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## Governor has no veto power over Bills, must send back to assembly - Supreme Court

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi : Bills need to be sent back to Legislature 'as soon as possible'; in case the State Assembly reiterates the Bill 'with or without amendments', the Governor has no choice or discretion, and has to give his assent to it, rules Apex Court.

The Supreme Court has laid down the law that a Governor, in case he withholds assent, should send back a Bill forwarded to him by a State Legislature "as soon as possible" with a message to reconsider the proposed law. In case, the State Assembly reiterates the Bill "with or without amendments", the Governor has no choice or discretion, and has to give his assent to it.

"The substantive part of

Article 200 empowers the Governor to withhold assent to the Bill. In such an event, the Governor must mandatorily follow the course of action which is indicated in the first proviso of communicating to the State Legislature 'as soon as possible' a message warranting the reconsideration of the Bill... The ultimate decision on whether or not to accept the advice of the Governor as contained in the message belongs to the legislature alone. That the message of the Governor does not bind the legislature is evident from the use of the expression 'if the Bill is passed again...with or without amendments', a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has held.

"The Governor as the unelected Head of State would be in a position to virtually veto the functioning of the legislative domain by a duly elected legislature by simply declaring that assent is withheld without any further recourse. Such a course of action would be contrary to fundamental principles of a constitutional democracy based on a Parliamentary pattern of governance. The Governor is under Article 168 a part of the legislature and is bound by the constitutional regime," the court held. The court held that the Bill should be sent back to the Legislature "as soon as possible" with the mandatory message. It said the expression "as soon as possible" conveyed a "constitutional imperative of expedition".



Also read |States in Court against their Governors "Failure to take a call and keeping a Bill duly passed for indeterminate periods is a course of action inconsistent with that expression. Constitutional language is not surplusage," Chief Justice Chandrachud wrote in the 27-page judgment.

Mean while Punjab chief minister Bhagwant

Mann on Friday has written to governor Banwarilal Purohit requesting him to give his assent to the five pending bills passed by the assembly "forthwith" with the latter promptly replying that these were under his "active consideration" and an appropriate decision according to law, and in keeping with the recent Supreme Court judgment, would be taken "expeditiously."

Bhagwant Mann sought to remind the governor about the pending, bills in wake of the Supreme Court holding two special sessions of the assembly valid. Purohit appreciated that the AAP government had finally prorogued the budget session after extending it twice in June and October. Four of the five bills were passed during the two day special session in June.

Letter read "It is submit-

ted that five bills were passed by the Punjab Vidhan Sabha which are pending at your end for accord of assent in your earlier communication, you had stated that the validity of the special sitting of the vidhan Sabha, convened by the speaker in June was in doubt. This was an impediment for clearing the bills. The Issue regarding the sitting on June 19-20 and October 20 has been held to be valid by the Supreme Court in its order pronounced in court on November 10."

CM added, "I would request that in keeping with the constitutional obligation and elucidated in the orders (November 10) of the Supreme Court these bills be cleared forth with."

Later in the day, Purohit

replied, "I am happy to note that the practice of adjourning the assembly sine die and recalling it without proroguing came to an end finally . Through it came through the indulgence by the Supreme Court. I am glad that the healthy democratic practices are put on track . In fact, I have been repeatedly advising you follow the same procedure which was agreed upon by you in the Supreme Court." On the status of the bills, the governor added. "The five bills mentioned in your letter are under my active consideration and appropriate decision according to law will be taken expeditiously, in keeping with the Judgment of the Supreme Court."

## AKUMS Life Sciences violates water pollution act 1981

**Commissioner News Service**  
DERABASSI : The NGT (National Green Tribunal) panel monitoring committee led by Pritam Pal Justice (Retd) has observed the failure in execution of environmental norms and has held the respective District Pollution Control incharge accountable for the lapses in the jurisdictional control. The NGT panel has been overseeing the progression of the norms and has recommended the state govt to take strong action against the transgression by the district officials despite having adequate physical and financial resources at hand. It has been noticed massive pollution by the industrial units is being willfully ignored. On a recent, the CNS with regard to transgression of pollution norms found that the was devoid of any water disposal treatment plant and norms were openly being violated, grudging the local inhabitants against the polluted ground water.

Akums Life Sciences was seen propagating toxic carbon smoke and also not treating chemical water, deplored the residents of Sundra village in Derabassi Sub Division. Under the act Air (pollution) 21, 22 Act 1981, water (pollution) 25, 26 Act 1974 norms of pollution control regulatory monitoring mechanism has perceptibly gone into soup Akums Life Sciences have been discharging untreated water into the earth, unchecked by the authorities. At Sundra village several local residents lodged their grievances about the polluted water due to the nearby located industrial unit of ply manufacturing, has not been treating the chemically polluted water with the requisite plant. The residents cried hoarse due to the diseases like Asthma, Glucoma, Joint pain, Skin pigmentary disorders germinating in their locality. Against the intense carbon emission, disseminated by Akums Lifesciences Ltd on Sundra road no action for withdrawing consent to operate has been initiated so far in pursuant of Air (pollution act). It has to be underlined here that the Central

Pollution Control Board has to unequivocally regulate the sanctity of environment for cleanliness of air for disease free life. Why the unstoppable poisonous smoke is being given loose rope to run its shameless, destructive emission and no regulatory monitoring



mechanism is yet constituted to carryout random checks, point out vulnerable inhabitants in the vicinity of the Akums focal Centre. Unscientific management of flyash does adversely impact health of all living being otherwise enforcement of norms are deliberately being put a ide for the reason best known to the authorities. The frequent emission plauge the skin, eyes and health of lungs leaving nothing to applaud and breath on this earth planet, says Monika Bansal a retired biological teacher.

## Rs 19.4 Cr allocated for repair of Barwala link road --DC

**Commissioner News Service**  
DeraBassi : Deputy Commissioner Aashika Jain is overseeing the repair of the Dera Bassi-Barwala road, which is expected to be completed before next year's monsoon. The project includes repairing a damaged bridge and patching potholes. Ms Jain has asked for proper monitoring of the project and collaboration with the local municipal council for sewerage requirements.

Deputy commissioner Aashika Jain took stock of the ongoing work to repair the 7.2-km DeraBassi-Barwala road that provides inter-state connectivity to local industry. Stating Rs 19.4



crore were being spent to repair the crucial road link, she said the work was expected to be completed before monsoon next year. The project also includes a 5-km drain along the road, raising of road level at three stretches totalling 1.25 km, repair of a damaged bridge across the road and patchwork of potholed parts, before laying 50 mm bitu-

minous concrete. She said the road, which also had residences of Air Force personnel, was last repaired eight years ago. Deputy Commissioner accompanied by Dera Bassi SDM Himanshu Gupta, asked the PWD (National Highways) executive engineer, Yuvraj Singh Bindra, to ensure proper monitoring of the renovation project and strict adherence to all specifications. She also asked the SDM to collaborate with the local municipal council for sewerage requirements of local shops which had been experiencing hardships in day to day disposing of sewage.

## Mohali is set for issuing e-challans from next month

**Commissioner News Service**  
Mohali: The installed camera do successfully detect riders on tempest speed, helmetless, registration plate of the occupants on the the stop zebra line crossing Now, the Punjab Police Housing Corporation (PPHC) is carrying out the installation work of ANPR - RLV enabled cameras at full pace at 22 locations in the local city.

Ranjodh Singh Minhas chief engineer, XEN



Jaswinder Singh, SDO Narinderpal Singh and the company executives are monitoring the installation of the cameras. They said 232 ANPR cameras and 63 RLV cameras with night version will be installed at

20 location in the city.. "We are all set to start issuing e-challanning likely by first week of December as the work to install the cameras is in full swing. We had decided to get CCTV cameras in line with those installed in Chandigarh. We had conducted a demonstration cum-test run of the cameras at Sector 60/80 dividing road in Mohali with 94% success rate. The contract to install cameras has been let out for Rs 8.5 crore."

## Earn "Green Credits" draft norms engineered by Government

**Commissioner News Service**  
New Delhi: Their will generate green credits (GCs) through specified calculations based on a physical verification process. For example 100 GCs will be distributed to eligible applicants for 10 years for 100 trees. Plantation of minimum 100 trees will be required for qualifying under trans plantation based green credit," said the draft on tree plantation projects, nothing that minimum 100 trees per hectare and maximum 1,000 trees per hectare will be required to be planted.

The ministry in its drafts, seeking suggestions or objections from stakeholders, lists state/ district wise appropriate water conservation / harvesting structure like earthen ponds and poly tanks, and tress/ horticulture species that can be picked up for actions by individuals / cooperatives or urban/rural local bodies.

Or promoting environment friend-



ly practices across the country, the environment ministry has come out with two separate draft methodologies for generating such credits through water harvesting and treeplantation projects in different states/ UT, and buying / selling it through a centrally managed dedicated platform.

Similarly for generating green credits (GCs) for water harvesting structures based on site location, the minimum size/storage capacity of water conservation/harvesting structures will be 100 cubic meter or 1 lakh litre and maximum size of 10,000 cubic meter. Individuals/entities can get 75 GCs

per 100 cubic meter after completion of specified number of years. The GCP is an innovative marked based mechanism designed to incentivize voluntary environment actions. Its notification, ahead of the upcoming UN climate conference (COP28), assumes significance as it reflects India's approach of addressing environmental concerns under its Mission LLIFE , which was launched last year as a grassroot mass movement for protection and conservation of environment and other environmental and climate gains.

## UGC grants to be revised

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: "PU is special, particularly commendable in the research sector. That's why we have implemented the 7th pay Commission and other UGC- recognized policies. We stand with PU in this, and discussions with the ministry of education are under way. We will do the necessary within our capacity," he said.

The faculty's pay scales undergo continuous revision, due to the advent of the 6th and 7th pay commissions the financial liabilities escalate annually. The budgetary estimates a consistent increase from Rs 36,695.68 lakh in 2021-22 a projected 49,585.16 lakh for 2024. On October 4, the ministry of education wrote to UGC, seeking a financial eview of PY to address the increased financial requirement due to revised pay scales. The ministry had received a request from PU to sanction funds as per the revised pay structure, which is Rs 348.3 crore



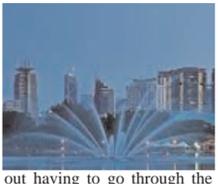
instead of Rs 294.8 crore. The Rs 294 crore amount is based on the unrevised pay structure with a 6% annual increment and PU had also asked for Rs 266.5 crore as a one time grant to meet the liability of arrears as per the pay revision, "the letter to the secretary to UGC said.

Earlier discussing the promotion of Punjabi studies, Kumar highlighted UGC's creation of an apex committee to develop textbooks in multiple languages.

## Malaysia joins list of visa free countries for including India

**Commissioner News Service**  
Malaysia : Travel lovers assembled to witness Globetrotting and exploring new destinations and checking off the boxes for the dream destinations is easier now. It's a great day for Indian passport holders as another country joins the list of giving Indians Visa-free access to their country for a specific period of time. Visa is an official document provided by a particular country's government to allow an individual to visit that country for a specific period of time.

Malaysia is the new entry to the growing list of countries that are making it Visa-free for Indians to visit them. Recently Thailand also announced the facilities of welcoming Indians to their country with-



out having to go through the hassle of Visa applications. According to the official website of Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, these are the countries that allow Indians to visit them without Visa: We're now on WhatsApp. Click to join. B a r b a d o s 2 . Bhutan3.Dominican Republic 4. Fiji 5.Haiti 6.Hong Kong SAR 7.Kazakhstan 8. Maldives 9.Nepal 10.Niue Island 11. Qatar 12.Sant Vincent and the Grenadines

13.Senegal 14.Sri Lanka 15.St. Lucia 16.The Cook Islands. Adding to the list is Thailand and Malaysia - the countries that recently announced Visa-free facilities for Indian passport holders. The Malaysian government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, announced this policy change as he made the country Visa free for Chinese and Indian passport holders. During a speech at his People's Justice Party's annual congress in Putrajaya, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim made his announcement. Starting from December 1, Indians can visit the country without Visa. However, with the visa requirements lifted, Indian nationals vie for visiting Malaysia.

## Veterans block rly traffic, OROP anomalies continues to prevail

**Commissioner News Service**  
Patiala : A chunk of Ex SM blocked the rly traffic in Sambhu area, and lifted the protests only after they were assured that their grievances would be redressed..

They had occupied the tracks after police had stopped them from entering Haryana Shambhu on the way to Delhi for a 'Rall Roko' agitation.

For the past 10 months, they have been protesting at Jantar Mantar in Delhi against the anomalies in the 'one rank, one pension' (OROP) scheme . Police barricaded the Shambhu border and searched all the passing vehicles for ex-service men to stop them from going to Delhi. Some of them were detained in Delhi.



Harpal Singh, general secretary of the Former Sainik Sangharsh Committee, said that. "The protest was from 4 am to 5:30 pm. Our panel claimed to have a positive meeting with the governor but we are yet to get its details. We want a committee of three retired Supreme Court judges to investigate anomalies in the OROP (One Rank One Pension)

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1. Kitchen Concepts (Devanshu Goel) 7696617533, 8196857770 SCO 1, Ground Floor, High Street, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur
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, 1st Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road, Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur
8. Madame Readymade Garments, (Vishal) 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
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1. Auto Care, 8196098829, Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
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 \*\*Mukatsar Wale\*\* Gents suiting shirting, Safari Suits, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur
3. New Shri Ganpati White House, 9478700044, 9216700044 Fashion Studio, SCO 7, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur

**MOTOR/AUTO REPAIRS/CAR**

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1. Insurance 8872135535 Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim
2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571 SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur
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**EDITORIAL -**

**Hunger for money drives to insane acts**

The US government, no matter which party rules, seems helpless to control them. US capitalism is not unregulated: its pharmaceutical, health and financial sectors are heavily regulated. However, US firms have great power to influence regulations. Companies can spend large amounts of money, legally, to lobby for their interests, and fund think tanks and universities to produce ideas that support their ideology. Capitalism corrupts democracy. Drugs and guns produced and sold by US companies are killing tens of thousands of American citizens. Politics and the Congress are controlled by money power — no-holds barred capitalism. Citizens want to be listened to when policies that will affect their lives and livelihoods are made. This is what farmers and their families camped for on the outskirts of Delhi during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was not too much to ask for. It was their right. Science and technology are powerful instruments which can be used to improve the performance of complex systems — the human body, food systems, environmental systems, financial systems and information systems. Artificial intelligence and synthetic biology are exciting new frontiers of science and technology. Marvellous potential gains to society from their use in health, education, energy, financial and security systems are being described to encourage their faster development and deployment. Great dangers lurk in leaving such powerful instruments in the control of companies in any sector whose mission is to improve profits for their investors — dangers greater than those already manifest from ineffective regulation of for-profit companies using pre-AI

technologies in the health, agriculture, financial, security, media and entertainment sectors. Governments must learn to govern the economy for the benefit of all citizens. The private sector is not a panacea for various problems. A government has to provide all citizens with healthcare and education regardless of their ability to pay. It must regulate the profit-seeking urges of private businesses. The CEO of the largest media business in the US and the world at that time explained why the media must focus on the demands of its readers and viewers. He said the media as good business must give its customers what they wanted. If they wanted more entertainment, the media must give them good entertainment. If the media did not give its customers what they wanted, it would go out of business. A participant in the Aspen seminar said society could not allow business leaders to get away with the justification that they were giving people what they wanted. "Many people want hard drugs," she said. "There is a lot of money to be made by supplying hard drugs to these customers. Could a business that supplied hard drugs be defended on the principle that it was giving people what they wanted? Just as sellers of drugs are declared criminals, all business leaders must be held responsible," she insisted. Karl Marx said religion was the opiate of the masses. Ideologies can be opiates too. The Economist and its ilk have often said that communism was an opiate of the masses, replacing religion. The American version of capitalism is an opiate too. It is heretical in a society ruled by religion to question God; it is heretical to doubt the morality of the 'invisible

hand' in free-market capitalism. In the ideological struggle between the US and Soviet Union during the Cold War, then US President Ronald Reagan declared "government is the problem, not the solution" to counter communism and socialism in Europe, where governments took responsibility for public welfare. In the American version of 'no-holds-barred' capitalism, the business of business is business. Government regulation of business curbs its animal spirits and innovative ways of making profits. Thus, the ease of doing business, unregulated by the government, replaced the ease of living of citizens as the measure of good government policy. Indian economic policies have not been spared by this global ideological drug. In 2021, the Indian Government allowed the private sector to engage in the production of poppy for opium/heroin, which had been a government monopoly. Six protesting farmers were killed in police firing in Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur in 2017. Drugs have ravaged one young generation after another in Punjab. A political war continues about who is responsible. The Economist has an interesting view, albeit in the context of the growing drug problem in the US. Fentanyl is a new synthetic and industrial opioid. It is significantly more potent than heroin, whose raw material comes from poppy grown by farmers in Afghanistan and Southeast Asia, whose fields have been targeted by the US-led 'war on drugs' for eradication. "Drugs of fentanyl's ilk currently kill around 70,000 Americans a year, more than (those who) died in the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan combined.

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

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



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

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

**Medical negligence reported from Pvt hospital doctors**



**Commissioner News Service MOHALI :** Now a days medical negligence is being reported from all quarters of the tricity. One such case has transpired from Mohali Max Hospital. A city resident, Joshil Abraham, has alleged medical negligence and rude behaviour on the part of doctors at Mohali's Max Hospital and lodged a complaint with the medical facility in that regard. He has claimed that the doctors left a

bandage inside his body after a surgery for hemorrhoids (piles) on November 23. "I started feeling pain after returning home on November 24. Then I had to visit Civil Hospital, Phase 6, where I came to know of it," Abraham said. Max Hospital officials, in a statement, said the matter is being investigated. "Clinically, we understand that the patient is doing fine," the statement noted.

**Free 2-wheeler parking to begin from Dec 1**

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

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

**Poll preparation for local bodies underway for Jan contest**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** "All the groundwork is complete for the local bodies poll. The model code of conduct will come into force by December 15" revealed highly-placed sources. Elections to at least five Municipal Corporations and 41 municipal councils will be held in the first fortnight of January 2024. The Secretary, Local Government, had issued a notification that elections to five Municipal Corporations, including Amritsar, Patiala, Phagwara, Jalandhar and Ludhiana will be held in the "first fortnight of November". The term of Amritsar and Patiala MCs had ended on January 22, Jalandhar on January 24 and Ludhiana on March 26. The tenure of Phagwara MC had ended in March 2020. The notification came after the Punjab and Haryana High Court in March had asked the State Election Commission to conduct the poll. The Election Commission had committed that the final publication of electoral rolls would be completed by November 10. Sources said the work related to delimitation of wards in the local bodies was complete. They said



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

**Bhagwant Mann to inaugurate Military Lit Festival on Dec 2**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** With the theme for this year 'World in turmoil and lessons learnt from history', besides the event will mark the 75th anniversary of the operations in Jammu and Kashmir in 1947-48 during the first India-Pakistan war, officials associated with the festival said. The seventh edition of the Military Literature Festival will be inaugurated by the Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann in Chandigarh on December 2 while the valedictory session would be presided over by Governor Banwarilal Purohit on December 3. The sessions scheduled for the first day include 'Military, strategic and diplomatic lessons to be



learnt by India from the conflict in Ukraine', 'The strategy India should follow to deal with a declining Pakistan and a Taliban bent upon expansion' and 'How do India and China face off today in terms of weapons technology and self-reliance'. The second day will see discussions on 'The Israel-Hamas war and its diplomatic and military lessons for India'. Historical topics featuring at the festival include 'Opening the gateway to Ladakh—The

victory at Zoji La in the autumn of 1948', 'The Lahore Durbar and its gift of the North West Frontier, Kashmir, Baltistan and Ladakh to India' and 'The legacy of Chinese Emperor Ying Zheng and his methodology of ruling'. Serving defence officers would also participate in some of the sessions particularly those associated with Pakistan and China Clarion Call, featuring real-life war movies and audio-video presentations have been revived this year. In addition, a session on martial poetry of Punjab, an exhibition of military paintings, face to face with Param Vir Chakra awardees, military stamps display and weapons display are also on the agenda.

**Rs 30,000 crore to be recovered from one-time settlement scheme**

**Commissioner News Service CHANDIGARH :** In order to settle one time for VAT scheme under the previous VAT regime. The scheme would likely to be tabled at a meeting of the Haryana Cabinet meeting. On the lines of other OTS schemes offered by various departments, the government is likely to waive interest and penalty, while the traders would be required to pay the full amount of tax. There are thousands of small-time businessmen who owe the government various dues under the previous VAT regime and other Acts before April 1, 2018. The OTS was announced by CM Manohar



Lal Khattar. The Govt is hoping to partly recover outstanding dues of nearly Rs 30,000 crore from traders by offering a one-time settlement (OTS) scheme for the resolution of pending VAT cases from the pre-GST era. The sources said the scheme was likely to be offered from

December until the end of the financial year. The entire process would be online. The government is hoping to increase its revenue and reduce old arrears. The tax revenue would be used for development and welfare projects. With the Assembly elections due in October next year, the government is going all out to woo various sections of society by taking people-centric decisions. The sources said added that the OTS was also aimed at providing relief to the traders who were unable to clear their dues, given the weight of penalties attracted over time.

**User charges to streamline garbage waste collection**

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



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

garbage dumps created by irregular waste collectors outside residential areas. MC Commissioner Sachin Gupta said the corporation had issued a schedule of all sanitation workers. "The identity of workers has also been mentioned on the MC website. Residents can complain to the MC on 9696120120 in case garbage vehicle does not turn up in their area for door-to-door collection." Officials said the SWM fee would be collected along with property tax charges. "The charges have been implemented from the ongoing fiscal year. Some people have received bills for the previous fiscal year as well. All charges pertaining to the previous year will be revoked", the Commissioner said. SK Nayar, president, Citizen Welfare Association, Panchkula, said two years ago, the corporation had stated that it would no charge garbage collection fee. "Residents are quite surprised to note that the MC is now sending the charges at random. We are against such random collection of charges."

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## MP MLA courts summons Rahul Gandhi in defamation case over remarks on Amit Shah

**Commissioner News Service**  
**Sultanpur (UP)** : The defamation case was filed by BJP leader Vijay Mishra in 2018 against the Congress leader for allegedly making "objectionable" comments against Shah at a press conference in Bengaluru. An MP-MLA court has summoned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in a 2018 defamation case over alleged "objectionable" comments he made against Union minister Amit Shah, the petitioner's counsel said. During a hearing on the



case on Monday, MP/MLA court judge Yogesh Yadav summoned Gandhi on December 16, advocate Santosh Pandey said. The complainant had referred to Gandhi's comment that the BJP which claims to believe in honest and clean politics has a party president who is an "accused" in a murder

case. Shah was the BJP president when Gandhi made the remark. About four years before Gandhi's remark, a special CBI court in Mumbai had discharged Shah in a 2005 fake encounter case when Shah was a minister of state for home in Gujarat.

## 40K senior citizens eulogised for going old-age pension

**Commissioner News Service**  
**KARNAL/CHD** : Over 40,000 eligible senior citizens, above the age of 60 years, have voluntarily refused the pension, resulting in an annual savings of approximately Rs 100 crore. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar expressed gratitude to (for the opportunity to interact with) senior citizens, who were eligible to receive pension under the Old Age Samman Allowance Scheme but had chosen to forgo it.



Mr Khattar announced that the state government had decided to increase the old age pension to Rs 3,000 from January 1, 2024. Senior citizens with an annual income below Rs 3 lakh currently receive Rs 2,750 per month. He said this during an interaction with senior citizens receiving old age allowance through audio conferencing as part of the 'CM Ki Vishesh Charcha' programme. The CM said the surplus funds would be directed towards service homes under the Senior Citizen Seva Ashram scheme in 22 districts.

Khattar also spoke about the 'Prahari' scheme that has been introduced to ensure the well-being of senior citizens aged above 80 years. Data based on family identity cards issued in the state revealed that there are around 3,30,000 such individuals, of whom 3,600 live alone. Under this scheme, retired government employees will personally visit these senior citizens to assess their well-being. If any elderly person requires medical assistance, property protection or any other support, the department concerned will be notified to provide prompt assistance. Retired government employees can call on 112 to join the scheme, said the CM.

## Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050

**Commissioner News Service**  
**GURUGRAM** : As Gurugram features among the top polluted cities in the country, the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) has drawn a holistic plan to reduce emissions in the city. The authority has drafted a 'net zero 2050' document, contouring the goals for urban policy-making to make Gurugram a zero emission city. Net-zero refers to the point at which a specific area or city is able to remove from the atmosphere all green



house gases (GHGs) it is emitting. Effectively, it ensures that no additional carbon or other GHGs are being added into the atmosphere. The document elaborates on the way forward to implement sustainable development strategies like construction of green

buildings, setting up of centralised cooling plants in housing societies, adoption of cleaner technologies and increasing the share of electric vehicles over the next 25 years. The plan deals in four major arenas — energy, waste, transport and greenery.

## Amended Forest Act from Dec 1 deplored by environmentalists

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



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

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

## Bajwa deprecates 2 days session period too lesser

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



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

## Feb 29 enhanced date for voter enrolment period

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



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

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

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- दो मूँहे बालों को कम करके उन्हें मज़बूत बनाये

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### Provide equal treatment to all citizens of state

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: The law providing 75 percent reservation in private sector jobs to the residents of the Haryana was quashed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court which declared it "unconstitutional". The law provided that 75% jobs in new factories/industries or already establish industries/institutions would be given to domiciles of Haryana. It was tweaked to be



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

partnership firm, etc. situated in Haryana, which employ 10 or more person. A division bench, comprising Justice G S Sandhawalia and Justice Harpreet Kaur Jeewan, pronounced the order in open court while allowing a bunch of petitions filed by several industrial bodies of the state questioning the constitutional validity of the law enacted by the Haryana government.

### Multiple 14 land chunks to be fenced by civic. body

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh : Lying unattended about 14 land chunks at the cost of Rs 83 would be fenced by the Municipality Corporation. The detailed agenda would be taken up in this regard for discussion and approval in the Scheduled general house meeting on 28 November. The engineering department of the MC would start the exercise for fencing work after the approval is obtained from the house to ensure no more land is looted by the greedy residents. After the land scrutiny in the villages,



revenue related record would be analysed in all jurisdictional villages. It was traced many shamlat land chunks were already usurped by the unscrupulous persons in their villages but now the steps would be fast to barricade and fence the land property, said an official.

### 100 new scholarships announced for Indian students by University College London

**Commissioner News Service**  
LONDON : University College London, one of the leading universities in UK, said on Tuesday that its new India Excellence Scholarships will support Indian students with an outstanding academic record to pursue full-time Master's degree studies at the institution. The college has announced a new scholarship scheme to enable 100 of India's brightest students to study in the UK as well as its first-ever Summer School for pre-university students in the country. University College London (UCL) has announced a new scholarship scheme to enable 100 of India's brightest students to study in the UK as well as its first-ever Summer School for pre-university students in the country. UCL, one of the leading universities in UK, said on Tuesday that its new India Excellence Scholarships will support Indian students with



an outstanding academic record to pursue full-time Master's degree studies at the institution. "Indian students are vital members of UCL's global community and we are dedicated to providing more resources and support to help the best of them share their knowledge and expertise with us in the UK," he said. As part of the UCL India Excellence Scholarships, which the university describes as its most extensive Indian scheme to date, prospective Master's students in any discipline can receive 5,000 pounds towards their studies. "I'm delighted that many of India's brightest young people recognise the value of studying at a world-class

institution such as UCL. The relationships they'll build will deepen the links between India and the UK to everyone's benefit," said Christina Scott, Britain's Deputy High Commissioner to India. UCL has also revealed plans for a new Summer School programme to be based at the state-of-the-art campus of The British School in New Delhi, to give pre-university Indian students a taste of what it's like to study at a world-leading UK university. The inaugural UCL India Summer School will take place from June 10-14, 2023 and will feature leading UCL professors delivering modules to 50 students in grades 10 and 11, working in small groups.

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### UT ready for presentation of Mobility card to Centre



**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: A DPR has already been approved by the Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune. With the introduction of common mobility card, the transport department of the UT administration aims to integrate automatic fare collection system having EMV enabled electronic ticketing machines through partner bank/financial institution. Further, the existing system integrator will upgrade the AFCS application to meet the requirement of NCMC open loop card and the partner bank/financial

institution will be responsible for instant issuance of mobility cards. "Once the project is introduced, people will have to carry only one card and the same could be used everywhere. This move will encourage people to opt for the city bus service to travel. Since it will be used for multiple purposes, including shopping, people won't have to carry multiple cards with them. Once the project gets the nod, the issue of payment gateway, banks etc will be decided accordingly," sources said.

### National craft mela for 10 days from Dec - 1

**Commissioner News Service**  
Chandigarh: At Kalagram Manimajra Chandigarh National craft mela of 13th edition will get inaugurated on 01 Dec 23. The entries may be submitted at chandigarhcraftmela2023@gmail.com. Each participant can send a maximum of the entries. A key attraction will be larger than - life - sized musical instruments carved out of stone and motifs of folk culture to attract connoisseurs. "A typical village scene has been created



to inspire people to stay connected to their rural roots and stand guard to the pristine cultural heritage of the country," said an official. While the music lovers from across the Tricity would see their favourite star perform live, foodies would have a gala time to tickle taste buds. Those interested in ethnic and handcraft items would seize an

opportunity to buy from range of designers' pottery crockery, artificial jewellery woolens, among others, of their choice," said the official. 'Mera Mati Mera Desh' will be the theme showcased through a gateway inspired by Nagaland aligning with the foundation day of the north - eastern state on December 1.

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## 112 emergency number would facilitate caller with 5 swift ambulance services

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Pkula : The main ambulance stationed at local health department has been facilitated 5 extra connection with Hangola, Raipur Rani, Morni and Kalka.

A special gadget has been installed in the ambulances that would steer the call from 112 Centre to the nearest ambulance driver. Dial 112 would connect ambulance and fire tender with the emergency number in all the district of Haryana.

The electronic set up including a global positioning system (GPS) and a special gadget will connect the call directly



with the driver of the nearby ambulance. Now the direct call to the ambulance driver would save the precious time. The effective working of the system would find arrangement of comprehensive training that would include emergency handling, medical, technical, expert driving

at control room. "The calls from the Dial 112 emergency system, as the devices are installed and activated, and calls are being received. About 26 ambulances are in operational activation. But only 5 ambulances are connected with the electronic devices," said an official

## AIIMS to promote facilities for attendants of ICU patients



Commissioner News Service

New Delhi :The waiting area of AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) would be developed as a silent zone to ensure comfort for the attendants.

Since mobile signals may not be available at all times, the guards at the entry and exit gates will receive calls on the intercom and inform the attendants if they are required in the respective ICU. The same be used by the duration phone calls.

Though there are dedicated waiting areas for attendants in ICU, the infrastructure is not adequate.

In most of this waiting area many attendants can be found sleeping on the floors. Also, there is a shortage of basic amenities like drinking water and toilets.

"Developing these facilities will be a great step. Witnessing patients' attendants sitting or sleeping on the floor during my ICU duties used to upset me deeply. I always wished for improvement and now it is happening. We are grateful to the institute's administration," said Dr Vinay Kumar, president of the resident doctors' association.

## Get 40 citizen centric service at your door step--AAP

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : Under the drive 40-42 services would be available to the people at their doorsteps without any hurdle. "This will be a big facility to the people as they will not have to run from pillar to post for availing these services," said Bhawant Maan chief minister Pb.

The people of the state would get delivery of more than 40 citizen-centric services at their doorsteps from November 27, birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev.



Bhawant Maan hub of medical tourism" by giving a major fillip to the medical education sector, said the state government was already making efforts in this

regard. "There is no dearth of funds for this purpose and the state government will leave no stone unturned for this noble cause," claimed the CM to give a push to medical education. Mann added his government had decided to construct 16 new medical colleges in the next five years, which would take the number of medical colleges in the state to 25. One medical college will be dedicated to the people of the state on Saturday in Hoshiarpur, he added. Mann also inaugurated an OPD block and OT complex

## Monthly rental Rs. 1.8 crore, owner evicted by PGI

Commissioner News Service

The PGI administration issued an eviction order to the private chemist operating the emergency drug shop on Monday. The monthly rental of the shop was Rs 1.8 crore, which was being recovered as escalated price of medicines from patients.

"Overpricing and exploitation has to be tackled in the interest of patients, making patients pay through their nose is a criminal offence. We will look into this for all outlets," said PGI director Prof Vivek Lal, who has taken this initiative for first time.

The shop has been licensed to Affordable Medicines and Reliable Implants for Treatment (Amrit), an initiative of the cen-



tral government, under which 60% to 70% discount is offered on medicines and surgical items. The private license holder has been asked to vacate the shop on December 31 this year. "Amrit shall take over the shop from January 1 and ensure availability of medicines and surgical items round the clock," said the order.

A committee forced recently by the PGI direction to monitor

chemist shops on the hospital campus submitted the report. The panel detected several anomalies in the pricing and quality of medicines being supplied. Based on the recommendation, the director issued eviction order to the emergency drug store which perhaps would ensure all time justice for the suffering class of patients

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## Kisan Mazdoor Aakrosh rally in Sirsa on Dec 17: MP



Commissioner News Service

Sirsa : Paying tribute to the 750 farmer-labourers martyred in the farmers' movement, MP Deepender Hooda on Sunday announced that the 'Kisan-Majdoor Aakrosh Rally' will be held in Sirsa on December 17 in their memory. MP Hooda,

addressing a press conference in Sirsa, said farmers were feeling cheated. "The government has not implemented the agreement, that was reached between the farmers and them two years ago. We will make the government implement it and not let it forget their sacrifices.

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