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Measures stepped up to tackle potential spread of Covid-19 : PM

One million daily Covid case stemming in Sanghai

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NEW DELHI : Since Covid 19 infection has been spreading in multiple countries. India now has to observe precautions, voiced Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the other day. During new year celebrations too protocols like wearing masks and washing hands would be observed. The Centre has stepped up measures to tackle any potential crisis, with cases on the rise, especially in China where the lifting of the govern-

ment's zero-Covid policy has caused a spread of the pandemic including outbreak of more than 1 million cases in Sanghai. Modi has also chaired meetings and his government has written to the states to put in place adequate measures to deal with any spurt. The outgoing year, 2022, has been inspirational to India in many ways. India carved out a special place for itself in the world with its incredible vaccination doses of over 220 crore and the country becoming



the fifth largest global economy, said Mr Modi. PM also cited a Tata Memorial Centre's research to assert that the country's traditional methods like yoga and ayurveda are now standing up to the touchstone of evidence-based medicine of the modern era. An intensive research

done by this centre has revealed that yoga is very effective for breast cancer patients, he said, noting that it is the first such study. The study shows regular practice of yoga can help reduce the risk of recurrence and death of breast cancer patients by 15 per cent. "This is the first example of Indian traditional medicine being tested vis a vis the stringent standards of Western methods. This is the first study, in which yoga has been found to improve the quality of life

in women affected by breast cancer. Its long term benefits have also come to the fore. The Tata Memorial Center has presented the results of its study at the European Society of Medical Oncology conference in Paris," Modi said. Mr Modi also mentioned the achievements of Centre for Integrative Medicine and Research established in AIIMS six years ago to validate traditional medical practices. India has eradicated dis-

eases like smallpox, polio and 'Guinea Worm', he said the country is also near eliminating the disease of 'Kala Azar'. Till recently, it was affecting 50 districts across four states but is now confined to only four districts of Bihar and Jharkhand. Lauding the country's feats in 2022, PM Modi said India attained the status of the world's fifth largest economy, and crossed the "magical" export figure of \$400 billion.

Registries on G+2, S+3 independent floors banned by govt

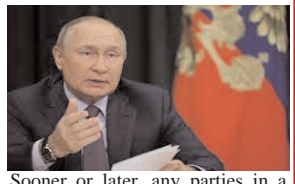
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ZIRAKPUR : In accordance with the local bodies department letter CTP (SS) 2020/3333 dated 19 Dec, no registry on G+2, S+3 independent floors would be executed by the concerned tahsildars even after the approval of executive officers of the local bodies. With regard to the orders, additional DC of Urban Development Mohali has been directed to ensure the compliance of the orders. Certain numbers of builders/promoters at Zirakpur who already have raised constructions on G+2, S+3 independent plots after getting approval from Executive Officer are now left in lurch. Their delegation has met MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa for sympathetic treatment of their problems as the approval was accord-



redressal of their grievances and would be forwarded to the directorate of the local bodies department Chandigarh.

Russia wants end to war in Ukraine

Commissioner News Service
WASHINGTON : Russia wants an end to the war in Ukraine, this would inevitably involve a diplomatic solution. Putin's comments are likely to be met with scepticism by Ukraine and its allies. "Our goal is not to spin the fly-wheel of military conflict, but, on the contrary, to end this war," Putin said. "We will strive for an end to this, and the sooner the better." Russia has persistently said it is open to negotiations, but Ukraine and its allies suspect a ploy to buy time. "I have said many times: the intensification of hostilities leads to unjustified losses," Putin told reporters. "All armed conflicts end one way or another with some kind of negotiations on the diplomatic track.



Sooner or later, any parties in a state of conflict sit down and make an agreement. The sooner this realisation comes to those who oppose us, the better." Putin also played down the significance of the Patriot air defence system that the US is supplying to Ukraine. He said it was "quite old" and did not work like Russia's S-300 system. "An antidote will always be found," he said, boasting Russia would "crack" the Patriots.

AAP to facilitate 'Mega Job Fair'

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CHANDIGARH : The Punjab government is planning its first mega job fair in March for which preparations are underway. All the district bureaus of employment and enterprises (DBEEs) have been given targets of identifying jobs to be offered to youth in the fair. Four industrial districts- Amritsar, Jalandhar, Ludhiana and Mohali- have been given a target of identifying 2,400 job vacancies each while Patiala, Hoshiarpur and Bathinda districts have been instructed to find 1,400 jobs opening each while remaining districts have been given a target of 800 each job openings. All the DBEEs must submit the data by December 27.

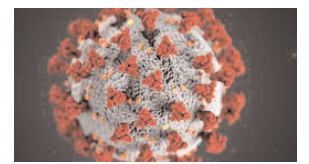


Unemployment is one of the major challenges facing the AAP government in Punjab, which had a shaky start on this front in the first two quarters of 7 the financial year after storming to power in the state with the urban rate of unemployment recording an increase whereas the rate slipped at the all-India level. Terming organising fairs as adhoc

and bandage approach, experts opined that such moves failed even during the tenure of the previous governments. The efforts of the previous government were largely restricted to organising job fairs and the bulk of the jobs offered to youth were low-paying, between Rs 5,000 and Rs 15,000 per month. Not surprisingly a large number of such openings remained unfilled and faced criticism from the opposition parties. Economist Lakhwinder Singh said that fairs won't solve unemployment, as fairs do not provide quality and sustainable work. For solving the problem, he advised attracting investment both in the private and government sector.

'Get tested in case of fever, cough,' follow Covid advisory - Civil Surgeon

Commissioner News Service
MOHALI : In view of the sharp rise in the number of Covid cases in a few countries, Dr Adarshpal Kaur urged residents to follow Covid appropriate behaviour. She said that basic guidelines like wearing masks and frequent hand washing should be followed. In case of persistent cough, cold and fever, she asked residents to visit a government health facility, seek the advice of a doctor and get Covid test done. She also said that masks should be worn while going to crowded places, public buses, taxis, cinema halls, shopping centres and shops etc.



Apprehending increase in the number of Covid cases, Mohali civil surgeon Dr Adarshpal Kaur has issued an advisory asking people to wear masks in crowded places. She also advised getting Covid test done in case of persistent cough, cold and fever. Covid sampling and Covid vaccination were being conducted in

government health institutions across the district. Emphasising on complete anti-Covid vaccination, the civil surgeon said that every beneficiary should get a vaccine without delay. Reiterating the safety of the vaccine, she asked people who had not been vaccinated or those who had not had a second and precautionary dose to get it. Saying that the Covid vaccine was being provided free of cost in various government health institutions across the district, she said that people could go to the nearest health facility and get vaccinated, emphasized Civil Surgeon.

Randhawa celebrates Christmas festivities at 'Believers Church'



RAMAN BHAR
Commissioner News Service
DERABASSI (SANAULI) : On Christmas day MLA Kuljit Singh Randhawa joined the Christmas celebrations in the 'Believers Church' at Sanauli village. The MLA said Christmas festival preached for universal brother-



hood and world peace. Ms Kanchan Mittal, the Pastol greeted the MLA alongwith many missionaries. The pastol Ms Kanchan Mittal addressed the gathering saying that Christmas stood for world peace and appealed to provide help to the afflicted society.

Undue delay in file clearance not tolerable : DC

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : In an order, DC Yashpal Garg said the offices may be kept open on Saturdays/Sundays to clear pendency of the files. After January 5, if a file is kept for more than three days, then a written explanation will have to be submitted for the delay in clearing the file. The DC action has come after it was discovered that files were being delayed for long by officials without any reason. Several complaints from the public were also received in this regard. If a file is rejected for the sake of clearing the pendency, then action



will be taken against the official concerned. Cracking the whip against undue delay in file clearance in the estate office, excise department and DC office, deputy commissioner Yashpal Garg has directed ADC, AEOS and joint excise and taxation commission-

ers to clear all pending files by January 5, 2023 or face action. Health secretary Garg, who is at present officiating as DC, estate officer and commissioner excise and taxation till January 13, in an order issued on Saturday, said, "A file was sent by one of the AEOS after keeping the same with him for more than a month. There was no additional contribution of the AEO on that file except a signature to endorse the proposal which indicates that it took more than a month for him to read the acceptable proposal submitted by his subordinate."

MC to have now 50 yoga centres

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CHANDIGARH : The UT administration has decided to increase the number of yoga training centres with an addition of eight such centres to be started at community in coordination centres in with the municipal corporation. The yoga activities should be conducted in the early hours of the morning both at community centres and at the health and wellness centres in Chandigarh. At present 42 yoga training centres are being operated from health & wellness centres (HWCs) in Chandigarh and with addition of eight more, the total centres will be 50 in the city, said Dharam Pal, the adviser to the UT administrator, while chairing a meeting of the governing body of state



Ayush society, Chandigarh, under the National Ayush Mission here on Tuesday. The meeting was held to apprise the governing body about the status of approvals of State Annual Action Plan (SAAP) 2022-23 by the ministry of Ayush, Government of India, so that the activities mentioned in SAAP might be implemented in a time bound manner. After detailed deliberations, the adviser decided that in addition to

the currently running 42 yoga centres in HWCs in Chandigarh, eight new centres to be started at community centres in coordination with the municipal corporation. Under the school health programme, the yoga services currently operational in 50 schools to be extended to all government schools in coordination with the education department and a monitoring team to monitor these activities in collaboration with Government College of Yoga, Sector 23. Mr Dharampal directed the officials to make efforts to start six new Ayush HWCs in colocation with UHWCs in coordination with the health department for public convenience. It will facilitate options to the public to get benefits of both allopathic and Ayush at one place.

Rs 1540 Cr Baddi rail line to come up in 2 1/2 years - Minister

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Baddi is an industrial town in Solan district of Himachal Pradesh and the much awaited rail line would give a big boost to the Baddi - Barotiwala - Nalagarhi industrial hub, also known as the biggest pharmaceutical manufacturing hub of Asia. The project was initially sanctioned in 2007-08 and completion deadline for the project has been fixed for June 2025. The work of 33-km long Chandigarh-Baddi new rail line project has been taken up and the sanctioned cost of the project is Rs 1,540 crore. The highest ever budget outlay of Rs 450 crore has been provided for financial year 2022-23 for the project, said Ashvini Vaishnav railway minister.



The railways minister speaking in the Lok Sabha, added that the contract for civil works has been awarded in the Himachal portion and tenders for the Haryana portion have also been initiated. This project is a cost-sharing item in which the Himachal government is sharing 50% of the total cost. The minister mentioned that the average annual budget allocation for infrastructure and safety works, falling fully or partly in the hill state during financial years 2014-19, has increased to Rs 280 crore per annum from Rs 108 crore per year during financial years 2009-14, which is 159% more than average annual budget outlay of financial years 2009-14.

Barista coffee penalized Rs 20,000 for charging Rs 5 for takeaway cup

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Sabadpreet Singh and his father Paraminderjit Singh, both residents of Sector 69 in Mohali had filed two separate complaints at district consumer dispute redressal commission for charging extra Rs 5 for per coffee cup in June 2021. The complainants had alleged in their complaints they went to a Barista store in Sector 35 on January 9, 2021 and placed an order for hot chocolates and received a bill of Rs 200. The district consumer dispute redressal commission directed a Barista Coffee Company Limited Sector 35 to deposit Rs 20,000 in Postgraduate Institute of Medical



Education and Research (PGI)'s poor patient fund for charging extra Rs 5 each for takeaway coffee cups from customers in 2021. The commission also fined the company Rs 2,000. The commission also ordered the firm to deposit the money within 45 days, failing which they will be liable to deposit additional Rs 50,000 in the poor patient fund of the PGI. Having paid for their order, the

complainants realised that the coffee company had charged Rs 5 for a paper cup having the name "Barista" and added it to the bill. The complainant asked for refund of Rs 5, but the company did not relent, and the complainants, having no other option, had to accept the takeaway order. Alleging they said act and conduct of the coffee company as illegal, deficiency in service and unfair trade practice, they filed a complaint at consumer court. Despite giving an opportunity, the defence failed to file a reply and provide any evidence, within the stipulated period of 45 days of service/appearance.

Crypto might generate next financial crisis

Commissioner News Service
MUMBAI : The next financial crisis will come in from crypto currencies and that the developments at crypto exchange vindicated the central bank's stance, said the RBI governor Shaktikanta Das. "We firmly believe that cryptocurrencies have no underlying value and have a huge inherent risk for our macroeconomic and financial stability," "The developments over the last year, including the latest events around FTX, I do not think we need to say anything more about our stance. said the governor Mr Das. Mr Das said some people talked



about allowing crypto after subjecting it to regulation. However, Das questioned how something could be regulated when its origin was based on bypassing the system. "They crypto proponent do not believe in central bank currency, they don't believe in the regulated financial system. I am yet to hear any credible argument about what public good it serves," said Das.

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4. Dr Dhawan's, 9876931601 Renovin Skin & Cosmetology Clinic, SCO 17, First Floor, Navjot Square, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
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 2. Baba Ki Rasoi, 8427468720 Amritsari Kulcha, Near NK Sharma office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
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 4. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076 Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur
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1. Paridhaan, (9570000069) Designer Suit Saree, Lehanga G-10, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
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 3. Smile Dental Clinic, 9888345500 SCO 56, Dev Shopping Complex.Pabhat road, Zirakpur
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 3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215 SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur
 4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099 SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
 5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180 Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur,
 6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005 Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO, 5, Hollywood Plaza, Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
 7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250 (Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur
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 43. Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.
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 2. Sun Glasses, Square-Mobile 9728310732, SCO 39, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur
 3. Kalra Opticians, 9872399095 Showroom no.5, High Street, C-Block,VIP road, Zrk.
 4. B.L. & Sons Opticals 9888549073 Gali no. 2, Chd-Amb, Zirakpur
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 2. Ten 11 Kitchen, Vikash Tomar, 7657999655, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur

READYMADE/BOUTIQUE/APPARELS

1. Odhani, 9888889021, RNT Enterprises, (For Lady Purses, Luggage) 614, Hollywood Plaza, near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur
 2. Odhani, 9888888299, Shivam All Clothings from Indian to Western, Amb-chd road, Shingpura chowk, Zirakpur
 3. The Junior's, Complete Kids Store, Mobile 9888777705 396, Ist floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.
 4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044, Suits Sarees Lehngas, SCO 5, Singhpura Chowk, Zirakpur
 5. Elegant Saloni Collection, 9417303402 (A complete range of lady wear) SCO 16, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
 6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543 Shop No. 3, Ist Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
 8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishaal) 8283836387, 8146118674 Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur
 9. Spendid Lifestyle, The Steps, 9814201600 Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
 10. She-16, All Female Wear, Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475 SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli
- FURNITURE/PLY/DOORS**
1. Elite Furniture 9219200009, 8427069000 (Kurl on) Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur
 2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408 Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715 Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
 4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473 (Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595 Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
 8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444 Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
 9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS, FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC**
1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (*For Shoes, Bags*), SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur
 2. Me n Moms , Cuddles n Snuggles, Mobile 9876016099 Raksha Business Centre, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- TYRES/WHEELS/BLANCERS**
1. Auto Care, 8196098829, Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- ROARING MACHINE/BULLET CAFE**
1. Bullets Sale & Services, 7347029497, 7347029498 Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur
 2. The Bullet Café, 9872000106 SCO 3, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- TAILORING/DESIGNING EXPERTS**
1. Royal Wear Tailors, 8837859503, 9268600001 Designer Studio, Main Silver City (Opp Sethan Da Dhaba), Ambala road, Zirakpur.
 2. New Style Tailor & White House, 9988820933
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3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044 Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
- MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR**
1. Kapoor Auto Spares, 9855988218 Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur
- INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK**
1. Insurance 8872135535 Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim
 2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571 SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur
 3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985 Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur
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EDITORIAL —

China cries hell, unable to handle outburst of Covid-19

The horror of Covid-19 swelling numbers daily in Zhejiang may cross 2 millions before the advent of new year day. The Chinese government claimed that their disease control system was superior, but it was evident that the real reason for enforcing the zero Covid policy was because it was becoming harder and harder for the communist party to explain to its people that there was no alternative to immunization and opening up.

China's recent U-turn on its zero-Covid strategy has led to a sharp increase in Covid infections and deaths in the communist nation. In fact, on Monday China reported its first Covid deaths in weeks even as suspicions rise that the official toll following the easing of restrictions is a massive undercount. The change in China's Covid strategy was brought on by its own population that hit the streets in November against the incessant lockdowns. This might turn out to be the most significant event of 2022.

In early 2020, after initially stumbling upon a pandemic that started in Wuhan, the Chinese leadership's crisis response was to impose severe lockdowns in the world's second largest economy. Describing the Covid outbreak as "both a crisis and a big test for us", on February 23, 2020, President Xi Jinping announced that the draconian prevention and control measures that he had taken fully demonstrated the notable advantages of the communist party's leadership and the socialist system. China formed a bubble, isolating itself as humanity grappled with

the/pandemic. The party victoriously claimed that its judgment on the epidemic was accurate and that its Covid control measures were timely and effective. They lifted the lockdown on Wuhan and, in contrast to the rich nations, they began to help the struggling developing world to contain the virus. Xi was presented as a decisive and triumphant world leader who spoke about a new Chinese vision of mankind as a "community with a shared future" at the virtual opening of the World Health Assembly in May 2020.

The rest of the world battled the virus as it continued to spread and mutate throughout 2021. With few exceptions, India being a notable one that sent vaccines to others in need, those nations that had the means to control the pandemic kept it to themselves. According to one estimate, more than 3.5 million people died in 2021. China claimed zero fatalities and its people moved freely and without masks.

In the developing world two countries, China and India, raced to develop and manufacture vaccines. China's vaccine got approval from WHO in short order in May 2021. India's vaccine, Covaxin, was, on the other hand, subject to a battery of tests before WHO finally approved its use in November 2021. Yet, India mounted its own massive, unprecedented, vaccination drive that, by the end of 2021, had fully vaccinated over 70% of the population, especially the most vulnerable categories, so that when the Omicron variant surfaced in November

2021, it passed through India with minimum fatalities.

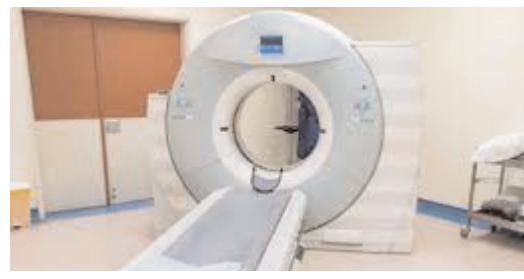
China, on the other hand, while laying claims to having secured its population from the dreaded disease, sat on their laurels, patting themselves for having zero cases and claiming how superior the Beijing model was to the democratic alternative. It was so intent on proving that it was better than the West, that the Indian experience went unnoticed and, perhaps more significantly, unstudied.

Confident of its success in vaccinating its people, the Indian government charted a careful strategy from lockdown to normalcy over a period of months in 2022, with no serious disruptions to the economy or social stability. China continued to defy global logic and persisted with its zero-Covid policy while leaving their most vulnerable unprotected.

The lockdown of Shanghai in April and May 2022 was more reminiscent of early 2020 when there was a wealth of experience on disease control.

The Chinese government still claimed that their disease control system was superior, but it was evident that the real reason for enforcing the zero-Covid policy was because it was becoming harder and harder for the communist party to explain to its people that there was no alternative to immunization and opening-up. It was also fearful of the impression that this realization might leave about the infallibility of the party and its leader.

PGI witnesses more efficiency in MRI testing for OPD patients



Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : "The new addition of MRI machine will greatly help the patient care services at the institute. The machine can diagnose 30 per cent quicker than a standard machine. With the installation of the fifth MRI machine, backlog of patients needing MRI will come down. We have been able to reduce the waiting time for MRI appointments from seven months to two months" said Prof MS Sandhu, Head, Department of Radiodiagnosis and Imaging.

Now, patients will not have to wait for several months altogether to get an MRI done at the PGI.

The Department of Radiodiagnosis and Imaging was recently equipped with the 'most advanced' 3 Tesla machine, raising the number of MRI machines at the hospital to five.

"The state-of-the-art powerful hardware, combined together with artificial intelligence-based advance applications (software), will help all clinical specialties of the hospital to get better diagnosis and treatment planning," said Prof Paramjeet Singh, who was

instrumental in putting together this vital and high-end installation.

With a magnetic field strength twice as powerful as conventional 1.5 Tesla MRI, the new 3 Tesla MRI machine provides extremely clear and vivid images of the human body. The new machine is ideal for brain, vascular, musculoskeletal, small bone imaging and also functional imaging of the brain.

The advanced MRI imaging capability of the new machine will give early insights for cancer detection and characterisation, epilepsy and seizure disorders, sports injuries and rehabilitation, liver, pancreas, kidney, intestinal and other abdominal disorders, spine anomalies, nerve compressions, white matter anomalies in brain, neonatal and pediatric disorders and whole body screening.

The system is equipped with advanced imaging for all body parts, including high-resolution brain tractography, functional MRI, non-contrast perfusion and non-contrast vascular imaging, advanced compressed sensing and simultaneous multi-slice imaging to name a few.

Devika Sihag shuttler wins gold medal



Commissioner News Service PANCHKULA : In Bhubaneswar, Panchkula shuttler Devika Sihag has brought laurels to the state by winning gold in the girls' U-19 category on the concluding day of the Under-19 Junior National Badminton Championship.

Manraj Singh Haryana another player won silver medal in the boys' singles. Anmol Kharab won bronze medal in girl's singles event. In the boys' U-19 doubles event, the pair of Randeep Singh and Sunny Nehra won bronze.

RLA fetches Rs 1.81 cr, with vanity number '0001' bagging Rs 15.2L

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The RLA has earned a total revenue of Rs 1.81,15,000 from the e-auction. In the previous e-auction held in October, the number CH01-CM-0001 was sold for Rs 13.58 lakh, while CH01-CM-0009 fetched second-highest bid of Rs 7.65 lakh.

Vanity number '0001' of the CH01-CN series fetched the highest bidding amount of Rs 15.20 lakh against the reserve price of Rs 50,000 during an e-auction of registration numbers conducted by the Registering and Licensing Authority (RLA) here.

Registration number '0009' of the series fetched the second highest amount of Rs 9.96 lakh at the auction.

An official said e-auction of vehicle registration numbers (fancy and choice) of the new series "CH01-CN" and leftover fancy registration numbers of previous series with suffixes "CM", "CL", "CK", "CJ",



"CG", "CF", "CE", "CD", "CC", "CB", "CA", "BZ", "BY", "BX", "BW", "BV", "BU", "BT", "BS", "BR", "BQ", "BP", "BN", "BM", "BL", "BK", "BJ", "BH", "BA", "BAZ", "AY", "AX", "AW" and "AV" were held.

In the e-auction held in September, CH01-CL-0001 was sold for Rs 13.58 lakh, while CH01-CL-0007 saw the second highest bid of Rs 6.4 lakh.

So far, the highest bid for '0001' came in 2012, when a resident of Sector 44 bought the number of the CH01-AP series for Rs 26.05 lakh. It was meant for an

S-class Mercedes Benz. The successful bidders will be required to get their vehicles registered as well as deposit the bidding amount within a month from the date of auction, failing which a penalty of 10 per cent as well as interest at the rate of 10 per cent on the balance amount will be charged till the date of the payment.

Only owners who have purchased the vehicles against a Chandigarh address were allowed to participate in the e-auction.

Escalating power demand, 'Zero bill' beneficiaries touch 90%

Commissioner News Service PATIALA : The maximum power demand in December 2022 has also increased by 1,000 MW as compared to the corresponding period last year.

The number of 'zero bill' domestic consumers continue to rise with each passing day and has touched 90.07 per cent in December with total subsidised domestic consumers, under various categories, reaching 97.9 per cent.

As per data collected by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), the number of zero bill domestic consumers for the month of December, collected till December 24, has gone up to 90.07 per cent.

The records show that till



December 22, there were 27.52 lakh billed consumers in Punjab out of which 26.94 lakh fell in the subsidised category. Out of them, a total of 24.79 lakh consumers availed zero bill facility, accounting for 90.07 per cent of the total domestic consumers in the state.

Various other categories of subsidised domestic consumers, including below poverty line, freedom fighters and SC/STs has reached 97.9 per cent.

"If one looks at the actual

monthly subsidy for the past four months from August to November it's somewhere between Rs 522 to 732 crore. The average monthly bill works out to be Rs 645 crore. This clearly indicates that the domestic power subsidy bill is going to increase by about Rs 1,000 crore by this fiscal," said a top PSPCL official.

Preferring anonymity, PSPCL officials said the daily supply has also increased by 150 lakh units as compared to the last year. "Both the state sector thermal plants at Lehra Mohabbat and Ropar are running even during peak winter season whereas these used to be under forced shutdown during the lean period in 2021," they said.

Polls of Chandigarh Golf club declared on Jan 29

Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : The modus operandi of conducting the annual general elections will start next week. As many as 1,800 members have voting rights. The election will be held following all protocols. As per the club rules, the process to conduct the elections, issuing of notification and releasing of scheduled usually start a month before the day of voting," said Dr GS Kochhar, vice-president, CGC, and chairman, media and publicity, discipline and medical camps. He added that Brig JS Phoolka would



be appointed as the returning officer for the upcoming elections. "Brig Phoolka has agreed for it. He had supervised many elections in the past," said Kochhar. As many as 1,800 registered members of the Chandigarh Golf Club (CGC) will choose the 30th president of this prestigious club on January 29.

A little more than a month to

go, the CGC will see polling to elect new office-bearers on the last Sunday of the January 2023.

The annual general election is held to choose president and 11 members of the executive committee of the club. Unlike last year, the top post of the club is likely to see two contenders this time. Last year, for the first time in the six-decade history of the CGC, three candidates raced for the top spot. The incumbent president, Lt Col HS Chahal (ret'd), had won the top post by a margin of 99 votes by defeating SPS Ghai and Major Rajinder Singh Virk.

Sampark Centres to earn more from Jan 1st in Chandigarh



Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH : In order to strengthen the Sampark project and to make it more viable, extra charge would be levied, said Rupesh Kumar, Director, Information Technology-cum-CEO, Society for Promotion of IT in Chandigarh (SPIC).

The society, set up under the aegis of the Department of Information Technology, has decided to levy facilitation charges for 18 services, which were earlier being provided to the residents free of cost.

Residents will now have to pay Rs 25 for paying their water or electricity bill as the UT Administration has decided to levy nominal facilitation charges for 18 services offered through the Sampark Centres in the city from January 1 next year.

The official said it was decided to levy facilitation charges of Rs 20 for the issuance of a Schedule Caste certificate on a bona fide or migration basis, an Other Backward Caste certificate on a bona fide or migration basis and a Unique Disability Identity card. An amount of Rs 2 will be charged for an application form for the sale

of e-stamp paper. He said Rs 25 would be charged for a birth or death certificate, payment of water and sewerage bills, tenant and domestic servant verification forms, deposit of rent and electricity bill, tubewell booking and other services of the Electricity Department, payment of tax and deposit of monthly or quarterly VAT/CST returns.

The residents can also pay their water and electricity bills online by registering on the portal of the department.

Rupesh said the Sampark project, under SPIC, had completed 18 successful years. It has been able to provide one stop-shop services for more than 58 G2C (government to citizens) or B2C (business to citizens) services. These centres have helped in the transformation of the Administration's mission of "IT for society" into a reality, he said.

There are a total of 45 Sampark Centres in Chandigarh which were earlier classified as e-Sampark Centres, Gram-Sampark Centres and Jan-Sampark Kiosks.

Brevity code against Covid-19

1. Look after the aged at your home, as tomorrow it would fall before you.
2. In order to increase your immunity power, adhere to by the directives issued by Ministry of Ayush.
3. Maintain 'Laxman Rekha' barriers, crossing the parameters would entail one in fiery zone. Lockdown and social distancing are only disciplinary acts.
4. Observe regular wear of "Mask" and "Gloves".
5. Download "Arogya Setu Mobile" app to prevent the progressive pervasion of Covid-19.
6. Save the life of poor families by provisioning langars and the food homedelivery.
7. Never think to dispossess the jobs given to needy persons as they would anticipate positive looks.
8. Always honour Corona warriors like Doctors, Nursing staff, police patriots and safai workers.
9. Forget not minimum distance of 2 meters for happy personal distancing.

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HGCTA to stage protests before Shiksha Sadan at Panchkula in February

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ROHTAK : "The meeting chaired by president Dr Amit Choudhary the Haryana Government College Teachers Association registered its protest against the duties being assigned to college teachers for non-academic works stating that primary work of the teachers is to ensure quality education to students but the government is engaging them in the data tagging and other works, which

have nothing to do with the academic activities," said Dr Priyanka Verma, Finance Secretary, HGCTA. HGCTA held its state executive meeting in Mehram town here and decided to organise a protest demonstration at the college level in January and stage dharna outside the Shiksha Sadan in Panchkula in February to mount pressure on the state government to accept

their demands. Priyanka said at the meeting they also decided that they would participate in the protest to be organised in favour of restoration of old pension scheme in Chandigarh on February 26. Representatives of various government colleges across the state attended the meeting to decide further course of action, she added.

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PATIALA : Of all the districts, the highest number of cases- 25,157, were reported in Jalandhar, followed by 15,079 in Ludhiana and 10,070 in Patiala. Ropar reported the least at 1,483. This is worrying as most urban local bodies (ULBs) across the state have failed to hold any programmes for sterilisation of dogs. Importantly, a team from the Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) will visit Punjab for inspections on Monday.

An average of 19.62 dog bites per hour were reported in the state till September this year. The data from the Health and Family Welfare Department states that as many as 1,27,168 cases of dog bites were reported from January till September, which comes down to 470 cases a day. With an average of 14,129 cases of dog bites every month in the first nine months of the year, the state has already surpassed the total number of dog bite cases reported in all of 2021 — 1,26,843. The total cases



reported in 2020 were comparatively 1,10,478 and 1,34,827 in 2019. In Patiala district, the sterilisation program was being run in Municipal Corporation, Patiala alone. It came to an end in January this year. Twelve months later, the MC, which has issued the tender four times already, is yet to allot it and begin work. An official said, "We are awaiting the sanction of special permissions to NGOs from the AWBI. Dr Raj Kamal, Assistant Health Officer, Jalandhar, said the work which was halted during the pandemic was given an extension till February. "We have sent documents of the next tender for vetting to the Chandigarh head office."

200 acre housing estate not cleared by HSPCB, for non clearance of green approval

Commissioner News Service

GURUGRAM : The developer, Malibu Estate Private Limited, is constructing the project, Malibu Town, on the Sohna road. It has a pollution index score of 60 and is in the "red" category. The society is inhabited by 2,200 families.

The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB) has served a closure notice on a builder for allegedly violating environmental norms during the construction of a 200-acre housing project here.

The developer obtained neither consent to establish or operate the project from HSPCB nor clearance under the provision of the environment impact assessment notification. As per an investigation conducted in 2020, it was also found guilty of discharging untreated sewage in the HUDA/GMDA pipelines. Samples were taken from the sewage treatment plant, rainwater harvesting plant, underground water tank and sewerage line going directly to the HUDA/GMDA sewer, and the pollutants were found exceeding the prescribed limits



of HSPCB. "The developer has violated environmental norms at different stages and has failed to rectify them. Till the issue is resolved, the project would remain under closure, and the developer would be barred from any further developments. The department is reviewing all projects in the region, and those found lacking any such clearances and permissions will share the same fate," said Kuldeep Singh, regional officer, HSPCB. The Board has also directed the Town & Country Planning Department to take necessary action to stop further construction activities related to the project till the project

proponent obtains relevant clearances and consent from HSPCB. The revenue authorities have also been instructed to not register sale deed of any plot/flat/house/shop related to this project. The Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) would not allow any new electrical connection for this project or any of its components with immediate effect. Though no official statement was released by the developer, sources claimed they requested resampling of sewage. The order also highlighted litigated complaints pertaining to the alleged misuse of community sites.

Venugopal Dhoot arrested in ICICI Bank loan fraud case

Commissioner News Service

NEW DELHI : The 71-year-old founder Venugopal Dhoot was arrested from Mumbai after a brief questioning session on Monday morning, hours before former CEO and MD of the ICICI Bank Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak Kochhar were to be produced before a Special Court for remand hearing.

The CBI on Monday arrested Videocon Group founder Venugopal Dhoot in connection with the ICICI Bank loan fraud case, officials said.

The CBI is planning to file a charge sheet against the three and other suspects soon, they said. The three-day remand of Kochhars arrested on December 23 is getting over on Monday.

The CBI had taken into custody Chanda Kochhar and her husband Deepak alleging that they were



not cooperating with the investigation, and giving evasive replies. Chanda Kochhar has denied knowledge of any pecuniary transactions between her husband and Dhoot, the agency had claimed during remand proceedings at a CBI Special Court in Mumbai on December 24. Senior advocate Amit Desai, appearing for the Kochhars, had opposed the remand, saying the "main borrower of the loan has not been arrested, and the present accused were not the beneficiary of any amount.

Desai had also brought to the court's notice a letter written by the ICICI Bank

to the CBI in July 2021 stating that there was no wrongful loss to it in any of the transactions under question.

The CBI had named the Kochhars and Dhoot, along with companies Nupower Renewables (NRL) managed by Deepak Kochhar, Supreme Energy, Videocon International Electronics Ltd, and Videocon Industries Limited, as accused in the FIR registered under IPC sections related to criminal conspiracy and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act in 2019, they said.

The CBI had alleged that ICICI Bank had sanctioned credit facilities to the tune of Rs 3,250 crore to the companies of Videocon Group promoted by Dhoot in violation of the Banking Regulation Act, RBI guidelines, and credit policy of the bank.

Admission for EWS students' notified, to start on Jan 2



Commissioner News Service

CHADIGARH : The online centralised admission of entry level classes for children belonging to economically weaker section (EWS) and disadvantage groups

(DG) in all local unaided private schools will start from January 2, 2023. A notification in this regard was released by the UT Education Department.

Outstanding bill of Rs 18 cr not paid by Water Supply Dept

Commissioner News Service

BATHINDA : "Unlike many other defaulters, the department comes under essential services, so we cannot possibly go ahead with the disconnection of electricity meters, but after directions from the state government, we have started installing pre-paid electricity meters so that payment for the usage can be received in advance" said Punnerdeep Singh Brar, PSPCL Chief Engineer.

The Water Supply and Sanitation Department has been sitting on the electricity bills running into crores of rupees which it has not cleared for long. Officials of the PSPCL maintained that several reminders were served on the "defaulter", but outstanding bill has not been cleared.

The data procured from the PSPCL revealed that the department had an outstanding electricity bill to



the tune of Rs 18.4 crore. These pending bills were for water supply to residential areas in villages.

Sources in the PSPCL said notices had been sent in regular intervals to the department but they had barely elicited any positive response.

The sources added that the department had not made even a single payment this year and they were barely seemed concerned or serious about clearing the pending bills which had been mounting with every passing month.

A senior functionary in the PSPCL said the department

or panchayats in villages could not solely be held accountable for non-clearance of outstanding electricity bills. The lackadaisical approach of the powercom and political patronage were to be equally blamed. It was for the senior officials in the department to get these electricity bills cleared provided they were willing to do so. If payments were not made in time, the powercom could have disconnected the electricity meters.

Amrik Singh, Superintending Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Bathinda, said, "I have joined some time ago and do not have the exact status of pending electricity amount, but if it is there, then efforts will be made to reach out to the government to get these bills cleared on a priority basis."

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Pawan Bansal, Harmohan Dhawan dropped from advisory council

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH: After more than a year's delay, the UT administration reconstituted the council, the city's apex consultative body. While the previous council's term was to end in August 2021, it was extended repeatedly and finally ended in December this year. All the former MPs from the city are members of the council, but in the new council, only BJP former MP Satya Pal Jain has survived his place in the new body. Pawan Kumar Bansal and Harmohan Dhawan, former MPs were dropped from the newly reconstituted Administrator's Advisory



Council. Satnam Singh Sandhu, chancellor, Chandigarh University, is among the new members. Mr. Harmohan Dhawan, said, "They want to pack the council with the BJP leaders and supporters. They don't want any divergent views in the council meetings, where any new healthy decisions are taken. This is happening in the Centre too." Bansal didn't respond to calls from varied sections.

Harmohinder Singh Lucky, Chandigarh Congress president said, "Bansal has dedicatedly served the city as MP for four times. He has loads of experience about the city's problems and people's concerns. The council would have gained immensely from his participation. It is the prerogative of the administrator to select members but council should not be packed solely by BJP members and supporters. "Ace shooter and Olympic gold medalist Abhinav Bindra also doesn't find place in the list. Other dropped from the council include Anoop Sunny Gill and Ajmal Khan.

Enforcements of thermal screening for all int'l travelers : Govt

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI: All international travelers arriving in India will have to undergo thermal screening at the airports. If any passenger is found to be symptomatic for Covid-19, she or he will be immediately isolated and taken to a designated medical facility as per the health protocol, the health ministry said in its latest guidelines. China, Japan, South Korea, Brazil, the US, and France are witnessing a sustained increase in Covid-19



infections. The guidelines say all travelers should preferably be vaccinated as per the approved primary schedule of vaccination against Covid-19 in

their respective countries. During travel, the guidelines mandate, in-flight announcement about precautionary measures should be followed (use of masks and physical distancing). "Thermal screening should be done for all passengers by health officials present at the points of entry. The passengers found to be symptomatic during screening shall immediately isolated, take to a designated facility as per health protocol," it says.

ICSE Class X exams to commence from Feb 27

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI: The Indian Certificate of Secondary Education (ICSE) class X exams will begin from February 27 and end on March 29. While the Indian School Certificate (ISC) class XII exams will begin on February 13 and end on March 31. The board had added the 2023 results will be announced in the month of May through the convenors to the head of schools. In the last few years the board examination could not be held or was delayed due to Co- vid. Now with



datasheets announced by one of the national board, the schedule is back to the pre-Covid times. The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) is yet to announce the results. The ISC examination will begin

with English paper I. For the ICSE students as well, the first exam scheduled is English language paper I. The notice issued by Gerry Arathoon, chief executive and secretary of the board stated.

GIS based mechanical sweeping lands in Manimajra

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH: Since the institution was overall facing a shortage of 554 sanitation employees, 378 sanitation employees working in Manimajra and 13 villages of the city will be transferred to other parts of the city. They will meet the requirements of upkeep and sanitation, leading to improvement in cleanliness, claimed the civic body. The work in sectors 31 to 63 has been outsourced, which includes sweeping, collection and transportation of solid waste from bins in segregated manner, cleaning and washing of bins, washing of road berms, removal of vegetation, grass cutting on road side and berms, removal of construction and demolition



(C&D) waste from road sides and berms. The authority will now start a tender process and select an eligible company. The general house of the municipal corporation, during its monthly meeting on Thursday, gave a green signal to the agenda. The opposition councillors holding a protest outside the assembly hall alleged the agenda was passed to benefit private companies and will deprive poor people of their jobs.

Mountview, Shivalik hotels await festivities of new year



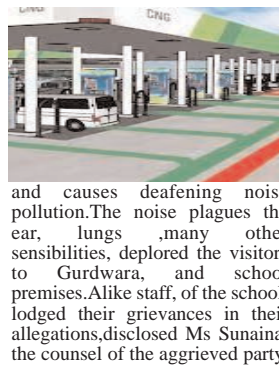
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CHANDIGARH: The celebrations reach a high point on Christmas day and are set to welcome the Year 2023. Hotel Mount view is offering attractive discounts and a lavish spread of menu at its restaurants Round the Clock Coffee Shop, The Ball-Room and Rustles. Visitors can enjoy scrumptious food. Chandigarh Industrial Tourism and Corporation (CITCO) flagship Hotels, Mount view, Shivalik-view, Parkview are set to welcome the season of festivity. "Make Merry on Christmas and New Year, with an array of festive food offerings crafted to ensure a

grand experience for food lovers at Hotel Shivalik view. Walk into The Cloud 9 and pick from a choice of food and beverage to indulge your celebratory mood. There is a wide range of food at Shivalik view. The Restaurant Bazm and Le Cafe is offering a variety of exquisite and lavish spreads. The festive season is captured perfectly with a specially crafted menu," said an official. Hotel Parkview has launched a special buffet for the food lovers, the theme based decoration is an add on feature. The Lake Cafeteria is also decked up with colourful balloons.

School encounters strokes of noise pollution by CNG station

DC, Head IC, IJC Regional Pollution Control summoned by NGT

Commissioner News Service
BANUR (MOHALI): CNG (Compressed Natural Gas) pumping station located on Zirakpur - Rajpura national highway has emerged to become a nuisance as the pupils of adjacent school can't concentrate peacefully on their study, said Mr Gurdev Singh of the vulnerable Ishar Parkash Gurdwara. The school Baba Waryam Singh Ji Memorial Public School has been housing more than 750 pupils for the past over 2 decades time. The offending recently opened CNG station runs 24 hrs using heavy machines, generator, compressor



and causes deafening noise pollution. The noise plagues the ear, lungs, many other sensibilities, deploring the visitors to Gurdwara, and school premises. Alike staff, of the school, lodged their grievances in their allegations, disclosed Ms Sunaina, the counsel of the aggrieved party.

Secy, AWBI to furnish details of funds

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH: "Let an affidavit of the secretary, AWBI (Animal Welfare Board of India), giving details of funds received (by the board) towards performance of statutory obligations, functions and duties along with the statement of account reflecting expenditure of funds so received as also programmes initiated by the Board for fulfilment of the objectives of the statute and in monitoring the creation of infrastructure in their respective state ordered the High Court. The secretary shall remain present in the court to explain the reasons for gross failure on the part of AWBI to ensure implementation of the statutory dictate for a period of more than two decades. The matter has now been adjourned for February



Animal Welfare Board of India

15, 2023, for further hearing. Justice Vinod S Bhardwaj passed these orders after it was informed that the Animal Welfare Board, which is the main body for the purposes of overseen creation, monitoring and supervising the affairs of the SPCAs has not filed any response on a plea related to the issue. During the hearing of the case, the HC was informed that in pursuance to the order dated November 17, 2022, local commissioners

deputed by the HC had visited the districts of Punjab and Haryana assigned to them and furnished their reports as regards the functioning and working of the SPCA in their respective districts. On this, the counsel for the petitioner has been directed to look into the reports prepared by the respective local commission and to furnish a detailed chart pointing out the deficiencies.

India, Japan to conduct joint air combat drill in Jan

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI: With a belligerent China figuring high on their radar screens, India and Japan will conduct their first-ever air combat exercise next month in a significant development in their steadily expanding militaries.



INDIA, JAPAN TO CONDUCT JOINT AIR COMBAT EXERCISE

The exercise 'Veer Guard- Man', to be conducted at the Hyakuri and Iruma air bases in Japan from January 16 to 26, will see India deploying four Sukhoi-30MKI fighters supported by two C-17 Globemaster-III strategic lift air- craft, one IL-78 mid-air refuel- er and around 150 IAF personnel. Japan, in turn, will deploy F-2

and F-15 jets, among assets, for the exercise. "The Veer Guardian exercise will further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation and military interoperability, as also enhance tactical air combat skills of the two sides," an official said. On the bilateral front, India and Japan already conduct the 'Dharma Guardian' exercise between their armies and the 'JIMEX' between their navies.

Since Japan's Iruma air base, one of the two sites where the exercises will be conducted 2015, Japan has also become a regular participant in the top-notch India-US 'Mala- bar' naval combat exercise, which now also includes Australia. All these four Quad countries have openly declared their intent to deter any "coercion" in the Indo-Pacific in the face of China's expansionist behaviour.

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Drug traffickers would go to jails within 2 years-- Shah

Commissioner News Service
NEW DELHI : "We need to stop the entry of drugs through borders, ports and airports. The revenue department, NCB and anti-narcotics agencies have to work against the menace being on same page," said Amit Shah, Union Home Minister. Within next two years there will be a situation that they will be behind the bars. The government will leave no stone unturned in achieving the target of 'drugs free' India."



spared said Mr Shah. After the discussion concluded, Speaker Om Birla read out a pledge of the House on eradicating drug addiction from India, which was supported by both benches. He took exception to opposition members describing Gujarat as the hub of narcotics by citing the seizures made from the state. Stating that a software led to seizure of drugs worth Rs 3,000 crore from Mudra port, Shah

said seizures are an incorrect metric to judge a state government because these, to the contrary, "underline its effectiveness". "If non-recovery of drugs is to be used as the basis then Punjab will qualify to be a drug-free state when everyone knows it is the worst-affected," he said, adding that trafficking happens through Gujarat because it is a border state and is also home to ports. He said the issue of drug menace is a serious one as profits from this trade are also used to finance acts of terror. He said the presence of dirty money also follows the economy, adding new technologies are being devised to curb crypto and use of hawala network for smuggling of drugs.

Illegal structures demolished in Daria, Kishangarh



Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : A demolition drive was carried out in Daria and Kishangarh villages, where new commercial construction was being raised in violation of the Periphery Act. The UT estate office demolished illegal structures in Daria and Kishangarh villages. Earlier notices for the violation had been issued by the area SDM as defaulters had violated the status quo order of the SDM's court. The demolition drives would continue in near future also said an official of the UT

estate office. The drive was carried out by tehsildar Vinay Chaudhary, enforcement department officials Parveen Mittal and Anil Narad. The department has accelerated the drive against illegal structures in the past one month. On December 8, the department demolished illegal structures in Daria village. On November 18, the department sealed a coal depot in Sector 28 for building violations. The department also carried out anti-encroachment drive in Manimajra.

Pb, Haryana go silent on Sukhna ECO sensitive zone

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH: Around the Sukhna Wildlife Sanctuary, the UT administration will now take up the issue of eco Sensitive zone with the Centre. It will also be raised in the next Northern Zonal Council meeting. Debendra Dalai, chief conservator of forest, UT, had written a letter earlier this month to Haryana and Punjab seeking the status of their decision on the matter. They were asked to give their response within a week so that could be updated. In his letter to the principal chief



conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden, Punjab, and the principal chief conservator of forests and chief wildlife warden, sought the status of proposal for declaration of ESZ, so as to apprise the matter to the union ministry.

Even after the Centre's Intervention, both Punjab and Haryana have dragged their feet over the issue. Some officials contended that both states are putting their commercial interests over environmental protection needs of the region. The matter was taken up for deliberation during the meeting of the Northern Zonal Council held on July 9 at Jaipur, Rajasthan. The meeting was chaired by home minister Amit Shah. Both states were directed to act immediately on the issue.

7 students suspended against ragging in CCA

Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : We have suspended seven students against the alleged ragging in our Chandigarh College of Architecture. We want to convey a strict message to the students that they should not indulge in any such act in the future. So far, it has not been established if it was an act of 'ragging', but the incident was not acceptable in any civilized society and more so in an educational institute, said Dr Sangeeta Bagga principal of CCA (Chandigarh College of Architecture).



The institute on Saturday suspended seven senior students, including two girls, and slapped a fine of Rs 2,000 each for the act. The institute made the announcement after a video showing a group of seniors thrashing a junior went viral on the social media on Friday. The college's anti-ragging

committee is also in contact with the parents of these students. The circumstances in which the incident took place and leaked to the social media are also being verified by the committee, said officials. The video is around two-minute long. In the video, a group of students could be seen kicking a first-year student on his back. More than 25 students, including girls, are seen standing near the victim. A student can be heard saying, "Abhi aur bhi first-year wale hai yahan par (There are more first-year students here)."

Ownership right for land using beyond 20 yrs



Commissioner News Service
CHANDIGARH : Sanjeev Kaushal the chief secretary said that he has directed the officers to prepare the draft of the scheme within 15 days. Thereafter, the draft will be sent to the chief minister's office and the finance department and thereafter it will be placed before the council of ministers for approval. Under this scheme, those who have been in possession of land through rent or lease for 20 years, are being given ownership rights on paying up to 80% of the collector rate. Similarly, according to the extent of years in possession of the land, the collector rate will have to be paid according to the designated levels. For example, a person having possession of land for 25

years will get ownership rights on paying 75% of the collector rate, 70% for 30 years, 65% for 35 years, 60% for 40 years, 55% for 45 years and 50% for 50 years. The Haryana government's 'Mukhya mantri Shehri Nikay Swamitva Yojana', which is aimed to grant ownership of commercial lands in municipalities that have been rented out or leased for more than 20 years to the people using them, will now be adopted by other departments as well. It was informed in the meeting that about 7,000 applications were received during the first phase of the 'Mukhyamantri Shehri Nikay Swamitva Yojana'. Letter of Intent (LOI) has been issued to 1730 applicants.

Art & craft teachers submit memorandum of demands

Commissioner News Service
PANCHKULA : Art and craft teachers of Haryana staged a protest against the state government at Panchkula-Chandigarh border asking for the revised final results of the art and craft teachers hired in 2021. The Haryana government on November 14, issued the result of 816 posts of the art and craft teachers to be posted in various government schools across the state, said Manoj Kumar, president, All Eligible ITI Art and Crafts Diploma Holders of Haryana Union. In this, 650 candidates had distance learning diploma from the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, and the education department of Haryana had denied



the posts to the diploma holders. The candidates approached the Supreme Court and the court held that diploma holders were eligible for the posts and the education department based on the orders of the Supreme Court, through a letter on June 6, 2021, asked the HSSC (Haryana Staff Selection Commission) to reconsider and issue a revised list of results. "HSSC did not issue results so far

despite the orders from the Supreme Court", alleged Manoj Kumar. The protesters said they are eligible for the posts as they fulfil all conditions. "Our demand is to solve our issue at the earliest so that we can be employed," said the protesters. Police force was also deployed at the housing board light point to maintain the crowd. The protesters gave a memorandum to the duty magistrate, which was sent to the Haryana government through Panchkula deputy commissioner's office. Meanwhile, commuters had a tough time as the traffic police had diverted the traffic, which was passing through the light point where the protest was being held, through another route.

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- Police Control Room : 100, 0172-2210357, 58
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- SSP Office : 0172-2270575, 76, 77
- PUDA Office : 0172-2215308, 10, 11
- Punjab School Education Board : 3047444
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