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## Pollution Control authorities continue to neglect sewage dump into Ghaggar river



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Zirakpur: Polluted water is the resultant consequence of the violation of Water (Pollution), sec 25, 26, act 1974, air pollution sec 21, 22 act 1981 and environmental pollution Act 1986. Along Sukhna Choe and Ghaggar river heavy quantum of sewage is being dumped round the clock. The consequential

pollution there from is being disseminated uncontrolled and unregulated, destroying the human and environmental life. The unchecked free flow of pollution, though diseased was invisible, still was caught and cognizance taken up on higher pedestal by the Justice (Retd) Sant Parkash, Chairman Punjab State Human Right Commission. The dismal, sluggish outcome is being



watched with serious concern by the spate of poor patients in the hospitals where impatient long queues are seen waiting for their turn. It is now high time, if the 24 hours long continuity of sewage dump is not checked and hammered by the Regional Pollution Control authorities Mohali who has been a mute spectator for the past considerable time, who would

cleanse the horizons and environmental space of Zirakpur. The Sewerage Treatment Plant here had been lying flatly nose dived for the past over 3 years but shown under maintenance which is rubbishly false. On the contrary, facts reveal no maintenance can be allowed for years together. The plant 17.3 MLD must be serviced and its functionality be



brought alive, but is being subjected to scourge. And other side, no construction afresh for another treatment plant is going on, since there is no availability of land, with the sewerage board. The smaller plant fails to shoulder the elephantine sewage load and repeatedly collapses. A large number of government, private hospitals are becoming testimony to

these harsh proceedings and are seen flooded with the arrival of overwhelming strength of patients. Pollutants nevertheless invisible often implicate our eyes into slow burn, trigger into inflammation and inconvenience breathing difficult and induce lung cancer too. Pollution destroys human and environmental health in mammoth number. The



threat of pollution turns into major cause of premature deaths and diseases, in ultimate known cause of particular lung cancer. It may be underlined that uncontrolled pollution always germinates inflammation, asthma, obesity, breast cancer, joint pains and lung cancer. On contacting Regional Pollution Control I/C, Chief Environmental

Engineer, Rantez Sharma said Zirakpur had said 17.3 MLD STP a bigger one was being constructed at Sanouli village. The XEN perhaps didn't have requisite knowledge that no STP was working for the past 3 years as its functionality had collapsed due to heavy load on sewage pipes. The construction of new STP would start only after the land is procured.

## Dr Sarabjit exalts her homage at Baba Balak Nath Mandir



**Commissioner News Service**  
Kalka : Accompanied by several devotees, Dr Sarabjeet arrived from Canada on Sunday (5 Jan) to pay her deep reverence at Baba Balak Nath temple. On every Sunday, a



chowki is. held to commemorate, and honour the Shiv Bhagat Balak Nath ji. The temple is located little away opposite to Kaai Maata Mandir where a large number of devout persons pay their obeisance.

In every April, a large Bhandara is organised where bhajans, kirtan enchant the environs of the Sidh Baba Balak Nath, an incarnated soul of Shiv ji as the belief prevails in the society

## Mayoral polls in Chd sought by AAP on Feb 19

**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : A delegation led by Mayor Kuldeep Kumar submitted memorandum to Nitesh Kumar Yadav, Deputy Commissioner indicating that through the decision of special leave petition in 2024, a civil appeal was made to the Supreme Court and Mr Kuldeep Kumar was declared elected as Mayor for the said contested post in Municipal election. Under section 38(1) of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act, 1976, the term of office of the elected Mayor in Chandigarh Municipal Corporation is one year. The Mayor unequivocally with his team said the Punjab Municipal Corporation Act (Extension in Chandigarh) act 1994, extended to the Union Territory of Chandigarh, section 38 (1) of which pro-



vides that the corporation shall at its first meeting in every year election one of its members as Mayor and other two as the Senior Deputy Mayor and other one would be Deputy Mayor. The Municipal Corporation in its third year and by the verdict of the Supreme Court, Kuldeep Kumar assumed the office of the Mayor on Feb 20, 2024, whose term of one year will be completed on Feb 19, 2025. In view of the facts, the schedule election of the Mayor held on Feb 19, 2025, the delegation emphasised on the factual proceedings."

## Councillor Jasbir triggers repair work of toilets in Sector 54



**Commissioner News Service**  
CHANDIGARH : The repair work of toilets in Adarsh Colony, Sector 54 was started by Councillor Jasbir Singh. Of ward no 24. Vishwanath Paswan, head of Adarsh Colony, said that the condition of the toilets was very bad. Both men and women were facing a lot of trouble in the toilet. Area councillor Jasbir Singh Bunty has raised the issue in the Municipal Corporation and got the toilet work started in our colony. Now women will not have any problem in going to the toilet. Area councillor Jasbir Singh



Bunty said that There was a complaint from the colony residents regarding the plight of the toilets. The issue of which has been passed in the Municipal Corporation House meeting and the repair work has been started. Under the supervision of JE Ashutosh Yadav, this toilet repair work has started at a cost of Rs 5 lakh and will be completed in a month. On this occasion, people like Rajkumar Sharma, Pramod Kumar, Sandeep Kumar, Krishpal, Manju and Ashutosh etc. expressed their gratitude to the councillor for starting the work.

## PU, PGI infuriate on wrongly imposed property tax by MC

**Commissioner News Service**

CHANDIGARH : The land area calculated by the Civic Body is comparatively more than the actual area of the property on the ground. The PGI administration has urged the MC to calculate the defacto landed property and finalise the tax amount as fresh. The PGI authorities not reconciling with the tax amount of the property as it seems categorically irrational, needs reconsideration and needs comprehensive re-evaluation, said an official of the premiere institution. The Punjab University administration suprema has desired analysis of tax amount details, such as principal amount,



interest amount and penalty amount that would be reflected in annual breakdown. In the past few years, PU has been maintaining several IDs for their buildings and has been avoiding the payments of the legal obligatory tax amounts. On several occasions, they misled the MC officials and befooled the PU authorities, said an official anonymously.

## "Justin Trudeau Has Let Canadians Down" : criticises Jagmeet, New Democratic Party

**Commissioner News Service**

Ottawa : Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has disappointed people as Jagmeet Singh leader of New Democratic Party criticised him on his handling of issues like housing, groceries healthcare. Jagmeet Singh said that Liberals don't deserve another chance. He also took a dig at the Conservative Party and accused it of prioritising the CEOs. He urged the people of Canada to support the New Democratic Party. Jagmeet Singh on X stated, "Justin Trudeau has let you down, over and over. He would let you down on the cost of housing and groceries. He let you down on fixing health care. It doesn't matter who leads the Liberals. They don't deserve another chance."



"Conservatives are jumping at the opportunity to take from you and give more to CEOs. You will pay the price of Poilievre's cuts. If you oppose callous Conservative cuts; if you oppose the rich getting richer while everyone else falls further behind - stand with the New Democratic Party this time. You can have a government that works for you for a change," he added. Canadian Prime Minister

Justin Trudeau said on Monday that he would resign as the leader of the Liberal Party and as Prime Minister as soon as a new candidate is found for the post. Trudeau said that he had spoken to the Liberal Party President to start looking for a new Prime Ministerial candidate. While addressing a press conference on Monday (local time), Jagmeet Singh criticised Trudeau for propping the Canadian Parliament and termed his decision "wrong," according to the Canada-based media channel, Cable Public Affairs Channel (CPAC). He said that Liberals need to be fired and New Democrats are giving an by option to people of Canada who are worried about the cuts of Pierre Poilievre.

## 38th" Inter University Youth Festival to open on Feb 01

**Commissioner News Service**

Chandigarh : Chandigarh : The 38th AIU North Zone Inter University Youth Federation is set to attract over 1000 students from over 20 leading universities across, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh. The extravaganza of the universities stalwarts would held at PU for the 3rd time after a gap of 6 years.



This time such gathering would mark distinct celebration of association of Indian Universities, said Prof Renu Vig, the Vice Chancellor

who unveiled pamphlet, logo, website. The registration for the festival of universities will open in the second week of the December month. All participants would be required to compete in 40 events across different categories including theatre, music, fine art, literacy arts and dance, showcasing the cultural diversity and creativity of youth from the region said Renu Vig.

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PANCHKULA : The much precious money of public exchequer spent on procuring the public bikes can be seen lying unused and discarded. The project was envisaged an instrumental concept from the point of view of environmental friendly and revenue generating. Emerging a futile exercise, seems to have gone into oblivion, as the plight of bikes narrated pathetic Yale. No customer loves to ride the easy machinery made available for them by the civic body. The project fell upside



down perhaps due to the high economy of the metropolitan inhabitants, loving to ride Hondas. The neighbouring Chandigarh town has been prosperously managing over 5000 e bikes at more than 500 docking stations. Some e

bikes have been transplanted over to closeby communities centres. The previous contract was not extended with another dynamic scrupulous person. The rates of e-bicycles prevailed Re 5/- for half an hour and Re .10 for an hour. The shed cost embroiled Rs 8 lakh that too at one building structure. No cycle tracks afresh were built only road-sides were painted to give the looks of innovative tracks. Several users charged the Civic body overlooking their interests.



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2. Hotel Amaze, Mobile 7508700555 Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Hotel Classic, 9501175566  
SCO 34, Main Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
4. Hotel A One, 8168535996  
SCO 8, Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur.  
5. Hotel Kuber 7, 9041881078, 9041881076  
Near Silver City, Amb-Chd road, Opp Royal City, ZRK  
6. Royal Plaza Hotel, 8837859503, 9357007777, SCO 25, Silver City, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
7. Hotel KC Royal, 9888625636  
\*\*Amenities of Banquet Hall & Spacious Rooms\*\*  
Amb-Chd road, Opp Royale Estate, Zirakpur  
8. Hotel Galaxy View, 8684930771  
Near Patiala Chowk, Zirakpur  
9. Hotel D' Plaza, 9578000020  
SCO 9, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
10. Hotel Waves, 01762-510909, 9041092622  
SCO 21, Kalgidhar Enclave, Zirakpur-Kalka road, Baltana Zirakpur  
11. Hotel # Tag, 7999900050  
SCO17, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK  
12. Hotel Taj Inn, 8968284079  
SCO22, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK  
13. Hotel Atlante, Properties 9578110000  
SCO24, Kalgidhar Market, Opp. K.Area, Baltana,ZRK  
14. Hotel Magus, 9872791857  
SCO 3, Shimla Highway, Zirakpur  
15. Hotel Shine Inn, 7341134340  
SCO4,(Near Sohi Banquet Hall) Simla Highway, ZRK  
16. Prime Land Regency, 7837767769  
SCO 34-35, Simla Highway, ZRK  
17. Hotel Z, 9478479235 Roof Top Restaurant Shimla road, Zirakpur  
**CLINIC/HOSPITAL/LAB**  
1. AMCARE Hospital, Abhi Tej Nibber 7087113922  
VIP road, Zirakpur  
2.Public Clinic & Nursing Home(Lab Facility Also Available)  
Dr Ashwani Bansal, Mobile : 9915866644  
Near N.K. Sharma Office, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Santosh Hospital, 9779968778  
SCF101-A, Shree Balaji Enclave,Patiala road,Zirakpur  
4. Dr Dhawan's, 9876931601  
Renovin Skin & Cosmetology Clinic,  
SCO 17, First Floor, Navjot Square,  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
5. Ashirwad Hospital, 9501775448  
Bhabat road, Zirakpur  
6. Myoma Clinic, Dr Chatli, 9872669171  
Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
**MEDICINES & CHEMISTS/MEDICOS**  
1.Mohan Medical Hall, 9063000061  
Amb-chd road, Zirakpur  
2. MF Chemist, 7341130032  
Allopathic/Ayurvedic/Cosmetics  
SCO 16, Navjot Square, Near NK Sharma office,  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
3. The Diabetes Store,  
(Retail & Wholesale) 16, Navjot Square, Zirakpur  
**PROPERTY GROUP**  
1. Investors Home, 9781077770  
Civil Construction, Interior Designer, Shop 9,  
Silver City Mains, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
2. SBP Group, 9888854530  
Plot no. 1265, Near Tata Motors, Sector 82, Mohali  
3. Maya Garden Magnesia, 9815521552  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
4.Om Property, 7696445500  
SCO 2, Near Parmar Petrol Pump, Chd-Amb road,Zrk.  
**TAXI, TRANSPORTS**  
1. Guru Nanak Taxi Service, 9988531007  
\*\*A/c, Non A/c cars\*\*  
Near UCO Bank, Modern Complex,  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
2. GS Tezi Transport, 24 Hrs Mobile : 9316017250  
Ranjan Plaza, Zirakpur  
3. Satguru, Loading Jeep Operator Union,  
9872531068, 9814722165,  
Ranjan Plaza, Chd-road, Zirakpur  
4. Sai Tour & Travels 9888875827  
A/c, Non A/c 24 Hours, Shop 1,  
Dev Shopping Complex, Bhabat road, Zirakpur  
  
**RESTAURANTS, EATRIES, DHABHA**  
1. Dine o City, Mobile 9876629396  
Buffet & Restaurants, SCO 5, Opp. Royal City,  
Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
2. Baba Ki Rasoi, 8427468720  
Amritsari Kulcha, Near NK Sharma office,  
Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Guru Nanak Vaishnu Dhabha, 9779004974  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
  
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1. Shree Jee Jewellers, 8591702424, 9206501322  
32, Block-B, High Street, VIP road, Zirakpur  
2. Shri Kapila Jewellers, 9872207279  
SCO 21, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur  
3. Mahadev Jewellers, 9876826740  
9, Block-B, Ground Floor, High Street,  
VIP road, Zirakpur  
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SCO 6, Badal Colony, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
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Chd-Amb road, Near OBC Bank, Zirakpur  
2. Ganesh Electricals, 9417621222  
Shop 637, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Shiv Electricals, 9569243076  
Repair & Spare, Amb-chd road, Zirakpur  
**CLOTH HOUSE/EMPORIUM/BOUTIQUE**  
1. Paridhaan, (9570000069)  
Designer Suit Saree, Lehangaa  
G-10, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur  
2. Brand Tree, Fashion Wear, 7888721165  
VIP road, Block-C, Zirakpur  
3. Sanorita, 9878523318 (Kiran)  
The Fashion Town,Western Outfit,  
SCO 5, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur  
4. Indian Shadow Handloom, 7082071500  
Curtain King, Near PTC, Lower Ground,  
Shop 14, VIP road, Zirakpur  
5. Raymond, Dulha Collection, 9888388919  
Men's Tailoring Shop, Shop 5, Ist Floor, VIP road,  
Near AMCARE Hospital, Zirakpur  
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599  
7. Octave Clothing Apparel,9988886017  
Upper Ground Floor, Shop 1,2 Singhpura, Zirakpur.  
8. Gupta Cloth House, 9815694155,  
Suits, Sarees, Lehnga, Handloom  
SCO 1, Royale Estates, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
9. Veena Fashion, 9855595548 \*\* Party wear  
Suit/Dress Material/Wedding Collection  
SCO 4, Royale Estate Market, Chd-Amb road,Zirakpur  
**DENTAL CARE/CLINIC/DENTURE**  
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Dr Samir Anand 9872184048,  
VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur  
2. Dr Hayer's, Dental Care 9914495951  
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SCO 42, Ground Floor, B-Block, VIP road, Zirakpur  
3. Gopal Ji Gift Gallery Archies, 9968590015  
SCO 6, Block-C, (Opp Indus Ind Bank)VIP road,ZRK  
4. Garg Stationery Zone, 7341111142  
SCO 3, Block B, Royale Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur  
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1. Aggarsen Building Store, 7814999997  
SCO 12, Near ICICI Bank, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
2. Ganga Traders, 9034794483  
Chd-Amb road, (Opp. NK Sharma ) Zirakpur  
3. Bansal & Sons, 9815245803  
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4. Shiv Hardware, 9417728473 Paints, Sanitary  
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Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
3. Jaswinder Sweets, 9878004596  
Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
4. Annpurna Sweets, 7508700555  
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2. Khan Dairy, Butter, Milk, Cream, Paneer,  
VIP road, Kaseri Plaza, Zirakpur  
(Mr Sonu) 8872413205, 9779908814  
3. Blu Heaven (Cake Shop), Mobile 8146030300  
VIP road, SCO 11, (VIP Shopping Centre) Zirakpur  
4. Gurpal Bakers, 87288855252  
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2. Chandigarh Wallpapers HUB Mobile,  
9729687777 Saurav Sikri,  
Opp. Domino's Pizza VIP road, Zirakpur  
3. Fuzzon, 9958828833, 9540722215  
SCO 19, VIP road, Shopping Centre, Zirakpur  
4. Decor Plus, Pawan Jain 9215600099  
SCO 25, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur  
5. Doro Homes Concepts, 7814572180  
Shop 22, Block-A, VIP road, Zirakpur,  
6. Chandigarh Interior Hub, 9050374005  
Handloom & Wallpaper, SCO, 5, Hollywood Plaza,  
Near CCC, VIP road, Zirakpur  
7. Hariom Handloom Craft, Mobile 6283934250  
(Home Décor Item) 14, RBC Mall, Zirakpur  
  
**DISPOSABLE & PLASTIC ITEMS**  
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Mobile 8708478658, 8968215182  
Shop 36 Opp. Square Hospital, VIP road,  
Shopping Centre, Zirakpur  
2. Bhagwati Plastics, Manoj Goyal, 9315538654  
43, Royal Palm, VIP road, Zirakpur.  
  
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Gali no. 2, Chd-Amb, Zirakpur  
2. Care Vision Opticals 8284908330, 9988920377  
SCF, Block-C, HighStreet Mkt, Zirakpur.  
3. Sun Glasses, Square-Mobile 9728310732,  
SCO 39, Block-B, VIP road, Zirakpur  
4. Kalra Opticians, 9872399095  
Showroom no.5, High Street, C-Block,VIP road, Zrk.  
  
**KITCHEN WARES & SPARKS**  
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(Devanshu Goel) 7696617533, 8196857770  
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396, Ist floor, Sector 8, Panchkula.  
4. Patiala House, Mobile 9888806044,  
Suits Sarees Lehngas,  
SCO 5, Singhpura Chowk, Zirakpur  
5. Elegant Saloni Collection, 9417303402  
(A complete range of lady wear)  
SCO 16, AMCARE Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur  
6. Vijay Cobb Brand Fabric, 9625168599,  
Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
7. Raymond Store, Mobile 9888664543  
Shop No. 3, Ist Floor, Citi Square, Chd-Amb road,  
Opp. Royal Enfield, Zirakpur  
8. Madame Readymade Garments,  
(Vishaal) 8283836387, 8146118674  
Shop 7, Citi Square, Upper ground floor, Zirakpur  
9. Spendid Lifestyle,  
The Steps, 9814201600  
Amb-Chd road, Singhpura, Zirakpur  
10. She-16, All Female Wear,  
Swastik Enterprises, Mobile 9646557681, 9780247475  
SCO 93, GuruNanak Enclave,Old Amb-road, Dhakoli  
**FURNITURE/PLY/DOORS**  
1. Elite Furniture 9219200009, 8427069000 (Kurl on)  
Shop 11, Hollywood Plaza, VIP road, Zirakpur  
2. Chopal Ply House, 9896501800, 9896429408  
Silver City, SCF 24, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
3. Jindal Door & Ply, 7027071715  
Near Corporation Bank, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
4. Shiv Ply Woods, 9417728473  
(Opp. Royale Estates), Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
5. Shiv Plywoods, 9417554773  
Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
6. Vijay Plywood, Hardware & Sanitary, 9814117595  
Near NK Sharma Office, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
7. Mansa Ply Woods, 9988885422, Hardware & Glass  
SCO 5, Modern Complex, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
8. JD Furniture & Decors, 9876558444  
Near Kabir Nursery, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
9. Bala Ji Timbers & Plywood, 9814301729  
Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
**PERSONALITY ORNAMENTS,  
FOOTWEAR, BAGS ETC**  
1. Sandalz, 9872172134, Neha Singh (For Shoes, Bags),  
SCO 4, Lower 'G Floor, Amb-Highway Zirakpur  
2. Me n Moms , Cuddles n Snuggles,  
Mobile 9876016099  
Raksha Business Centre, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
**TYRES/WHEELS/BLANCERS**  
1. Auto Care, 8196098829,  
Shop 35, Chaura Bazar, Amb-Chd road, Zirakpur  
**ROARING MACHINE/BULLET CAFE**  
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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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Service Repair, Spare parts, Chd-Amb road, Zirakpur  
**INSURANCE, LOTTERY LUCK**  
1. Insurance 8872135535  
Accidental Vehicles, Personal, Medical Claim  
2. Rattan Lotteries, 9855733571  
SCO 1, Panchkula Chowk, Zirakpur  
3. Sharma Lottery, 9988150985  
Amb-Chd road, (Near Panchkula Chowk) Zirakpur  
**PROMINENT GENERAL STORES**  
1. Aman Pappu General Store, 9779723419  
\*\*Visit for : Laces, Bangles, Jewellers, Purse Garland,  
Under garments etc.\*\* Shop 329, Amb-Chd road, ZRK  
2. Ekam General Store, 9941934567  
\*\*Wide range of Cosmetics, Jewellers, Embroideries,  
Purse etc.\*\* Shop no. 112, Old MC Office road, ZRK  
3. Saini General Store, 9814798003, 9814003377  
\*\*Varieties of Under Garments and School Uniforms etc\*\*  
Chd-Amb road, Main Bazar, Zirakpur  
**WATCH PURCHASE & REPAIR**  
1. Usha Watch Co., Rakash Verma 9888940945, 9914097950  
Auth Dealer : Sonata, Titan, HMT, Other watches, Wall clock  
Alarm Time Pieces and Calculator, Sun Glass & Opticals also available  
Main Chowk Zirakpur, Chandigarh road  
**Brick Kiln Quality**  
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Patiala road, Chhatbir.  
2. Om Bricks, 9877672881  
Patiala road, Azizpur.  
3. Gulati Bricks, 9671600219  
Sundra road, Mubarakpur



EDITORIAL ~

Does really no difference exist between Bhutan and China ?

Indians account for an overwhelming majority of those holding H1-B visas for high-skilled workers, they are eligible for just 7 per cent of the green cards issued (the ceiling for any single country). Sacks, Musk and others on the economy-first side of the MAGA civil war want to use legal immigration channels to attract the world's best and brightest in service of American "greatness."

The recent experiences of two Congressional Democrats of Indian descent, Ro Khanna and Shri Thanedar, were no better. Khanna pointed out that Americans should be celebrating the fact that talented people from around the world, like Krishnan, want to come to the US, rather than going to China. Among the replies he received were statements like, "If they are so great, why didn't they fix their country of origin?!" and, "We want white immigrants not invasive brown hordes."

For those on the other side, however, MAGA has always been first and foremost a reaction to cosmopolitanism, multiculturalism and pluralism in America. In their view, American greatness is synonymous with American whiteness. By many measures, Indians are a model minority: 72 per cent of the Indian immigrants in the United States are university graduates and Indians are among the highest-earning

immigrant groups. Indians (including Indian-Americans) have led about 25 per cent of the Silicon Valley startups in the last quarter-century as well as some of America's tech behemoths, including Alphabet (Google), Microsoft, Adobe and IBM. This helps to explain why the economy-first Make America Great Again (MAGA) faction was perfectly happy to see Trump nominate several Indian-Americans for key positions in his administration, including Jay Bhattacharya (to direct the National Institutes of Health) and Kashyap "Kash" Patel (to head the FBI). Trump also selected Vivek Ramaswamy to co-lead, with Elon Musk, the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), an advisory commission focused on slashing the federal budget. PERHAPS it should not be surprising that India should feature so prominently in the "civil war" that has emerged within US President-elect Donald Trump's "Make America Great Again" (MAGA) movement. Surprising or not, that is what is happening, with an India-shaped chasm having formed between MAGA's warring factions. On one side stand those who believe, realistically or not, that the key to restoring American greatness lies in isolationism, tax cuts and deregulation — essentially, reducing America's

external obligations, shrinking the government and unleashing business by hiring the best talent available from around the world. The MAGA movement's white-nationalist faction, however, was seething at the appointments. Trump's nomination of Sriram Krishnan, a Chennai-born venture capitalist, to serve as a senior policy adviser on artificial intelligence pushed them over the edge. As one user wrote on X, "Did any of yall [sic] vote for this Indian to run America?" The problem for MAGA's white-nationalist hardliners extends beyond "this Indian." On November 14, Musk — who had hired Krishnan in 2022 to run Twitter (now X) shortly after acquiring it — put out a call on X for suggestions for DOGE. Krishnan replied, "Anything to remove country caps for green cards/unlock skilled immigration would be huge." When Trump announced Krishnan's nomination the following month, the backlash was immediate. But Krishnan mentions removing only country caps, which limit the number of green cards (US permanent residency visas) that can be issued to individuals from a particular country each year. Country caps disproportionately affect individuals from large countries, particularly those, like India, with large numbers of highly skilled workers.

Worth Rs 20 crore fuel saved by e-buses within 2 years

**Commissioner News Service**  
**CHANDIGARH** : About 25.28 lakh litres of diesel worth Rs 20.80 crore has been saved within two and a half years by plying electric buses on local routes. Procured in November 2021, 80 electric buses are in service in the tricity at present, said a spokesman of the UT Transport Department. The electric buses had covered 1.26 crore km till August 16 on intra-city routes, thus saving over 25.28 lakh litres of diesel besides preserving environment. These buses have helped prevent 6674.91 tonne of CO2 emission. The e-bus fleet of the department included vehicles of Ashok Leyland and Eicher. In order to provide eco-friendly transportation in the city, the department plans to procure 100 more e-buses this year. The administration has plans to replace the entire fleet of 350



diesel buses of the Chandigarh Transport Undertaking (CTU), running both on local as well as suburban routes, with electric ones by 2027-28. Each bus covers a distance of nearly 130 km on a single charge. It takes nearly two hours to fully charge a vehicle. With a seating capacity of 36, a bus can carry a maximum of 54 people at a time. On an average, each bus covers 200-300 km a day. The State-Level Steering Committee (SLSC) has decided to replace 100 diesel buses with e-vehicles sanctioned by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to Chandigarh under the Centre-sponsored PM

e-Bus Sewa Scheme. The ministry will be requested to allocate 80 more buses to the city under this scheme. Apart from public transport, the share of private electric vehicles (EVs) is also increasing. Since the implementation of the EV Policy in September 2022, as many as 3,281 electric two-wheelers and 1,785 four-wheelers have been registered in the city till July 15. According to the data provided by the Registration and Licensing Authority (RLA), 352 electric two-wheelers and 114 four-wheelers were registered from September to December in 2022. The highest number of 2,103 electric two-wheelers and 1,013 four-wheelers had been registered in 2023 and 826 two-wheelers and 658 four-wheelers till July 15 this year in the city.

“Truth of Partition of India” highlighted in books released by Governor

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**CHANDIGARH** : Mr Gulab Chand Kataria, Punjab Governor and UT Administrator lauded the institute for choosing a topic like “Truth of Partition of India” and praised its efforts. He emphasised that it was extremely important to acquaint the youth with their history and culture so that they could get the right direction and inspiration in their lives. The Governor attended the 31st annual lecture organised by the Panchnad Shodh Sansthan as chief guest and also released two books. On this occasion, writer and thinker Prashant Paul



delivered a lecture on the topic “Truth of Partition of India”. He highlighted the events during the Partition, the role of leaders and the untouched aspects of the freedom struggle. On the occasion two books published by the sansthan were released, titled ‘Vichar Pravah’ and ‘Human Values and Rights in Quran’.

Due to cold physical classes up to Class 8 suspended till January 11

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**CHANDIGARH** : “There will be no classes in physical mode for students up to Class 8. However, the school may conduct online classes for their students from 9 am onwards and regulate the timings for their staff accordingly,” revealed an order signed by the Director of School Education of the Union Territory. In view of the prevailing cold weather conditions, the UT Education Department has issued a circular asking the local government, government-aided and recognised private schools to conduct online classes for children below Class 8, and reschedule the



school hours for students of other classes till January 11. “For Classes 9 to 12, the school may open, but not before 9.30 am and close no later than 3.30 pm. The schools may regulate the timings for their staff accordingly. To avoid disruption of pre-board examinations (if any), these schools, if required, may open at 9 am and the timings for teachers may be regulated accordingly,” added the order. The schools have been asked to follow the orders till January 11.

Extension provided to “Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme” for one-month

**Commissioner News Service**  
**NEW DELHI** : The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) extended the due date for determining amount payable from December 31, 2024, to January 31, 2025. The CBDT has put out a notification in this regard on Monday. For resolving pending appeals, the government has extended by a month the due date in the case of income tax disputes under the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme. In the Union Budget for 2024-25, the Vivad Se Vishwas Scheme was initially announced On September 20, the CBDT notified the Scheme that came into force



with effect from October 1. The Scheme provides for lesser settlement amounts for a 'new appellant' in comparison to an 'old appellant'. Also, it provides for lesser settlement amounts for taxpayers who file declaration on or before January 31, 2025, in comparison to those who file thereafter. This Scheme is another initiative of the government towards litigation management.

Chandigarh Administrator urged for parity of excise duty with Punjab by liquor contractors

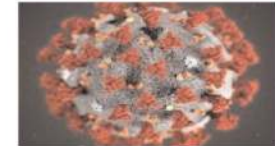


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**CHANDIGARH** : Chandigarh Wine Contractors Association (CWCA) comprising president Darshan Singh Kler, secretary Gurinderbir Singh, and legal consultants Shivi Jaiswal and Sachit Jaiswal met the UT Administrator. The delegation apprised the Punjab Governor and UT Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria and raised issues related to the coming Excise Policy 2025-26. The association requested that the EDP (ex-distillery price) should not be increased and VAT and duty should be reduced and made equal to that of Punjab.

The delegation also raised the issue to reduction in EBP (ex-brewery price) so that the people would switch from strong alcohol drinks to mild ones. The delegation said the revenue of Punjab Excise has increased from Rs 6,000 crore to Rs 10,500 crore whereas Chandigarh faces a revenue loss of Rs 200 crore each year. “This has affected the liquor contractors of Chandigarh. Due to heavy losses, the policy has failed and the contractors were unable to deposit the licence fees, leading to vends being closed throughout the year,” said Kler.

PGI expert says HMPV is just like a respiratory virus, no reason to worry

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**CHANDIGARH** : Prof Sanjay Jain, Dean (Research), and head, PGI Department of Internal Medicine, shared, “HMPV is a respiratory virus that circulates during winter, often causing influenza-like symptoms such as cough, fever and sore throat. Two cases of Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) were reported in India. Experts in the tricity shared that that it was like any other respiratory virus and there's no cause for alarm. Though the virus affects all age groups, it is particularly concerning for young children and the elderly. Currently, there is no surge in influenza like cases or hospitalisations at the



PGIMER. We encourage good hygiene practices, such as hand washing and wearing masks in crowded spaces. Medical facilities are adequate to effectively manage these kinds of respiratory illnesses.” What is HMPV : Human Metapneumovirus (HMPV) is a respiratory virus that causes upper and lower respiratory tract infections. Similar to other flu-like illnesses and primarily spreads during winter and early spring seasons. Not a new virus; has been recognised for decades,

unlike COVID-19. Symptoms : Fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, nasal congestion and headache. In severe cases, it can lead to wheezing, difficulty in breathing and pneumonia. Prevention : Observe the same isolation methods that were followed during the time of Covid-19. Follow basic hygiene practices such as frequent hand washing, using hand sanitisers and wearing masks in crowded places. Avoid close contact with symptomatic individuals. Practice cough and sneeze etiquette, and sanitise frequently touched surfaces. Seek medical advice for symptoms to reduce the risk of the spread.

Police raids “Escape Club”, owner booked for serving hookah

**Commissioner News Service**  
**PANCHKULA** : The police on Friday raided the Escape Club flouting several norms, including those mentioned in the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003. The authorities found that hookah was being served without the necessary licenses, and the establishment had failed to comply with required health and safety standards. The police have registered a case following a raid at a club in Sector 5, where hookahs were allegedly being served to customers. The police have registered a



case under relevant sections of COTPA and other laws and investigations are now underway to determine whether other establishments in the area may be involved in similar activities. Notably, hookah smoking, particularly in public places,

is prohibited under the COTPA, which mandates strict regulations to protect public health and curb tobacco use. The Commissioner of Police, meanwhile, reiterated the department's commitment to taking stringent action against those violating the law, particularly when it comes to public health concerns. He urged citizens to report any unlawful activities, especially those related to unauthorised tobacco products or services, to help authorities maintain a safe environment

80% cheap generic medicine at Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra in Kurali Civil Hospital

**Commissioner News Service**  
**MOHALI** : The Jan Aushadhi Kendra is the third in the district being operated by the District Red Cross Society. The other two are located at the District Hospital in Mohali and Civil Hospital in Kharar. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Aashika Jain inaugurated a Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra at the Civil Hospital here. The newly opened pharmacy store would provide generic medicines at 70 to 80 per cent cheap rates as compared to the market. The store will be run by the



District Red Cross Society. A qualified pharmacist has been hired and will remain present at the store from 9 am to 5 pm. Besides, a mobile testing van has already been started by the District Red Cross Society. The special van covers the medical camps being conducted by the District

Red Cross Society with the help of the District Hospital medical team. Similarly, an ambulance service has also been launched at reasonable rates that can be hired by dialling 7087087005 and 8427544403. Jain assured that a public audit of CHC Kurali was done last year and soon it will get an upgrade as the case has been submitted to the Punjab Government.

The DC also visited the wards and enquired about the wellbeing of the patients and offered blankets for the ward beds.

Through schemes in 2023-24 Rs 21.2 cr spent by govt on patients at PGI

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**CHANDIGARH** : Through various government schemes at the PGI in the 2023-24 financial year, funds to the tune of Rs 21.2 crore were spent on needy patients. Including Prime Minister's National Relief Fund, Rashtriya Arogya Nidhi, Health Minister's Discretionary Grant, National Policy for Rare Diseases and Dr Ambedkar Medical Aid Scheme, assist poor patients with healthcare needs at the premier health institute, witnessed materialisation of the government schemes. Besides, the PGI runs Poor Patient Welfare Fund for the underprivileged. In FY



2023-24, Rs 3.24 crore was disbursed to support poor patients under the scheme. In addition, Rs 18.59 crore worth of medicines were procured under the Janani Shishu Suraksha Karyakaram (JSSK) scheme, benefiting countless mothers and their children. From 2024, the hospital also introduced a cashless treatment programme under

the Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) for beneficiaries. The PGI also operates seven Amrit Pharmacy centres, the highest number of such centres in any public-sector hospital in India. This coupled with two Jan Aushadi centres help provide generic medicines at significantly lower prices, ensuring affordable healthcare to economically disadvantaged individuals. In 2023-24, the PGI provided treatment to 32,000 Ayushman Bharat Yojana beneficiaries with package amount over Rs 130 crore, ensuring that the highest number of patients in Union Territories received essential medical treatments.

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Loan procedure streamlined for rural women entrepreneurs at NABARD's Grameen Bharat Mahotsav

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**NEW DELHI :** Speakers at Grameen Bharat Mahotsav highlighted the tireless efforts of women in agriculture and entrepreneurship that are often unrecognised despite their substantial impact on the economy. The third day of Grameen Bharat Mahotsav, organised by the Department of Financial Services and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), witnessed a focused dialogue on empowering rural women entrepreneurs. The day commenced with a compelling panel discussion on "Promoting Rural Women Entrepreneurs," emphasising the critical role women play in rural development and the measures needed to amplify their contributions. The panel at the event explored the remarkable performance of Self-Help Groups (SHGs), which have emerged as a beacon of hope, showcasing lower NPAs and the transformative success of initiatives like the "Lakshmi Didi" programmes that have created over three crore women entrepreneurs in just three years. There were discussions on the difficulties of rural women in accessing financial resources,



especially loans, and how to simplify and make them easily accessible. The panel discussed the importance of streamlining loan application procedures and loan products to suit the nature of the businesses. Increased access to finance, capacity building, and digital channels for women entrepreneurs were critical economic empowerment drivers. In this light, the National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) received a special mention due to its imperative role in promoting this vision. The participants emphasised the need for public-private collaboration, better market linkages, digital literacy, and upgraded marketing approaches, such as GI tagging for rural products. Future steps discussed during the session included large-scale skilling programs tailored to meet evolving demands and equip women entrepreneurs to compete on international standards. Simplifying loan

disbursement processes and ensuring accessibility to various types of loans were identified as crucial priorities. It emphasised that NRLM remains steadfast in its commitment to achieving these goals, with private-sector partnerships playing a vital role in bridging gaps and fostering sustainable development. The afternoon session featured a workshop on "Promoting Digital Commerce for Rural Entrepreneurs," which shed light on leveraging e-commerce and digital platforms to expand market reach for rural businesses. Experts presented insights into creating a robust ecosystem that supports rural entrepreneurs in accessing global markets and thriving in the digital age. Cultural Spectacle: Winding up the day with a celebration of India's best tradition and artistic heritage. The Grameen Bharat Mahotsav is being held from January 4 to 9 with the theme 'Building a Resilient Rural India for a Viksit Bharat 2047. The Mahotsav, through various discussions, workshops and masterclasses, aims to enhance rural infrastructure, create self-reliant economies, and foster innovation within rural communities.

India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership has scaled new heights : Modi

**Commissioner News Service**

**NEW DELHI :** India is looking forward to building upon this momentum in bilateral ties for the benefit of the people of the two countries said Prime Minister Narendra Modi while talking to Jake Sullivan. Mr Modi met US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan on Monday and said that the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership has scaled new heights, including in the areas of technology, defence and space. "It was a pleasure to meet the US National Security Advisor @JakeSullivan46. The India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership has scaled new heights, including in the areas of technology, defence, space, biotechnology and Artificial Intelligence. Look forward to building upon this momentum in ties between our two democracies for the benefit of our people and global good," PM said in a post on X. Sullivan met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. "Delighted to meet US NSA @JakeSullivan46 in New Delhi today morning. Continued our ongoing discussions on deepening bilateral, regional and global



cooperation. Valued the openness of our conversations in the last four years. Appreciated his personal contribution to forging a closer and stronger India-United States partnership," Jaishankar said in a post on X. Speaking at an event at IIT Delhi, Sullivan said his visit to India is likely the last trip overseas that he will lead as NSA. "I cannot think of a better way to end my tenure in the White House, visiting India on my final overseas trip to mark the advances that we have made together over the past four years. This is a shared and historic achievement...I have every reason to believe that within the next decade, we will see American and Indian firms working together to build the next generation of semiconductor technologies, American and Indian astronauts conducting cutting-edge research and space exploration together," he said.

Gurugram holistically aims zero emission by 2050

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**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.

Winter discount in HPTDC hotels to continue till April 15

**Commissioner News Service**

**SHIMLA :** With the aim of enhancing revenue of the state the department has devised scheme to attract more tourists as well as meet the day-to-day requirement, the Himachal Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation Limited (HPTDC) has decided to offer a winter discount on booking rooms in around 50 of its hotels from January 3 till April 15. According to HPTDC officials, the decision has been taken to ensure that more tourists visit Himachal Pradesh during this period. The online reservation for the said period has been monitored at the corporate office level. It has been found that the advance reservation for this period is low. Moreover as per past record the period during January to April is lean tourist season disclosed the officials. Therefore, keeping this in mind, the corporation has decided to offer 40 per cent



discount at Chail Palace, Log Huts Manali, Hotel Manimahesh in Dalhousie, Hotel Apple Blossom in Fagu, The Golf Glade in Naldehra, Hotel Gaurikund in Bharmaur, Hotel Devdar in Khajjiar, Hotel Shrikhand in Sarahan and in Hotel Giriganga in Khadapathar. Additionally, the corporation is also offering 30 per cent discount in Hotel Holiday Home in Shimla, Hotel Peterhoff, Hotel Chanshal in Rohru, Hotel Nurpur in Nurpur, Hotel Iravati in Chamba, Hotel Baghal in Darlaghat, Chintpurni Heights in Bharwain, Hotel Hilltop in Swarghat, The Kunal in Dharamsala, Hotel Shiwalik in Parwanoo, Lake View in Bilaspur, Hotel Yamuna in Paonta Sahib, Hotel Neugal in Palampur, Camping Site at Pong Dam, Hotel Tea Bud in Palampur, Hotel Ros Common in Kasauli, Hotel Renuka Hotel Club House McLeodganj, Tourist Inn in Rajgarh, The Castle in Naggar, Hotel Silvermoon in Kullu, Hotel Hatu in Narkanda, Hotel Kashmir House in Dharamsala, Hotel Kunzun in Manali, Hotel Geetanjali in Dalhousie, Hotel Meghdoot in Kiarihat and in Hadimba Cottage in Manali. Furthermore, the HPTDC is also offering 20 per cent discount in Hotel Rohtang Manalsu in Manali, Hotel Bhagsu in McLeodganj, Hotel Dhauladhar in Dharamsala and in Yatri Niwas in Chamundaji.

Rs 23 lakh in 'digital arrest' victimises retired SMO in Amritsar

**Commissioner News Service**

**AMRITSAR :** The victim a ret. medical officer received a WhatsApp call from the scammers, who claimed he was involved in a money laundering case at Tilak Nagar Andheri police station in Mumbai. Despite the victim's denial, the scammers convinced him to share his bank account details and transfer Rs 23 lakh to an educational and charitable trust in Karnataka. A 76-year-old retired Senior Medical Officer (SMO) from Amritsar fell victim to a cyber-fraud, losing Rs 23 lakh to scammers posing as law enforcement officers from Mumbai. The incident occurred on December 5, 2024, and a case was registered after a preliminary probe. According to the police, when the victim answered the WhatsApp call, the caller immediately claimed that he



was involved in money laundering and that a case had been filed against him. The victim denied any involvement, but the caller introduced himself as a sub-inspector with the Mumbai police and stated that, as an innocent person, he would need to cooperate with the investigation, which would be conducted by his senior. The call was then transferred to another person posing as a police officer, who alleged that the victim's credentials had been used for money laundering. The scammer demanded that the victim share his bank account details, which he reluctantly provided. The caller threatened to freeze the victim's assets, claiming

that he had committed a serious fraud. Despite the victim's repeated denials, the scammer instructed him to transfer all his funds to a specified bank account via RTGS to avoid arrest. The scammer assured the victim that if he was found innocent, the funds would be returned to his account. The victim, intimidated by the call, shared his bank account details on WhatsApp and transferred Rs 23 lakh to the scammer's account. The scammers kept the victim under "digital arrest" for nearly two days, threatening him with arrest and property seizure. The victim eventually lodged a complaint with the police on December 6, 2024. A case has been registered against unknown fraudsters under Section 318 of the BNS and Section 66 (D) of the IT Act. The police are investigating the matter further.

For cracking down on tax evaders, I-T dept not looking at Digi Yatra Data

**Commissioner News Service**

**NEW DELHI :** "It is clarified that as on date there is no such move by the @IncomeTaxIndia department, to crack down on tax evaders" it said on X. The Income Tax department on Monday said it is not looking at Digi Yatra data to crack down on tax evaders. The I-T department in a post on X refuted reports which stated that the Digi Yatra data will be used to crack down on tax evaders. Based on Facial Recognition Technology (FRT), Digi Yatra provides for contactless, seamless movement of passengers at various check points at airports. The data shared by a passenger for Digi Yatra is stored in an encrypted



format. For availing the service, a passenger has to register his or her details on the Digi Yatra app using Aadhaar-based validation and a self-image capture. In the next step, the boarding pass has to be scanned and the credentials are shared with the airport. Digi Yatra is managed by Digi Yatra Foundation. Its

shareholders are Airport Authority of India (AAI), Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL), Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL), Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL), Hyderabad International Airport Ltd (HIAL) and Mumbai International Airport Ltd (MIAL).

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- बालों की जड़ों को मज़बूत करके उनकी ग्रोथ में मदद करे
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## Appeal for surrendering subsidy would be betrayal by Congress -- Jai Ram Thakur

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Shimla: The ruling govt should resign on moral ground and seek fresh mandate from the electorates. Having gained the power from voters, now rulers are turning their back, said Thakur. People should give up consuming 300 units, as the governing party is facing obstacles in carrying out the



developmental and activities. Now the govt led by Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, should submit its resignation and prove its loyalty

## Modi inaugurates 13 km stretch , high-speed Delhi-Meerut reaches capital

Commissioner News Services

New Delhi: In a major boost to regional connectivity, a section of the high-speed Delhi-Meerut Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS), set to reduce travel time between Delhi and Meerut to less than an hour, has become finally operational. Prime Minister Narendra Modi Sunday inaugurated a 13-km stretch—between Sahibabad (Uttar Pradesh) and New Ashok Nagar (Delhi)—of the 82-km RRTS or Namo Bharat corridor at a grand event, ahead of the Delhi assembly elections. The PM also took a ride on the train on the 13 km stretch. The train service between the two stations in Delhi and Meerut will be open to the public from 5 pm Sunday. Ticket prices will range from Rs 150 (standard coach) to Rs 225 (premium coach). Speaking at the event, Modi said, “Today, Delhi-NCR has received a big gift from the central government. There is one more expansion in India’s urban mobility. I travelled from Sahibabad to New Ashok Nagar on Namo



Bharat train. Viksit Bharat ke shehro ka public transport kaisa hone wala hai, Namo Bharat train mein iski jhalak milti hai (In Namo Bharat train, we get a glimpse of the future of public transport in cities of developed India). Conceived over 20 years ago, the complete RRTS corridor between Jangpura in Delhi and Modipuram Depot in Uttar Pradesh is aimed at improving connectivity within the National Capital Region (NCR) by providing high-speed mass transit facility. A 17-km priority section between Duhai Depot and Sahibabad was inaugurated in October 2023. Around 42 km of the network was made operational by August

2024. Construction work on sections between New Ashok Nagar and Jangpura in Delhi and Meerut South to Modipuram Depot in Meerut is still in progress. Of the 13 km section, around 6 km is underground and the rest is elevated. The Anand Vihar station, which is expected to see high footfall due to its proximity to ISBT and the railway station, is constructed underground. “It is for the first time that the RRTS will operate underground. Construction of the Anand Vihar station was a challenging task, as the RRTS station has been constructed right below the Delhi Metro’s underground station to provide seamless connectivity to commuters,” said the NCRTC official.

## Govt officials caution voters to abstain from AAP's non existent promised schemes

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Chandigarh: Distribution lines are being laid, including in industrial areas, to maximise the use of TT water. The work of laying a 165 km tertiary treated (TT) water distribution network will be completed by April 30, 2025. The UT administration, in its compliance report submitted to the National Green Tribunal (NGT). The work of laying the 165 km TT water distribution network will be completed by April 30, 2025. For this purpose, three under-ground reservoirs (UGRs) at STPs in Raipur Kalan, Maloya, and 3BRD are under construction. To date, 35% of the work (UGRs and allied works) has been completed,” the report states. At present, out of the



total generated TT water of 92.5 MLD, 38.5 MLD is being supplied to 680 parks, gar-dens, green belts, and nur-series for irrigation, and to more than 2,800 private residences for lawn watering. To utilise the remaining TT water, further distribution lines are being laid, including in industrial areas, to maximise its use. A total of 1,911 parks, gardens, and green belts will be supplied with TT water for the maintenance of green cover

## 38th" Inter University Youth Festival to open on Feb 01



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Chandigarh : The 38th AIU North Zone Inter University Youth Federation is set to attract over 1000 students from over 20 leading universities across, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Chandigarh. The extravaganza of the universities stalwarts would held at PU for the 3rd time after a gap of 6 years. This time such gathering would mark distinct celebration of association of

Indian Universities, said Prof Renu Vig, the Vice Chancellor who unveiled pamphlet, logo, website. The registration for the festival of universities will open in the second week of the December month. All participants would be required to compete in 40 events across different categories including theatre, music, fine art, literacy arts and dance, showcasing the cultural diversity and creativity of youth from the region said Renu Vig.

## BJP's Parvesh Verma challenges Arvind Kejriwal 'Not to run away' from the New Delhi constituency

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New Delhi : The BJP, little late, released its first list of candidates for the upcoming Delhi assembly election. The party named Verma as its candidate from New Delhi against AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal. “I want to take all the people of Delhi to see Sheesh Mahal. I am writing a letter to CM Atishi to open the doors of Sheesh Mahal because the people of Delhi want to see what happened to the tax they paid... I just hope Arvind Kejriwal doesn't run away from the New Delhi seat... I am setting up a camp soon




where I will give employment letters to many people here in New Delhi,” Parvesh Verma, the party candidate is a former BJP MP. He represented the West Delhi Lok Sabha constituency from 2014 till

2024. Atishi attacks Bidhuri in the list of 29 candidates for the polls to the 70-member Delhi assembly, the BJP has named former MP Ramesh Bidhuri in Kalkaji against chief minister Atishi.

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