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Brutal breach of Air, Water pollution norms by PCCPL, yet consent to operate survives

Persistent discharge of untreated water by Saurbh Chemicals continues

Gursharan Dass Garg,
Incharge Regional
Pollution Control

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DeraBassi : History of Saurabh Chemical in preserving the environmental sanctity is no good, as the chemical residues are not disposed of as per the pollution norms. Drums once full of chemical wastes were buried and foul odour attracted the attention of passersby., if the media record is subjected to scrutiny. A few months have passed when gaseous poison spreaded the precincts of the Saurabh industrial unit

and workers ran out due to steep suffocation and protected their life. What for the enshrined anti pollution law were framed ,obviously to prevent the potential onslaught of the sickening pollution. The Air (pollution) Section 21, 22 act 1981, Water (pollution) sec 25, 26 act 1974, Environmental pollution Act 1986 are brutally being challenged in day light and the pollution control authorities have no time to withdraw consent

to operate, perhaps waiting to see the out break of multitude of diseases. On a recent recce in the local sub division, folk residents, farmers of several villages like Sundra, Janetpur, Bhankharpur, Gholumajra, Dehar and Sarsini were seen cursing the Pollution authorities who are asleep over their plight. The persistent increase of violation in untreated water, dissemination of toxic gases,carbon smoke are due to the resultant failure of the regional pollution control authorities. Every other day, cases of

cancer are found due to the unclean air, water, Where will the present generation run to hide their body and mind ? The out break of diarrhoea, asthma, joint pain, bron-

chitis, conjunctivitis and pigmentary disorders are located due to heavy quantum of unfit drinking water. The water level has fallen drastically so much down that villagers are witness to see shocking assault. Earlier on 50, 60 feet down , plenty of clean water used to be there but now beyond 500 feet no safe water is available for consumption , says former sarpanch of Sundra village. Similar is the plight of Bhankharpur village where masses are cursing the pharmaceutical company for discharging untreated water.. Conversing with the regional pollution control incharge Mr Gursharan Dad Garg, why he was not withdrawing consent who breached the pollution act, he couldn't answer satisfactorily. If the scenario remains. unsolved , the very objective of providing clean, air, water and environmental sanctity will be defeated.

How to enhance optimum pace of egg production

Commissioner News Service
By Parveen Garg

Necessity of highlighting the essential directives for increasing the pace of egg production has been in my mind for over considerable time . One will have to abide by the following slots as ; Availability of adequate space: Each bird would need a minimum 2 sq feet of space inside the shelter and outside in the open, it would. be 4 sq feet. Congestion of space would lead to quarrelsome ambience in the birds instincts. And several health issue would crop up with the germination of ailments, with pecking and feather plucking , egg eating and unpleasant vices.Weaker birds would get trampled upon and injuries would be caused. Adequate provision of light: About 14 hours of day light



is necessary for birds to maintain the egg production. Provisioning of quality feed : Adequate level of energy, protein would strengthen the health of the birds and to see egg production would be at the optimal level.Body protein have 22 amino acids and these are physiologically mandatory. In order to meet the requisite metabolic, we would need to provide perfect synthesization by providing balanced nutritious diet to the bird community. Need of Calcium and vitamin D--Calcium carbonate is found in the shell of eggs.A hen depriving calcium would lay soft shelled // or shellless eggs.Soft shelled

eggs look like regular eggs but on picking them up. .. they are not seen hard. Provisioning of clean water - In case of midday and dirty water , birds would encounter parasites and bacteria and fall sick. Hens are more sensitive to lack of water than a lack and feed,rehydrated might stop laying eggs.The time, birds are rehydrated it would count few days to start laying eggs. Daily birds need clean, fresh water to support their body 's demands. Stress impact, affect production : Birds are seen experiencing stress may produce no or low production.

2 "Made- in- India" nuclear reactor to Nation dedicated by Modi

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New Delhi : Fortifying generational gap of Nuclear reactors, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated. 2 indigenously developed reactors to Nation at Atomic Power Station ..Kalrapar .The reactors unit 3, 4 in Gujarat are the first two in the series of 16 Indigenously Pressurised Heavy Water Reactors of 700 MW each being set up in the country. Built by NPCIL at the cost of over Rs 22500 Cr KAPS - 3 and KAPS- 4 projects



have a cumulative capacity of 1400(700x 2) MW and are the largest indigenously PHWRs. These are the first of its kind reactors with advanced safety features comparable with best in the

world .They would together produce about 10.4 billion units of the clean electricity per year and benefit the consumers of the multiple states.

Jarnail Singh Bajwa Director, Pankaj Bawa, Chief Town Planner arrested against fraudulent deal

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MOHALI : The Punjab Vigilance Bureau (VB) on Saturday registered a case against Jarnail Singh Bajwa, director of Bajwa Developers Limited, Sunny Enclave, Kharar, Chief Town Planner Punjab (CTP) Pankaj Bawa, who was later arrested, and patwari Lekh Raj (retired) for allegedly illegally clearing housing projects. During the investigation into a complaint, it was found that Bajwa Developers Limited got passed a residential/commercial project from the state government on about 179 acres in Sinhpur, Hasanpur and Jandpur villages in Mohali district said a VB spokesperson. "During the probe, it was also



found that the office of CTP had not passed change of land use (CLU) certificate but Jarnail Singh Bajwa, Director, Bajwa Developers Limited, in connivance with the then DTP Pankaj Bawa, now CTP: Ragbir Singh, Assistant Town Planner, and Lekh Raj, patwari (retired), got approved the land in the layout plan without any approval" said the spokesperson of the VB.

AAP to sacrifice Chd Lok Sabha seat to Cong

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Chandigarh: The announcement in this regard is likely to be made in the next few days, it is almost certain that AAP will leave the Chandigarh Lok Sabha seat for the Congress. While in Punjab, both the political parties are likely to contest the election separately on almost all the seats," sources in Delhi revealed. The talks are in the last-stage, sources said, adding that after a series of discussions, the AAP has finally agreed to give Chandigarh seat to Congress. The consensus has come following the SC verdict on the mayoral elections." Though the Chandigarh units of Congress and AAP are not much aware about the development, sources in Congress said the party



showed its keen interest in fighting from the Chandigarh seat when AAP clinched the mayor seat with the support of the Congress. "Three municipal councillors of AAP shifted their loyalty to BJP on Sunday, but Congress councillors have held their fort for INDIAbloc. Thus, now we are hoping that AAP will too support us in the Lok Sabha poll at defeat the BJP," said a senior Chandigarh Congress leader on the condition of anonymity.

New water pipeline laid in Sector 36

Chandigarh : The laying of new waterline in Sector 36 was today inaugurated by Paramjit Singh. In the booth market of the sector ,now one could apply for the afresh water connection, said Jasbir Singh Bunt, the area councillor. Mr Ram Singh president of the market thanked the



councillor for his tireless, dedicated service.

Hunger strike by NHM employees from 28 Feb

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Chandigarh : " We all have been recruited through a proper channel , under the guidelines from govt of India. The (NHM) National Health Mission has been struggling to change the motive of our appointment - - outsourcing staff- submitting option of working on DC rate., said Babita Rawat, President of the NHM. She said that medical authorities were not paying any heed to the basic demands of the Staff employed in the Govt Medical college and the



Hospital Chandigarh. Now , as per the resolution, 2 employees of the NHM ,will sit daily to observe hunger strike from 0900 am to 0530 Pm at GMCH --16.

E -auction of industrial plots begins at P'kula

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P'kula : Until Feb 28, applications for the e - auction of the industrial plots in Barwala industrial area would be invited by the Haryana State Industrial Infrastructure Development (HSIIDC).



The tentative date of the auction has been fixed as on Mar. 18 The exercise to sell industrial plots have started, said estate manager of the Haryana State Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation The plots can be purchased through e-auction most probably on Mar 18. In

order to participate in the registration can be done on the HSIIDC ' portal htpc // HSIIDC.bids.in till Feb 28, he added. Due to its location along the Panchkula -- Yamuna Nagar NH 73 ,Barwala Industrial area offers immense opportunities for industries here and thus the industrial activities are continuously

increasing here, said Yogesh Kaushik. Through e auction 1012.50 sq metre, 4050 sq metre, 4900sq meters, 5800sq meters 7000 sq meters,8300 sq meters, , 9000 sq meters, 10165 sq meters, Plots would be sold by the corporation . Any factory can set up its unit here.

Bacchus lovers applaud stable price

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Chandigarh : The minimum retail price of beer has been kept unchanged under the new excise police 2024-2025 in comparison to the outgoing excise policy. Similar is the case with the country liquor's minimum retail prices.



The retail liquor prices for consumers will remain unchanged in the new financial year. "The administration has not reduced the VAT

and excise duty. It was expected that the administration would bring in greater paritybyin the taxes and duties in comparison to neighbouring states, particularly Punjab. In Chandigarh, the VAT is around 12%; but in Punjab it is 1% plus surcharge of 0.10%. Similarly high difference remains in excise duties with Punjab offering much lower excise duty. Incertain types of liquor, the per carton rates have been increased." Darshan Singh Kler, president,Chandigarh Wine Contractor Association (CWCA),

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Antimicrobial campaign must be combated by tooth & nail

WHO has classified antibiotics into three categories (AWaRe): access, watch and reserve, with the latter two being advocated only when specifically indicated. The ‘access’ group is for highly targeted compounds that are unlikely to cause antimicrobial resistance and are the first line antibiotics to be prescribed. The NCDC survey showed that 60 per cent of the antibiotics prescribed in India belonged to the ‘watch’ or ‘reserve’ groups. Giving higher antibiotics is counter-productive as it leads to antibiotic resistance that can spread in the community, and the subsequent infections can become difficult to treat. Antibiotics fall under Schedule H/H1 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, and can be sold only on prescription written by registered medical practitioners. However, the implementation of rules is lax in India, and chemists often dispense antibiotics on their own. The WHO had formulated a ‘global action plan’ in 2015, and India followed suit in 2017 with an antimicrobial surveillance programme, an antibiotic stewardship programme and surveillance for drug resistance. A review of the plan, however, showed shortcomings in its implementation. While the WHO recommends the concurrence of infectious disease specialists when using higher antibiotics, India is woefully short of such trained personnel. AMR is one of the top global public health concerns. The WHO says that antibiotic resistance — the development of strains of microorganisms that do not respond to conventional antibiotics — can pose a ‘global threat’ to public health. Such resistant infections

led to at least three lakh deaths in India and 1.27 million deaths worldwide in 2019. By 2050, the toll is expected to rise to 50 million. With the world becoming a ‘global village’ due to ease of travel, resistant organisms and infections can travel across continents at a very rapid pace, as was shown by the spread of Covid-19. The ramifications of AMR go much beyond the simple misuse of antibiotics in humans. Antibiotics are often given to livestock for different reasons. It is, therefore, not surprising that bacterial cultures from milk, poultry and fish often show the growth of drug-resistant organisms. Similarly, resistant organisms are reported from various water sources, where they enter through pharmaceutical waste, hospital effluents, sewage and domestic waste. Open defecation is also a contributing factor, as the antibiotics excreted in urine and stool contaminate groundwater. Thus, faeces-contaminated water consumed by humans and livestock perpetuates the spread of resistant microorganisms. Though antibiotic stewardship has shown a decrease in the use of antibiotics in hospitals where it was conducted, the situation in smaller hospitals and rural areas is worse. There is a lack of trained personnel and quality laboratories. Quacks and semi-trained healthcare workers are the first line of interface, and non-allopathic doctors also prescribe antibiotics. While only simple or ‘access’ antibiotics might be getting prescribed in rural areas, there is an indiscrete use of higher and often multiple antibiotics in cities. The implications of AMR can be far-reaching — prolonged hospitalisation, an increase in cost and fatal

hospital-acquired infections. Some years ago, a drug-resistant bacterium (Klebsiella spp), labelled the ‘Delhi superbug’, had a mutation that provided it resistance to most antibiotics. Antibiotics not only kill disease-causing microorganisms but also the beneficial ones in our intestines that form the microbiome. Alterations in the microbiome cause damage to the protective lining of the gut and are now incriminated in diseases like autoimmune diseases, inflammatory bowel diseases, neurological and degenerative diseases. The ‘One Health’ concept, which encompasses the interdependence of human, animal and environmental parameters, should be used for the containment of AMR. There is also a need to have surveillance of AMR in different patient populations, along with changing patterns of drug resistance. Water supply, hospital and industrial waste should be tested periodically. There is a need to educate the public through campaigns in the media. More importantly, doctors in clinics and smaller hospitals need to be updated. The Indian Council of Medical Research should prepare guidelines on indications and choices of antibiotics for different diseases and disseminate them widely. The wide network of the Indian Medical Association should be used for antimicrobial stewardship. Over-the-counter sale of antibiotics cannot be prevented by mere advisories to pharmacists. The government’s advice to clearly state the indication of antibiotics in the prescription is a step in the right direction but difficult to enforce.

eSanjeevani running teleconsultation becomes boon for rural health centres

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CHANDIGARH : This eSanjeevani application works on a hub-and-spoke model. Through this model, doctors, including specialists, can provide services to Health and Wellness Centres in rural areas. Further, people living on the periphery and rural areas can also avail of services through the OPD module of eSanjeevani. The eSanjeevani application has benefitted a lot to doctors at Health and Wellness Centres in rural areas here, facilitating 68,074 doctor-to-doctor consultations — surpassing patient-to-doctor interactions at 18,788. The Government Multi-Speciality Hospital (GMSH), Sector 16, is running the teleconsultation service through eSanjeevani wherein patients fill in the details and receive a token number through which doctors attend the patients through video calling. Besides, the teleconsultation facility

at the GMSH-16 is attached to the Health and Wellness Centres of the city wherein the doctors attending the patients can seek consultation from specialists at the GMSH-16. The majority of doctor-to-doctor teleconsultations take place between doctors posted at these centres and specialists of the GMSH-16. The e-Sanjeevani OPD at the GMSH, Sector 16, and all Health and Wellness Centres in Chandigarh is aimed at helping the general public, especially elderly persons and patients with comorbidities. Patients have the ease of getting an appointment from doctors and getting specialist opinion as well. However, this poses a



‘Ghost plants’ scam to be reprobated by SIT Forest Department

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CHANDIGARH : After grilling by the Vidhan Sabha’s Committee on Government Assurances, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has assured that the ghost plants scam of the Forest Department’s Research Division, Pinjore, will be investigated by a special investigation team (SIT) headed by a DIG. The issue was raised in the Haryana Legislative Assembly on March 22, 2022, during a Calling Attention Motion, where the government tabled the inquiry report and assured a vigilance inquiry. However, after the DSP of bureau, Devinder Singh, gave a clean chit to the accused, IFS officer Jitender Ahlawat, the Assurance Committee took up the case. During a hearing, DG (Vigilance) Shatruijeet Kapur and DIG Pankaj Nain appeared before the committee and it was decided to form an SIT under Nain. The inquiry report had revealed that despite no target available for new plants from the Forest Department, on January 27, 2021, a letter was issued to former contractors for extending their contract from January 28, 2021, to



February 28, 2021. Their contracts had ended on August 31, 2020, and October 31, 2020. The contractors had executed works worth Rs 1.87 crore. The panel found that the then Deputy Conservator of Forests (Research), Pinjore, Jitender Ahlawat, violated a standing order on tenders. Ahlawat was to grow 16.85 lakh new plants, while the detailed account reflected only 9.6 lakh plants were grown till March 31, 2021. It implied that 7.77 lakh plants were not grown, but the entire allotted amount was spent by March 31, 2021. The panel said Rs 51 lakh was “embezzled” as it was meant to be paid as EPF/ESI/contractor profit, but instead, it was spent on labour, machinery or material. The panel found that Rs 37 lakh was available with the Research Division from January 2021. The permission was granted for its use for growing new plants, which was not done.

Existing 74 flights to kick up to 96 in summers from Chandigarh airport



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MOHALI : From the existing 74 flights in winters, the number of flights will go up to 96 in summers — 48 arrivals and 48 departures. Akasa Air will also make a foray in the Chandigarh skies. As the summer schedule of Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport is expected

to kick in on March 31, Hisar, Dharamshala and Jammu will have enhanced connectivity from Chandigarh. As of now, four airlines operate from here. Six aircrafts will take a night halt here in summers, one up from the existing winter arrangement.

No check on canine menace in Mohali



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MOHALI : Members of the Sarvhit Kalyan Society, Shaheed Bhagat Singh Society, and Palika Market Association of Phase 11 submitted a representation signed by 300 families to Mohali Mayor Amarjit Singh Sidhu and Mohali ADC Viraj C Tidke. They have urged the authorities concerned to take corrective measures

immediately. More than 300 families of Phase 11, Mohali, through their representatives from five organisations, apprised the Mohali MC and the Mohali Administration of the increasing stray dog and cattle menace in the city. They said strict action should be taken against pet owners if their canine attacks a resident.

Upgradation of Chandigarh railway station goes upto May 31



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CHANDIGARH : Initially set for April 10, 2024, the project’s timeline has been revised to May 31. The railway officers from the headquarters and Ambala division took stock of works being carried out under the Amrit Bharat Stations scheme. Local railway station’s transformative upgrade, designed as a prototype for future stations, has encountered an extension in its completion deadline. The station is being upgraded with innovative modular designs and prefabricated components. The contract has been awarded to M/s Ahluwalia Contracts

(India) Limited at a cost of Rs 462 crore. Buildings (G+3) of sizes 60m x 42m each are planned on both sides of the station. The ground floor features essential services such as ticket counters, book stalls, a souvenir shop, a retail shop, railway offices and an executive lounge. The second floor will house enquiry counters, a food court, retail shops, a cloak room and a paid waiting lounge. The third floor will have an exclusive food court. An air-concourse (72m x 80m) will connect the

second floors of the two buildings. The platforms will be accessible through lifts, escalators and stairs from the concourse. Two foot overbridges (each 12 m wide) are strategically positioned on the Kalka and Ambala ends of the station. These will be used by arriving passengers and will also be connected with the station building. A through roof, measuring 180m x 80m, covering the entire area of air-concourse and both the foot overbridges is an important feature. The present parking area on both sides of the station are being developed and is being increased from the existing 13,720 sq m to 24,515 sq m.

Ambala scientific goods industry paralysed by farmers’ stir



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AMBALA : Due to the closure of inter-state borders and diversions, manufacturers were not getting the raw material on time, affecting the production and delivery of goods. Due to the diversions, the cost of transportation has also increased, said the manufacturers. The scientific industry in Ambala has started facing the impact of the ongoing standoff between the government and farmer unions. There are around 2,000 small and big units in Ambala that are involved in the manufacturing of glassware, electronics products, educational instruments and other scientific apparatus.

Arun P Bansal, a scientific goods manufacturer and an exporter, said, “Due to the diversions, consignments are not getting delivered in time and customers are hesitating in placing new orders. As we are not getting raw materials, production is also getting affected. We get metal casting from Phagwara and some raw material from Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Delhi, but the transporters are not committing delivery.” Similarly, Gaurav Soni,

scientific apparatus manufacturer, said, “The suspension of mobile Internet has also been a major cause of inconvenience. We have been facing difficulties in GST return filing, generating e-way bills and one-time passwords (OTPs). Since the products are not getting dispatched in time, the payment circle has also been disturbed. The issue should be resolved soon else the industry will face heavy losses.” Umesh Gupta, president, Scientific Apparatus Manufacturers and Exporters (SAME), said “The manufacturers in Ambala have been facing issues in timely delivery of goods and procuring raw material.

Compounding regime of synthetic milk



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

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

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

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2.3-km-long Sudarshan Setu, longest cable-stayed bridge inaugurated by PM

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Devbhumi Dwarka : 'Sudarshan Setu', the country's longest cable-stayed bridge of 2.32 km, was inaugurated by Prime Minister on Sunday. The bridge 'Sudarshan Setu', connected Arabian Sea with Beyt Dwarka island to mainland Okha in Gujarat's Devbhumi Dwarka district. The Prime Minister began his day by offering prayers at Lord Sri Krishna temple at Beyt Dwarka. He later inaugurated the four-lane cable-stayed bridge called the 'Sudarshan Setu', which boasts a unique design, featuring a footpath adorned with verses from Srimad Bhagavad Gita and images of Lord Krishna on both sides. The 2.32 km bridge, including 900 metres of central double span cable-stayed portion and a 2.45-km-long approach road, has been constructed at a cost of Rs 979 crore, as per an official release. The four-lane 27.20-metre-wide bridge has 2.5-metre-wide footpaths on each side, it said. The bridge, which was known as 'Signature Bridge', has been renamed 'Sudarshan Setu' or Sudarshan Bridge. Beyt Dwarka is an island near Okha port, which is nearly 30 km from Dwarka town, where the famous Dwarkadhish temple of Lord Krishna is situated. At present, devotees visiting the temple at Beyt Dwarka can travel only during the day by boat, while the construction of the bridge will allow them to travel at all times, officials said.

Arrest warrants to 29 firms served for failing to deposit PF

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FARIDABAD : The arrest warrants of the firm's directors stemmed from the move as per the PF Rules, procedure for which is similar to the Income Tax Proceeding Rules that provide the department concerned power of recovery from the defaulting companies. The warrants have been issued under Section 8-B and 8-G of the PF Act while the police will execute the order. The Regional Office of the Employees Provident Funds Organisation (EPFO) has marked arrest warrants to the owners of 29 companies for failing to deposit provident funds (PF) of employees. It is the second consecutive year when such an action has been taken by the department. While a majority of the companies in the list are based in Faridabad, some are operating from the neighbouring Palwal district.



It is claimed that the EPFO has the authority to make arrest after issuance of the arrest warrants against the defaulters. The department can also attach properties if the registered companies do not comply with the rules regarding the PF, said an official. The official added that the department may issue prohibition orders to recover pending amount from the third party in case the latter owes any payment to the defaulter organisation. The district has around 28,000 industrial and commercial units. Companies offering PF need to deposit the PF amount of the employees with the

EPFO. This amount equals 12 per cent of the salary and an equal amount to be paid by the employer. Complaints about firms not depositing the PF amount despite deducting such an amount from the wages of employees surfaced during a probe conducted by the department. "The warrant paves the way for the arrest of the company owner and is required to be produced before the Recovery Officer of the department," said Krishan Kumar, Assistant Commissioner, EPFO. He said the accused would be set free if the defaulting amount is cleared immediately. The EPFO has recovered an amount of Rs 1.29 crore from the defaulters in the past one year, he added. It is reported around 50 companies were also served with similar warrants last year for not complying with the norms under the recovery procedure.

Goods train sans driver in J-K's Kathua ran 70 km upto Mukerian



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Hoshiarpur : An untoward incident of train was avoided as a message was sent to all gatemen to keep the level-crossings closed. A goods train halted at Kathua station in Jammu started running towards Pathankot in Punjab without its driver at a speed of over 100 km per hour before being brought to a halt near Uchi Bassi in Mukerian. The train's engine was reported to have one side

powered off while the other was running. The driver had got off during the halt at the Kathua station, but the train started running for nearly 70 km before it was finally stopped near Mukerian in Punjab. Authorities were alerted. An inquiry has been started to investigate the circumstances leading to the unmanned train's departure and to look into any lapses that may have occurred.

Sri Lanka to witness Gita Mahotsav from March 1

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Kurukshetra : A three-member team comprising the Chief Executive Officer of the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB), Honorary Secretary of the Board and the Chairman of the 48-Kos Tirtha Monitoring Committee will reach Sri Lanka on February 28 to oversee preparedness for the event. The three-day fifth edition of the International Gita Mahotsav (IGM) on the foreign soil will be organised in Sri Lanka from March 1 to 3. Sri Lanka's Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Minister Vidura Wickramanayaka had attended the event at the Brahma Sarovar with BJP national president JP



Nadda and he had expressed willingness to host the next event. KDB Honorary Secretary Upender Singhal said: "The event will be jointly organised by the KDB and the government of Sri Lanka. A copy of the Gita will be presented in the Parliament of Sri Lanka. It is a great achievement for us that the other countries are expressing desire to host the festival." Earlier, the IGM was organised in Mauritius, London, Canada and Australia.

Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra joined by Samajwadi Party's Akhilesh Yadav

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AGRA : Party workers of the Samajwadi Party and the Congress raised slogans in their support as the two leaders, accompanied by Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, waved at the crowd gathered here for the yatra. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav joined Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's 'Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra' in Agra on Sunday, days after the two parties reached a seat-sharing arrangement in Uttar Pradesh for the Lok Sabha polls. Attacking the government in his address on the occasion, Yadav said, "Farmers are standing against the government. The government is scared of the power of farmers. In the coming



time, the BJP will be removed and the INDIA coalition government will give respect to farmers." He added that the BJP has not given the backward classes, Dalits and minority communities the respect they deserve.

Tax reforms, mandatory saving plan, housing plan for elderly, NITI Aayog applauds

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NEW DELHI : 'Senior Care Reforms in India - Reimagining the Senior Care Paradigm', NITI Aayog said a national portal for senior care must be developed for senior citizens to provide easy access of services to them. Government think tank NITI Aayog has pitched for tax reforms, mandatory saving plan, and housing plan for elderly in India, as the population of senior citizens is projected to reach 19.5 per cent of the country's population by 2050. "Since the social security framework in India is limited, most seniors depend on the income generated from their savings. Variable interest rates result in the erosion of their income, sometimes even below sustenance levels. "Therefore, a regulatory mechanism is required to set a viable base rate for the interest accrued on senior citizen deposits," the report said. The report emphasised that giving a further concession to older women will contribute to their financial well-being. The elderly in India currently



comprises a little over 10 per cent of the population, translating to about 104 million, and is projected to reach 19.5 per cent of the total population by 2050. The report also suggested that the government should reassess the reverse mortgage mechanism to increase liquidity for seniors and by making necessary amendments to the current reverse mortgage rules. "Tax and GST reforms, etc., on senior care products (needed) to increase the ease of adoption and safeguard the elderly population from the financial burden," the Aayog said. Population ageing is a global phenomenon, and the number of people over 60 years of age has been rising rapidly across the

world. India, too, is witnessing an exponential growth in the number and proportion of elderly people, coupled with decreasing fertility rate (less than 2.0) and increasing life expectancy (more than 70 years). As per the report, the size of the home healthcare market in India was estimated at USD 6.2 billion (Rs 50, 840 crore) in 2020 and it is projected to reach USD 21.3 billion (Rs 1.74 lakh crore) by 2027. The home healthcare market can lead to a 15-30 per cent reduction in infrastructure and operational costs compared to hospital costs for the same treatment, it added. "We need to ensure the social security of the elderly and add more emphasis to wellbeing and care," NITI Aayog Member (Health) V K Paul said during the release of the report. NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Suman Bery said it is time to start thinking about the special dimensions of senior care, in addition to medical and social aspects.

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Same sex marriages, Greece follows European conventions

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Athens : Although Greece becomes the 16th European Union country to allow same-sex marriage, it is the first Orthodox Christian nation to pass such a law. It is pertinent to mention here same-sex marriage is permitted in 35 countries worldwide. Greece extended civil partnerships to same-sex couples in 2015, but stopped short of extending equal parental rights at the time. Greece legalised same sex marriage and equal parental rights for same-sex couples on Thursday as law-makers passed a bill that has divided Greek society and divided and drawn vehement



opposition from the country's powerful Orthodox Church. Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis had pledged to pass the new measures after his landslide reelection last year. He told his cabinet last month that same-sex marriage was a matter of equal rights, noted that similar legislation was in place in more than 30 other countries, and said that there

should be no "second-class citizens" or "children of a lesser God." In addition to recognising same-sex marriages, the legislation clears the way for adoption and gives the same rights to both same-sex parents as a child's legal guardian, where-as to date such rights have applied only to the biological parent.

Kejriwal to appear before ED in excise policy probe on 16 Mar



Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal apprised a Delhi court on (Saturday) 17 Feb 2024 , that he would inperson appear for a hearing on Mar 16 on the case filed by E n f o r c e m e n t Directorate against

him for non compliance. Mr Kejriwal joined proceedings through video conferencing and was exempted from personal appearance . On Feb 07, the court had issued him summons that he was legally bound to attend in person.

No more waste dumping at Jhuriwala, to vanish by Mar end ----Maypr Massive rigging in Pak Lok sabha poll

P'kula. : Legacy waste clearing tenders have been allotted at Rs 28 Cr and the ongoing work has caught the pace now. We expect that it would sweep the entire site along with Sector 23 dumping site by ending March month." , remarked the Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal. " At present, about 2200 metric tonnes of legacy waste was being processed by the company. The MC has been able to process 62 670 MT of the total 90837 MT waste at Jhuriwala and 175430 metric tonnes waste at



sector 23 dumping site," added the Mayor Mr Goyal. On average 3200 metric tonnes of waste is being processed daily at sector 23 dumping site. The civic

body has made 792 compost pits at Alipur village where dry compost would be prepared from wet waste, said Mr Goyal.

EWS admission deadline extended by education deptt



Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The new session would commence on April 01,2024 to ensure ample time for seat allotment. After going through severe winter period ,some people could not

apply for the admission so far ,and we now have allotted time deadline for EWS and entry level c l a s s e s , s a i d Harsuhinder Pal Singh Brar, the director of school education.

Disparity in drug supply affects price stability


Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: The city has nine Jan Aushadhi shop, including two at PGI, one at GMCH 32 and GMSH 16. The retail margin on generic medicines is as high as 200-1000%, while margin on branded drugs ranges between 20 and 30%. "Tenders will be floated for the third time and it was suggested not to run Jan Aushadhi round the clock as it would incur more cost for the people who plan to run the shops with high reserve price. None of these proposal have




been considered," said an official in the UT health department. Being managed by the UT health department, the Jan Aushadhi drug shops are often running out of stock at GMCH 32, while GMSH 16's supply has

been able to cater to most of patients. GMCH32 has a Jan Aushadhi drug store where hardly a patient is seen as often the stock of the prescribed medicines gets exhausted.



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BJP eyes arrest of Kejriwal, denting integrity of INDIA block : Cheema

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Chandigarh: AAP leaders in Delhi were getting threatening phone calls from the BJP, if they didn't leave the INDIA alliance, Kejriwal would be arrested and put into jail premises, and already 7 summons have been served by ED (Enforcement Directorate).

The Lok Sabha election of 2024 were fast approaching. The BJP could sense the potential defeat of the party at the hands of the India bloc. For the past over 20 years, BJP has miserably



failed, and corruption, to stage protests as the union govt has not fulfilled previous election promises, added Mr Cheema. The BJP has forced farmers

Runaway train sans driver travels 43 miles



Commissioner News Service

Kathua: An investigation has been ordered by Indian Railways after a runaway freight train loaded with gravel travelled 43 miles (70km) without a driver.

About 50 carriages set off solo on Sunday, from the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir to Punjab, before being brought to a halt by wooden blocks placed on the tracks.

"We have ordered an inquiry," Deepak Kumar, a Northern Railways spokesperson, apprised Agence France-Presse, adding that no one was hurt in the incident.

The train, running at 62 mph, was captured in a

video that went viral on social media.

The incident happened after the train stopped at a station in Jammu for a crew change, local media reports said. It then began moving down a slope after the driver and his assistant disembarked.

All road crossings on the route were closed to prevent accidents.

The incident is the latest to hit India's creaking rail network, which carries millions of passengers each day. Huge sums of money have been invested to upgrade the network with modern stations and electronic signalling systems.

" Rs 175 Cr " one time grant to clear 7 th pay panel arrears -- VC

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: The union ministry of education has approved one grant of Rs 175 Cr to clear arrears of 7th pay commission, revealed Renu Vig, Vice Chancellor, Pb University.

The scaled salaries were only paid in Jan 2023 in updated scale established by the pay commission. Now the MOE through letter Feb 23 to UGC secretary .



The central govt ' 346 . 07 for financial assis- financial year 2023-24 with an enhanced annual increment from the existing at 6% for next amount of Rs 294 financial year 2024,- 25 onward.

396 JBT posts vacant, apply until Feb 29

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh: One would be eligible to apply for JBT Post as about 396 vacant posts are existing in the Union Territorial jurisdiction, said an official of the Chandigarh education department. The education department has rescinded the previous recruitment process for JBT slots and has started afresh from January 24 onwards in response to the Supreme court 2023 judgement altering qualifica-



tion criteria for JBT positions. These applications however were discarded, fee refunded. A new advertisement was out on Jan 24 and now the past date for applications has been extended. These vacancies are being revisited nearly 8 years after.. The revised schedule outlines that application would be accepted from Feb 02 until Mar 4, by 2 PM with the final date for fee submission.

Housing project laden with non functional STP

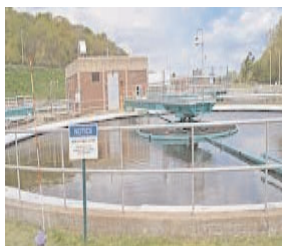
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Gurgaon: Committee will have to determine the situation at the residential project, the extent of violation, and also recommend corrective actions before preparing the report.

The order was issued after a petitioner Varun Gulati filed complaint against two developers in Panipat, alleging that they had developed a project but the STP is not operational.

The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has directed a joint committee to look into allegations of a nonfunctional sewage treatment plant (STP) at a residential society in Panipat. The panel will visit the project and prepare a report in six weeks, before the next hearing on May 1.

Gulati said that since the STP does not function,



the sewage is being discharged in the green belt or drains, which is detrimental to the environment as well as health. "It is further alleged that the respondents with the help of tractor tankers, collect and discharge their untreated sewage either into green belt, the open land or into the nearby drainage system, which emerges directly into Yamuna," the petition stated. "The committee comprises representatives from HSPCB as well as CBCP and Panipat's deputy commissioner," the tribunal said.

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