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Civic amenities of Zirakpur town resemble with an ravaged Ukranian City : Sukhdev Choudhary

Corruption as before in Girish Verma's times, continues unabated

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Zirakpur : Finding no alternate in their respective wards, since the tempo of development never took off, now the residents have been forced to submit the demand letter with their elected municipal councillor exceptionally in Dhakoli area, on Sunday bemoaned Sukhdev Singh, President of local Joint Action Committee and Residents Welfare Association.

The development of the town should be sacred mission rather" Holy than Thou "for the Municipal Council but here for the past over two years, civic work has remained at stand still platform, castigates one

resident Sham Lal of Dhakoli . The other residents alike in Dhakoli area are aghast to find no channel for getting done of heir daily civic works . They have been forced to protest before the house

of elected councillor . Kusum Lata Sharma, On approaching the premises, her husband Sat Pal Sharma appeared before the aggrieved visitors, he however managed to conveniently console the aggrieved masses by telling, them he would get their all work completed after the

rainy season was over. Nevertheless, it was now high time the residents of other wards were looking determined to protest in the main office of Municipal Council, lamented Mr Choudhry.. Notwithstanding the reprisal of problems of the broken roads, overflowing sewage system,

storm rain water , drainage system, unsafe drinking water and unmaintained stinking parks are abounding in whole of the city but Dhakoli area has mainly fallen victims of the civic body's apathy , laments the President of the residents welfare association. The Dhakoli area is close-

ly located near to P"kula where best kind of civic amenities are provided by the Municipal Corporation. Here, in Punjab , it seems as the war torn Ukraine has been devastated and hardly any life is left worth living in the absence of proper infrastructural

facility., same strife continues here also quotes Mr Choudhary. In view of the non functioning of the street lights in ward No 9, and 10, inhabitants had to lodge their plants with the local civic body about the unkempt

streets, strewn garbage, broken roads with wide potholes for the past 2 years gone by, as not a fraction of development work was ever done despite the lodging of numerous public grievances.

Climate change accounts for blistering events

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Bathinda: The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) at Gandhi Nagar has predicted that climate change will increase the frequency of extreme weather events such as floods and heatwaves in India. Total population and urban area exposed to sequential extremes will increase rapidly if the global mean temperature rises more than 1.5 degrees Celsius from the pre-industrial level. It will need a giant leap in socioeconomic livelihood and infrastructure to reduce the vulnerability and maintain the same level of risk at 1.5 degrees C at higher global warming levels. The risks and drivers of the sequential extremes in India remain unrecognized. More than half way through its Indian journey, the 2023 southwest monsoon has



delivered the clearest evidence of climate change in record-breaking extreme weather events ranging from humid heat waves to torrential rain spells and cyclones (strengthening of cyclones). In June, 377 Indian weather stations reported very heavy rain events, with highest figures of five years, while 62 recorded extremely heavy rainfall, second highest in intensity since 2019. The quantum of torrential rain multiplied in July, with 1,113 stations reporting very

heavy and 205 recording extremely heavy rainfall. Very heavy rainfall was between 115.6 and 204.5 milli metres, while extremely heavy rainfall is above 204.5 millimetres. Skymet Weather's vice-president for meteorology and climate change Mahesh Palawat said that: "Monsoon has changed its characteristic rainfall pattern, intensity and frequency with global warming, increasing extreme weather events exponentially.

6 more countries join bandwagon of BRICS -- Cyril



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BRICS - Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa all have earned another stroke, bringing 6 more countries in to their fold with Argentina, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia and Egypt. South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa delivered an address on August 24 and declared the names of the new members while announcing the summit's outcomes. The BRICS group of developing nations was on the verge of extending invitations to potential new members. This move holds the

potential to open the doors for numerous interested countries to align with a coalition committed to championing the interests of the "Global South". Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his speech, backed the expansion while advocating for a "multi-polar" world order. He also spoke at length about India's achievement in space research. No Pakistan in BRICS China's push to incorporate Pakistan into the BRICS alliance earlier stirred a diplomatic conundrum, introducing a layer of complexity to the ongoing proceedings.

Journalism's principal sin is disinformation

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Vatican City: It would be disinformation if journalism does inform badly, slander (some time it is used defamation,) but it is different but destroys, and fourth is love of scandal. Pope Francis, the Pontiff denounced on Saturday "disinformation" and spreading process of fake news in an effort to influence public opinion. Disinformation has been widely accepted first sin,



mistake. The Pope warned against the danger of reducing human relationship to mere algorithms and urged lawmakers to be vigilant against "partitions" propaganda and divisiveness on social media.

Another havoc is social media networks is emerging with a false sense of belonging, especially among young people which might stem isolation and loneliness, said the Pope.

Pressure up on drug traffickers , Shah directs states, agencies

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New Delhi : During two days conference, Amit Shah brainstormed with national and state level security brass on the combustible issues pertaining to national security, use of forensic science in investigation, cyber security frame work, social challenges and emergency preparedness for nuclear, chemical and radiological exigencies. Under the able leadership and guidance of Narendra Modi, govt is committed to ensure a safe



and secure nation by strengthening all aspects of National security mechanism, exhorted more than 750 participants. Besides other attendants, attending the deliberations in

Delhi were two Jr Home Ministers, deputy National security advisers, home secretary, DGPs and IGPs of all states and UTs heads of central armed police forces and the intelligence brass..

No raid on adulterated sweets factory, samples from fake paneer taken by Health deptt



Zirakpur (Pabhat) : A team of district health department 3 days ago, led by Inspector Anil Kumar raided a synthetic "Desi ghee", "Paneer" factory in godown area, where dry milk powder was allegedly being used for manufacturing poor quality cheese. The paneer in heavy quantity used to, be supplied in tricity, sources revealed. The paneer was being sold at the half rate in comparison to quality standard, A team of health department took samples of the "cheese for laboratory test,

said Anil Kumar, Health Inspector. It is pertinent to mention here that several complaints were pouring in about the wholesale substandard, adulterated sweets. The heavy quantity of Desi ghee, khoya, paneer, milk, was used in preparation of the bulk sweets. Nevertheless the sale of sweets, khoya, Rasgula, were left unregulated and uninspected, where the price of the products, were determined in the markets of tricity, disclosed a sweet trader of the Zirakpur town.

100 "Tejas" combat fighters need of time

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New Delhi : The Indian Air Force plans to induct at least 6 squadrons of Tejas Mark 2, which will have longer combat range and greater weapon carrying capacity than the Tejas Mark 1 A jets.



India would develop its 5th "generation stealth advanced medium combat aircrafts to meet the shortfall in the number of its combat squadrons until a much more powerful and capable ver-

sion of the indigenous fighter is operationally ready. Tejas Mark 2 jets with GE 414 engines in the 98 kilo Newton thrust class power that will be made in India under a recent pact with the

US for transfer of technology -- would be ready for production only by, 2030-2031. The IAF is hellbent to stem the depletion in the number of its fighter squadrons, which is deficient at now 31

Minister drives Toyota onto railway platform to catch train

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Lucknow : Dharampal Singh, a minister of Animal and Husbandry in Uttar Pradesh in his official Toyota Fortuner, reached railway station as he was running late for the train. A video of the Minister's VVIP vehicle inside the railway station has already surfaced online and gone viral.



for wheelchairs and differently-abled individuals. The minister had parked the car on the platform, creating a lot of inconvenience and chaos inside the station. People also expressed their opinions on social media and criticized the minister. This is not the first time Minister Dharampal Singh has stirred up controversy.

Prior to this, he was in the news for a remark he made against stray bulls in the state. The opposition responded to the remark by blocking the minister's convoy with distressed farmers while he was on his way to inaugurate a polyclinic for stray cattle in Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh.

Xi Jinping to visit India for G20 ?

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New Delhi: Prime Minister Modi has underlined that maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas and respecting the LAC are essential for normalisation of the relationship. They (Modi and Xi) agreed to direct their relevant officials to intensify



efforts for expeditious disengagement and de-escalation (along the LAC)," said Vinay Kwatra. Kwatra did not respond to a question on whether Xi indicated to Modi that he was going to

travel to India for the meeting. It's also not clear yet which side proposed the conversation that took place amid renewed efforts to take forward the disengagement process.

Carry the 'disaster risk reduction 'aim of G20

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New Delhi: India's presidency of the G20 will leave behind a legacy: for the first time in the history of the elite economic bloc, a working group on disaster risk reduction (DRR) was constituted which met three times in different cities since December and came out with an outcome document with consensus, prioritising disaster mitigation and becoming a voice for the Global South and small island nations. All other working groups under the G20 are legacy ones, carried forward by each country during their presidency. Significantly, the next two presidencies of Brazil and South Africa, in 2024 and 2025 respectively, have agreed to incorporate the DRR working group as part of future deliberations, underscoring India's pivotal role in making disaster



risk reduction a main stream agenda for the group. In the absence of a permanent secretariat for G20, India remains part of the troika that will support the next two presidencies in organising the summit and deciding key agenda points. During India's presidency, the troika comprised Indonesia, the previous president, India and Brazil, then next president. The outcome document was steered successfully by Kamal Kishore, member secretary of the National Disaster Management Authority and the chair of the DRR working group. It has set five priorities

for sustainable development universal coverage of early warning systems; disaster and climate resilient infrastructure; financing frameworks for DRR; disaster recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction; and nature based solutions and ecosystem-based approaches for DRR. (Disaster Risk Reduction). "We underscore the pivotal role of DRR working group in driving the G20's; efforts towards meeting the outcome and goal of the Sendai Framework and achieving all Sustainable Development Goals," said the outcome document.

EDITORIAL –

Rupee would fast get internationalised

Internationalisation of the rupee means that it serves one or more of these functions when either the buyer or the seller, or both are located outside India. In the extreme case, think of the rupee as the only currency in circulation in the world. It will then be the medium of exchange, a unit of account, and a store of value domestically as well as internationally. In reality, most countries have their own currencies to perform the three functions domestically. But one or more currencies must serve these functions when residents of two different countries transact. Currencies playing this role are "international" currencies. Currently the United States dollar is by far the most dominant international currency. The European Euro, the British pound, the Japanese yen, and a few other currencies also serve one or more of the functions but to a much lesser extent. Domestically, a currency such as the rupee serves three functions: a medium of exchange, a unit of account, and a store of value. When the buyer and seller of a product who are both in India transact, the rupee serves as the medium of exchange. Because the price of the product is denominated in the rupee, it also serves as the unit of account. And insofar as the seller may have no immediate use for the rupees but is willing to hold them till such need arises, the rupee also serves as the store of value. There has been growing chatter in policy circles about turning the Indian rupee into an international currency. What does the internationalisation of a currency mean? What challenges does India face in pursuing this objective? And should India take proactive steps to promote rupee internationalisation? Excluding Europe, more than 80% of the world's trade transactions between 1999 and 2019 were denominated in the dollar. The currency served as the unit of account for these transactions, and, most likely, also the medium of exchange. Euro was the only other significant currency to have these roles. The dollar's dominance as the medium of exchange is also reflected in the 60% of international banking deposits and loans being denominated in it. The dollar also remains the principal store of value internationally, with the world's central banks holding 60% of their reserves in it. In parallel, 60% of the debt issued by firms in a currency other than their home country's is issued in the dollar. Finally, nearly half of the outstanding dollar bills, amounting to \$1 trillion, are estimated to be held physically outside the United States. Against this backdrop, India faces a number of challenges in internationalising the rupee. India's share in world trade is relatively small. It accounts for less than 2.5% of the world merchandise trade and less than 4% of the world services trade. Currently, even these transactions are denominated and accomplished in the dollar or other international currencies. As such, any expectation of a significant shift in international trade transactions towards the rupee is unrealistic. This same argument applies with greater force to financial transactions. India's share in these transactions in the world is smaller than in trade. Its corporate bond market is in its infancy, and public sector banks dominate the banking sector. Though India has been steadily liberalising its international flows of financial capital, it remains some distance from embracing the full convertibility of the rupee. Until then, while we will continue to have foreign investors invest in rupee denominated assets, a broader shift in financial transactions towards the rupee as a unit of account or medium of exchange is premature. To ensure the rupee does not exhibit undue instability in terms of other international currencies, the Reserve Bank of India currently holds foreign exchange reserves worth approximately \$600 billion. By definition, these reserves are held in dollars or other international currencies. In part, they are meant to lend confidence to India's trading partners in the long-term stability of the rupee. But they also allow RBI to intervene in the foreign exchange markets to smoothen the day-to-day fluctuations in the value of the rupee. While India itself, thus, holds reserves in the dollar and other international currencies, it is unlikely that other countries would choose to hold their own reserves in the rupee beyond small amounts.

Hockey Chandigarh to conclude championship on August 29

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CHANDIGARH : SGGSH Club, Sector 26, CHA-42 (Blue), Rock Rovers Hockey Club, SGGSSS-35, CHA-42 (Red), GMHS-42, Panjab University Hockey Club and Wanderers Club would participate said Anil Vohra, general secretary, Hockey Chandigarh. Hockey Chandigarh will organise Chandigarh State Junior Men and Women Hockey Championships to



celebrate the National Sports Day from August 23 to 29 at Sector 42 Sports Complex. The tournament would be played on a league-cum-knockout basis and the teams would be divided in two pools. The final matches would be played on August 29.

RERA cautions defaulting realtors, as only 6 projects listed in Chandigarh



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CHANDIGARH : The Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA), Chandigarh, has decided to take suo motu action against new constructions not registered with it as per the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016. Even after the lapse of the deadline, not even a single developer came forward to get any project registered, said a RERA official. The authority had given a month's deadline in June to developers to register their residential and commercial projects, saying failure to do so would invite action. He said only six projects were so far registered with RERA, whereas more than 20 were currently underway within the jurisdiction of the UT. The Act makes it mandatory for promoters to register all residential and commercial real estate projects where the area proposed to be developed exceeds 500 sq m or the number of apartments or offices proposed to be developed exceeds eight. The provision aims at protecting the interests of buyers and investors and ensuring a speedy disposal of disputes. According to the Act, if a promoter constructs more than

eight flats, shops, chambers or units on a plot irrespective of its size, he or she will have to register the project with RERA. Similarly, if a promoter carves out plots of the size of more than 500 sq m, he or she has to register the project. Even the construction of godowns was covered under the Act, the official said. If a promoter failed to get his project registered, a penalty to the tune of 10 per cent of the cost of the project could be imposed on the violator under Section 59 of the Act, said the official. On getting a complaint against any unregistered project, the authority would get it verified and take action accordingly, he said, adding that action would also be initiated against plotting being carried out on agricultural land in the UT. The official said they had already appealed to the promoters to register their projects. The Act covers all bodies (private and public) which develop real estate projects for sale to the general public. In the absence of the Apartment Act, the Chandigarh Housing Board (CHB) is the only government agency responsible for the construction of residential units in the city.

Annual elections of PU Campus Students' Council falls on September 6

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CHANDIGARH : The code of conduct has come into force as Panjab University will hold the annual Panjab University Campus Students' Council (PUCSC) elections at the campus and its affiliated local colleges on Sept 6. The UT Administration has received a set of proposed dates which was sent by the university authorities to and the latter decided to hold the elections on September 6, considering a gazetted holiday on account of Janmashtami on September 7 followed by the weekend. "We have monitored the process and the authorities are ready to conduct a peaceful and fair election. In addition to all precautionary measures, the university has decided to include previous wardens for a smooth conduct of elections. The university security and Chandigarh Police personnel are keeping a vigil. The code of conduct has already come



into force on the university campus," said the Dean, Student Welfare (DSW), Dr Jatinder Grover. On September 6, the election process will start by 9.30 am and by 11 am, the polling will be completed in various departments. At 11 am, ballot boxes will be collected and brought to the counting centre — gymnasium hall. After 12 noon, the counting of votes will start. On September 11, the result of elected department representatives will be submitted at the DSW office, and on September 11, the executives' elections will be held at the auditorium of the Physic Department.

Environment committee to ensure ban on single use plastic in mandis

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CHANDIGARH : The meeting of the UT Standing Committee on Environment was presided over by Chairman Satnam Singh Sandhu, who is also the founder of Chandigarh Welfare Trust, deliberated on several urgent environmental issues and made recommendations to address these effectively. Adapting to a citizen-centric approach, the meeting was held at Paryavaran Bhawan to discuss and address the urgent environmental issues faced by the city. Strategies for eco-friendly Chandigarh and better adherence to environmentally friendly practices by government bodies, policymakers, and the general public were discussed. Extensive discussions were held during the meeting on both short-term and long-term strategies to safeguard the environment, as well as preserve the city's diverse flora and fauna. The strategies that were discussed during the meeting included registration for vendors and taking undertaking from them to comply with single-use plastic ban, improving the cleanliness and sanitation in areas which are not under Municipal Corporation and increasing the green cover of the city.



It was also discussed that public awareness drives and campaigns be conducted for single-use plastic, with a focus on alternative materials and enforcement. Sandhu highlighted the primary challenges including the concerns about the rampant use of single-use plastic in the local mandis, which, he said, should be stopped. The committee observed that despite the ban on single-use plastic, they are being used in vegetable markets rampantly which is a cause of concern. They proposed that the market committee should start registering the vendors in the mandis. They should be asked to submit an undertaking that they will comply with the single-use plastic ban and if found violating the ban, their registration will be cancelled. For this, he said the concerted efforts of the Municipal Corporation, the Environment Committee and the Market Board could address this issue effectively.

Rs 5 hike at toll plaza, Ambala expressway travel to cost more



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MOHALI : The toll for return journey within a day is Rs 75 and the monthly pass will now cost Rs 1,505 against Rs 1,375 earlier. The fee for local personal traffic will be Rs 15 and commercial traffic Rs 25. Light commercial vehicles (mini buses) will be charged Rs 90 for single journey and Rs 130 for a return journey within a day. Motorists travelling on the Ambala-Chandigarh Expressway will have to pay more at the Dappar toll plaza. With hiked toll charges,

private cars, jeeps and vans will have to pay Rs 50 against Rs 45 for single journey with effect from September 1. The fee for monthly pass is Rs 2,630. Trucks and buses will be charged Rs 175 and Rs 265 for single and return journey, respectively. Multi-axle vehicles (more than two axles) will be charged Rs 280 and Rs 425 for single

and return journey. GMR Ambala-Chandigarh Expressway Pvt Ltd official Deepak Chopra said, "The rates are applicable for a complete stretch at the Dappar toll plaza." As per the agreement dated November 16, 2005, the concession period ends on July 17, 2027. The user fee after the end of concession period will be reduced by 40 per cent.

PGI governing body to meet on Sept 6 after 2-year lapse



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CHANDIGARH : A number of pivotal topics are slated to be brought before the governing body, including the creation of both faculty and non-faculty positions. The PGIMER has been grappling with a severe shortage of staff and there is an urgent need for faculty to effectively handle the rising influx of patients. The Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) is set to convene its governing body meeting on September 6, marking the end of a two-year hiatus. With significant matters awaiting deliberation, the meeting will be presided over by the Union Health Minister. The previous governing body meeting took place in June 2021, and the institution is now gearing up to address a

range of important issues. During the last meeting, key figures such as Dr Jagat Ram, the then director, Dr GD Puri as Dean (Academics), and Dr AK Gupta and Dr RK Sharma, the two senior faculty members at the time, were in attendance. However, the discussions will not extend to matters related to the MBBS course or the implementation of the Hospital Information System (HIS-2), as these agendas must be ratified by the Standing Finance Committee.

Among the 16 members who constitute the governing body, four positions are designated for the PGIMER director; secretary, dean (academics); and two of the institute's most senior faculty members. The selection of two professors from the institute is an annual rotational process based on seniority, as per the established rules. At the governing body meeting, issues pertinent to the institute's academics, operations, and research endeavours are deliberated upon and approved. The agendas that have already received approval from the institute's standing estate committee, besides selection, finance and academic committees are mandated to secure final approval from the governing body.

Punjab advances Rs 1.37 crore toward 'Metro' project report



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CHANDIGARH : The Punjab Government has provided a financial contribution of Rs 1.37 crore as the state's share for the detailed project report (DPR) of the eagerly awaited tricity Metro project. A senior UT official said, "The Punjab government's submission of Rs 1.37 crore towards the project is a promising move. We anticipate a similar contribution from Haryana in the near future. The funds will expedite the preparation of the DPR, enabling us to adhere to deadlines for this ambitious project." Earlier this year, the UT Administration had undertaken the commitment to involve all stakeholders, including Haryana

and Punjab, in formulating an alternative analysis report and the DPR for the proposed Metro. These initiatives align with the guidelines established by the Union Government. RITES, a leading consultancy firm in transport infrastructure, has been tasked with crafting a comprehensive mobility plan for the tricity area. This plan includes the development of the Metro, which has already garnered official approval. According to RITES, the

estimated cost for preparing the DPR would be Rs 6.54 crore. Regarding the financing structure for the entire project, a comprehensive agreement has already been reached. The states will contribute 20 per cent of the funding, the Union Government another 20 per cent and the remaining 60 per cent will be secured from a lending agency. The tentative budget for the Metro is approximately Rs 10,570 crore. The DPR, intended for the Centre's approval, will encompass essential elements such as cost projections, financial considerations, design specifications, institutional arrangements and a comprehensive implementation plan for the most viable mass rapid transit system.

Minister launches whatsapp number against mushrooming of illegal colonies in Punjab

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CHANDIGARH : A WhatsApp number 78891-49943 has been launched by Local bodies Minister Balkar Singh for lodging complaints about the unauthorised



constructions and colonies. All complaints will be promptly reviewed and acted upon by relevant authorities, the minister said.

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Rs 6 cr cash prizes for 1,807 Punjab medallists

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CHANDIGARH : The Chief Minister will felicitate these 1,807 players with a total prize money of Rs 5.94 crore at the opening ceremony of the season-2 of 'Khedan Watan Punjab Day' at Bathinda on August 29 on the occasion of National Sports Day. The Sports Department has prepared a list of 1,807 medal winners from Punjab who have been deprived of cash prize money since 2017. Sports Minister Gurmeet Singh Meht Hayer said that it had come to the notice of the Punjab Government that there were many sportspersons



in the state, who despite winning medals, did not receive cash prize money for the past five years. The Sports Department has prepared a list of 1,807 such players from 2017 till now. These players have brought glory to the state by winning medals in state, national and international competitions. Meet Hayer said that 997

players of 2017-18 will get Rs 1.58 crore, 135 players of 2018-19 will get Rs 47.96 lakh, 287 players of 2019-20 will receive Rs 1.75 crore, 51 players of 2020-21 will get Rs 19.05 lakh, 203 players of 2021-22 will get Rs 1.32 crore and 10 players who won medals from services in the 36th National Games held last year will get Rs 41 lakh.

Industrialists meet Haryana CM over ban on diesel generators from Oct 1

Commissioner News Service : PANIPAT : A delegation of Panipat industrialists met CM Manohar Lal Khattar in Chandigarh over the ban orders passed by the Commission of Air Quality Management (CAQM) for the use of diesel generator sets by industries in the NCR from October 1. Pritam Singh Sachdeva, president, Panipat Industrialists' Association; Bheem Rana, president, Haryana Environmental Management Society; and Nitin Arora, adviser, Panipat Dyers' Association, are among the representatives. The CM heard their problems and assured them relief. The biggest problem was the ban orders passed by the CAQM. The orders mainly affected Haryana's industries as 64 per cent area of the



state was in the NCR region, in which 90 per cent industries were operational. Industrialists were not happy to run diesel sets as these were not viable economically, said Mr Sachdeva. "In case of a power breakdown, we need to supply power and fuel to boilers and thermopacks immediately. If not supplied on time, any big mishap may occur," he added. Bhim Rana said the second important issue was to supply treated water from the sewage treatment plant (STP) at

Sewah village to dyeing industries in Sector 29, part-2 there. The dyeing industries have been demanding treated water for re-use in units. A meeting with officials of the Public Health Engineering Department and Irrigation and Water Resource Department, Industries Department, etc., was held under the chairmanship of the CM, who assured that water from the STP would be provided to the industries soon, Rana claimed.

NGT orders HSPCB to recover environmental damages, directs issuance of notices

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PANIPAT : The Haryana State Pollution Control Board (HSPCB), had imposed the EC of Rs 96 crore on 24 industries in HSIIDC at Barhi of Gannaur, reportedly for the extraction of groundwater without any approval of the competent authority, which was later waived significantly. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has ordered to serve notices to district administration and Haryana Water Resource Authority (HWRA) for not executing the orders in a case for recovery of environmental compensation (EC) from dyeing units at Barhi industrial estate in Sonapat district for violating norms and groundwater extraction. Varun Gulati, a Delhi-based environmentalist, filed an application in the NGT in 2020 against 29 industries at Barhi, alleging that these were violating environmental norms, including extraction of groundwater and discharging untreated effluents in drains. Following the complaint, the team visited the site and imposed an EC of Rs 96 crore on 24 units. But the complainant again reached the NGT for execution and alleged that the EC was initially assessed by the HSPCB properly, but it was later waived for extraneous reasons. Gulati alleged that the then Sonapat DC waived the EC and a fine of Rs 1 lakh was imposed on only five-six industries. Following the execution application, the Principal Bench



headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel said in its orders on November 29, 2022, that the waiver needed to be recalled by the board to give effect to the mandate of law laid down in MC Mehta v/s Supra and the waiver was unjustified. The NGT said the issue should be finalised within three months, following the due to process of law. Gulati further said the EC was to be recovered up to March, but it had not been recovered so far. He sought information, and the HSPCB, in its reply on June 20, 2023, said no reply had been received from the Sonapat DC and the HWRA. He again went to the NGT and filed an application for execution of orders passed on November 29 last year and alleged that the orders had not been complied with by the respondents. The NGT directed that notices be served on the respondents, returnable within four weeks. The respondents were directed to submit their reply within six weeks. The NGT fixed the matter for November 10, the order reads.

Single use plastic ban drives 5 units to face action



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LUDHIANA : The PPCB has taken action against five firms as Sahil Polymers, Ashoka Plastic, MG Plastic, Jain Plastic and Vinod Industries, allegedly involved in manufacturing single-

use plastic items. The urgent action has been taken if view of the hazardous consequences yielded by the single use plastic, said an official of the PPCB, Ludhiana.

India's official logo to be unveiled during alliance meet in Mumbai

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MUMBAI : Key leaders of the India alliance which has more than two dozens parties, will gather in a luxury hotel in suburban Mumbai on August 31 and September 1 in what will be their third huddle since coming together on a common platform for the first time in June in Patna. Senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi will attend this week's meeting of INDIA bloc in Mumbai and the gathering will be see the unveiling of the opposition grouping's logo, the party's Maharashtra unit president Nana Patole said on Monday.



Speaking to reporters here, Patole said, "Sonia Gandhi will attend the INDIA alliance meet in Mumbai." He said the alliance's official logo will be unveiled during the gathering, where opposition leaders will also discuss their agenda ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. The first meeting of the

bloc was held in June in Patna, while the second gathering in Bengaluru in July finalised its name -- Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA). The grouping has been formed with an aim of taking on the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the 2024 parliamentary polls.

20% duty imposed on export of parboiled rice

Commissioner News Service : NEW DELHI : The decision of levying 20% duty on export was taken to curb the rising prices of rice, and it comes at a time when food inflation for July had skyrocketed to 11 per cent, pushing the retail inflation for the month to 7.44 per cent. Days after the government had said there was no move to curtail export of non-basmati parboiled rice, the Centre late on Friday evening imposed 20 per cent export duty on parboiled rice with immediate effect. The decision to impose a 20 per cent export duty on parboiled rice will



make purchasing the commodity expensive for foreign buyers. This will limit exports and boost domestic availability. The curb on the export of the parboiled variety will also contribute to a further spike in global prices. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday said curbing inflation was a priority area for the government at present. India had halted the export of

white rice on July 20, sending global prices to a 12-year high as measured by the Food and Agriculture Organization's (FAO) rice price index. However, the government has made an exception for exporting rice to neighbours. India will supply 79,000 tonnes of non-basmati rice to Bhutan and 14,000 tonnes of non-basmati rice to Mauritius.

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4 yr B ED Course in DIET being upgraded



Commissioner News Service
Chandigarh: The Haryana government has upgraded two District Institutes of Education and Training (DIETs) one each in Gurgaon and Kurukshetra to the status of State Institutes of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education (SIASTE). The two institutions, State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education, Gurgaon and State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher

Education, Kurukshetra, will operate under the territorial jurisdiction of their respective universities, Gurgaon University and Kurukshetra University. The intake capacity for these programmes will adhere to approvals granted earlier by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE). As of now, there is only one SIASTE at Jhajjar. All the DIETs in Haryana had stopped offering JBT/DEd course and are being used only for training

and research. With this decision, all the DI ETs would undergo a complete makeover. All the 21 DIETs with a capacity of 2,100 students of D Ed course, have been excluded from admitting JBT students since 2018.

The government plans to upgrade all the DIETs in line with future manpower requirements and infrastructural considerations. Both these institutions, which were earlier offering a diploma in elementary education (D Ed) or Junior Basic Training (JBT) course, will now have a four-year integrated B Ed programme. As per notification issued on August 16, Haryana's higher education department has taken this decision in view of the National Education Policy-2020.

50 acre land for National Forensic Science University in P'kula

Commissioner News Service

P'kula: The NFSC (National Forensic Science University) would be of national importance, directly falling under ministry of Home affairs .

For the selection of a campus site on 50 acres of land, a team of experts is scheduled to visit P'kula on August 28 - 29 .Mr Gian Chand Gupta, the Speaker, Haryana Assembly apprised that the efforts for setting up the campus of the university P'kula havee been intensified.

A high level team already constituted by the ministry comprises Professor Purvi Pokhriyal, Dean of the school of law ,forensic justice and policy studies NFSU Gandhinagar, Prof



RK Sarin of NFSU Delhi Campus and Sunder Lal Sharma NFSU deputy Registrar (administration). Classes, however, would be started in any suitable building until the new building gets completed. Under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner, a team already has been constituted to explore the potential site of having more than 50,000 sq ft area for the classes.said an official.

Pb to launch "Tourism summit" on Sept 11

Commissioner News Service

Chandigarh : The launch of Punjab Tourism Summit and Travel Mart with first Edition would begin from Mohali on Sept 11 for 3 days. It would aim at promoting the dynamics of state tourism, as a preferred destination for the tourism on the prevalent basis of the heritage , art , culture, health and customs ,said Anmol Gagan Mann, the Punjab tourism



, cultural affairs minister. The minister of tourism had inaugurated a 4 city road show in order to showcase the initiatives

taken by the Punjab. Govt to promote the tempo of tourism industry in Punjab added Anmol Gagan .

"National Smart City Award" in a row for the cleanest tag goes to Indore

Commissioner News Service

New Delhi : In a row for the past 6 years , Indore City again got feather on its cap for exemplary performance amongst the 100 smart cities.

The President of India Draupadi Murmu would facilitate the winners on September 27 in Indore The second and third slot has been bagged by Surat and Agra .

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ministry, the results came at a time, when Madhya Pradesh is heading for the assembly polls, and may boost the morale of the Chief

Minister Shiv Raj Chauhan government which also would be instrumental in defeating the anti incumbency.

Pb pays its 50 % share in mobility plan for Metro rail



Chandigarh : Punjab government has already released its share money for preparing of the detailed project report and alternatives analysis report by the RITES (Rail India Technical Economic Service). The Metro singular incharge known as Metropolitan Transport Authority had resolved to) and DPR (Detailed Project Report). The total amount was fixed at Rs 7.5 lakh per kilo metres . All

three stake holders would be required to proportionally contribute to the length of MRTS in their respective jurisdiction. The share of Haryana, Punjab was to be paid to Chandigarh administration and the total amount on expenditure was Rs 7.03 Crores. Both the states were required to transfer 50 % to C h a n d i g a r h Administration for their area. coverage.

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