ADG PI wrote.

Act against illegal hotels at Morni, orders Pkl DC

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Panchkula: The District Town Planner, Municipal Corporation, Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP) and police department would work in close coordination to remove illegal encroachments in the district. Mr. Sushil Sarwan specifically directed that hotels and other commercial buildings constructed illegally in Morni and on Nada Sahib- Morni and Road be removed on priority basis. Mr. Sarwan was presiding over the meeting of the district level committee for demolition of unauthorised construction in controlled area/unauthorized construction along with National Highways, State



Highways and state roads in the district at the conference hall of mini secretariat, Sector - 1. In case of structures not being removed by certain people on the Pinjore Nalagarh highway despite getting compensation , he directed the DTP to launch a joint campaign with the National highways Authority of India (NHAI) to remove such illegal construction at the earliest he said that along demolishing illegal construction it should also be ensured upon again .

Mr. Sarwan directed the officers of the police department that the concerned SHOs should keep a close watch in their respective jurisdictions and ensure that where illegal structures / colonies have been demolished, no construction take place without prior permission. In the meeting the DC made it clear that no illegal encroachment will be tolerated in the Panchkul and added that the MC must also launch a drive against encroachment in markets.



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Burnt Nehru Hospital would be renovated fast : Director

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Chandigarh: The fire ravaged Nehru hospital of PGI would be rebuilt, renovated and modernised after we get back own returned capital amount, said Prof Vivek Lal, Director, PGI.

In 2018 the Centre had sanctioned Rs. 100 crore for modernisation of the Nehru Hospital. In 2022, a parliamentary committee had questioned the delay in modernisation / renovation of the research block A and

B and the Nehru Hospital. However, the funds were returned to the Centre



as the hospital was not renovated.

The Nehru Hospital is 60 years old and has many depart-

ments and wards. Some parts had been modernised. These include the neurolo-

gy department, radio-diagnosis department and the advanced kidney department.

World should be worried about India's action- Trudeau

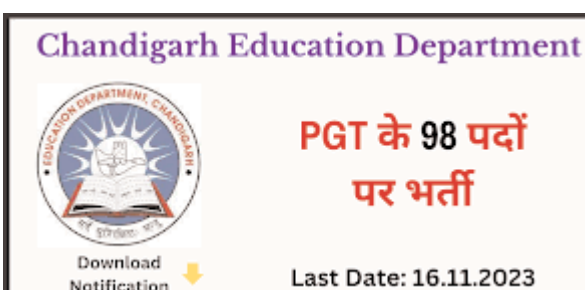
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Prime Minister Justine Trudeau continued his tirade against India by calling New Delhi defaulters on violating Vienna conventions and withdrawing diplomats from India days after New Delhi insisted on their removal alleging interference in internal affairs. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has said by revoking diplomatic immunity to 40 diplomats, India contravened a "very basic principle of diplomacy". All countries in the world should be worried about the move. He also broached the subject of the murder of Khalistan terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. He also said India was making it "unbelievably difficult for life as usual to continue for millions of people in India and in Canada". "The actions that the Government of India took this week are them-



selves contrary to international law. The Government of India decided to unilaterally revoke the diplomatic immunity of 40 Canadian diplomats in India. This is a violation of the Vienna Convention governing diplomacy... It is something that all countries in the world should be worried about and this is putting aside the allegations we made of a serious violation of international law with the alleged killing of a Canadian citizen on Canadian soil that the Indian government could have been involved in," said Trudeau.

Online portal opens tomorrow for 98 PGT posts



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Chandigarh: The application process can be initiated by visiting the recruitment section on the education department's website. The window for submitting application will remain open until 5pm on November 16. The application fee can be paid up until 2pm on November 20. The candidates would be required adhere to the age limit of 37 years.

For the general category the application fee is Rs. 1,000, and for SC category, it is Rs. 500. A person with disabilities for a post of lecturer (PGT) will be 9000-34800 rupees +

Grade Pay Rs. 4,800. The selection process would comprise of two-hour and thirty minute objective-type test, accounting for a total of 150 marks. Minimum 40% marks are required to pass the test. Additionally, there will be a negative marking of 0.25 marks in the exam. Post examination, the merit list of candidates on its website.

Subsequently, candidates will be invited for documents verification. The final merit list will be uploaded following the verification of all qualifications and ICT skill training.

Notice for MC chief election stayed till 30 oct

Commissioner News Service

Bathinda: Against misleading his office and political power Barnala Chief of civic body Aulakh was dismissed from the head post of municipal council.

Rupinder Singh Shital was elected head of 31 member house but proceedings were stayed by the High Court bench of Justice Roy



Mohan Singh and Justice Harpreet Singh Brar until 31 Oct 2023. Mr Aulakh was accused of providing Rs 10 lakh to Nagar Panchayat Handiaya, which is located just 5 km from Barnala, even

though he had said that it was merely a loan. He has challenged his dismissal as president and the October 13 notice for the election for new president has been issued.

The bench led by Justice Raj Mohan Singh and Justice Harpreet Singh has issued notice of motion to Punjab for Oct 31.

Taj surrounded by 470 illegal structures begins sinking

Commissioner News Service

Agra: In accordance with Archaeological report, 248 new illegal constructions dropped up into 300 meters of the protected monument. 'The Taj' lies in recent half a decade time. About 470 illegal structures, including restaurants, cafes, emporiums, in a restricted area falls within 500 meters radius of the Taj Mahal in Agra. Some of these encroachments are decades old, and Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had lodged FIRs in majority of these cases but local authorities have not taken any viable step to remove these rickety structures. The illegal structures were seen and reported by the director-



general of ASI to the UP government and district administration last year for removal. ASI officials said that despite raising the issue several times with local authorities, no encroachments have been removed.

Superintending archeologist Raj Patel said the ASI's jurisdiction is limited to filing FIRs in cases of unauthorised construction around protected monuments. The ASI director general's office has the power to issue demolition notices but it is the duty of the Agra Development Authority and the local administration to act on them. Some of them are within as close as 50m radius of the world heritage site. Divisional commissioner, Ritu Maheshwari, who heads the ADA, said: "I will look into the details. Time bound action will be taken to remove illegal constructions around the Taj."

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