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## Civic body breaches assurances, roads in town cry for repair



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Zirakpur : Will there be any day downing dusk of illegal colonies, structures in the lap of tricity at Zirakpur ? The irresponsible politics has been at loggerheads with the ethical bureaucracy , as a result , political masters subtly make their way into their desired havens. One illustrious glaring citation remains Derabassi--Amb road carpeting, why the care is not being attributed by the authorities of AAP regime, The poor road has been shedding tears for the past over 7 years, one would not believe to see the plight of the road at Kurran wala, as perhaps there has not been any road here , No pothole but ,the road residues have disappeared, wonder the locals at the perspective of the AAP authorities. Similarly , at Zirakpur too, roads are beyond recognition , and in Godown area business by the local traders is being adversely affected due to the wide potholes where costly vehicles get embroiled and clientele turn their face either ways, says Manish Goel of Luxmi Sweets at Godown Aera. The families of sweets business too are electorates to elect their governing bodies, No more they are illiterate and blunt . They too exercise their rights , civic body ought to provide them basic amenities at par with the urban , flourishing, streets ,satellite town.said Shiya Ram Godara . The grudge of the traders in the Pabhat godown remains that why roads in Nabha village have been carpeted ignoring the dilapidated roads here, despite many times false assurances by the shrewd political masters were given. The condition all the way becomes intolerable in rainy times when one can't see the potholes and vehicles get broken down. Despite many calls to local Executive Officer, there was no reply from the other end.

### Repulsive lake at Dhanas in city beautiful



**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: On visiting scheduled programme of picnic like pleasure, fun, at "Dhanas lake", one might have to face gloom and find metamorphosed into depression , the time you see the water here polluted, no blue and transparent, please you will have to jettison your optimistic view, if ever nurtured by one, said a visitor who was staying in Chandigarh as a guest from Delhi. The neglect of lake by the administration fails to intrigue the visitors over here in Dhanas. The all round water banking remains muddy, not metalled by interlocking tiles or bricks, all reflects the lackadaisical attitude of the forest, wild life department. Not too long ago, Rs 2 Crores were allocated on Nov 18 last month by Chandigarh Pollution Control Committee to local Municipal Corporation for minimising the spread of dust particles on road horizons. The allotted funds are spent on increasing the vegetation on road berms , shrubs as dust particles have to be crushed. How about existing lakes, do these not contribute in suppressing the dust once for all in the peaceful environs in the lap of stagnant cool water. Certain connoisseurs have disgusted, resented the looks of stationary ,stinking dirty water, exactly due to the non pragmatic approach, neglect of stinking water that has been depriving its acclaimed, deserving respect and recognition in the horizon of hereditary Dhanas the habitat of city beautiful Chandigarh. None would like to exalt, sing songs of its quintessential fabric ever nourished by the forest, wild life authorities, says Usha Malhotra , a Retd lecturer of Biology. The lake can also be embellished to attract more and more visitors by cleaning the stagnant water, metalling the all round banking walls and adding boats for ride on minimal charges. The innovative drive would generate income and turn the place into aesthetic haven for picnic lovers.

### Kharge appoints Devender Yadav as Pb cong affairs in charge

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: Mallikarjun Kharge Congress president on Saturday appointed Delhi's Devender Yadav(51) as party affairs in-charge for Punjab to relieve former Rajasthan revenue minister Harish Chaudhary. In this reshuffle in the Congress organisation, former Punjab deputy chief minister Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa was retained as Rajasthan in-charge even though the party lost the recent Vidhan Sabha elections there. In Punjab, Yadav will have a challenging task of untangling all the factions for the big campaign next year. This two-time MLA from



Badli in Delhi proved resourceful during his last posting in BJP-ruled Uttarakhand. Yadav was Badli legislator from 2008 to 2013 and then from 2013 to 2015 before AAP's Ajesh Yadav defeated him in 2015. Outgoing Punjab Congress affairs in-charge Chaudhary was appointed on October 22, 2021.

### Modi to inaugurate Ayodhya airport on Saturday

**Commissioner News Service**  
Ayodhya: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address a huge public gathering after inaugurating the newly constructed Maryada Purushottam Shri Ram Ayodhya airport and Ayodhya railway station. There after the PM would hold a road show. "The PM will show a green flag to the rails. After that, Modi will address the public meeting on the ground next to the airport. He will travel from the airport to the railway station, so it will be in the form of a road show. Arrangement were being made to welcome him," divisional commissioner Gaurav Dayal said. According to the official information, the PM's road show will be around 15-kilometre-long, and it will pass through NH-27, Dharam Path, Lata Mange shkar Chowk, Ram Path, Tedhi Bazaar, Mohabra intersection a to Ayodhya railway station. An extensive review meeting was held with the top officials of the district as well as the officials of the Ram Mandir Teerth Kshetra Trust on Saturday. The airport and railway station which have been readied for the first phase are going to be inaugurated. According to estimates, after January 22, approximately 150,000-55,000 people will come to Ayodhya daily and the administration is busy preparing for the same," Dayal said.



"The PM will inaugurate the Ayodhya airport first. Then he will move to Ayodhya railway station while holding a road show. He will flag off the Vande Bharat and Amrit Bharat trains. After this, the PM will return to the airport by road where he will address a public meeting, said DC Nitish Kumar.

### French President to visit as chief guest on republic day

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : Emmanuel Macron ,the President of France will, as a chief guest , grace the illustrious celebrations on Republic day. After the US president, Joe Biden declined the invite , the French President accepted the call over overwhelmingly. It would be the sixth time that the republic day parade would be felicitated by a French dignitary.. "We will also celebrate India France strategic partnership and share belief in democratic values, said the prime minister Narendra Modi. France has been indispensable partner in the Indian Ocean where it is a resident power . In recent times, India' s ties with France have been magnified in area like Defence Security, Space and energy. France has backed India' s efforts to possess an independent defence industry , by allowing transfer of advanced technology, said Emmanuel Macron.



### 3rd" summon sent to Kejriwal by ED for Jan 3

**Commissioner News Service** : New Delhi : Asking Arvind Kejriwal to join the ongoing probe into liquor policy scam on Jan 3, the Enforcement Directorate has served fresh summons for pending interrogation. On his return from Vipassana retreat , as earlier too he had been summoned to appear on Nov 2 and Dec 21 but failed to make his appearance before the Enforcement Directorate. It is pertinent to note here that 2 of Kejriwal ' senior. Colleagues , former Deputy



CM Manish Sisodia and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh have been in the custody against the acceptance of Rs 100 Cr bribes to AAP leaders from the liquor cartels .

### Sanyukt Kissan Mocha to protest in Haryana from Dec 29

**Commissioner News Service**  
Karnal: Five farm unions, under the banner of the Sanyukt Kisan Mocha (SKM), on Tuesday announced to launch protests in Haryana over their demands, including legal guarantee on minimum support price (MSP). The decision was taken in a meeting held at Dera Kar Sewa gurdwara here. SKM leader Suresh Koth, informed that they would launch the protest from Ambala on December 29. The second protest will be held in Hisar on January 4, followed by Rohtak on January 10. He will also hold a protest rally in Karnal on January 19, said Koth. He said several of their demands, including legal guarantee on MSP, were yet to be fulfilled.



### Hry doctors demand more strength or face shut down on Dec 27

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Chandigarh: "We have been asking the government to provide doctors a conducive environment so that they can provide quality health services to the people. At present, the quality of healthcare is severely compromised in the state. As per WHO norms, there should be one doctor per thousand population. So there should be more than 10,000 doctors working in the government sector, but there are less than 2,500 doctors in the HCMS at present," claimed Dr Rajesh Khyalia, president, HCMS Association. Dr Anil Yadav, General Secretary of the association, said a committee was constituted by the government in May to examine as to why the doctors were leaving their jobs. The committee was supposed to submit its report within one month, unfortunately, even after six months, the committee is yet to submit its report. The doctors across the state supported black badges and submitted a memorandum regarding their demands to the MLAs/ ministers and deputy commissioners in their respective areas, said Dr Rajesh Khyalia, the president. There had been a great sense of resentment among all the members over the insensitive attitude of the government towards such important issues, said Khyalia. He added the representatives of the HCMS Association had met additional chief secretary (health) on December 14 to discuss various issues, but the meeting remained inconclusive.



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**EDITORIAL -**

**Consensus remains far away in INDIA group**

Mamata Banerjee of the Trinamool Congress and AAP's Arvind Kejriwal proposed Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge's name as INDIA's prime-ministerial candidate. It seemed as if they had only discussed the matter among themselves, believing they could persuade their associates that the time was ripe to raise the pitch for India's first Dalit PM and counterbalance the BJP's strategy of consolidating the Other Backward Classes (OBCs). Although JD(U) leader and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar consistently maintained that he did not aspire for the PM's post, his latent ambitions surfaced through statements by his colleagues in the past. A structured discussion on the PM candidate never took off, especially after Kharge scotched the idea, although some reports quoted him talking about his long years in public service and his conduct as a 'fighter' to mean that he was not aware of handling the Mamata-Kejriwal googly. Uddhav stressed that the question of electing a PM arose only if the coalition brought in enough MPs and what INDIA needed immediately was a convener to hold the grouping together. What do the circumstances portend for the Opposition's coalition? The constituents of INDIA met in New Delhi on December 19, apparently to clear the air of disunity that had begun to cloud the coalition after its earlier sessions and following the differences over seat-sharing between the Congress and the Samajwadi Party, Janata Dal (United) and the Rashtriya Lok Dal before the recent state elections. A sense of cooperation and consensus among the parties—which included a Shiv Sena faction headed by Uddhav Thackeray, the Mandalised bloc from Uttar Pradesh and Bihar,

the DMK and its allies and the Aam Aadmi Party—continued to be elusive. It still isn't clear if the participants were out to score an own-goal by flagging issues that were earlier deemed as 'irrelevant' or quite happy to articulate their contradictions. The calendar year nearing its end, the scenario has turned depressing for the Opposition. The BJP swept the elections in three states in the Hindi heartland in a direct faceoff with the Congress. The Congress now exists in slivers in this region. In the ongoing winter session of Parliament, the BJP has reasserted its near-hegemonic position amid projections of a comeback in 2024. It has pulverised the Opposition, which had sought a statement from the government regarding the security breach in Parliament but was rebuffed. Not only did the government reject the suggestion of being accountable to elected MPs, it also passed Bills with far-reaching implications for data security and amendments in the criminal laws without debate and discussion. After the mass suspension of MPs, the Opposition's presence in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha has shrunk alarmingly. The picture which both Houses presented marked the culmination of a long-cherished RSS project to install an overbearing Centre with the states orbiting around it like satellites. Ideally, recent events ought to have underscored the need for such a front even more deeply, especially for the Congress, because the favourable atmospherics that prevailed during INDIA's first congregation at Patna had dissipated. Seven months before that, there was a sense of hope. Rahul Gandhi had completed his marathon Bharat Jodo Yatra, which went some way in reimagining the popular perception of the

leader who had been seen as a reluctant and naive politician. The Congress scored an impressive win over the BJP in Karnataka and decimated the Janata Dal (Secular), which went on to seek refuge in the NDA's fold. Opposition forces as it can mobilise in a joint front to fight the BJP in the 2024 General Election. The formation of the bloc, in which the Congress is as important an investor as the regional parties, was an admission on the part of the Gandhis that their political legacy was no longer remarkable enough to take on the BJP single-handedly. The series of meetings INDIA held iterated the Congress's position as an equal and not a first among equals. While there was a general agreement that the seat-sharing process should be completed by the year-end, where do things stand now? Samajwadi leader Ram Gopal Yadav made it clear that his party would quit INDIA if there was a proposal to accommodate the Bahujan Samaj Party. As Mamata pitched for a year-end deadline, there was no indication from her of wanting to forge a broader alliance involving the TMC, the Left Front and the Congress. Given the mutual antagonism on the ground, it seems unlikely the idea would take off. In Maharashtra, it appears that while Uddhav's Sena and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party have their terrain mapped out, the Congress is in a quandary over its strong areas, if indeed there are any. At the core of the predicament faced by INDIA is the Congress' inability to mould itself into the leader of an admittedly heterogeneous formation, struggling for a helmsman and a narrative. While everybody conceded the need for a shared agenda and holding collective meetings that didn't seem unwieldy, the question is: Who will hold the baton for INDIA?

**144 posts of ETOs cleared for selection in Punjab**

**CHANDIGARH :** Dismissing the plea filed by Excise and Taxation Inspectors Association, P & Hry High Court Justice Sanjeev Prakash Sharma has ruled that "the respondents (state of Punjab) shall be free to proceed further with direct recruitment and fill the posts at faster pace." Of the total sanctioned strength, 14 posts can be filled by promoting the registration Inspectors as ETOs. This will help maintain the quota in filling



up the posts. Decks have finally been cleared for filling of 144 posts of Excise and Taxation Officer in the state after the Punjab and Haryana High Court allowed the Punjab Government to fill 115 of these posts through direct recruitment. The Excise and Taxation Inspectors had

been claiming that the ratio fixed for the post of ETOs was skewed in favour of the direct appointees. The sanctioned strength of ETOs is 395, of which 144 posts are vacant. As many as 121 posts for direct appointees and 23 to be filled by promoting inspectors are also lying vacant.

**State Cross Country Athletics Championship meet at Sector 7 complex on Dec 29**



**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** For eligible athletes the Chandigarh Athletics Association is going to organise the Chandigarh State Cross Country Athletics Championship 2023-24 at the Sector 7 Sports Complex on December 29. Residing, studying or working in Chandigarh are eligible to participate in the championship. Those interested in taking part in the meet can register online by 1:30 pm on December 27. Races will be held in U-16, U-18, U-20 and senior categories for both males

and females. Selected athletes will participate in the 58th National Cross Country Athletics Championship scheduled to be held at Gaya, Bihar, on January 15 next year. For U-16 events, athletes born between January 15, 2008, and January 14, 2010, are eligible, while those born between January 15, 2006, and January 14, 2008, can take part in the U-18 events. Similarly, those born between January 15, 2004, and January 14, 2006, are eligible for U-20 events. There is no age bar on seniors' events.

**Free coaching for NEET, AIEEE, for SC/BC students, says Baljit Kaur**



**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** At the Ambedkar Institute of Careers and Courses free coaching for NEET and AIEEE candidates belonging to SC/BC and minorities would be started was announced by Punjab Minister for Social Justice, Empowerment and Minorities Dr Baljit Kaur. The institute currently imparts coaching to IAS, PCS and Civil Services aspirants. It also runs a one-year course in stenography for graduates. About 45 trainees, who succeeded in getting jobs in state government departments, were felicitated with a trophy and shawl. On the occasion, the minister announced to

enhance the stipend amount of IAS, PCS and Civil Services aspirants getting coaching from the institute, from Rs 3,000 to Rs 10,000 and that of stenography trainees from Rs 1,500 to Rs 5,000. The enhancement was long due on account of the increasing rate of inflation. She said the concept of imparting coaching to the weaker sections and needy candidates, who wanted to grow in their lives by cracking competitive exams, was purely based on the ideals of Baba Sahib. She said the state government would strengthen the institute by expanding its infrastructure as well as by recruiting manpower.

**Rs 3-cr loan fraud case, SBI officer gets bail**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** No violation of Express Credit Master Circular, the loan applicants had furnished forged salary slips, Forms No. 16, Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, ID cards, etc. Harish Bhardwaj, the counsel for the accused, contended that Kanishak was implicated and had been in custody since November 15 this year. He was not named as an accused in the FIR. He was the field officer, who had examined documents of 27 loan cases while rest of the 98 cases were scrutinised by someone else. A total of 300 loans were disbursed by their bank branch, said the counsel, adding that the applicant did not violate any direction



of the Express Credit Master Circular. A local court has granted bail to Kanishak Bhagat, a bank officer arrested in an alleged loan fraud case of over Rs 3 crore. The police had registered the case on a complaint of SBI regional manager, Panchkula, who had alleged that 98 persons had taken personal loans under Express Credit Scheme by showing themselves as regular employees of the PGI, the MC Chandigarh, etc. After hearing the arguments, the court granted bail to the accused.

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

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** Considering the prolonged unstable financial health of the university, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar had on Saturday raked up Haryana's stake in the PU at its global alumni meet. He promised to persuade the Punjab Chief Minister to work in this direction. The Punjab Government recently wrote to Panjab University (PU) that only if the Centre would enhance its share of funds to the university, the state would increase its own share. At present, Punjab was giving only 10% of the promised 40% share to the PU, said Vice-Chancellor Prof Renu Vig. "It is for the first time that such a condition has been put forth by the state. Though it is an invalid demand, we sent in



a letter to the Centre for the enhancement of funds as with the implementation of the 7th Pay Commission, the salary bill has increased," added the VC. "Before Haryana claims any stake, it is important for Punjab to realise that it offers less than the promised share of funds, whereas the Centre contributes 90% funds against its share of 60%," said the VC. In 1966, the university was declared an 'inter-state body corporate' under the Punjab Reorganisation Act, a unique status in the country. After Haryana and Himachal Pradesh withdrew their share

from the PU in 1973 and 1975, respectively, the university's maintenance was to be shared in the ratio of 60:40 by the Centre and Punjab. But over the years, Punjab's share has shrunk to 10%. "The university's budget is Rs 750 crore, of which 80% is spent on salaries and pensions, i.e. more than Rs 600 crore. For research and development works, more funds are required and Punjab is yet to offer us 'unconditional' 40% share," said Prof Vig. Meanwhile, Chief spokesperson of Punjab AAP Malvinder Singh Kang, in a press release issued here, said, "Punjab has emotional, historical and constitutional rights over the PU. The V-P must uphold the dignity of his position and refrain from acting as a partisan agent of the BJP."

**Delibrate meter reading kept below 600 for 'zero' bill, state loses Rs 1,000 crore**

**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** Maximum cases of power theft have been reported in the border areas of Tarn Taran and Amritsar. Fake consumers continue to steal power worth Rs 1,000 crore per annum, despite the Punjab Government providing 600 units of free electricity to domestic consumers. Data collected from Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd (PSPCL) shows that the total number of feeders facing power thefts have come down from 2,980 to 2,714 till September 2023. However, the number of feeders suffering loss has increased from one to 11. The Central zone is the only place where only 43 feeders have 15 to 25 per cent line losses. In the West zone, more feeders have reported line losses as compared to the Border zone. The maximum of 84.97 per cent losses have been witnessed in Khemkaran of Tarn Taran circle. The worst divisions in the Tarn Taran circle, Border zone, include



Bhikhiwind and Patti. In the sub-urban circle, West division has seven feeders with more than 70 per cent losses. In the West zone, Bhagta Bhai Ka division of Bathinda circle tops the list of feeders with 87.37 per cent line losses. In the West zone, Bathinda, Ferozepur and Muktsar circles are among theft prone areas. Even Badal division has 17 feeders with losses between 50 and 60 per cent. "In the Border and West zones, there is strong resistance by locals, including farmers against the meter checking by PSPCL officials. The shifting of meters, from inside houses to poles outside, is not being allowed. Even the move to change electro-mechanical meters with electronic ones is not being allowed" said

VK Gupta, All India Power Engineers' Federation. Mr Gupta said, "In Punjab, electricity worth Rs 1,000 crore is stolen annually." The documents accessed by indicate that the number of feeders above 50 per cent losses in PSPCL have increased from 362 to 414 feeders. "A total of 158 feeders in the Border and West zones have more than 60 per cent line losses. The Central, North and South zones have zero feeders with more than 60 per cent line losses," mentions the documents. "There are 11 feeders where line losses are more than 80 per cent. These include 10 in the Border zone and one in the West zone," reads the document.

**Compounding regime of synthetic milk**

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



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

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

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## Arrangements in place to tackle Covid spread, claims minister

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**PATIALA** : Although no cases of the new Covid variant have been reported in the state, the Health Department has taken comprehensive precautionary measures, said State Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Balbir Singh. The minister conducted a visit to the Government Rajindra Hospital and Government Medical College, here on Sunday. Emphasising the readiness of the health, medical, and research departments, Singh affirmed that robust arrangements have been made to handle potential Covid cases. He reassured the state residents, there is no need to panic as the Punjab Government, led by Chief Minister (CM) Bhagwant Singh Mann, stands fully



equipped to address any situation. Dr Balbir highlighted the advisory from the World Health Organisation to remain vigilant and cautious, especially for individuals battling pre-existing health conditions such as cancer, undergoing steroid treatments, kidney transplants, or respiratory diseases. He advised them to avoid crowded places, while reassuring the general public that there's no cause for immediate concern. He reiterated CM's proactive approach by

closely monitoring the current situation, conducting hospital visits across the state, and organising mock drills. He confirmed that the Punjab Government has already secured essential emergency medications, maintained functioning oxygen facilities, and continued RTPCR testing, despite the low number of reported cases, and stressed that there's no detection of any new variant in the state. Singh noted that no Covid patients have been admitted in Patiala till now. However, he urged strict adherence to safety protocols to safeguard against the virus. During the visit, Dr RPS Sibia, Dr Raja Paramjit Singh, Dr Vinod Dangwal, and Dr Sachin Kaushal were also present.

## In first weekend Rs 211.13 crore earned by 'Dunki'

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**MUMBAI** : "Dunki" directed by Rajkumar Hirani, the comedy drama opened to mixed reviews upon its release on Thursday. Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Dunki" has raised Rs 211.13 crore in gross box office collections (GBOC) worldwide in its opening weekend, the makers on Monday said. Red Chillies Entertainment, one of the production houses behind "Dunki", shared the box office update on its official X page. "This festive season, your love has given us the best present of the year!" the banner captioned the post,



which also stated that the film had earned Rs 211.13 crore worldwide in GBOC. "Dunki", based on an illegal immigration technique 'donkey flight', also stars Taapsee Pannu, Vicky Kaushal, Komal Irani, Vikram Kochhar and Anil Grover. The film is also presented by JIO Studios and Rajkumar Hirani Films.

## Jyotisar project awaits completion in Feb

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**KURUKSHETRA** : "A large number of tourists are reaching Kurukshetra every year and to ensure that the tourists keep coming throughout the year, the interpretation centres are being constructed at Jyotisar. It has five galleries, of which two are ready and the internal work in the remaining three is underway. I am hopeful that the work will be completed by February and all the five galleries will be opened for the public before the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect", said Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

The state government has set a target to inaugurate the ambitious project of Mahabharata-themed interpretation centres at Jyotisar before the Model Code of Conduct comes into effect next year.

The government has planned to complete the project and inaugurate it in February. The project has already missed several deadlines. It started in 2018 and it was expected to complete in 2021. Last year, it got a one-year extension (till July end this year), and then was extended up to October, but it missed all the deadlines due to various issues. The firm, constructing the buildings, would also operate and maintain

the buildings for the next five years. As per the information, there was a plan to open the centres for the public in a phased manner and to also get the two galleries (out of five) inaugurated by the Union Home Minister Amit Shah during the International Gita Mahotsav, but the plan didn't materialise due to his schedule. Now all the five galleries will be inaugurated together next year.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar along with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma visited the site and inquired about the project. Different themes including Shrimad Bhagavad Gita, Vedic Civilisation, Kurukshetra, 48-kos Kurukshetra, and 18 days of the Mahabharata battle will be depicted in these buildings. Augmented reality, Artificial Intelligence, holographic images and other latest technologies will be used. Gautam Kumar, Executive Engineer, Haryana Tourism Corporation, said, "As Jyotisar is being developed as a world-class tourist destination. While two buildings are completely ready, the other three buildings will be ready by February. The content to be shown in these galleries is also ready."

## Sanjauli-Dhalli tunnel would contribute to region's economic growth : CM Sukhu

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**SHIMLA** : Taking a jibe at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said the construction work of the 154.22-metre tunnel was going on at a snail's pace under the previous government in the hill state and the Congress government expedited it and the structure was completed within a year. The newly-constructed Sanjauli-Dhalli tunnel, built at a cost of Rs 47.36 crore, was inaugurated by Sukhu would contribute to regions economic growth. The state government has directed all departments to ensure a time-bound completion of every project. Sukhu was quoted as saying in a statement issued here. The existing Dhalli tunnel, which was constructed in 1852, served as a single-lane passage and had surpassed its design life, causing persistent traffic congestion. With the



inauguration of the new tunnel, these issues would be addressed. Tourism, a key industry in Himachal Pradesh, stands to benefit significantly from the improved connectivity. The tunnel, strategically positioned on the route to popular tourist destinations, such as Kufri, Naldehra, Tattapani, Narkanda and Chail, will ease the movement of tourists and contribute to the region's economic growth, Sukhu said. The paintings in the tunnel on the theme of the Jatar procession of Shimla were conceptualised by Professor Him Chatterjee, who had earlier designed the murals (wall paintings) on the 28,991-square metre Integrated Transit Corridor in and around the Pragati Maidan in Delhi. "Initially, I developed the details of the drawings and one of my students, Diksha, enlarged those. It took almost a month and a half to paint the tunnel," Chatterjee said. The professor has received several awards, including Rashtriya Sawasti Samman, Shikhar Samman and Hindu Rattan Award.

## Vande Bharat Express train to launch at railway station from December 30

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**AMRITSAR** : Already three pair of direct trains are plying between Amritsar and Delhi. These trains include New Delhi-Amritsar Superfast and two Shatabdis. Besides, there are many trains that start from the local railway station and halt in Delhi and its suburbs. Travellers have acclaimed the launch of Amritsar-Delhi Vande Bharat Express train from December 30. The Amritsar-Delhi rail section is the busiest route despite having a large number of trains, flights and buses. These trains include Chhattisgarh Express, Amritsar-Mumbai Frontier, the Shan-e-Punjab, the Garib Rath, the Dadar Express, the Delhi-Pathankot Express via Amritsar and others.



deal with their suppliers in the National Capital. Besides, a huge Sikh and Punjabi population with ties in Delhi and the NCR. For instance, traders dealing in dry fruits, cereals, food, FMCG, readymade garments, spices and other products travel between Amritsar and Delhi frequently. In addition, the holy city has become a major attraction for tourists from — Delhi, Agra and Jaipur — the

Golden Triangle circuit. Tourists from the National Capital Region (NCR) find value in spending at least two nights in the city and visit added attractions such as the Heritage Village, Gobindgarh Fort, Ram Tirath, War Museum and Sadda Pind. Experts say, "Tourists from the NCR find an added attraction in the cultural capital of Punjab. Earlier, their choice was limited to Agra and Jaipur."

## Feb 29 enhanced date for voter enrolment period

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**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.

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# Putin quietly desires ceasefire in Ukraine

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Russians buoyed by Ukraine's failed counteroffensive and flagging Western support, Putin says Russia's war goals have not changed. Addressing his generals, he boasted that Ukraine was so beleaguered that Russia's invading troops were doing "what we want." "Web won't give up what's ours," he pledged, adding dismissively, "If they want to negotiate, let them negotiate." But in a recent push of back-channel diplomacy, Putin has been sending a different message: He is ready to make a deal. Putin has been signalling through intermediaries since at least September that the open to a ceasefire that freezes the fighting along the current lines, far short of his ambitions to dominate Ukraine, officials in the know say. In fact, Putin also sent out feelers for a ceasefire deal in



the fall of 2022, according to US officials. That quiet overture, not previously reported, came after Ukraine routed Russia's army in the country's northeast. Putin's repeated interest in a ceasefire is an example of how opportunism and improvisation have defined his approach to the war behind close doors. Interviews with Russians who have long known him and with international officials with insight into the

Kremlin's inner workings show a leader maneuvering to reduce and keep his option so open in a war that has lasted Putin, the current and former officials said, sees a confluence of factors creating an opportune moment for a deal a battlefield that seems stuck in a stalemate, the fallout over Ukraine's disappointing offensive, its flagging supporting the West, and, the distraction of the Israel-Hamas war.

# No PU tag for Haryana colleges --- AAP



Commissioner News Service  
Chandigarh: The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) on Sunday condemned the ideas of Vice President and Chancellor of Punjab University for seeking PU, 's affiliated colleges in Haryana as controversial in Punjab politics. Malvinder Singh Kang Punjab AAP chief spokesperson said "PU is a symbol of Punjab's legacy, and the state holds an emotional, historical, and constitutional right over it. No Haryana college should get its affiliation, for PU is in exclusive jurisdiction of Punjab." AAP advised the VP to "uphold the dignity" of his office and "refrain from acting as a partisan agent of the Bharatiya Janata Party."

"While the BJP may continue to challenge Punjab's rights and interests, the AAP government is committed to safeguarding those," defended APP and challenged Punjab . BJP president Sunil Jakhar would lead an agitation against the Vice-President and the chancellor over this issue. Malvinder Singh Kang told Jakhar that: "Demonstrate courage by denouncing treacherous move to alter the university's structure. The Punjab BJP unit should clarify its stance on the matters related to Punjab and Panjab University. But people have little expectation from this party that shows no genuine intentions for working for the state's betterment."

# Anti rabies vaccine procured by govt hospitals

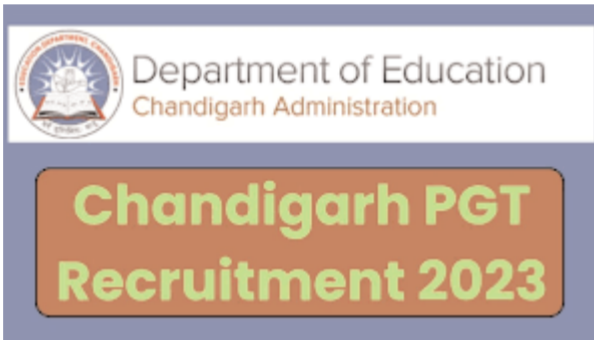
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Chandigarh: The UT health department has ensured full stocks of Anti rabies vaccines after making emergency purchase. For the past one week, no anti rabies vaccine and equine rabies immunoglobulin (serum) were available in the city's government hospitals.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



of anti-rabies injection. It was decided to procure them immediately under the emergency provision and the same was supplied after a week at the rabies clinic in sector 19 hospital. However, at GMSH 16 and Manimajra civil hospital, the antirabies injections were supplied only on Saturday after the patients' woes were heard loudly.

# Recruitment of PGI lecturers written test from Feb 10

Commissioner News Service  
Chandigarh: As per the exam schedule, part-A for all subjects - lecturers (PGTs) Chemistry, English, Home Science, Music, Physical Education, Sanskrit, Biology, Economics, Physics, Hindi, Maths, Punjabi, Geography, Political Science, History, and Sociology - will be held on February 10 from 10.50 am. part- B, consisting of PGI chemistry, PGI English, PGT music (V), PGT Physical Education, PGT Sanskrit, will be held on the same day from 2.30- 4.10 pm. The education department has released the schedule for written tests for the post of lecturers from February 10. Exams of PGT-biology and PGT-economics will be held on February 11 from 10-11.40am, and PGT-Hindi, PGT- Physics, PGT-Maths,



PGT- Punjabi from 2.30-4.10pm. Exams for PGT-Geography and PGT-Political science will be held on February 12 from 10-11.40am, and PGT-history from 2.30-4.10pm. PGT-Sociology Exam is scheduled for February 13 from 2.30-4.10 pm. The e-admit card can be downloaded from the website from February 6 (11

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

# Drone attack culprits would be caught, suffer Rajnath Singh

Mumbai: The central government has taken the recent drone attacks on commercial ships in the Arabian sea very seriously and it will find out the culprits even from the depth of the ocean warned the Defence Minister Raj Nath Singh . He made the remark at the commissioning ceremony of INS Imphal. Nowadays turbulence in the sea has increased a lot. India's growing economic and strategic power has filled some forces with jealousy and hatred. The Government of India has taken the recent drone attack on 'MV Chem Pluto' in the Arabian Sea and the earlier



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

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## MC cautions PGI, PU on fire safety compromise

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Chandigarh: The fire incident had taken place on October 9 in PGI's Nehru Hospital. Fortunately, there was no loss of life due to timely intervention by several departments. However, the aftermath of the fire was visible from the first to fifth floor and it took more than 5 hours for the fire brigade to fully douse the fire. The building did not have the requisite fire equipment as per the National Building Code (NBC) of India and did not have the mandatory fire safety certificate from the fire and rescue department of MC," reminded Anindita Mitra

"As per the record of the fire and rescue department, MC, only Nehru Hospital Extension block has obtained a fire safety certificate and issuance of 16 certificates are pending since May 2021 due to formalities to be completed by the PGI



authorities," Mitra added in the letter. Chandigarh municipal corporation has now specifically written letters to the PGI director and Panjab University vice chancellor, asking them to take fire safety certificates for the two autonomous institutions after installing all the required equipment in their respective buildings as per the National Building Code (NBC). In her letter, municipal commissioner Anindita Mitra has explained the importance of the fire safety certificate in detail by citing

related norms. The MC's move has come at a time when the PGI is yet to take fire safety certificate for 16 of its buildings and PU needs the same for 14 buildings. According to the civic body, all buildings need fire safety certificate in the PGI, except for Nehru building. "Both autonomous institutions have multiple buildings housing thousands of people at one point of time. Both the institutes need to be fully equipped with all kinds of safety measures, but majority of their buildings don't have the fire certificate.

## 628 Fresh Covid Cases In India, Active caseload reaches 4,054, 628



Commissioner News Service

New Delhi: India has recorded a single-day rise of 628 new COVID-19 cases while the active caseload jumped to 4,054, according to a released Data of Union Health Ministry. The total fatalities were recorded at 5,33,334 (5.33 lakh) with one new death reported from Kerala in the previous 24 hours, the data updated at 8 am showed on

Tuesday. The country's Covid case tally is currently at 4,50,09,248 (4.50 crore). The number of people who have recuperated from the disease has risen to 4,44,71,860 (4.44 crore) while the national recovery rate stands at 98.81 per cent, according to the website of health ministry. The case fatality rate stands at 1.19 per cent.

## Task force to 'map' illegal mining hotspots



Commissioner News Service

Panchkula: The district-level task force committee working against illegal mining would conduct special checks on illegal activities and do a mapping of the hotspot areas. Mr Sushil Sarwan, the Deputy Commissioner has directed the officials to take strict steps to completely curb illegal mining activities in the district. A meeting of the District Level Task Force Committee (Mining) was held under the chairmanship of the DC, in which he reviewed the guidelines given in the previous meeting. He directed the officials to take immediate action against the persons involved in illegal min-

ing. Additionally, he also urged them to submit reports of any complaints related to illegal mining within two days, so that effective action can be taken to curb this illegal practice. Mr Sarwan stressed the importance of cross-coordination among the members of the DLTF committee to effectively deal with illegal mining in the district. He also stressed the need for thorough mapping of the area and confiscation of maximum vehicles engaged in illegal mining. The deputy commissioner also sought a detailed report on the efforts made to check illegal mining and action taken in this regard.

## UT directs pvt creches for permission within 15 days

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: "It has been noticed that in the Union Territory of Chandigarh the private creches are running without any permission from the Estate Office / Department of Social Welfare." As per the guidelines, it is 2 mandatory to obtain permission from the competent authority, that is, UT Estate Officer, and Director Social Welfare Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration, 3rd Floor, Town Hall Extension Building (Opp. DC Office), Sec- tor 17-C, Chandigarh within 15 days," said the spokesperson. If they fail to get the permission then appropriate action will be initiated by the

Institutions, runs a private creche without any permission, then it is illegal. "The persons/Institutions who are running a private creche may obtain written permission by applying to the Director Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Chandigarh Administration, 3rd Floor, Town Hall Extension Building (Opp. DC Office), Sec- tor 17-C, Chandigarh within 15 days," said the spokesperson. If they fail to get the permission then appropriate action will be initiated by the



department. "The persons who have been already given permission from the Director Social Welfare/Estate Office, UT, Chandigarh must inform the Department of Social Welfare along with permission certificate," said the spokesperson.

## 20 K group 'C' posts cleared by HC

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: The issue which had led to - C the single bench order pertained to the grant of socioeco- nomic marks at CET examination level and its verification at the final stage in Group-56 and 57 of Group C categories. The single bench had also directed the respondents to first verify the documents of all candidates who had qualified the examination, which goes into lakhs, and then release the merit list for further process. Division bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Ritu



Bahri and Justice Aman Chaudhary has passed the orders while hearing the appeal filed by Haryana staff Selection Commission (HSSC) Paving the way for appointment to around 20,000 Group-C posts across

Haryana, a division bench of Punjab and Haryana high court stayed the August 4 order of a single bench setting aside the merit list and result of the CET examination conducted by Haryana in 2022.

## Ayush to appoint ayurvedic medics

Commissioner News Service

Panchkula : At all 10 ayurvedic dispensaries in 4 blocks, department of Ayush has accelerated its efforts to appoint doctors and para medical staff. A proposal has been approved and sent to the HKRNL ( Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited).

Various posts are lying unfilled at ayurvedic dispensaries .The HPSC (Haryana Public Service Commission) hires permanently posts of doctors while other staff members are hired by HSSC, (Haryana Staff Selection Commission.)



A file to hire doctors through HKRNL has now been sent to Finance deptt for approval . Besides this to strengthen the infrastructure of Ayush department, gymnasium are also being setup by the Ayush department. Ayurvedic health benefits would be promoted with the help of district coordinator who would monitor the working of gymnasiums, announced Manohar Lal Khattar, chief minister.

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